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Local Boy Scouts (from left to right) Andrew Mitchell, David Robinson, Daniel Bodily, Aaron Nelson and Thomas Pickett.

4J nears decision on Scouts

■ An advisory board voices concern that the Boy Scouts isn't open to everyone

By Rebecca Newell
Oregon Daily Emerald

Though official recommendations have yet to be made, a 4J School District advisory board is working toward a decision that could strip the Boy Scouts of America's access to the district.

"We've heard from a lot of people since our first meetings in November, and there have been a lot of people with statements about the good the Boy Scouts have done,"

said Gretchen Miller, chairwoman of the Equity Committee and adjunct professor in the University's Planning, Public Policy and Management program. "But there is concern among the community that those good things aren't open to everyone."

The committee will likely recommend barring the Boy Scouts from using the school facilities for free and banning individual schools from sponsoring troops, assistant superintendent Jim Slemp said.

The district is addressing the issue after the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the organization's standing as a private organization

that can set its own standards for memberships, specifically limiting homosexuals from serving as troop leaders.

The Bethel School District was the first in Oregon to react to the decision, and stripped the Scouts of extra privileges in the district. However, the district rescinded the decision before it took effect. Since then, Eugene's 4J School District has also been reviewing the issue.

The committee stressed that its goal is not to decide the value of a program like the Boy Scouts of America, but to decide how a program not open to all students fits in

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$1,806,982 so far for next year's program budget. That represents a 6.6 percent increase over last year's funding — slightly more than the PFC's 3 percent benchmark.

ORGANIZATION	2001-02	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR
University Theatre	\$26,250	\$25,000	5%	\$1,250
UO Literary Society	\$5,406	\$5,368	0.7%	\$38
Co-op Family Center	\$249,195	\$195,217	24.29%	\$53,978
ASUO	\$228,056	\$222,197	2.6%	\$5,859
Korean Student Association	\$0	\$1,830	n/a	-\$1,830
Pocket Playhouse	\$2,018	\$1,958	3%	\$60
OR Marine Students Association	\$4,790	\$5,577	16.43%	\$787
Total	\$515,715	\$457,147	13%	\$60,142

PFC approves Executive budget

■ Six program budgets are approved without much fanfare during Monday's PFC hearings

By Beata Mostafavi
Oregon Daily Emerald

In sharp contrast to last week's tense Programs Finance Committee budget hearings that caused anger and confusion among several groups, Monday's meeting satisfied most associations, with the

ASUO receiving an allocation of \$228,056—the amount requested.

The PFC approved the budgets for six groups, which received allocations close to their requests, while the Korean Student Association was de-funded because it failed to appear at its budget hearing.

ASUO members spoke about the organization's campaigns this year, which include Voter Registration, the Special Party Fee Ordinance, and Renter's Rights.

"This is a very sustainable and

successful program," ASUO President Jay Breslow said.

The Co-op Family Center received the highest percentage increase of about 24 percent, which will mainly go towards teacher benefits.

"I think it's imperative we have services like this for student parents," PFC member Lawrence Gillespie said.

PFC Chair Mary Elizabeth Madden said 10 groups have appealed so far and she expects about 15-20 to appeal overall.

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