

PFC reviews and modifies several budgets

The Programs Finance Committee approves budget increases for several student groups

By Sarah Skidmore
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The Oregon Marching Band and the University Ad Team were approved for increases in their next fiscal year's budgets by the Programs Finance Committee. These were only some of several budgets that were reviewed and altered by the PFC last week.

The PFC granted a \$814 increase in the budget for the Ad Team and a \$1,800 increase for the

Marching Band.

The number of members for the Ad Team increased, which necessitated an increase in their budget, said Christine Jones, student and PFC member.

The Ad Team added four members, bringing the team membership total to 13. The increase in budget will help to pay for the members' participation in the regional advertising competition held by the American Advertising Federation, said Karly Peterson, account manager for the team.

Although the added money will not cover all of the student participant costs, it will help cover the registration fee, food, paperwork

and some of the costs for materials and travel.

Peterson added that the costs for student participation are very high, and they are still having difficulty with funding this activity.

The Marching Band also added to its team, which required an increase of funds. Adding an experienced percussion instructor was the motivating factor for the altered budget, Jones said.

Dana Huddleston, administrative coordinator of the band said the decision to hire Micah Berusse as a percussion instructor is not final. Berusse currently serves as the percussion instructor for the band at a pay rate lower than he

deserves for a trial period, Huddleston said. Once a new marching band director is appointed, the other band positions such as Berusse's can be finalized.

Other budget changes include a \$277 increase to the Vietnamese Students Association's budget and an increase of \$175 to Dance Oregon's budget. Additionally, The Spencer View Tenant's Council's budget was decreased by \$113 and the Chinese Students and Scholars' budget was decreased by \$211.

The PFC will be meeting again from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Board Room at the Erb Memorial Union tonight.

Seattle to host new global trade talk conference

By Martin Crutsinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seattle won out over five other U.S. cities bidding to be the site for the start of a new round of global trade talks involving more than 100 countries, the Clinton administration said Monday.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshesky said Seattle would play host for the "largest trade event ever held in the United States and it will inaugurate global negotiations, which will shape world trade as we move to the next century."

The conference, to be attended by trade ministers from the 133 nations that are members of the World Trade Organization, is scheduled for Nov. 30 to Dec. 3.

The gathering is expected to draw as many as 5,000 delegates and reporters, said Patricia Davis, a Seattle port commissioner and

president of the Washington Council on International Trade, which sponsored the Seattle bid.

The host committee will be headed by Boeing Co. chairman Phil Condit and Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, Davis said in Seattle.

"This is not only a great honor for our city and our state but a testimony to our region's dependence on trade and to its talented and dedicated leadership," she said.

The theme of the meeting will be agriculture, making the gathering important to rural parts of the state as well, Davis added.

Washington is the most trade-dependent state in the nation, with one of four jobs directly related to exports of food, airplanes, computer software and other goods.

Seattle was among six finalists vying for the WTO ministerial. The other five cities were Dallas, Detroit, Denver, San Diego and Honolulu.

Members of Washington's con-

gressional delegation praised the decision. "For an export state like Washington, this is like hitting the jackpot," said Democratic Sen. Patty Murray.

Republican Rep. Jennifer Dunn said the decision "demonstrates our region's position as a major player on international trade issues." Democratic Rep. Jim McDermott said that "Washington's entire congressional delegation, past and present, worked to bring the Ministerial meeting to Seattle."

Democratic Rep. Norm Dicks said, "The exchange of ideas at this level will offer enormous benefits to our area and, I am sure, to ports and businesses that benefit from the expansion of international trading opportunities."

In his State of the Union address last week, President Clinton said the United States would push for the new round of trade talks as a way to counter protectionist forces

that have been unleashed by the 18-month-old global financial crisis.

While Clinton raised the prospect of new trade talks last May in Geneva, the administration had until recently been split over just how broad the discussions should be, fearful they could become bogged down as the last round of negotiations did.

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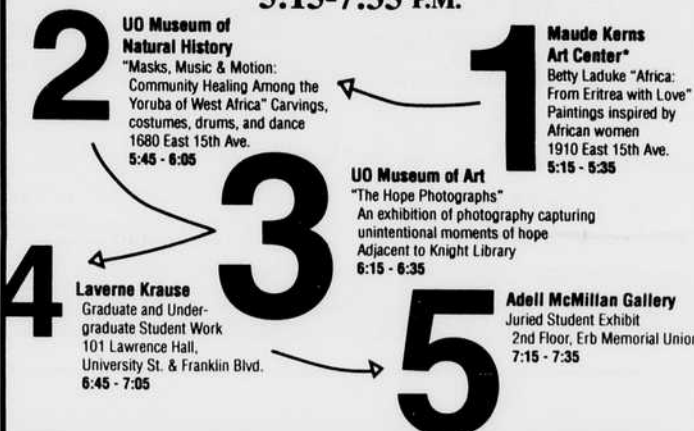
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