

IN BRIEF

Senate balances fees with groups' growth

The Student Senate voted to increase the Programs Finance Committee's 2006-07 budget by 6.96 percent Wednesday to allow fee-funded programs more room for growth.

Wednesday was the first time the Senate rejected an Executive benchmark recommendation. The Senate passed the Executive's EMU and Athletic Department Finance Committee benchmarks last week. These groups are responsible for more than \$10.2 million in incidental fees.

People on both sides of the debate agreed on the importance of keeping the incidental fee low and groups' abilities to grow high, but the Executive's "fiscally responsible" platform was seen by many, in this case, as limiting to programs.

"This is a very small increase for these groups," Senate Ombudsman and PFC Chairman Jared Axelrod said. "They need more room to grow."

The Executive also announced that it had vetoed the Student Senate's allocation of \$300 to the American Institute of Architecture Students because the group didn't submit a budget to the PFC as the Senate had requested.

Senate also allocated \$650 to three groups for a future phone bill, national group dues and a Diwali festival on Nov. 18. Before adjourning, Senators sang to Senator Rachel Lee, who was celebrating her 21st birthday.

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Wilma Mankiller honored by HRC

The former chief of the Cherokee tribe received an award Wednesday

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Wilma Mankiller, a former principal chief of the Cherokee tribe and professor at the University, was honored Wednesday night by the Eugene Human Rights Commission at a reception in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

Surrounded by friends, family and fellow Cherokee members, Mankiller was recognized with an hour-long ceremony for her accomplishments both as a member of the Cherokee tribe and as a contributor to the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics at the University. She was also honored by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy as part of the night's events.

Mankiller was elected the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in 1987, making her the first woman to ever hold the position. She was re-elected in 1991. She has met with former presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton about various tribal issues. Mankiller now works as the Morse Chair professor at the University.

Knight Professor of Law Rennard Strickland, a member of the Cherokee tribe who has also worked with Mankiller, spoke in honor of Mankiller at the reception. He emphasized her importance to the Cherokee people even today, after her time as chief

has ended.

"Wilma, in Cherokee history, is a figure that will continue to live among the greats," he said.

Strickland later added that Mankiller's firsthand experience with the Native American culture has helped her teach others, noting that she had "been on the frontlines for more than 10 years."

Throughout the night, Mankiller was presented with various gifts from the speakers, which included a coffee mug and a blanket that was draped over her shoulders during the ceremony.

John del Nero, a Lane Community College professor, played a song in her honor. He used a traditional Tennessee reed flute to create an authentic Native American sound, playing a piece called "A Zuni Sunrise."

Mankiller addressed the room to bring the ceremony to a close. She was grateful for the experience she shared with the University, and suggested that she has benefited from it as well.

"I've learned a lot from the students, the faculty and from all the people I've met," she said. She later noted, "All the people we've met always stay in our hearts, no matter where we go."

Mankiller is the 25th person to serve as the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics. Though her position only lasts for one year, Mankiller expressed a reluctance to offer any kind of finality.

"There is no Cherokee word for 'goodbye,' so we just say 'see you later,' she said.



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Twila Souers of the Lakota nation hugs Wilma Mankiller, a former principal chief of the Cherokee tribe, after giving her a sacred four directions pin at the reception in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art where Mankiller is honored by Eugene Human Rights Commission on Wednesday night.

Westmoreland: Proceeds may help tenants displaced by sale

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that should all be left to the private sector," Prozanski said.

Lane County Commissioner Bill Dwyer said he is still opposed to the sale, echoing what Prozanski said about the need for affordable housing.

"This is just another nail in the coffin for low-income students," Dwyer said in a telephone interview.

Dwyer said his opposition won't be as strong if the complex is sold to a company that will maintain it as affordable housing, but he would like the buyer to

give preference to student renters.

University officials have said part of the sale proceeds could go toward helping displaced tenants find new housing, but they said preference will be given to potential buyers looking to continue operating the apartments.

Work and Family Services Administrator for University Human Resources Karen Logvin, who is leading the task group charged with finding ways to help families with children at the Westmoreland Child Care Center, said her group will meet soon to decide whether to start looking at options this week or to

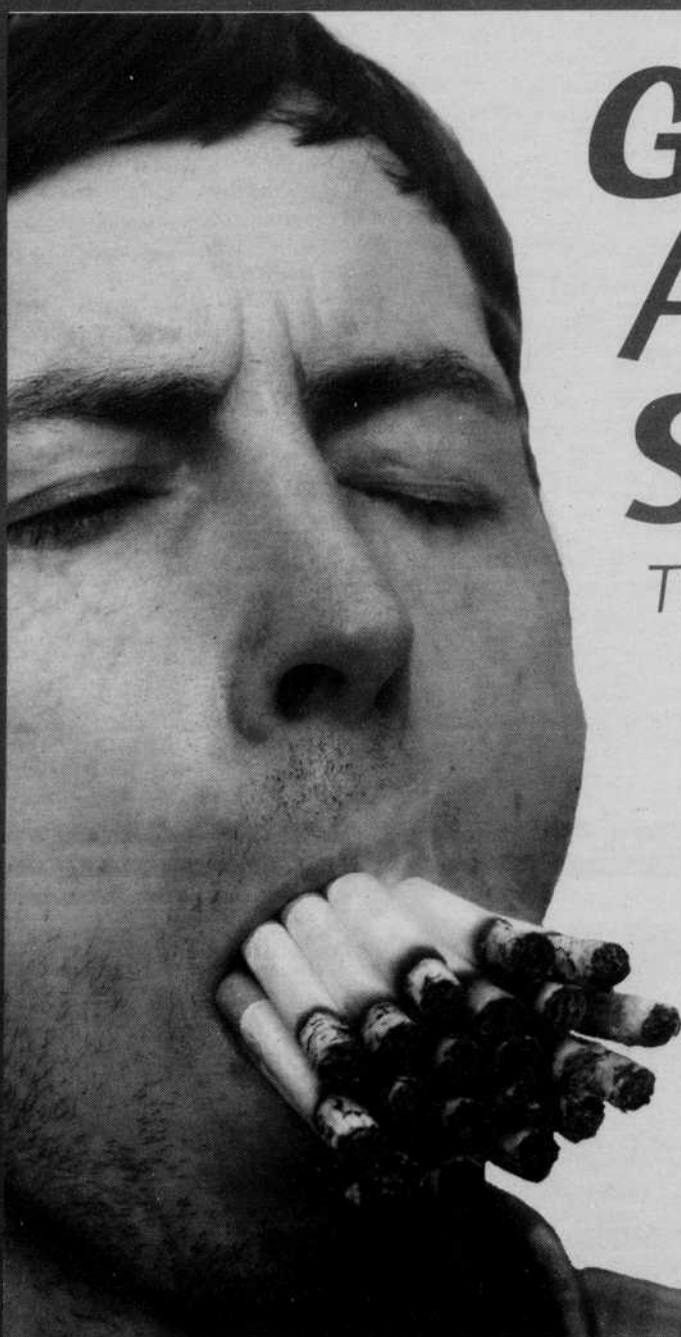
wait until the beginning of next term.

She said the process is a multifaceted one but progress is sure and steady. The task groups will be working hard to address all concerns students may have about the possible sale and to show support to the potentially displaced.

"It's just important for the Westmoreland residents to know that they have all those options," Logvin said.

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University Health Center



GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

Thursday, Nov. 17

Today's Events

Health Resource Center in the EMU across from the Fir Room

10 - 11 a.m. Dental care information

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free cholesterol screening

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rec Center personal trainers with fitness testing & exercise tips

12 - 2 p.m. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (patch and gum) and quit kits distributed while supplies last



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