

MCC receives budget increase

■ Six budgets were approved, while the Community Internship Program lost its funding

By Simone Ripke
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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee approved six budgets Monday night, granting a 121 percent increase to the Multicultural Center.

The center asked for and received a \$38,743 increase, most of which will pay for the position of an MCC director.

The full-time MCC director will serve as a link between the MCC and other campus organizations and is expected to bring continuity to the organization, which

changes members frequently as a result of graduating students. MCC program advocate Jamila Singleton said the hiring process for the new director will start immediately. She said she expects the position to be filled as early as July 1.

In light of the PFC's goal to adhere to a 0-percent benchmark set by the Student Senate, the large increase came as a surprise to members of the MCC, Singleton said.

"I'm surprised just because I know the PFC set a 0-percent benchmark," she said.

PFC chairwoman Shantell Rice said the large increase was a bit painful to grant, considering the benchmark, but students on campus will benefit from the MCC director and the position might enable them to save the MCC money

in the future.

"I think it's a worthy cause," Rice said.

She said that although she hopes this increase will not affect student groups who will present their budgets toward the end of the budget hearing process, the benchmark is in the back of the minds of all PFC committee members and might affect the outcome of hearings next week.

"We still have the benchmark that we are looking at," Rice said.

The other budgets the PFC committee approved included those for the University Theatre, the Co-op Family Center, Recreational Sports and the Student Parents Association.

The Community Internship Program lost its budget when it failed to appear for the hearing.

Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$2,418,894 so far this term.

ORGANIZATION	1999-00	2000-01	%CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
University Theater	25,000	25,000	0	1000
Multi-Cultural Center	31,606	70,349	121	38,743
Co-Op Family Center	192,332	195,217	1.5	2,885
Recreational Sports	100,634	107,989	7.3	2,049
Community Internship Program	15,076	0	-100	-14,752
Student Parents Association	0	300	100	300
Total	364,648	398,855	NA	NA

Seton Hall fire victims laid to rest

By John Curran
The Associated Press

LONG BRANCH, N.J. — The teen-age pallbearers cried all the way up the aisle, their faces contorted, their sobs echoing off the marble floors and wooden rafters of St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church.

In the pews, Frank S. Caltabilota Jr.'s classmates and friends listened intently to the priest's words, dabbing at their noses with tissues and wiping away tears. His mother sat in a front pew, clutching a teddy bear, her husband's arm draped over her shoulders.

"Why did Frankie have to die so young?" asked the Rev. Frederick Jackiewicz. "We have no answers for these questions. We do not understand the ways of God. We try to the best of our limited ability to understand, but we cannot."

The heartbreaking tableau was mirrored in two other New Jersey churches as three Seton Hall University freshmen who died in a dormitory fire last week were laid

to rest. Like Caltabilota, John Giunta, 18, and Aaron Karol, 18, were remembered as upbeat, selfless, promising young men.

In West Long Branch, more than 800 people filled the church for the service for Caltabilota, who aspired to a career in medicine. Those who could not get a seat were ushered downstairs, where a video monitor was set up to broadcast the proceedings.

University chancellor Thomas Peterson was among 450 people who crowded into St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen to say goodbye to Karol, a soccer enthusiast and criminal justice major who hoped to someday work for the FBI.

"We say that Seton Hall is a family, and it is," Peterson said. "We, like yourselves, have lost a son."

Three busloads of Seton Hall students went to Vineland, where about 500 people turned out for Giunta's funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church.

Giunta, an elementary education major who aspired to teaching in the inner city, was remembered as a generous, loyal person with a great future.

"He seemed like he had a dream ahead of him. He knew what he wanted to do," said John Henderson, 21, of Vineland, a high school classmate.

At Seton Hall, meanwhile, some freshmen returned to their rooms at Boland Hall for the first time since the fire.

Residents of the first two floors were allowed to move back into their rooms, while third, fourth and fifth-floor residents were being relocated, university officials said. The university banned media from the South Orange campus until a Tuesday memorial service.

The fire broke out around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six-story dormitory that housed 640 people. Five remained hospitalized Monday, four in critical condition with burns.

CRIME WATCH

(Reported from Jan. 18 to Jan. 24)

- Jan. 19: Burglary II, 800 block of East 11th Avenue, building broken into, items stolen.
- Jan. 21: Theft III, 1400 block of University Street, purse stolen.
- Jan. 22: Interfering with Police/Resisting Arrest, alley between Ferry and Mill Streets.
- Jan. 22: Assault IV, 1900 block of Alder Street, individual attacked.
- Jan. 22: Burglary I, 1100 block of Darlene Street, apartment burglarized.
- Jan. 23: Assault IV, 900 block of East 19th Avenue, domestic dispute.

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