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Senators approve disputed allotments

The Student Senate approves PCF's 2004-05 budget, OKs KWA's special funds request and confirms 3 new justices

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News Reporter

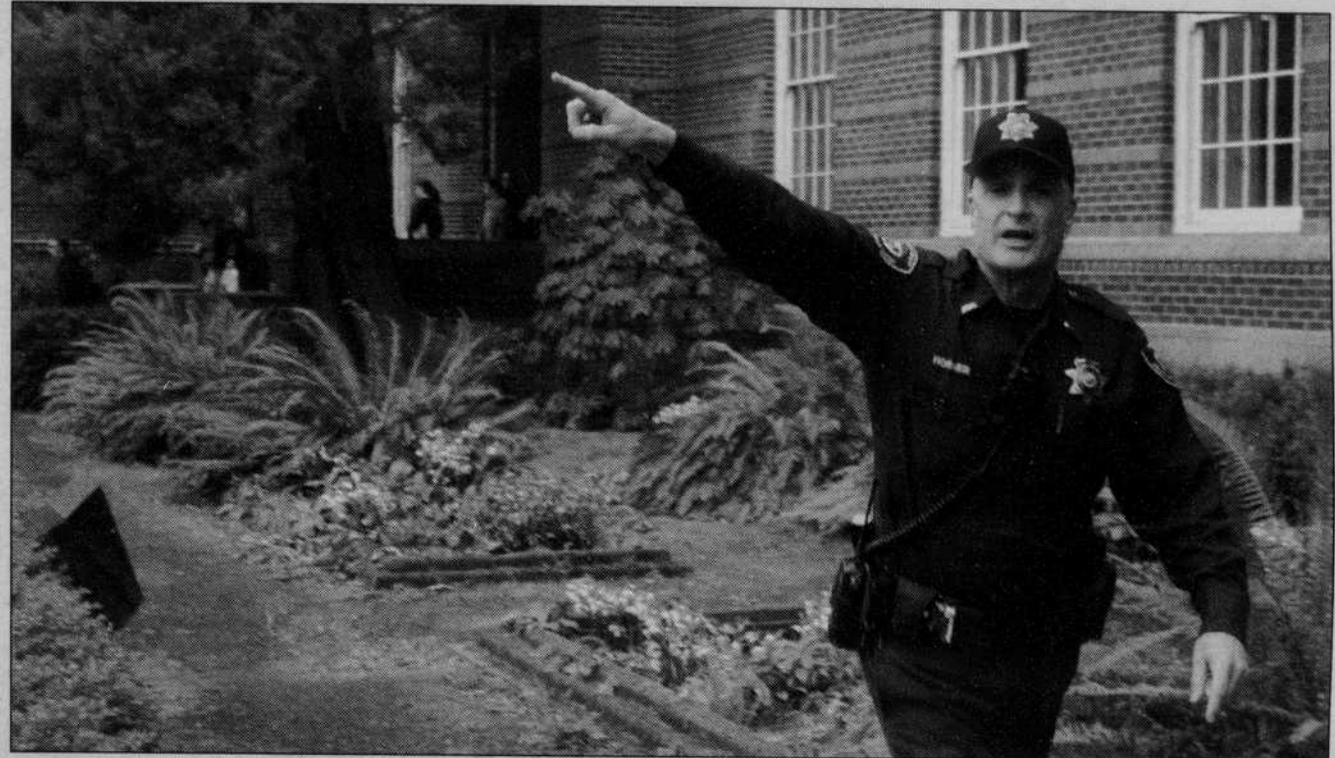
The ASUO Student Senate approved nearly \$4.9 million in allocations at a Wednesday night meeting, funding the ASUO Programs Finance Committee's 2004-05 recommendations for more than 120 incidental fee-funded student groups. PFC's budget drew controversy because some senators said the allocation was too much and would result in higher incidental fees next year.

"That's a heck of a lot of growth," Senate Vice President Kevin Day said. "I think we can cut some of that."

PFC members countered that they allocated less money this year than provided for by the Senate benchmark. The benchmark, which was set in November, allowed for a 3.4 percent increase in funding from 2003-04. PFC's proposed budget is an increase of 1.9 percent from the current budget.

"Any growth that we gave (student groups) was within the bounds Senate set for us," PFC Chairman Adrian Gilmore said.

PFC's budget does not take into account the Turn to **SENATE**, page 3



Department of Public Safety officer Herb Horner instructs people to back away from the Knight Library during the building's evacuation Wednesday. Patrons were forced outside from about 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. while EPD officers searched for a bomb. None was found.

Tim Bobosky
Photographer

Bomb threat forces library evacuation

University graduate student James Gregory Evangelista was arrested for allegedly calling in the bomb threat

By Jared Paben
Senior News Reporter

A University graduate student was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly called in a bomb threat that closed the Knight Library for about an hour while Eugene Police Department officers searched

the building.

Two EPD officers familiar with the facility searched for a bomb, but after a thorough sweep none was found. In the meantime, hundreds of library patrons were forced to wait outside from about 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

James Gregory Evangelista, a 46-year-old special-education graduate student, was arrested several hours later after police traced the call to a pay phone at the University Bookstore, police said.

Surveillance footage showed Evangelista talking on a pay phone around the time the bomb threat was made, according to an EPD press release. Evangelista was cited with menacing, harassment and disorderly conduct.

There was no answer when a call was made to Evangelista's phone number listed in the University Student Directory. A woman answered a call to Evangelista's number listed in the phone book, a different number, and she said she does not

know him.

EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf said the motive for the bomb threat was unclear. Delf said the bomb squad was not sent to the scene, but six EPD officers investigated the incident as a "probable hoax."

At about 3:30 p.m., the Emerald received a call from a man claiming he placed a bomb in the library to protest President George W. Bush's administration.

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Take Back the Night looks into holding multi-gender march

A public forum will be held today to debate combining the women's, gender-neutral and gender-queer sections to make one march

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

The annual Take Back the Night march protests violence against women, but women aren't the only ones who want to participate.

Members of the transgender and transsexual communities have also been victims of assault or sexual violence, along with some men. Even people of all genders and sexualities who haven't been victims of violence want to show their opposition to a world where anyone fears walking alone at night.

To ensure that everyone who wants to participate feels comfortable in the Take Back the Night march, the ASUO Women's Center has divided the march into three different sections — a

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Lauren Wimer Photographer

Psychology Professor Jennifer Freyd's study shows people believe recovered memories less often than they do continuous memories. "In our opinion, if people are biased against recovered memories, it's a kind of like a prejudice," Freyd said.

Study: Many are skeptical of recovered memories

A University professor's study shows that many people are disinclined to believe scenes recovered memories reveal

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

Many people find it hard to believe that recovered memories of childhood abuse turn out to be true, according to a study by University psychology Professor Jennifer Freyd.

Freyd recently presented her research to an annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Seattle. Her research shows that a discrepancy exists between what science and the media portray about recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse.

Freyd said the bias against recovered

memories suggests ignorance and confusion about memories of abuse. She added that forgetting about a caregiver's abuse is more common than continually remembering the event.

"In our opinion, if people are biased against recovered memories, it's a kind of like a prejudice," she said. "We suspected it, but we wanted to actually measure people's beliefs in a way that would let us have more than just a suspicion."

She added that the research shows memories have the same chance of being true or false, regardless of whether they are continual or recovered.

In the study, 327 undergraduate University students read vignettes describing childhood abuse and rated each on believability of the victim's memory. The rating system was zero (not at all believable) to 5 (very believable).

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