

ASUO briefs

Student Senate sets budget increases

The ASUO Student Senate met last night to approve benchmarks — the upper limits on incidental fee budgets — for the ASUO Program Finance Committee, ASUO Athletic Department Finance Committee and the EMU Board.

PFC asked for a 16.15 percent increase in their budget from last year. Committee members said the increase was because of new University groups asking for funds, and increas-

es in printing costs, advertising costs and health insurance costs.

The senate voted first to increase the budget by 15 percent, with some senators arguing that funds were tight and 15 percent would be enough. That motion failed 8 to 9. The next motion called for a 16.15 percent increase. It was approved 10 to 7.

ADFC members asked for a 9.5 percent increase in the group's benchmark. They said the funds would be used for student tickets for six football games and 13 basketball games during the next school year. Two of the football games would take place before the school year begins on September 29, 2003. The funds

would continue to give students free access to other University sporting events next year. The senate approved this motion 16 to 1.

EMU Board representatives asked for a 7 percent increase in their benchmark. They said the increase was required primarily because minimum wage student salaries, which constitute 61 percent of the EMU's budget, have increased. The majority of senators agreed, and the motion was approved 16 to 1.

Senators also appointed a new member. University senior Alex Dietrich was named to Senate Seat 2 by a 16 to 1 vote.

"I realize the importance of all the programs that (the University) has, because these programs provide opportunities for everybody," Dietrich said.

—Roman Gokhman

Banquet combats worldwide hunger

OSPIRG, in partnership with the Oregon Hillel House: Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, will host a World Hunger Banquet today at 6 p.m. to raise money and awareness about world disparity in food and hunger.

"It's around us all the time, and the more we can educate people about the disparity, the more we can do about it," OSPIRG campus organizer Jo Voss said.

Through a random drawing, each person who attends the banquet will be assigned to a group that represents their income level for the event. Meals will be distributed according to these income levels, and will be similar to that of unequal global distribution of resources.

Fifteen percent of the participants will represent the high income countries and will enjoy a substantial meal. Thirty percent will represent the middle class and will have a much more simple meal of rice and beans. Finally, the remaining 55 percent, who will represent the majority of the people living in low-income countries, will be given only rice for their meal.

Che Chen, an intern for OSPIRG's Homeless and Hunger Campaign, said they are expecting about 50 participants. Most will be students, she said, but staff and community members are also invited.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 from the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group. All proceeds will be donated to Food for Lane County.

—Jody Burruss

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The content of Savage's show has stirred up other Oregon communities as well. The Portland-based Coalition Against Hate Radio was organized in April to oppose Savage's show on KXL-AM. Like the campus coalition against Savage, the Portland group alleges that the radio personality consistently makes bigoted and prejudiced comments.

A founding member of the group, Hisham Zubi, said the organization opposes KXL's broadcast of "Savage Nation," because KXL is the flagship station of the Portland Trail Blazers and therefore presumed to represent Portland values. Zubi said the group has been engaging in a campaign over the past few months to convince KXL to remove Savage's show from its programming lineup.

But getting Savage off KUGN has not been the goal of campus groups. Eddy Morales, ASUO co-multicul-

tural advocate, said the campus coalition's objective is simply to disassociate the University from KUGN programming they say is racist, not trample on Savage's First Amendment rights.

Zubi contends that the Coalition Against Hate Radio is not violating Savage's right to free speech by asking KXL to drop the show. He added the First Amendment is a protection against government interference and therefore doesn't apply to the group's private sector response.

"We're just a group of concerned individuals protesting the broadcast of a show that vilifies minorities," Zubi said.

Cheyney Ryan, a philosophy professor at the University, said Savage consistently makes remarks that demean women and minorities, including Asian Americans, Muslims, homosexuals and Hispanics.

Ryan provided several examples of these comments at the first meeting of the campus coalition on Nov. 7. Ryan said he obtained one com-

Getting involved

Students, staff and faculty who wish to become involved in the campus coalition to disassociate the University from KUGN-AM are invited to attend a meeting Friday at 4 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the EMU.

The meeting will be coordinated by ASUO multicultural advocates Eddy Morales and Maddy Melton. For more information regarding the meeting, call Morales or Melton at 346-0631.

ment from a story that was printed in the San Jose Mercury News, in which Savage was quoted as saying: "The nation is being taken over by the freaks, the cripples, the perverts and the mental defective us."

Contact the reporter at jenniferbear@dailyemerald.com.

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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Sydney Hammer Powell plays with a teddy bear in front of a memorial set up in the EMU Amphitheater during the Campus Day of Solidarity rally Wednesday. The memorial aims to represent the lives of university students lost in a potential war with Iraq.

Protest

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remaining silent is the worst thing students can do when they are not represented.

"I think it's important for people to stand up and say 'no' if we don't agree with it," she said. "I don't think war is the solution."

The rally ended with a short march around campus. Many people said they hope rallies across the country will encourage the U.S. government to listen to the people.

"War is an addiction that we must break," said Gary Reiss, a Eugene resident and member of the local Middle East Peace group. "Together, we can change the world."

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