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News briefs

PFC completes recall hearings

The ASUO Student Senate will vote Wednesday to approve the full 2002-03 ASUO programs budget. The ASUO Programs Finance Committee held its last budget recall hearing Thursday. PFC voted to cut \$438 from the Programs and Assessments budget initially approved by the committee in January, dropping the budget to \$142,649. Even with the cut, the group's 2002-03 budget, which includes ASUO administrative and other programs' administrations costs, is set to increase by more than 35 percent. The 2001-02 P&A budget is \$105,422.

PFC voted not to hear a second appeal by the Emerald. PFC initially set the Emerald's 2002-03 budget at \$132,870, cut it to \$116,241 in a recall hearing and then raised it to \$120,000 on appeal.

The PFC will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the ASUO Executive of-

ice to approve hearing minutes and changes to bylaws.

— Kara Cogswell

'Mental Health Fair' set for Carson Hall lobby

The Counseling and Testing Center is hosting a "Mental Health Fair" to discuss depression, stress management and men's health today in the Carson Hall lobby from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is open to all residence hall students. Ron Miyaguchi, senior staff therapist for the counseling center, said even students who don't live in the residence halls may be allowed to attend the event.

Faculty and staff will share information about four issues: depression, stress management, self-care and men's health. The event replaces a series of workshops put on by the center in past years, Miyaguchi said. For more information, contact Miyaguchi at 346-3227.

— Eric Martin

LTD

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Westmoreland Family Housing. The route shuttles 394,000 passengers each year, and students living off West 18th Avenue will have to use one of three indirect routes to get to school once the 78 is cut.

"The travel time may be extended 5 to 10 minutes," Vobora said.

University student and West Eugene resident Andrea Decker said she wishes LTD would keep the route, as she rides it as often as twice a day.

"I only have to walk two blocks to catch my bus right now," she said.

Vobora said LTD may consider keeping a scaled-down version of the 78 if enough students voice opposition to the cut.

The bus company is also cutting hours on the 11 route, which connects 241,000 people each year to the Eugene, University, Springfield and Thurston stations.

The bus will continue to run every ten minutes in the morning, but will come only four times an hour in the afternoon, when LTD officials determined students didn't use it as much.

With routes on the chopping

block, University Parking and Transportation manager Rand Stamm said he hopes students will go out of their way to rely on LTD's park-and-ride system or find a way to campus that doesn't involve driving. The University sells more than twice as many parking passes as there are spaces, and Stamm said parking services can't cope with any more cars.

LTD is also looking at rolling back operating hours so some of the last buses of the evening leave at 10:40 p.m. instead of 11:40 p.m.

With the University looking to schedule classes later in the day to accommodate increasing enrollment, LTD's time change could affect student transportation even more.

ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said the University must take LTD scheduling changes into consideration when planning later classes so students aren't forced to walk home late at night without a functioning bus service.

Nair is urging students to attend LTD's Feb. 28 open house, and Vobora said LTD wants to know what students think about cuts to popular routes such as the 78.

E-mail reporter Brook Reinhard at brookreinhard@dailyemerald.com.

Gun scare

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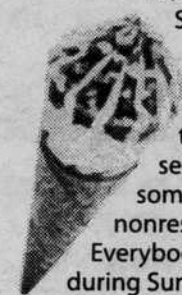
Complex, was visiting friends in Robbins Hall when the incident occurred.

By 3:15 p.m., officers had discovered that the weapon was only a BB gun. Alejandro said the student came out of his room as officers were approaching and asked what was happening. After realiz-


ing that he was the focus of the commotion, the student led officers to his room and showed them the BB gun, Alejandro said.

Students were then allowed to return to their rooms, and the 15 officers quickly packed up and left.


Emerald staff members Kara Cogswell, Eric Martin, Marty Toohey and Robin Weber contributed to this report.




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