

Who's Who

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the PFC because "it's probably the most critical position on campus — period."

Weck, a 28-year-old junior from Eugene who is planning to major in biochemistry, has spent a lot of time volunteering for the ASUO, from interning his freshman year to setting up the Web pages for the Student Senate and the PFC. He sat on the PFC last year, but resigned because of grades and budget disputes.

"In the beginning it seemed easy, but then it got really very difficult for everyone," Weck said. But this year, "I knew what to expect and how to plan for excessively long budget meetings."

Weck said he encourages groups to come up with and implement new and refreshing ideas. He also said he is in favor of funding anything that is legal — that is, anything that falls within the guidelines set by the University and the state.

Sen. Jackie Lynn Ray, 19, is a sophomore public relations major and political science minor from Hermiston who joined the PFC be-

cause she was interested in where the incidental fee money was going.

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Expressing strong ties to the Greek community, Ray is also a Freshman Interest Group leader and a student administrator for the child care subsidy. Like some of the other PFC members, Ray said one of the biggest problems she's seen is that many programs are starting new each fall, and don't have enough time to adjust before the budget process begins.

PFC Vice Chair and programs representative Randy Newnham said that communication and contact with the student programs has been the rockiest part of his PFC experience so far, and he said most of it is due to the high turnover inherent in the groups.

Newnham, a 25-year-old senior anthropology and linguistics major who grew up in Kentucky, is a co-coordinator for the Survival Center. He joined the PFC to speak for student programs, which are vital, he said, because they add a whole new level of discourse to the University.

"Too often student government is run by resume-padders and other wonks," Newnham said. "I signed up because [it is] so important that someone who has the programs' best interests in mind should be on the PFC."

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Sen. Marie Brink ran for the PFC because she wanted to understand what the programs on campus are about, but, she said, she had no idea what she was getting into. The 20-year-old sophomore pre-education major from Seattle, who participates in various club sports and loves the outdoors, said the PFC members have worked very well together.

But she still has some com-

plaints.

"I definitely think the meetings are running too long," she said.

Brink added that it is also frustrating not having an authority present during the budget hearings to make sure the committee is distributing the right amounts of money.

The most recent addition to the PFC, Arlie Adkins, 20, is a junior history major from Salem who just returned from an internship at the state department in Washington, D.C.

Adkins' experience has included involvement in everything from the Honors College Student Association to the College Democrats, and last year he worked as both an executive projects coordinator and state affairs coordinator for the ASUO Executive.

Everyone on the PFC contributes, Adkins said, and there has been some good discussion. But he has one major issue with the process: The new stipend model being implemented this year.

Stipends are being standardized for all programs during this year's budget process, which means that the money some groups give to their stipend positions is increasing while others are decreasing — and

the groups don't have a choice in the matter.

"I just don't think it's very financially responsible," Adkins said. "If you have a group that wants to have more of a volunteer position as their director, then they shouldn't be forced to pay more money."

Executive appointee Lawrence Gillespie, a 26-year-old junior psychology major from Pasadena, Calif., came to the University after attending Lane Community College. In fact, it was his successful appeal to get LCC incidental fee funding for the Black Student Union — one of two groups at LCC that now receive fee money — that sparked Gillespie's interest about how the budget process works at the University.

But as of last week, Gillespie has found some problems with what he has seen.

Explaining that he sees the programs finance system as flawed and unfair, Gillespie said there needs to be a way to ensure that personal biases don't interfere in the judgment of budgets.

"It's like, seven students who ultimately have the deciding fate over a group's budget," he said. "So much power is in our hands that it's just incredible."

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"I'm optimistic about it; most of the concerns have been addressed," he said.

Matt Dyste, University director of trademark licensing, said the University has maintained communication with the WRC in the hopes of resolving the legal issues. He said Nova's involvement with the organization is a good sign.

"Hopefully, it will jump start their monitoring," he said.

According to statements released

by the WRC, it already has started its monitoring efforts with its investigation into the labor dispute in Mexico. A preliminary report released by the organization states that the contracted factory, owned by the Korean company Kukdong, violated both the University's code of conduct and various Mexican labor laws.

About 800 workers went on strike on Jan. 8 after management reportedly refused to pay Christmas bonuses.

The Associated Press has reported that multiple sources in Mexico

confirmed the company paid less than minimum wage, refused to

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Nike
spokesman

provide maternity benefits and served rotten food that sickened

several employees.

In light of the labor situation, the WRC has issued a statement calling on affiliated universities to work to resolve the situation by seeking the rehiring of all the workers fired for their involvement in the strike.

Nike spokesman Vada Manager said Nike has played a role in the situation right from the start by sending a negotiator to the scene as soon as possible. Manager said the mediator has been responsible for clearing the way for 500 of the striking workers to return to their jobs.

He said in addition to Nike's own efforts to resolve the situation, the company has worked with other groups such as the Fair Labor Association and Verite, a Massachusetts-based monitoring group. While many efforts have been made to determine exactly what went on in the factory, Manager said it has been difficult to ascertain who is right and wrong.

"The facts have been elusive on several fronts," he said. "It's very premature to say what is false and what is true."

Virus

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all, are most likely to carry the virus.

This virus exhibits such symptoms as nausea, vomiting, body aches, dehydration and diarrhea. Symptoms of the virus usually set in 35 hours after a person is contaminated, and continue for 24 to 48 hours.

"For most people who contract the virus, the effects are pretty mild," Coots said. "Most people feel like they want to die for a few hours, but the symptoms won't cause anything really damaging."

Two people were reported as

needing emergency-room care, mostly to be rehydrated, Coots said. People with weak immune systems, such as the very young and the very old, might encounter severe symptoms.

Unlike a bacteria, this virus cannot grow outside the body. It can stay alive, but to multiply, the virus must be living in a human cell.

Though symptoms only last 24 to 48 hours, a person can still carry the virus for a few days after symptoms subside. For those who do contract the virus, Coots said it's important to replace the body's fluids by drinking lost of water and getting plenty of rest.

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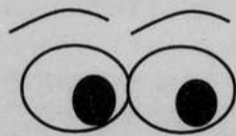
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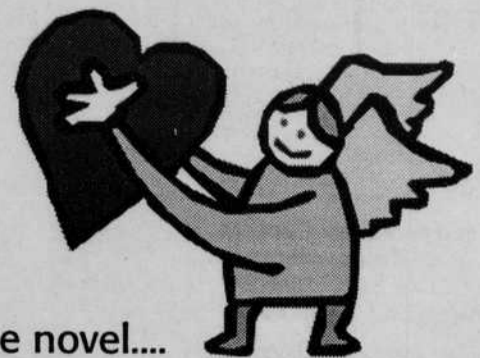
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