

PFC allots \$250,000 Tuesday

PFC outlines the 2004-05 budgets Tuesday for ASUO Legal Services and calls an executive session early on

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee continued its march toward allocating funding for the 2004-05 school year, approving funding for eight groups totaling \$251,428 on Tuesday.

ASUO Legal Services was the biggest winner, receiving \$190,295 in funding, an 8.3 percent increase. The extra funding will go mostly toward pay raises of about 2 percent and the addition of health insurance for the assistant director position equivalent to that which state employees receive.

Director of Legal Services Ilona Koleszar described providing health insurance as a matter of "conscience," and added that Legal Services recovered or saved \$38,261 for students fall term through legal action.

The University's highly successful Forensics Program, which director Peter Mohn said was founded in 1876 and is the oldest student group on campus, received \$31,462, an increase of 10 percent. Mohn said the program, a co-curricular activity funded by the ASUO and the Robert D. Clark Honors College, once funded the football team.

Mohn said the increased funding was justified due to restrictions placed on the program's ability to pay for out-of-state travel with general fund money.

"Any sort of state money we get is limited to in-state travel only," Mohn said. "I'd love to ask for smaller increases and that's my goal."

The ASUO Constitution Court received \$4,892 for 2004-2005, a 1.3 percent decrease from this year. Although the court has done little this year, it is the third branch of student government and deserves adequate funding, PFC Chairman Adrian Gilmore said.

"One year nothing will happen, then the next year for some reason there will

be a rash of constitutional issues," Gilmore said. "We don't want to bankrupt a branch of student government."

The Coalition Against Environmental Racism, which will host the ninth annual Environmental Justice Conference Jan. 23 through Jan. 25, received a budget of \$13,739, a decrease of 10.1 percent. The coalition hopes to snare a national speaker for its conference and perhaps for another event as well.

PFC decided to fund the Chinese Student Association, which will hold China Night Feb. 1, at \$7,735, a 14.1 percent increase.

"We have been experiencing a very severe budget crisis this year," CSA member Michelle Jin said, adding that the group had a "dire need" for the funding.

Dance Oregon, a group that seeks to enhance dance students' education, received a budget of \$3,114, a .06 percent decrease from this year's budget. The funds will be used to lure guest artists to campus and advocate for

Turn to **PFC**, page 16

NEWS BRIEFS

Knight Law Center to hold wildfire symposium

The University's Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation will host its annual symposium, which will give a comprehensive overview and history of wildfire issues across the West.

The symposium, which is open to the public and free of charge, will take place today in room 110 of the Knight Law Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Besides providing a public forum to exchange information and strategies, the symposium's purpose has been to educate participants on international, national and regional environmental issues.

"We have three very different speakers covering a broad range of issues related to current states of wildfire policy," said Dominic Campanella, editor in chief of the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation.

Keynote speakers will include Marc Fink, a staff attorney of the Western Environmental Law Center; Andy Stahl, executive director of the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics; and Scott Horngrén, an attorney who has represented timber companies in post-fire

timber sale cases.

Campanella said symposium coordinators put out advertisements for the event in local publications to spark an interest in the community. Although the designated location accommodates more than 100 attendees, he said he has heard enough buzz between the environmental studies department and the law school to have confidence in today's attendance.

"I think we'll have a pretty solid turnout," he said.

—Caron Alarab

Fall-term law school flood causes \$10,000 in damage

Flooding that occurred in the Knight Law Center the weekend before fall term finals caused more than \$10,000 in damage, Law School Assistant Dean of Finance and Operations Jamie Moffitt said.

The carpet in the Wayne Morse Commons area and some of the wood underneath were destroyed, and some water may have damaged nearby hallways.

"It was custom carpet, so it was definitely on the more expensive side," she said.

The commons reopened this term; however, the carpet has not yet been

replaced, and Moffitt said it could take eight to 10 weeks to replace because it was custom made to match the area.

She said the flooding was a minor inconvenience to students, but the area is a place students like to congregate.

"Luckily we don't tend to do too many events in that area," she said.

Moffitt said this was "surprisingly" the first time this area has flooded, and that excessive rainfall led to clogged drains in the parking lot outside the area and caused the flooding.

"The water built up in the parking lot and got to a point where it overflowed," she said, adding that falling leaves probably caused the drains to clog more than usual.

About a week after the flooding, more heavy rains nearly caused the area to flood again. But Moffitt said students in the building saw the water building up and called the Department of Public Safety in time to prevent further damage.

She said new drains for the courtyard outside the area are being considered to prevent future flooding.

—Chelsea Duncan

Complete Selection of:

- Skis
- Boots
- Clothing
- Ski Rentals

Berg's Ski Shop

13th & Lawrence • Eugene • 683-1300
www.bergsskishop.com

Oregon Daily Emerald.
A campus tradition—over 100 years of publication.

Midtown Pipe & Tobacco

INCENSE
LOCAL GLASS ART
POUCHES
SUNGLASSES
CIGARS
ADULT GLASS ART
T-SHIRTS
HATS
JEWELRY
ROLLING PAPERS
CLEANERS
MUCH MORE...

133 EAST 13TH AVE
EUGENE


OPEN
9-9 MON-SAT
11-8 SUN

SHAPE THE FUTURE

APPLY NOW FOR FA AND RA POSITIONS
APPLICATIONS DUE 5:00 P.M. JANUARY 28

Applications available at Area Desks/Housing Office

By Hire Date:
FA candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.2
RA candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.5



Campus Recycling says
"THANKS FOR RECYCLING!"



Check out our website
for more info on
**recycling, sustainability,
green jobs and
MUCH MORE!**

**Summer Employment
Glacier National Park
Montana**

Apply Today!

The Resort at Glacier, St. Mary Lodge
For information call:
1-800-368-3689

Apply Online @ www.glacierparkjobs.com

The Pizza Pipeline

X-Large 2-Item Pizza
and 2 FREE Soft Drinks **\$10.95**

Eugene: 686-5808

FREE DELIVERY

Not valid with any other offer.
Expires 2/1/04.

The Pizza Pipeline

Large 1-Item Pizza
and 2 FREE Soft Drinks **\$8.95**

Eugene: 686-5808

FREE DELIVERY

GO DUCKS!

Not valid with any other offer.
Expires 2/1/04.

Advertise in the

ODE classifieds

Call 346-4343 or place your ad online
www.dailyemerald.com

The Real Deal!

Eugene: **686-5808**

We accept UO purchase orders.