

Three groups receive increases

By Laura Baker
Student Activities Reporter

The Programs Finance Committee quickly approved increases for three student groups Monday night.

The Solar Information Center requested \$7,990, a 105 percent increase from its 1996-97 budget. The center researches and gives out information on sustainable, renewable energy as alternatives to using natural resources.

The center attributes the need for such a large increase to the uncertainty of funding from EWEB, its other supporter. EWEB's budget for funding research and educational programs for renewable energy has been decreased, and it is unclear whether any funding will come from EWEB next year.

There was debate over how much of the added cost the PFC should incur because of the possibility of EWEB's lack of funding. It was decided that a slight increase would be given, and should the group find it needs more money, it can come back

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1997-98 budgets:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Solar Information Center	\$4,951	+27%
Whitebird/Rideshare	\$4,155	+6%
University Literary Society	\$5,390	+9%

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for special hearings.

PFC approved funding for the center at \$4,951, a 27 percent increase from this year.

Whitebird and Rideshare requested \$4,155 for the 1997-98 year, a .6 percent increase from 1996-97. Whitebird is a non-profit organization which strives to meet the needs of the community. It helps fund programs such as health care and a dental clinic. It works in conjunction with Rideshare to bring people together who are looking for rides and people willing to give rides. The University is the primary user of this program.

Its only request for increase was \$25 for advertising.

Rideshare's proposed budget was quickly and unanimously approved without amendments.

The University Literary Society requested a 14 percent increase of \$5,676 for 1997-98. The Literary Society publishes an annual journal, *Timberline*, which features works of art and literature by students.

PFC voiced its concern about funding that was not completely used in past years. The Society said the monies requested for next year would go toward maintaining the quality of the journal in coming years.

PFC approved the Society's budget at \$5,390, a 9 percent increase from the 1996-97 budget.

Boycott: MEChA needs goal to work toward

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MEChA to continue educating students about the issue. Students will find the GardenBurgers in residence halls until demand for the item goes down, Eyster said. MEChA students said they want Housing officials to give a consumption goal to work toward, but Housing officials refused to give a specific percentage.

The University monitored consumption of the vegetarian burgers the last five times it served the two

burgers.

But MEChA students said they need a substantial goal to work toward.

"I think that we're being jerked around," Romero said.

MEChA students said their next step is to educate the administration on the issue. Students are invited to a video on the farmworkers' struggle tonight at 7 p.m. in room 100 of Willamette Hall.

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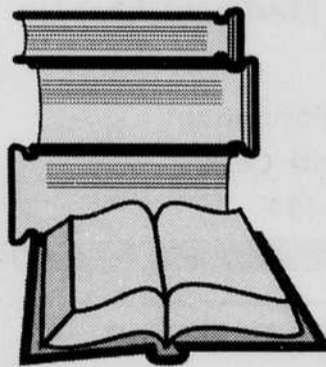
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