

PFC urges one group to let students vote on funding

BUDGET: The committee recommends SETA go to the ballot after approving three other groups' budgets

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The ASUO Personal Finance Committee (PFC) approved three budget increases and recommended that one group let students vote on their budget.

The Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) asked the PFC for a 1386 percent increase totaling \$6,624. PFC members did not create a 1997-98 budget for SETA, but offered to recommend that the Student Senate put SETA's budget request on the next ballot.

The PFC felt that SETA's budget request was reasonable due to their activism, but they did not

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Groups receiving increases for their 1997-98 budget:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Oregon Commentator	\$12,996	+0.5%
House of Film	\$300	+100%
AAFAC/Ad Team	\$4,817	+18.7%

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feel comfortable allotting the high percentage increase without the student body's input.

Committee members expressed support for the group's work on campus and offered to help them get on the ballot.

Veganism education is one of the reasons for SETA's requested budget increase. The group would like to offer vegan cookbooks and health workshops for students. SETA also wants to bring in speakers for the Environmental

Law Conference and World Week for Lab Animals.

The group's activities last year included a 100-hour vigil with students in ape suits caged on the University's lawn. SETA members also sponsored a protest opposing animal testing on campus. The group is currently planning a tour of the animal research labs on campus.

The AAFAC/ Ad Team received \$4,817, an 18.7 percent increase from last year's budget.

The PFC did not meet the group's request of \$6,421 because the committee felt that the selection process for the Ad Team was exclusionary to some students. The Ad Team spokesman said the applications are available to all students and that the chosen team members should not be penalized for being "the best of the best."

The committee suggested the team add students as well as faculty to their team selection committee. The AAFAC/ Ad Team plans to bring in professional advertisers from San Francisco to speak to students and conduct interviews.

The newly funded House of Film received \$300 as requested for 1997-98. The House of Film plans to create an independent film making community within the University. They plan to pro-


vide an avenue for students to showcase independent projects.

The group is currently sponsoring two documentaries and one student project. The House of Film says it will offer its services to other groups on campus.

The Oregon Commentator received a 0.5 percent increase totaling \$11,441 after two hours of debate. The Commentator requested \$12,996 to increase production from 12 to 15 issues a year.

The PFC decided the Commentator did not need the large increase that they requested because the magazine lowered its cost of production by using a less expensive printing company. The Commentator's hearing drew supporters and critics of the magazine's proposed budget.

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Police break up three parties over weekend

Eugene police had to break up three area parties on Sat., Jan. 25, which resulted in numerous charges, including assaulting a police officer.

"Lots of drunk and disorderly people" along the street alerted the police to the first party on 19th Avenue and Ferry Street at 12:30 a.m., said Sgt. Dave Poppe, Eugene police department.

One person attending the party interfered with the officer's initial investigation and refused to leave when asked. After repeated attempts to remove the individual failed, he was charged with assault.

"When responding to a disorderly party call you need to take control efficiently, and this guy was obstructing these efforts," Poppe said. "It was impossible to take control or investigate anyone."

According to a police report, the person who was renting the house was charged with prohibited noise.

Two other parties were broken up by Eugene police officers. One party was on E. 14th Avenue at about 11:30 p.m. and resulted in three people being charged, Poppe said. The host of the party was charged with furnishing alcohol to minors, and two others were charged with being minors in possession.

The last party was on Oakway Road, where one of the hosts was charged with noise disturbance.

The Eugene police department, according to Poppe, receives a list of kegs purchased each day and

often stops by the houses that ordered them to alert the hosts that they will be patrolling the area.

The purpose of this is to discourage illegal behavior and to inform the hosts that if a problem comes up they should contact OPS or the Eugene police, Poppe said.

If illegal behavior is going on and the police or OPS are not notified, the host is liable, Poppe said.

Police arrest two for parking lot break-ins

The Eugene police department arrested two people for breaking into cars parked in the University overnight parking lot Sunday at 3 a.m. on 15th Ave. and Agate St.

According to Sgt. Dave Poppe, of the Eugene police department, the two suspects admitted to breaking windows and damaging door locks to gain access to the vehicles. Once inside they caused damage to the dashboards while trying to remove the cars' stereos.

When OPS officers were performing a routine parking lot check they noticed a group of five people in the lot and stopped to investigate what they were doing. As the officers approached the group they positioned their vehicle in front of the suspects' vehicle to prevent them from leaving.

Three of the suspects in the vehicle then fled and jumped over a nearby fence. The officers then called for backup from the Eugene police department. By the time Officer Steve Williams arrived on the scene, the suspects had been detained.

The driver, who was not one of

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the people who fled, apparently cooperated with the officers, Poppe said. He explained to them that he didn't know for sure what his friends were doing and gave the officers permission to search his vehicle.

No charges were pressed against the driver even though, upon searching his vehicle, the officers found two stereo units, a speaker block, numerous compact discs, and a portable disc player.

Two individuals who fled the vehicle later admitted to being involved in breaking into cars and stealing property. Both of them were charged with unlawful entry, criminal mischief, and Theft 1.

According to police reports, one of the individuals already had a warrant issued for him. The other, who admitted he was responsible for actually removing the stereo equipment, was also charged with Theft 2.

The exact number of cars broken into is unclear. Two vehicles were known to have been tampered with by the suspects, but "additional cars showed signs of theft; we are still investigating," Poppe said.

The two other individuals associated with the thefts were charged with breaking curfew regulations.

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