

# PFC designates over \$383,000 in funds for 9 student groups

The Co-op Family Center received the highest 2004-05 budget when PFC allotted funds Tuesday

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee considered the budget proposals of nine more student groups Tuesday night and allocated a total of \$383,568 for the 2004-05 school year.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates received \$300, the maximum allowed for a group requesting funds for the first time. A large portion of their budget will go to their mediation competition held in the spring.

The Korean Student Association received \$1,405, a 6.95 percent decrease. Their budget for the previous school year had a \$775 deficit.

KSA accountant Bitnara Park addressed the deficit, saying there is not a big Korean community in Eugene so they had difficulty fundraising.

The Interfraternity Council received \$10,756, an increase of 5.2 percent.

Outgoing IFC President Jonah Lee explained the major change in its budget proposal was an increase in funding to pay for speakers.

"The increase for speakers is because nowadays speakers are asking

for more money," he said.

The IFC spends between \$2,000 and \$4,000 for most speakers.

The largest budget request of the night was for the Co-op Family Center, with a majority of its budget devoted to payroll. The center asked for an increase in the teacher equity line item to compete with other wages in its market.

Co-Director Alisa Stull said the organization provides high-quality child care to University students, faculty and staff.

Several parents came to the PFC meeting to show support for the center, including parent Aaron Lemchen.

"(The Co-op Family Center is) the only place in town we would leave our infant child," Lemchen said. "She's in a social environment."

PFC awarded the Co-op Family Center \$263,170, a 2 percent increase.

The International Resource Center had the second largest budget request, receiving \$55,571, a 1.2 percent increase from its previous budget.

Representatives of the IRC lowered certain line items of their budget because they found that they had not spent as much in 2003-04 as in previous years.

Interdisciplinary Students for the Progress Arts was the second group asking for first-time funding, and it also received \$300.

The Crisis Center received

\$24,627 from the PFC, a 24.5 percent increase.

Crisis Center Co-Director Karen Paez said most of the increase will go toward staffing more shifts so they can accommodate increased calls from the efforts of the Suicide Prevention Task Force.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Educational and Support Services Program received \$18,810 from the PFC, with an increase in funds allocated to work study. That was a 2.7 percent increase from the previous budget.

The final group to go before the PFC was the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation, which has 366 subscribers and produces two journals per year.

JELL's Business Editor Ivan Gardzelewski explained to the PFC what the organization aims to do.

"We provide a forum for unbiased articles in environmental law," he said.

Tuesday's PFC meeting was relatively free of controversy, but tonight's meeting will include the budget hearing for OSPIRG, an event that has created a lot of controversy in the past.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group hearing is scheduled to take place in the EMU Rogue Room at 8:30 p.m.

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# University's Asian students gather to greet the Year of the Monkey

Asian international students celebrate the Chinese New Year among friends because their families are far away

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As freshman Kaya Yuki squeezed onto a couch in the International Student Association lounge Wednesday evening, she was greeted with a hug, laughter and greetings for the new year.

"It's already the new year there," she said.

And as Yuki and students from Japan, South Korea, China and Vietnam gathered, friends and families in their native countries had already begun to usher in the Chinese New Year.

Although there are no events at the University today to celebrate the Year of the Monkey, those following the lunar calendar have started a new year — many celebrating with family and friends.

"All the families get together like during Christmas," senior Min-Gyo Han

said. "Kind of like a family reunion."

Han, a native of South Korea, said it is traditional for families to get together during this time of year.

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Georgia Mu  
Sophomore

"The relationship with the family is really important," he said.

Sophomore Georgia Mu said much of China and Southeast Asia acknowledge the holiday.

"Even though it's called Chinese New Year, a lot of other cultures celebrate it," she said. "The Vietnamese call it Tet, and in Korea they celebrate it too."

Mu said that traditionally, older family members give younger relatives a red envelope with gold Chi-

nese characters because red is a sign of good luck.

Sophomore Ryohei Ishii said that in Japan, the envelope is called the "red pocket," adding that he usually eats rice cakes on the holiday in addition to a large meal.

Sophomore Runshan Yuan said food is a prominent part of the new year's celebration.

"We eat all the time," she said of the day. She added that in China, fish and sweet red rice cake are widely eaten during the day and that many of the dishes have a symbolic meaning.

Yuki shared similar sentiments. "In the eve we eat a lot," she said. "On that day we just eat and eat and eat."

In addition to a large family dinner, Yuki said that in China, the new year's celebration includes a gambling game called Majiang and the lighting of fireworks at midnight.

"It's a cultural symbol," she said. "We make noise to let the bad spirits go so we will have a brand new year."

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# ABORTION

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"Many women died or were severely injured when they tried self-induced abortions," she said.

Now, when a pregnant woman walks into a clinic, she can get a multitude of services.

"First, we make sure they're pregnant," University Health Center Director Tom Ryan said. "Typically, we'll discuss options with them. Sometimes (students) will come in with their mind made up about what they want to do, but certainly we give them all the options. Abortion/termination is one of those. So is adoption."

Ryan said students often come to the health center seeking advice about abortion.

"It's not a terribly unusual situation," he said. "Of course that's why we em-

phasize contraceptive solutions."

Ryan added that abortion providers in Eugene are few and far between.

"Many times, (students) need to go out of Eugene to access abortion services," he said.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, 1,107 abortions were performed in Lane County in 2002.

History Professor James Mohr, who has written a book and testified twice before the U.S. Senate on abortion, said it is an issue that provokes passion on both sides.

"(Because) it's so emotionally charged, involving questions of life itself, it has become a lightning rod for questions that people have a hard time considering separately (such as women's rights and the status of morals)," he said.

The standing of the decision itself

has received renewed attention recently given the makeup of the Supreme Court.

"Roe v. Wade is more in danger now than it's been since it was put in place," Piercy said. "We have a national administration in office right now that is trying to take away a woman's right to choose. It's a very dangerous time for these very important rights."

Mohr agreed that abortion rights may be modified, but he said they will not likely be eliminated.

"The current court seems to be pushing back the dividing line away from a choice position," he said. "But I don't see even the current court eliminating the basic right. I think the debate will continue to be in the middle by matters of degree."

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