

# PFC: Students encouraged to voice opinions, concerns

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Each student group is given 20 minutes to present its case. The PFC then debates the proposed budget, line-item by line-item. PFC members can also cross-examine the program's representatives.

Reid and Ivory wanted to remain active in student government and decided participating in the PFC was a good way to do that.

"I wanted to get involved in

ASUO, and it brought a good opportunity to work with student programs and build relationships on campus," Ivory said.

Reid thought undergrads were not being represented in student government and saw his chance to participate through the Student Senate and PFC. Today, there are three undergrads on the 18-member Senate.

The PFC officially began five years ago, when it was formed out

of the Incidental Fees Council, a larger government body that had included the EMU board, the Athletic board and the ASUO programs.

The budgets approved by the PFC cover basic costs for student programs every year, Johnson said. Fund raising and grants can supply additional support for student programs. Groups that miss budget deadlines or require additional funding can submit an ap-

peal to the PFC in the spring.

"It's frustrating sometimes. Nobody really knows what we do. It is one of the most important places for student incidental fees," Johnson explained. "Many students don't realize the PFC funds programs students use every day."

The PFC will recognize independent students during the budget hearings. This allows students to voice their support or criticism of a program before the PFC sets

that program's budget. But Reid said he had never seen an independent student speak for or against a program.

"I think it is a huge missing part of ASUO," Reid said. "Until there is full awareness of what the ASUO and student government do on campus, I can't expect students to come in, but it would have a huge influence on me if students came in to voice their support in favor of organizations."

## Aid: Netscape browser required to apply online

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takes you through it, just skipping over the parts you don't need, or you would leave blank."

Using the Internet could make the financial aid application process easier, but not necessarily faster, she said. Transmitting the data via the Internet would give the federal agency a head start at crunching the numbers, but a domestic version of Netscape must be used and a signature form must be sent through the mail to confirm the application. If a printer hookup is not possible, a signature form is sent to the applicant. This may prolong the process, she said.

The average turn-around time, from sending in an application to receiving an offer, used to take up to two or three months, but it is now half that time after the first group of applications are processed, Houck said.

"It will seem longer to those who apply early," she said. "If you apply later, it may be possible to achieve an award letter faster, but by then all the money is gone."

The kinds of problems that students run into the most include understanding the parent finance section of the application, she said. Some students' parents are

divorced and don't know they need to use the financial statements of the parent they are currently living with or receiving supported from.

Questions like these should be taken to the University Financial Aid Office.

"[Students] can always call and ask us," she said.

To keep the process running smoothly, students are advised to follow several guidelines, Houck said. First, students should fill in all the appropriate parts legibly.

"It could make a very big difference when it comes to the social security number or the birthday," she said.

Second, students should read the instructions carefully and completely. If students have any questions, they can call the office at 346-3221.

"Students need to know they are more than welcome to give us a call and ask questions," Houck said. "No question is stupid. It's not the most straightforward process, and we know that."

Students may also call the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-4-FEDAID to ask questions about applying for federal financial aid.

## Volkswagen Bug revs up for a comeback

*The world's best selling car will return with a sleeker design and a higher price tag*

By Jim Suhr  
The Associated Press

DETROIT—The Beetle's back, but the new Volkswagen bug isn't exactly the easy-to-fix, easy-to-afford, noisy-to-drive car that made road trips to distant campuses and rock concerts decades ago.

The new generation of Beetle comes with air conditioning, remote-control electric locks, six-speaker stereo and a \$15,000 price tag.

Two decades since the last new Beetle was sold in the United States, Volkswagen on Monday rolled out a restyled version of the homely little car that became an improbable, wheelie-popping movie star named Herbie in 1969 Disney movie "The Love Bug."

Although it boasts more power and less flower than the original Beetle, it now offers a dashboard bud vase as standard equipment.

Volkswagen is counting on nostalgia-smitten drivers to search out the new Beetle when it hits the U.S. and Mexican markets by the end of March. VW expects to sell 50,000 in its first production year.

"It's the rebirth of a legend, a love affair continued, a dream

come true," Volkswagen board member Jens Newmen said during the car's unveiling at the North American International Auto Show.

Though the 1999 model shares the same general ladybug shape and a few other quirky, Beetle-esque touches, the resemblance to the slow and groovy runabout is sheet-metal deep.

California-designed, it will be made in Mexico with antilock brakes and dual front and side air bags. The new Beetle is also larger inside and out — and more costly, with a base U.S. sticker price of \$15,200. Thirty years ago, it went for under \$2,000, or less than \$10,000 in today's dollars after adjusting for inflation.

The original Bug's unconventional air-cooled, rear-mounted engine has given way to a modern water-cooled, four-cylinder engine in the car's front, where it will drive the front wheels.

The new Beetle has sleeker lines, for sure, but borrows some quirky retro touches from the old Bug: big, round speedometers and gauges, bulbous fenders, passenger grab handles and built-in running boards.

"We cannot deny [the old Beetle's] origin or the magic of its shape," said Volkswagen chairman Ferdinand Piech.

The move to resurrect the

Beetle marks a big change for a company that for years tried with only limited success to divorce itself from its econocar heritage that began with the humble Bug, which was born in 1938 and was last sold in the United States in 1979.

A marketing blitz begins this spring, aimed at tapping fond memories of the old Beetle.


Among the one-liners in new Beetle ads: "If you sold your soul in the 1980s, here's your chance to buy it back." Alluding to the old Beetle's slowness, one ad jokes, "0-60? Yes."

Martin Wintern, Volkswagen's technical development chief, called the new Beetle "an unconventional statement of individuality" — much as it was decades ago.

Born 60 years ago under Adolf Hitler's guidance, the Volkswagen — German for "people's car" — was meant to offer affordable transportation for the nation, modeled on what Henry Ford had done for Americans.

The next year, Nazi Germany launched World War II, and most of the Wolfsburg plant was turned into a weapons factory.

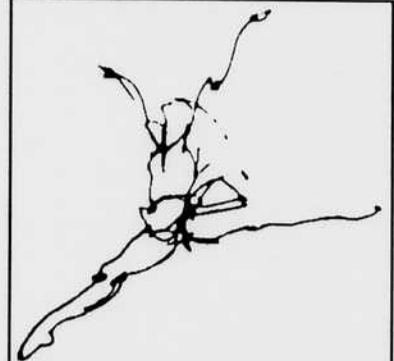
After the Nazi defeat, the bombed-out factory was rebuilt and the hardy little car became a huge success that symbolized Germany's postwar economic recovery.



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