

# PFC

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Project Saferide earlier this year was the main cause of the cut.

Although Pre-Law Society suffered a 37.2 percent decrease in funds, the members said they are trying to rebuild their group, and that they were grateful for the \$142 they received.

"Hopefully this will make a good start to the group," Nair said.

OSPIRG received \$82,320 for 2003-04, a 31.87 percent decrease.

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**Joy Nair**  
PFC programs appointee

creases, PFC increased four other groups' budgets.

The University Counseling Center received \$271,181, a 2.83 percent increase. Counseling Center representatives said they were

very happy with the increase.

The Interfraternity Council was given \$10,224, a 5.49 percent increase, and the Panhellenic Council was allocated \$10,293, a 6.93 percent increase. The Mentor Program with the Career Center was allocated \$75,550, a 5.63 percent increase.

The PFC tabled the Sexual Assault Support Services budget hearing because of missing paperwork.

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## PFC Hearing Results, Jan. 28

Group	Last year's budget	This year's budget	Percent change
Counseling Center	\$263,729	\$271,187	2.83%
Interfraternity Council	\$9,711	\$10,224	5.49%
Mentor Program	\$71,521	\$75,550	5.63%
OSPIRG	\$120,819	\$82,320	-31.87%
Panhellenic Council	\$9,626	\$10,293	6.93%
Pre-Law Society	\$226	\$142	-37.17%
Project Saferide	\$61,320	\$42,619	-30.97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$536,952</b>	<b>\$492,335</b>	<b>-8.31%</b>

## News briefs

### Low-income households to receive energy assistance

Eligible low-income households will receive more help with their utility bills this winter. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., announced the state will receive \$2,037,124 in federal funding for its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP.

"The release of these funds will allow the state of Oregon to meet the needs of its citizens without dipping into coffers that are already running out," Smith said in a statement.

The funds are part of a \$200 million nationwide allocation by the Health and Human Services Department to help low-income households meet their heating and cooling needs. The money was part of the 2002 fiscal year LIHEAP contingency fund and was distributed by order of President George W. Bush.

"These funds will help keep our fellow citizens warm in a time of great need and bitter cold," Bush said in a statement last Friday. "This

program is an important source of support for millions of low-income families across the nation."

States were granted funding based on the severity of weather and the number of needy households. Oregon households with a total income of less than 60 percent of the average household income are eligible for assistance through LIHEAP.

According to Director of Housing Mike Eyster, University students in student housing may be eligible for LIHEAP, however they must apply to the program individually and separate from the University. Because University housing is not government subsidized, the University is not eligible to apply for federal funding.

"What we've done in the past with energy programs is we've advertised them to students and offered to help them apply," Eyster said. "We promote and encourage students to apply to these programs."

—Aimee Rudin

### Committee to tackle East Campus Area development

The Campus Planning Committee will meet on Friday from 9:30

a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Bowerman Building, Heritage Hall, to discuss the 2003 Development Policy for the East Campus Area. The meeting will be a continuation of the Jan. 17 public hearing.

Members of the committee will review the development and land use policy for the area, which stretches from East 15th Avenue to East 19th Avenue and from Agate Street to Villard Street, as well as the proposed amendments to the Long Range Campus Development Plan.

According to the Campus Planning Committee, the revisions to the long-term plan will change the University's existing land use policies and further aid expansion into the East Campus Area "while maintaining the quality of the adjacent neighborhood as a whole."

After acceptance by the University, changes to existing land use policies will be noted in the Fairmount Neighborhood refinement plan and submitted to the City of Eugene for final approval. Changes to the long-term development plan will not go into effect until they receive approval by the city.

Contact the University Planning Office at 346-5562 for further information.

—Aimee Rudin

### Senate hears special budget requests

The ASUO Student Senate met Thursday to grant special requests to several student groups.

The Community Internship Program, Native American Law Students Association, Minority Law Students Association, Students of the Indian Subcontinent and the Nontraditional Student Union were all granted fund transfers to various accounts.

CIP requested \$126 be moved from one account to another in order to buy gifts for guest speakers, because the group does not pay them. The motion passed 15-1.

CIP also asked for funds from a salary account — meant to pay for a second director — be used for a public relations coordinator and a marketing coordinator, because the group did not have two directors. Two separate motions for both coordinators passed 15-1.

NALSA requested \$150 be moved from one food account to another to buy cookies, tea and other supplies for a reception for the Navajo Supreme Court, who will visit the University on Feb. 6.

This motion passed 15-1. MLSA asked that \$50 be moved from one account to another for the same occasion. This motion passed 15-1.

SIS requested \$100 be moved from a cultural speaker account to a programming account. The motion passed 15-1. The group also asked for \$68 to be moved from a film account to a printing and duplicating account. This passed 14-2. Finally, the group asked for \$725 to be moved from a separate programming account to a food account for an upcoming event. Several senators questioned this request because the group identified it as not being a fundraiser, and wanted to charge admission. This miscommunication was resolved, and the motion passed 14-2.

Finally, the NSU requested \$100 be moved from an account for an event that never took place to another event on Feb. 25-26. The motion was amended because the senate could not transfer funds for a small food expense. By separate 15-1 votes, \$85 and \$15 were transferred into different food accounts.

—Roman Gokhman

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Around 9:50 p.m., the seven officers and two managers approached the student's room, confiscated ammunition and other items, and searched for firearms.

Gantman was out of town at the time, but his roommate, freshman Tommy Franzen, witnessed the procedure.

"They came in, saw the ammunition and said, 'Where are the guns?'" Franzen said. The confiscated items included a gun clip — the bullet chamber inserted into the gun — a rifle scope, several empty shotgun and rifle shells, three unopened boxes of duck-hunting shotgun bullets and 50 rifle rounds. Hicks said the items were then immediately placed in a "saferoom" on the bottom level of the building.

When Gantman got back in town on Tuesday, he found a letter in his

mailbox and called his complex director, Michael Smith. Gantman said Smith instructed him to attend a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday for further information about the incident. When Gantman attended, he found he had been invited to his own eviction hearing.

"(Smith) didn't tell me what the meeting was for," Gantman said. "They probably should have, because I showed up in my gym clothes."

At the meeting, Gantman said he was instructed to remove the confiscated items from the premises, read his student housing contract by Feb. 3 and create a "policy bulletin board" — designed to address common false assumptions about the contract — to be approved and posted in his hall by Feb. 15.

Students found with such paraphernalia are sanctioned in accordance with the Student Conduct Code, Director of Residence Life Sandy Schoonover said. She said Uni-

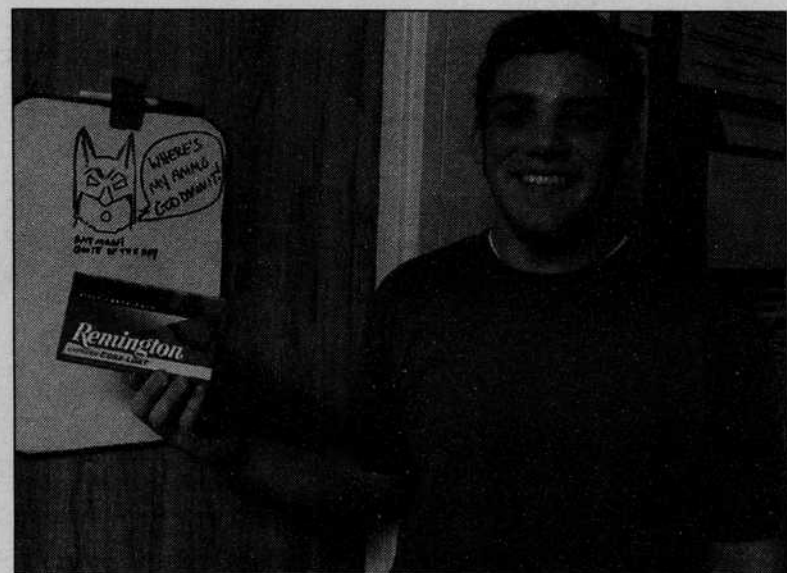
versity officials cannot comment on open investigations.

"University Housing is always concerned about the safety and well-being of the students," she said.

Prior to the incident, Gantman said he had posed a question about firearms to a DPS officer who had been responding to a different incident in the building. After the officer left, Gantman said he was under the impression that only the possession of firearms, not ammunition, conflicted with the Student Conduct Code. But University officials say he should have checked his housing contract instead of asking an officer.

"We want to remind the campus community that firearms and ammunition are not allowed on campus," Hicks said, "even with a concealed weapons permit."

Contact the reporter at caronalarab@dailyemerald.com.



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

David Gantman shows off an empty box of ammunition in front of his dorm room in Hamilton Complex. Gantman had several boxes confiscated by DPS on Monday night.

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