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WISTEC refuses compensation

■ The museum plans to close despite the University's offer of financial redress, which it says would allow WISTEC to stay open

By Lindsay Buchele
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The Willamette Science and Technology Center decided to close Tuesday after 35 years of providing science and math to youths in Eugene.

The closure came as a result of Monday night's Eugene City Council decision allowing the University to build a bus transit station on a parking lot that WISTEC currently uses to produce revenues, WISTEC Executive Director Meg Trendler said. WISTEC, a non-profit organization, depends on that revenue for a hefty portion of its operating budget.

University officials argue that the museum should be able to stay open with the compensation they offered for the next five years, an amount based on past revenue projections.

"We made a commitment to replace the parking revenue until the year 2006 when discussions began last fall," said Dan Williams, vice president of administration for the University. "We were offering slightly over \$200,000, and I have trouble understanding how this wasn't enough to keep the museum open."

Trendler argues that the amount offered by the University is not enough for the museum to stay open, and has officially rejected its offer. Trendler said the University's offer should have covered costs through the year 2007, which would have amounted to \$300,000.

The University began allowing WISTEC the use of the parking lot next to Autzen Stadium three years ago, and let the museum make money by charging people to park there during University football games. Now, the University wants the lot back in order to continue with its expansion of the stadium.

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“WISTEC has known since last fall that we wanted the lot back, and it's not accurate or fair for them to make the University seem responsible [for the museum closing].”

Dan Williams
vice president
of administration



Xiao-Yu Fan, a volunteer with the Chinese Student Association, will dance for the Chinese New Year Festival on Sunday. Laura Smit Emerald

A New Year's far from home

Though separated from family and cultural traditions, Chinese students will gather with friends to celebrate the new year

By Lisa Toth
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Instead of setting off firecrackers and eating special food to celebrate the Chinese New Year with his family today, Scott Wu will be attending Business Administration 399 and Japanese 102.

In America, there is no break for this holiday, but in China, the winter break for students would be centered around the Chinese New Year.

"We have a break like it's Christmas in America," said Lisa Tsai, co-director of the

Chinese Student Association. "Parents don't have to work." The 12 years in the Chinese calendar are named for animals of the Chinese zodiac. The year 2001 falls under the year of the snake, which signifies a year of preparation for potential hardships and difficulties.

This will be Wu's second Chinese New Year in America. He said the festivities for 2001 that he would normally enjoy in his home country of Taiwan differ significantly from the way he will be celebrating the

holiday in Eugene.

If he were home, Wu said he would get together with his entire family at his grandparents' house in Taipei for a special dinner the night before the Chinese New Year, similar to New Year's Eve in America. Wu said another treat would be a visit from his aunt and uncle who live in Taichung.

Wu's grandmother, mother and aunts would prepare holiday dishes such as chun-gin, vegetables and seasoning

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Wrangling over Insurgent puts PFC process on hold

After extended debate, the Programs Finance Committee passed The Insurgent's budget but placed it in a holding account

By Emily Gust
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After more than an hour of debate, the ASUO Programs Finance Committee approved a budget for The Insurgent, but no one seemed satisfied with the decision.

The budget was approved, but the money was placed into a holding account until certain legal questions are answered, which left both Insurgent contributors and PFC members discontent.

About 40 students and faculty members crammed into the EMU Board Room Tuesday night in anticipation of debate over The Insurgent's funding.

Questions circulated for the past week over whether The Insurgent broke laws after it printed a four-page

pullout from the Animal Liberation Front. The pullout, which detailed ways to break into laboratories, was placed next to a page that listed names of several biologists and research scientists who conduct tests on animals.

If The Insurgent had broken laws, the question was whether that fact would impact its funding.

PFC members were especially worried about legal issues — specifically whether passing or denying The Insurgent's budget could lead to legal action regarding the incidental fee system.

But they were also concerned about whether printing such material would disqualify The Insurgent for incidental fee funding, which requires that a pro-

gram contribute to the cultural and physical well being of University students.

Associate biology professor Bill Roberts asked whether The Insurgent was living up to its mission statement, which includes following state laws, when it printed an A.L.F. pullout that he thought clearly advocated arson.

The debate that ensued revolved around several different issues, but the recurring question was whether the PFC had a right to determine The Insurgent's budget by judging its content.

Political science major Alan Tauber pointed out that the Clark Document, which governs how incidental fees should be divided, states that the PFC

must limit itself to the question of cultural and physical development.

Several audience members voiced their support of The Insurgent and its role in contributing to their well being. Some pointed out that other publications on campus have printed inflammatory editorial material, yet none of them have been de-funded.

The seemingly endless debate prompted PFC member Aaron Weck to propose a middle ground: granting the group its money but placing it into a holding account.

Even though he suggested the compromise, Weck voted against his own motion. He said he wished there would have been another way to resolve the issue, but he simply didn't

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