

Student Senate approves PFC's final budget

By Autumn De Poe
Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO Student Senate met Wednesday night to discuss next year's Programs Finance Committee budget and to consider five special requests. In addition, the PFC met and approved the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Student Association's budget for next year.

The five special requests heard by the Senate came from the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the EMU Cultural Forum, the EMU Outdoor Program, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Student Association.

The Interfraternity Council requested that money from the Social Issues, Speakers and Advertising line items be transferred into the Outreach line item. The senate unanimously approved the

transfer of \$1,663.90 to the Outreach line item.

The Panhellenic council asked the senate for a transfer of \$1,849 to its Outreach line item. Without argument or discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The EMU Cultural Forum requested \$3,000 to pay for sound and \$500 to pay a sign language interpreter for the Willamette Valley Folk Festival. After a few questions, the senate unanimously approved the Cultural Forum's request for \$3,500.

The EMU Outdoor Program requested \$12,109 for a new 15 passenger van to replace the existing Outdoor Program vehicle that has reached approximately 133,000 miles. The Outdoor Program asked the senate to match the Outdoor Program's existing funds of

\$12,000.

The Outdoor Program usually replaces vehicles after the mileage exceeds 100,000, however, Members of the Outdoor Program believe the vehicles that exceed 100,000 miles are not safe for use in harsh conditions and on rough terrain.

The senate unanimously approved the Outdoor Program's request of \$12,109 to match funds for the purchase of a new van.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Student Association asked the senate for a special request. There was debate in the senate as to whether LGBLSA's request was a special request or an appeal.

The senate does not review appeals until the next year. Aleena Kliever asked that the PFC meet for five minutes, approve

LGBLSA's budget and add it on to the budget that would be approved later Wednesday night.

When Senator Doug Baker brought up a number of senate rules that would restrict LGBLSA's budget from being heard or approved Wednesday night, Kliever said that if the senate did not hear the LGBLSA's special request, it would be a case of discrimination.

After debate, LGBLSA's budget was not heard, and the senate moved on to the PFC's budget.

The PFC presented its final budget of \$2,369,508, an increase of 2.1 percent, to the senate. The PFC's benchmark for next year's budget was a 3 percent increase, but the PFC remained below its set benchmark, despite a number of mandated increases that were im-

posed on group's budgets.

A number of groups spoke on the PFC's behalf and members from KWVA stated that an important part of its budget was vetoed.

Senator Corey Johnson made a motion to veto LGBLSA's budget so that it may be heard next year. An amendment to veto the Minority Law Student Association's budget along with LGBLSA's budget failed. The senate then voted not to veto LGBLSA's budget.

The PFC voted to approve the LGBLSA's budget at \$1,849, the same amount from this year. LGBLSA's budget request was added to the PFC's final budget.

The PFC's total budget was amended and approved at \$2,371,357, a 2.25 percent increase.

Eco Design Arts Conference to teach about 'balance with earth'

By Amy Palanuk
Higher Education Reporter

When building a house out of dirt, don't forget to add a hat and boots.

"You have to have a really good hat and boots to prevent the dripping and leeching of the walls," said Stephen Branchflower, graduate student at the School of Architecture.

Branchflower will be teaching a workshop on rammed earth constructions at the Eco Design Arts Conference this weekend. The workshop is just one of the ways that

students and community members can help create sustainable works that are "in balance with the earth."

The conference, sponsored by the student group, Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability, will also hold workshops on quilting, paper making and tensile construction.

Organizers of the event hope to attract people interested in learning more about options for living in harmony with the environment.

Saturday and Sunday will be dedicated

to panel discussions covering everything from art and education to attitudes about the environment.

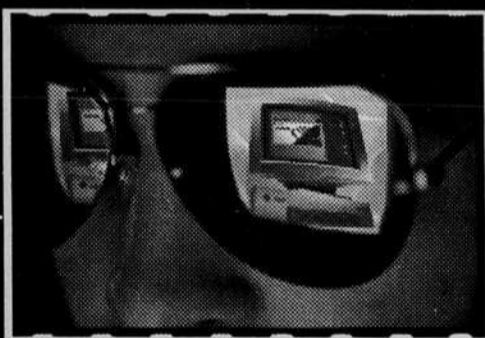
The rammed earth construction project will build a bicycle shelter along the mill-race bike path, in front of the ceramics art department. A mural will also be painted on a wall in the bottom floor of Pacific Hall.

A Green Quilt workshop will highlight quilt maker Susan Shie of Ohio. Shie hopes to create a forum for artists on healing the environment by using quilting as a means of expression.

By using recycled materials and working collectively as a group, the making of a quilt creates positive energy for the world, said Emily Thomas, outreach coordinator for HOPES.

There is still room available in all of the seminars and workshops, and registration will continue up until Friday afternoon from 3-7:00 p.m. at the Hearth and Foyer of Lawrence Hall.

For more registration information call the HOPES office at 346-0719.



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