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 Don McPhearson (speaker), 6-8 p.m., EMU Ballroom.  
 "Sixpence House: Lost in a Town of Books" (author reading), 7 p.m., Knight Library Browsing Room, free, 346-4331.  
 "Cloning" (panel discussion), 7:30-9 p.m., Dymont Hall Lounge, Walton Complex, 346-5414.  
 Vocal jazz ensemble, 8 p.m., Beall Hall, \$5 general public, \$3 students and senior citizens, 346-5678.

**Tuition**

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who are getting competitive offers to go out-of-state, to provide opportunities for minority students and to bring graduate students to Oregon to conduct important research — research that will fuel Oregon's new economy," Frohnmayer wrote in the letter.

But co-Chairman Rep. Randy Miller, R-West Linn, defended the proposal, saying that Frohnmayer's views are respected "a great deal" within the committee, but the co-chairmen had a problem with funding college presidents' efforts to reduce tuition for certain students.

"Should university students be paying, through higher tuition, for authority of presidents to offer

sweet deals to students?" he said. "To the extent that we subsidize tuition, I'd say it does have a general fund impact."

Miller said the item was put on the budget without much in-depth study, however, and therefore is subject to change. He also expressed a willingness of the committee to talk about the issue with Frohnmayer.

More than 5,000 resident students at the University were discounted a total of \$6,856,500 in the 2002-03 academic year, while 868 non-resident students were discounted a total of \$2,684,712, according to a University fact sheet. The average fee remission award was \$1,221 for residents and \$3,093 for non-residents.

Amelie Welden, spokeswoman for

the Oregon Student Association — which supports other parts of the co-chairmen's budget to replenish Oregon Opportunity Grant funds — said she understands that tough decisions must be made with the budget, but that access to higher education is in dire straits.

"We feel that students are already facing an extremely unaffordable educational system, and this will just make it worse," she said. "We are definitely continuing to lobby hard against (the reductions)."

Concerned individuals can contact Schrader at (503) 986-1720, Miller at (503) 986-1437 or committee Vice-Chairman Sen. Steve Harper, R-Klamath Falls, at (503) 986-1728.

Contact the news editor at janmontry@dailyemerald.com.

**Debt**

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of the Executive's budget and how it has handled the current deficit.

Senate President Jackie Ray said the way the Executive has dealt with its election debt is very troubling to many senators. Groups that ask for money must be able to show that they are turning to the senate as a last resort. Ray specifically pointed to the Executive's spring fundraising account, which contains more than \$10,000 in leftover funds.

Pilliod said while there is a huge

sum of fundraising money leftover from the spring ASUO Street Faire, the money is traditionally earmarked for the incoming Executive.

The Senate is also dissatisfied with the Executive's behavior because they continued to spend money from the account after they knew the money was gone. This violates the simple purpose of a budget — do not spend money that you do not have.

"They knew that they didn't have the money and continued to exhaust their funds," Ray said. "To go that far in deficit is a lot of money to explain."

Ray said the Executive's handling

of the special request and the overall situation was questionable. Ray said she was also troubled because Pilliod did not approach her to discuss the Senate's reservations with the request or to inform Ray that she planned to withdraw the request. However, Ray said she was relieved that the Executive decided to pull its special request because the issue might have caused friction between the two government bodies.

"I think we were glad we weren't going to have to deal with it," Ray said.

Contact the senior news reporter at jenniferbear@dailyemerald.com.

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