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Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$2,667,238 so far this term.

ORGANIZATION	1999-2000	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
DELTA-GSO	\$1,003	\$903	-9.97	-100
Hawaii Club	\$4,403	\$4,431	0.64	28
Korean Student Association	\$2,070	\$1,830	-11.59	-240
KWVA	\$55,458	\$54,815	-1.16	-643
Solar Information Center	\$5,007	\$5,200	3.85	193
Total	\$67,941	\$67,179		-762

Executive appeals PFC decision

Thursday, the committee approves the budgets of five ASUO-sponsored groups

By Edward Yuen
Oregon Daily Emerald

Emotions were brought back to the ASUO Programs Finance Committee hearing Thursday night when the ASUO Executive returned for the appeal of the group's budget.

About 25 students from the executive office attended the appeal of the request for funding the executive coordinator, which was originally not funded in the last hearing. ASUO Vice President Mi-

tra Anoushiravani explained the coordinator would help the executive, ASUO programs and the entire student body and would save students money.

Some attendants displayed anger toward the PFC after it denied funding to the position, which they said would relieve the workload of the executive.

The PFC temporarily tabled the budget of the Hawaii Club earlier in the hearing because the representatives of the group failed to present the financial disclosure form to the Committee. PFC members finally approved the Hawaii Club's budget at \$4,431.

Representatives from MEChA

appealed for more funding for its nine board of directors positions. However, the PFC rejected the request because it has already allocated money to the group for these positions for the next fiscal year.

The PFC also heard the budgets of five other programs, which were originally not funded when their representatives failed to attend the originally scheduled hearings.

PFC members also approved the KWVA's request on equipment improvement and the mission and goal statements of about 60 ASUO programs and voted to hear the appeal filed by the Designated Driver Shuttle.

Oregon springs pinpoint lava flow

University geologists think it may be possible to use water sources to learn about Oregon's volcanoes

By Sridevi Palanivelu
for the Emerald

In the summer of 1998, a group of University geologists discovered that ground water emerging in spring-fed Oregon rivers contains large amounts of carbon dioxide. This finding can be used to track volcanic activity and water flow deep below the surface of the earth.

"We found that the cold springs of the Central Oregon Cascades discharge large amounts of carbon dioxide that is coming from underground magma or hot liquefied rock," said Michael Manga, an as-

stant professor in the department of geological sciences.

The methodology of the study, termed the Geological Fluid Mechanics, implied that it is possible to use water to learn about volcanic activity, and it is possible to use volcanoes to learn about water movement. The findings further encourage the development of alternative research methods to show the mechanics of the underground.

The study, which has been going on for the past five years, is still being conducted by Manga and his team, which previously tested water from many large springs in Central Oregon.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the study was headed by Manga and Elizabeth James, who wrote her Master's thesis on

the subject.

"Despite a grant of \$202,000, the costs were high as we had to employ an expensive and highly technical process that involved measuring trace amounts of many isotopes of carbon," James said. "It is a long and tedious process that involves collecting samples of water from the spring, carefully storing and eventually evaluating the minerals at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California."

According to Manga, the latest findings indicate that cold water springs may be a significant global source of natural carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide measured in the springs, however, doesn't contribute directly to global warming as it tends to remain dissolved in water.

Ballot brief

ASUO court approves three measures

The ASUO Constitution Court continued deliberation on ballot measures Tuesday, approving three for the March ballot and sending three back for revision.

The court approved measures from ASUO President Wylie Chen and Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani that would make students pay \$7.29 in incidental fees per term for unlimited city bus service and \$1 per term for ASUO membership in the Unit-

ed States Student Association.

It also approved a measure that would make students pay an extra 50 cents per term in fees to give the marching band more money than was alloted to them by the Programs Finance Committee.

The court rejected the wording of measures regarding funding for the career center and International Resource Center and required the court to return grievance decisions in 14 business days.

The three ballots can be rewritten and resubmitted.

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