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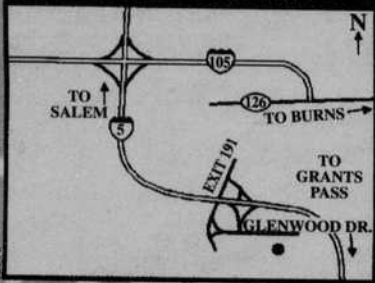
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could get worse.

"You know you're living on borrowed time," he said.

Funding for such work comes from the state and is allocated to the OUS. Currently the University receives approximately \$3.8 million for capital repair funds, but Hecht said the University would need about three times that amount to maintain the building's current conditions while continuing with some repairs.

"That would be enough just to keep us even every year," he said.

He said the OUS approached the state Legislature last year with a proposal to increase funding for repairs that would cover the \$500 million over the next 10 years, but it didn't pass.

"Because the state financial picture was so bleak last year, we could not advance the bill," he said. "It would have really solved a lot of problems."

He said another way of getting

funding is to seek out donations. As people become more interested in the University, many decide they want to donate funds to contribute to repairs or to new buildings, such as with the Lillis Business Complex.

"We've had a number of buildings that have been fixed up and improved that way," he said.

Milo said the geography department's main office entrance and lunchroom in Condon Hall have undergone remodeling, including fresh paint and new cabinets, thanks to alumni donations.

But not all departments and colleges are able to raise the money necessary for needed repairs, Hecht said.

"Unfortunately, not every building on campus has been able to get a donor," he said.

Despite a tight budget, Hecht said two main areas — utility systems and building roofs — have been well-maintained in terms of leaks and decreased power outages.

"Those are two big success stories," he said.

However, Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance Frances Dyke said she doesn't see overall conditions getting better anytime soon.

"Until we get a financial reinvestment from the state, we're not going to get any better," she said.

Dyke said if Measure 30 fails, it will create a greater build-up of deferred costs. However, "we're not out of the woods even if Measure 30 passes," she said.

She added that Facilities Services is doing the best it can under the circumstances.

Hecht said he has hope for the future of campus buildings although it is a widespread problem.

"Everybody's struggling with this," he said. "Everybody's trying to find a solution."

He said he feels students are the most important reason for keeping buildings up to par.

"The reason we're all here is for the students to get their education," he said.

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percent increase.

The Community Internship Program received a budget of \$16,567, an

11.1 percent increase.

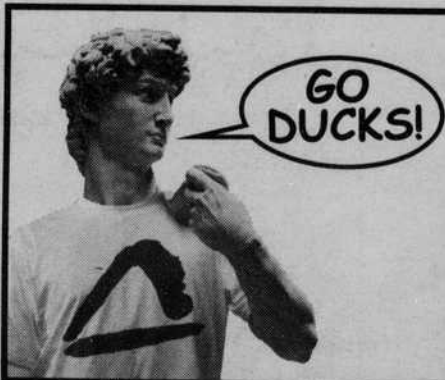
Designated Driver Shuttle received a budget of \$92,635, a 6.7 percent increase.

The Associated Students for Historic Preservation received a budget of

\$1,136, a 4.5 percent increase.

And a new group, the Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living, received a start-up budget of \$300.

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job putting this on each year," she said.

Second-year law student Naomi Melver is one of three CAER co-coordinators who, along with a team of volunteers, organized the three-day conference.

"We organize the conference each year to further CAER's mission of educating the community and providing networking and coalition-building opportunities for activists," Melver said. "It's amazing how people have come out of the woodwork to put this on."

The varied selection of lectures impressed Lewis and Clark law student Leyla Knight.

"The conference is a really good learning experience because it includes such a wide array of topics," she said. "I especially like the community organization panels, and I hope to come back next year."

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