

"We have been offered an opportunity and we must not let it pass. We choose freedom and the dignity of everyday life." — President George W. Bush

President stresses security

■ Tuesday's State of the Union Address centered on stabilizing the economy, domestic policy and the war against terrorism

By Jodi Enda
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — President Bush asked the American people Tuesday night to stay the course in the war to root out terrorism, not only in Afghanistan but around the globe.

In his first State of the Union Address, Bush made clear that the war that seemed so straightforward in Afghanistan is about to get more complicated. White House officials said intelligence reports show that as many as 100,000 terrorists were trained in Afghanistan and many have moved to other countries.

Riding a high tide of popularity since the Sept. 11 attack on America, Bush used his address to lay out three priorities for his second year in office: winning the war on terrorism, protecting the homeland from further assaults and reviving the economy.

"What we have found in Afghanistan confirms that, far from ending there, our war against terror is only beginning," the president said, according to excerpts of his speech that the White House released. U.S. special forces already have been deployed to the Philippines and are expected to fan out to other trouble spots in the months ahead.

America will be "steadfast, patient and persistent," Bush said.

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President Bush spent an hour Tuesday evening addressing the nation on issues ranging from terrorism to volunteering in the Freedom Corps, advising patience and persistence.

Bush's words to America:

"We begin to think less of the goods we can accumulate and more of the good we can do."

"Our progress is a tribute to the Afghan people and to the might of the U.S. military."

"Our cause is just. Our country will never forget those who gave their lives for freedom."

"I am a proud member of my party... but we must act first and foremost as Americans."

"Whatever it costs to defend our country we will pay."

"Even in tragedy, especially in tragedy, God is near."

EMU Budget Committee eliminates SARO funding

■ The EMU program was cut due to a lack of available funds as well as the conclusion that it wasn't serving students

By Kara Cogswell
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The EMU Budget Committee voted unanimously Tuesday night to cut all funding for the Student Activities Resource Office but maintained funding for its former parent organization, the UO Cultural Forum.

Budget committee member Christa Shively said she wanted to end the "political B.S." that plagues SARO so a new leadership program could start from a clean slate.

"I just don't see a success story for this program in the EMU... We would have to give (SARO) \$100,000 to make it successful and we don't have that kind of money," she said. "It's a mediocre program that isn't serving students."

The SARO 2001-02 budget is \$77,614. The program will be defunded in 2002-03.

Committee member Andy Elliott said he had already spoken with student leaders and administrators who are interested in creating a new leadership program — one that could be funded from another source, such as from a grant or from the ASUO's over-realized fund.

SARO coordinator Debra Martin's contract ends in June 2002. EMU Director Dusty Miller said he doesn't know at this point what will happen to her position, but said he plans to meet with her to discuss it.

Martin said she agreed with the board's decision.

"I have a lot invested in this program and I've worked really hard to make it work," she said. "But I have always been personally conflicted that it isn't student-driven."

SARO has been recognized as a distinct program by the EMU since splitting from the Cultural Forum two years ago.

The budget committee also voted on the 2002-03 Cultural Forum budget, setting it at \$179,810 — a 10.8 percent increase.

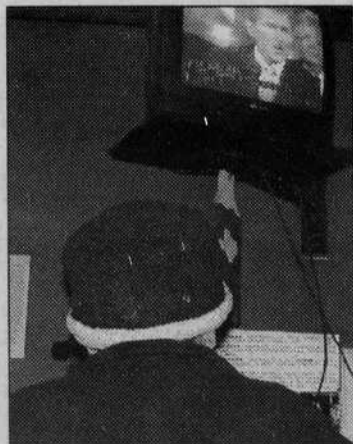
Most of the increase came in transfers from the SARO to the Cultural Forum budget for an office manager position as well as other administrative expenses.

The Cultural Forum requested a monthly stipend increase from \$150 to \$225 for most of its student coordinator positions, but the committee voted 5-2 to keep the stipend at the current level.

SARO and the Cultural Forum originally presented budgets to the board Jan. 22, but the committee tabled both budgets because program coordinators presented budgets that differed from those submitted by EMU administrators.

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Local reactions to the president's speech



PETER DEFAZIO
 U.S. Representative

"I was pleased to see the President emphasize the need for economic stimulus and job creation. Congress must pass a real economic stimulus bill to bring (real) relief."



JIM TORREY
 Eugene Mayor

"A year ago I was very concerned about his ability to express himself and lead as a speaker. He's much better today — through having to deal with the terrorism situation."



VICKI WALKER
 State Representative

"He got a lot of claps, but he didn't outline the details of how we'd get out of a recession... He didn't talk one whit about campaign finance reform."



RON WYDEN
 U.S. Senator

"I am anxious to work with the president to get Oregonians back to work, and to fill holes in the safety net on health care and prescription drug coverage."