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Senate discusses University business

The Student Senate met Wednesday night to discuss University business, student seating at McArthur court and special budget requests from the Inter-Fraternity Council and Computer Support.

The senate ombudsman reported that there had been several grievance reports filed by students this week. The grievances pertained to the high costs of tuition and a member of the Programs Finance Committee (PFC).

SETA, a student-run animal rights group, had its budget sent directly to the senate on Tuesday. The group was requesting a 1,386 percent budget increase. The senate will be the group's last chance at getting its budget approved before it can enter into an appeals process.

The EMU Budget Board gave budget increases to the EMU Ticket Office and Scheduling Services. Because of increases in salaries, wages and the costs of printing, the EMU Budget Board gave increases to the Outdoor Program and Club Sports. Student Senator Doug Baker reported that the two programs that were given increas-

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briefly

es have switched funds around within their programs to actually maintain a zero percent budget increase or decrease.

The Athletic Budget Senators reported that the band had been moved to section one, and that the seats would not be paid for out of student funds. They are in the process of negotiating for more seats and hope to maintain a decrease in the budget.

"We're not going to get a 10 percent decrease if we get the seats that we want," the senator said. "There's room to play." The structure of student ticket purchases has also been changed. Many of the senators agreed. "We need to get the most seats, no matter what, and section nine [in McArthur Court] must be saved at all costs."

Computer Support asked for a \$15,750 transfer from the surplus fund to pay for locking down existing computers to prevent theft and to pay for some programs' computers. There are approximately 20 programs that do not

have locks or security features on their computers. The budget passed.

The Interfraternity Council asked for a \$1,002 budget request for surplus funds. The request was for travel and registration expenses for two Interfraternity members to attend the Mid-America Greek Conference.

"Retention in fraternities has been down; so has rush," Baker said. "The average grade point averages have been below the all-men's average." Baker also said the conference will help many chapters on campus because the representatives will come back with a lot of helpful and useful information.

PFC member Aleena Kliever stated that the PFC had only been giving groups approximately 50 percent of the travel expenses budget that groups had asked for. Many senators argued that there are plenty of resources on campus that will help fraternities bring their grade point averages up and that those sources should be utilized.

The motion for a loan of \$1,002 passed with an amendment to loan the money out and have it paid back by June 15, 1997.

—compiled by Autumn De Poe

Portland archbishop visits campus

■ **CATHOLIC:** Several faculty and staff members greeted Francis George on his informal visit to Eugene

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

University faculty, staff and students gathered at an informal reception to meet with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Portland Wednesday afternoon.

University President Dave Frohnmyer was expected to appear to welcome the bishop to the campus but was unable to make it to the reception.

"President [Dave] Frohnmyer said he would be here, but I guess he couldn't make it," said Rev. Jose Pimentel, pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, which is across from Hayward field.

Archbishop Francis George said the visit gave him a chance to get a sense of the campus ministry and to "just meet people and listen to them."

"This is my first visit here to see what the University of Oregon is like," George said.

Several members of the faculty and staff attended the reception to welcome the bishop, including Len Casanova, former University football coach. Casanova helped raise money in the late 1950s to build the Newman Center, a center for Catholic students and faculty at the University.

"We had a little room we would meet in before we built the cen-



Francis George, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Portland, talks with Joe Hanes at the Newman Center on Wednesday

ter," Casanova said. "I just saw there was a large number of Catholics in the student body and faculty, and so I went around to friends of mine and we raised the money and got supplies to build a place for us."

History professor George Sheridan said he thought it was important for the bishop to get to know the people at the University better.

"We have a very distinct population on campus," he said. "I appreciate that he is coming down here and making an effort to get to know the area and the people."

One student said he came to the reception just for the chance to

talk with the bishop.

"I have heard a lot of positive things about him, and I wanted the chance to interact and talk with him," said Dominic DeMaio, a sophomore majoring in Spanish.

Archbishop George was appointed to the Portland Archdiocese, which consists of the 275,000 Catholics, last May. As the archbishop, he is in charge of all the parishes in Western Oregon.

The archbishop will be visiting students at Lane Community College today and then will return to Portland.

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