

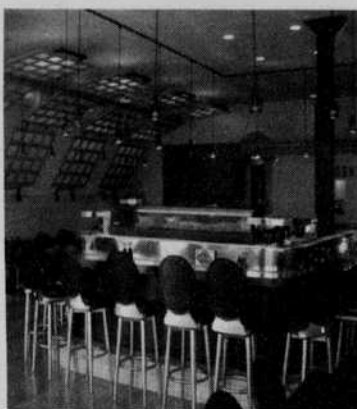
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IN BRIEF

ASUO extends PFC's budget deadline again

Student groups must wait even longer to learn their budgets for next year after the ASUO Student Senate on Wednesday further extended the deadline for the Programs Finance Committee to submit its budget proposal.

An accounting error has prevented committee members from verifying the PFC's budget, Senator Michael Sherman said. He said PFC members have been working to

correct a roughly \$900 discrepancy between the figure the PFC finalized on Friday and calculations members have completed since then.

The PFC must now submit its budget by March 18 in order for Senators to hear it on March 30. The budget must be submitted to University President Dave Frohnmayer by March 31.

ASUO Vice President Mena Ravassipour said the ASUO Executive is lobbying Frohnmayer to extend the deadline.

Also at the meeting, Senators approved \$2,175 of surplus funds for groups' special requests.

— Parker Howell

Recycling: Competition divided into weight, rate

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about what I'm throwing away and think about whether it can be recycled," Mann said. He also said RHAs in Carson Hall were going door to door to remind students about the competition.

Freshman Elizabeth White said residents are talking about the effort.

"I think it's been working," she said. "There are brochures on the tables and the word is getting out. I think it's pretty awesome."

RecycleMania is currently in its fifth year. Miami University started the competition in 2001 as a way to promote its own recycling program. There are two competition types. The Per-Capita Classic competition is based on the weight of material recycled per student living in residence halls and using the dining halls. The second is the Recycling Rate competition that compares the amount of recycled material to the amount of disposed trash. The University is participating in the Per-Capita Classic.

Weight is recorded based on 55-gallon drums. Each drum has a set weight based on the materials inside.

A record of every drum recycled is recorded and submitted at the end of each week.

Hathcock said the University has made recycling a priority throughout the year, not just during RecycleMania. She said the amount of material recycled is up slightly because of this contest, but the University has a strong year-round program. She added that this is not only good for the University but for the planet.

A study by the University of Massachusetts Amherst showed the energy savings from recycling one aluminum can could run a television for three hours. Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and prevents 60 pounds of air pollution from reaching the skies. One ton of glass made of 50 percent recycled material saves 250 pounds of mining waste, according to the study.

Hathcock said it is important to get the word out and make an effort to think about what is thrown away.

"It makes a difference if a resident is choosing to recycle when they might not before," Hathcock said.

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EPD: Recommendations to develop into 'action plans'

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the first place.

Taylor explained that background investigation and psychological and polygraph examinations are all important parts of the hiring process.

"Without those three components, you can't get as complete a picture of the applicant as you could if you had all of the information," Taylor said.

"Out of crisis comes opportunity," Police Chief Robert Lehner said "It gave us the opportunity to look at this system from top to bottom."

Lehner said the convicted officers were not discovered on his force sooner because they were "rehearsed at these kinds of crimes."

"In Magaña's case in particular, the crimes that were committed were committed against victims that were somewhat carefully selected by him, that he knew probably would not complain," he said.

Dr. Tory Caeti, director of management services at PERF, further emphasized that the weakest part of the entire system was the "lack of coordination" between the human resources department and the police department.

Other recommendations included having sergeants spend more time on the streets developing their officers, establishing an intake process and coding of complaints, and being mindful not to overlook the internal assessment following criminal investigations into complaints.

The groups also recommended that supervisors go over all aspects of performance with employees during an evaluation and regularly update employees of their expectations and job performance.

"The commitment we made today is that these won't just be strategic plans laying on a shelf, but actually be action plans that will guide work that we will accomplish," Taylor said. "They're going to take some time, they're going to take some resources and they're going to take keeping this a priority over time."

In the memo, Taylor said he has directed Lehner, Human Resources and Risk Services Director Lauren Chouinard, and other city staff to provide him with a plan of action and timeline by May 1 for implementing the recommendations made in the report. He also said the plan "will incorporate ongoing work by the Police Commission and input from our community members and the public."

The final report did not cover all concerns about the EPD.

"There are some other questions that were raised about going back at looking at why the three (qualified) black applicants in the past two years weren't hired," Lehner said. "That's something that we obviously still need to look at."

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