

# PFC's budget cruises smoothly through senate

■ The committee is granted an increase of 4.66 percent

By Emily Gust  
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Senators asked only a few questions Wednesday night as next year's budget for the ASUO Programs Finance Committee passed quickly through the Student Senate—emerging unscathed.

The PFC garnered a budget of \$2,388,579 to fund 105 ASUO programs—a 4.66 percent increase over this year's budget and the exact amount it asked for.

It passed in full even though the PFC budgeted \$42,450 more than the senate approved for the committee last fall.



"We came in over benchmark," said Sen. Mary Elizabeth Madden, chairwoman for the PFC. "We'll admit it."

Madden was quick to point out, however, that the PFC felt justified in the increases it was asking for.

Whipping out visuals, Madden outlined the specific increases the

committee thought were necessary, which included additional funds to groups such as the Designated Driver Shuttle, Forensics and ASUO Legal Services.

"We put our time, our energy and our hearts into this budget and making sure it was fair," Madden said. "We did the best we could with limited resources."

Most of the questions posed to the PFC came from Sen. Andy Elliott, who asked Madden where cuts would be made if necessary.

Madden said cuts would likely be made to student government groups,

including the ASUO Executive and the senate.

The budget passed with three senators opposed and 12 senators in favor. "I think it looks like a really good budget and supports a lot of programming," said Sen. C.J. Gabbe.

Though he was in favor, Gabbe added he was concerned about how the senate handled the PFC's budget

compared to the way it handled the EMU's proposed budget increases two weeks ago.

When the EMU approached the senate Feb. 14, it asked for a 6.82 percent increase for its budget next year. The senate approved a 6.4 percent increase for the EMU in the fall, however, and the difference of .42 percent spurred more than an hour of debate.

## Lunch box inspected as bomb

■ A lost noontime meal prompts EPD to make a call to the bomb disposal team

By Lisa Toth  
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A Eugene utilities employee probably didn't imagine his lunch would cause such a commotion.

But that's exactly what happened Wednesday, when an unidentified construction worker's Igloo lunch box drew the attention of the Eugene Police Department and the bomb disposal team.

Eugene Police Officer Pete Aguilar said the situation could hardly be called a bomb scare because the Eugene Police Department handled the situation in only 15 minutes.

Aguilar said police received a call at 11:50 a.m. and responded within three minutes to an unidentified package left on the corner of 13th Avenue and Agate Street. The package turned out to be an Igloo cooler that an Eugene Water and Electric Board construction worker later said fell off his truck.

But Aguilar said officers treated

the situation as if the lunch box might be an explosive because they could not see inside the container.

Officers used police tape to create a safety area around the scene and keep pedestrians from approaching the lunch box. Police cars and cones blocked traffic while the officers waited to hear from the bomb disposal team as to how to handle the situation.

While they were waiting, the unidentified construction worker approached the scene and retrieved his lunch box, safely resolving the situation by 12:25 p.m.

## Calendar

Thursday, March 1

**Symposium:** "Engaging Africa: A Symposium Exploring the Future of African Studies" features a keynote address today by Alma Gottlieb, University of Illinois, on "The Wisdom of Children: An Anthropological Perspective on Engaging African Modernity." 4 p.m. Through Friday. Alumni Lounge,

Gerlinger. Free. For information, browse [darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/](http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/) or call 346-3934. A panel session and discussion follow from 9:30 a.m. to noon on March 2.

**Job Interviewing Made Easy Workshop:** 4 p.m. 12 Hendricks. Free. For information, call 346-3235.

**She Brews He Brews Coffeehouse:** David Helfand. 8 p.m. Hillel House, 1059 Hilyard St. Free.

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