

## PFC: Senator expects 'a lot of backlash'

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positions if the Senate approves the changes.

However, the PFC exempted several groups that have many directors, including the student government, the ASUO Women's Center and the Multicultural Center.

Although Thursday's rough budget proposal is larger than the 5.62 percent funding increase approved for the PFC by the Senate, Senator Jack Crocifisso said he expects the Senate to pass it.

"I understand and I think the majority of senators understand you're not going to reach benchmark," he said.

But he said there likely will be "a lot of backlash" over changes to the stipend model.

"I wouldn't want to be in your position," he said to the PFC members.

PFC Chairwoman Persis Pohowalla said groups will not be able to appeal changes to the budget because of time constraints.

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## Sex: One in 250 people in Lane County test positive for HIV

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Testing is available at the University Health Center or at the HIV Alliance's office at 1966 Garden Ave. in Eugene.

"Fees are on a sliding scale," Martin said, "but nobody is ever turned away."

Martin said one in 250 people tested in Lane County test positive for HIV. She added that approximately 25 percent of infected individuals in the United States have not been tested and do not know they are carriers.

"For the first time in 10 years, we saw a rise last year," Martin said. "Maybe it's uncomfortable, maybe it's frightening, but it needs to be done." HIV Alliance Executive Director Diane Lang said the goal is to reach the University and the entire community.

"Our goals for this campaign are to meet students on their level, saturate their environment and serve their needs to the best of our ability," Lang said.

Martin said the idea of distributing condoms at bars seemed to be a logical direction for the campaign.

She said many "hookups" happen after people have been drinking and sometimes make unwise choices.

"We're spending time at the bars and showing people how to use the resources available," Martin said.

Junior Desiree Townley said she disagreed with the alliance's approach.

"It's as effective as a guy dressed as a hot dog making somebody want to buy a hot dog," Townley said.

Senior Tony Fuller also said it wasn't the best approach.

"It's a little obnoxious, but it's better than nothing," he said. "I would rather not have a visual for sex." He added he is tested about every six months.

University alumna Kirsten Gunderson said she has been tested several times, starting in high school as part of an AIDS and substance-abuse prevention program. She said she enjoyed Captain Condom's appearance at the bar and thought the message would be accepted.

"I would say yeah, it certainly grabs your attention," she said.

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## Tuition: Student association's lobbying efforts appear to pay off

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Education, said students would benefit even if tuition increases could be held to 2 or 3 percent.

"There appears to be a clear desire in at least part of the senate to see what can be done to freeze tuition," said Devlin. "I know that there are parties on both sides of the aisle that are supportive."

The proposal needs support in both chambers from both political parties, Devlin added.

ASUO President and Oregon Student Association Chair Adam Petkun said he believes Oregon students have scored a victory.

"This is the single most important issue regarding access to post-secondary education," Petkun said in a press release.

"I think that to have the Senate Democrats come out and take a stand on student tuition is really commendable," he added in an interview.

Petkun said he doesn't believe a 2 to 3 percent increase is good enough for Oregon students.

"I think we've already passed the point where students are starting to be priced out of education," he said. "The problem is that the state hasn't stepped up to fund higher education. The best way to make sure that students have access to higher education is to make tuition affordable and make sure that need-based aid is available."

Petkun said he hopes to work with Republicans to find a way to fund the freeze.

"Access to education is not a partisan issue," he said.

Oregon Student Association

Spokesman Arlie Adkins said he hopes Republicans will support the tuition freeze as well.

"They just have a different philosophical approach," Adkins said. "They haven't come out and said that they're opposed to any specific programs."

The OSA has been lobbying intensely for the tuition freeze since the legislative session opened in early January. Adkins said he thinks the efforts have paid off.

"It's not just a coincidence," he said.

"The fact that it's out there as a proposal is an improvement," Adkins added. "It puts us in a great position to start having conversations about it."

Petkun said he hopes to mobilize University students in the lobbying effort.

"We still have a long way to go to make sure that the legislature prioritizes higher education," said Petkun. "We need every student who's interested to drop by our office and find out how they can be involved in funding a tuition freeze."

"It's going to take a lot of work on our part and on the part of the people proposing it," Adkins said. "Who knows where we'll be when they bang that gavel to close the session."

Gov. Ted Kulongoski's recommended budget suggested limiting annual tuition increases to between 5 and 7 percent. Tuition rates have risen by more than 10 and 9 percent in the last two years, respectively.

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## WUN: Parolees live in area without necessary supervision

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with the transition back into society.

Between 70 and 100 parolees currently live in the neighborhood but do not have the supervision Green would like to be able to provide.

The organization is looking to buy quads in the neighborhood for parolees to live in to improve a post-prison supervision system that is already in place in the neighborhood.

City Planner Steve Gallup gave an update on the alley-paving project slated to begin in the spring.

It was calculated that the cost of repairing the alleys would total about \$30,000 per block, and Gallup said property owners would pay for the project.

Board member Don Goldman questioned Kelly about the constitutionality of the Eugene "party

patrol," admonishing the police department for "busting into people's houses and giving thousands of dollars worth of tickets."

Kelly said there are no actual laws or rules specifically put in place for the so-called party patrol; rather, it is a question of whether the police are obeying the search laws that have always been in existence.

Eugene citizen Jana Jackson was scheduled to make a presentation concerning a petition that is circulating in support of Eugene police officer Randy Ellis but left instead.

Ellis made national headlines in December for placing "no trespassing" and "no soliciting" signs around the neighborhood, which were ordered to be removed after questions arose regarding their legality.

Jackson said outside the meeting it

was obvious a petition in support of a police officer would not get support from the "hostile" meeting attendees.

"It seems like an extremely anti-police meeting and an extremely pro-party meeting," Jackson said.

The association held a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for Victoria "Hatoon" Adkins, a popular campus figure who was hit and killed by a car on Tuesday.

Homelessness will be a topic of discussion for the association in the coming months, association chair Drix Rixmann said.

"We all know what it's like to go whiz on a wall," Rixmann said, stressing the importance of empathizing with the homeless. "We need to provide a place for these people to go."

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