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## News brief

### Alumni speak at Honors College

Three University alumni will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday about how their experiences in

the Honors College led them to professional success. Businessman Ival McMains, physician Pilar Bradshaw and attorney Win Calkins will lead the discussion in the Dymment Hall lounge, with a question and answer session to

follow. Refreshments will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Honors Halls Advisory Board. For more information, contact English Professor Kathleen O'Fallon at 346-0056.

—Lisa Toth

## Elections

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she said. But senior Dustin Popken said he thinks the ASUO is powerless.

"What can they really do to change anything? I don't think they have any power," he said.

Even ASUO Vice President Joy Nair pointed out that although this year there are more serious, non-joke tickets, the platforms are the same as in the past.

"They want to do things ASUO has no power to do — like getting more tickets for games. That's a big laugh when you see how hard the (Athletic Department Finance Committee) works just to keep the tickets we have," she said. "Also, some seem to have the attitude that they could just set up a meeting with (University President Dave) Frohnmayer and (Gov. John) Kitzhaber and say, 'Hey, dude, don't cut my budget.' It doesn't work like that."

But the candidates aren't the only ones who have misplaced expectations, she said. Students don't

realize what goes on inside the ASUO office, she said.

She admitted that in her campaign, she and ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn had lofty goals for accessibility and outreach to raise student awareness. But the ASUO Executive is so busy maintaining the services students have come to expect — such as student tickets to games and providing Lane Transit District services to students — that there almost isn't time to focus on anything else, she said.

"It's a battle in itself to make sure LTD is here to pick up students, but no one knows about that," she said.

Tim Dreier, who is running on an anti-Communism platform, said it is a tradition for the Commentator to run a joke candidate to "mock" the elections.

"Many of us think elections are a farce," he said. "The outcome doesn't affect my daily life nine times out of 10, so why bother even getting out of bed?"

But for Project Saferide co-director Nikki Fancher, voting is essential. She said her vote will have a direct impact on Saferide. That's why

she wants to make sure the new executive is concerned with women's issues and safety, she said.

"The reason why I vote is because I see how Saferide has been affected in the past," she said. "I see how students have helped or hurt Saferide."

She tries to get the word out to her volunteers about the importance of voting because the 3,000 to 4,000 women who rely on Saferide each term may not realize the importance, she said.

Other students on campus had no idea the primary election begins Wednesday. Senior Graham Payer said he hasn't been following elections, mainly because he doesn't see how ASUO affects him.

"I don't have the faintest clue what they do or why they'd want to do it," he said.

Being handed fliers by candidates hasn't persuaded him to vote, he added.

"The other day, I got accosted by a monkey," he said.

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## PFC

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"It's \$40 to participate on each team," director Brent Harrison said. "Any sort of reduction in the allocation could result in the increase in fees," he said.

PFC approved the Lane Transit District budget at \$457,158. While this reduces the prior allocation, it is an overall increase from the 2001-02 term budget. The new student rate was approved at \$8.25 per student per term for 2002-03, an increase from this year's quarterly charge of \$7.52.

The Sexual Assault Support Services budget also increased — 5.4 percent — to \$50,348. Most money goes to coordinator salaries with a 3 percent cost of living addition. Other funds went to pagers and cellular phones for the organization.

PFC heard from the Women's Center about changing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Issues line item. The item was approved at \$1,621, pushing up the Women's Center total budget to \$125,190, a 4.2 percent advance.

Registration and lodging were discussed when the Forensics Association took the floor. Co-director Peter Mohn requested a 24 percent budget increase. The PFC agreed to an additional 5.9 percent increase to \$24,830 because of the group's excellent spending record.

The Student Insurgent line item

was discussed solely by PFC, as no representatives of the group were present. PFC allotted \$10,267 to press printing, a 1 percent decrease. The dip brought the new budget total to \$14,039, in which PFC stood confident.

"This is what they need," said PFC member Pursell.

Associated Students for Historic Preservation student officers remained silent at PFC's ruling to leave the budget as previously allocated. It was the only budget of the evening that remained untouched.

The American Institute of Architecture Students was given \$710 for the coming year to fund line items in advertising and travel. It is a 16.7 percent decrease from the former figure.

The last group to be recalled was the Black Law Student Association, represented by BLSA director Michael Callier. The Black Caucus was granted \$1,000 for the following year, and, at the advising of Callier, the director's salary was reduced to zero. This peaked the budget only slightly to \$1,169.

Other groups at Monday night's meeting were there to appeal previous recall hearings.

PFC members voted to not hear MEChA appeals on increasing community outreach funding. MEChA has until 5 p.m. Wednesday to turn in more information for an appeal at the next meeting.

Oregon Marine Biology Student

Association graduate student representative John Young made an appeal to increase the line item for funding Oregon Institute of Marine Biology speakers and trips. PFC recognized the travel expense for OMSA members to visit the University for meetings and budget hearings and raised the 2002-03 travel allotment to \$92, a \$250 increase. This brings the new budget to \$3,546.

"I do think if they are expected to come up here several times, they shouldn't always have to pay for it," PFC member Erin Pursell said. The committee decided not to vote on funding for OMSA student trips and speakers.

A dozen Emerald representatives turned out to appeal their budget recall. While the proposed budget for 2002-03 was \$116,241, the Emerald requested an increase to \$132,870, the same amount asked for since 1997. This was denied, but PFC did take the ASUO Executive recommendation to bump up the budget to \$120,000 for the coming year.

"The (ASUO) Exec feels confident that (the Emerald is) spending way above what is their allocated printing costs," ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said in support of the decision.

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