

Finance Committee makes difficult funding choices

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The Student Government Association's Finance Committee at the University of West Florida assists student organizations and student activities with their funding requirements.

The committee is comprised of a chair and eight senators responsible for financially supporting more than 100 student organizations, recreation and student activities each fiscal year by distributing Activity and Service fees. The fiscal year begins each June 30 and ends the following year on July 12.

The committee members are: Mike Lampo, chair; Maggie Kaeding, Seat A; Jared Jones, Seat B; Todd Caraway, Seat C; Victor Teschel, Seat D; Hunter Gallien, Seat E; Peter DeFreitas, Seat F; Chris Thompson, Seat G; and Dale Lewis, Seat H.

Lampo, a junior finance major, said that the Finance Committee's goals don't vary much from year to year. He said that this year, one of the main goals is to try to find an equal balance between recreation and campus involvement.

"One of my goals for this year is to try to support that recreation center as much as possible," he said. "They are worried about manning it because they want to increase the hours of operation. They want to keep that building open as much as possible so students can be in there as much as possible, and at the same time, make sure Jim Hurd's pro-

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Victor Teschel, SGA Finance Committee Seat D

gram is just as successful so the new recreation center doesn't totally knock him out of the water."

Jim Hurd is the assistant vice president for Student Life and is in charge of many campus programs and activities that fall under the student life category. This includes his role as director of the University Commons.

On Nov. 19, the committee is having a meeting for all student organizations on how to prepare a fiscal budget since budgets will be due the second week after the holiday break. Every organization needs to understand how to make a budget. Making a budget isn't hard, but it can be difficult for organizations if they don't have a clear understanding of what they are doing, Lampo said.

"When we go through the budget process in the spring, we need to be able to understand everything that is on that budget," Lampo said. "If something is in the wrong place or there is something that we can't understand, it makes it harder for us to make a decision on it."

Kaeding, like other committee members, got involved with the committee to help and learn more about the University.

"I wanted to be a part of something

where I could make a difference on the campus," the junior biology major said. "By being involved with the committee, I have a direct effect on many aspects of UWF activities and organizations, and I can actually see the results of my time and effort."

DeFreitas, a junior business management major, said that being on the committee helps him with his decision-making skills.

"Sometimes we are faced with certain decisions that need to be debated and carefully thought out," he said.

Teschel, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said he joined the committee simply to get involved.

"I want to know what is going on with my school and where it is going to be in 10 years," he said.

Lampo said the thing he likes about being on the committee is when he walks around the campus and sees things happening, he knows why they're happening.

"You just learn more about your campus doing this," he said. "I know a little about over 120 student organizations and how they work."

Lewis, a first year graduate student in health, leisure and exercise

science/physical education, said the hardest part about being on the committee is deciding how to allocate the different funds.

Teschel agreed. "The toughest part of being on the committee is telling yourself that you are not going to make everyone happy," he said. "You have to put all personal feelings toward the subject at hand out of the way and focus."

Last year the committee received budget requests for more than \$3 million, but the committee had only \$1.6 million available to distribute. The exact amount of funds available for this year are not known at this time.

"When an organization comes in with very high aspirations, and we just don't have the money to fund them, it's hard," Kaeding said. "When budgets come along, being on the committee becomes very stressful. It becomes frustrating because organizations come in with great ideas for programs or events, and we just can't fund it because we don't have the money."

Being on the committee has its rewards too. Kaeding said it is rewarding to see how grateful the organizations are for the money they get, and seeing what comes out of that money has its rewards as well.

"The organizations are really looking forward to providing activities to students that they enjoy putting on," Kaeding said. "Just knowing that I had something to do with an organization putting on a great event makes me happy."

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Finance Committee chair

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From the files of the UWF Police Department

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BUI-Bicycling under the influence

On Nov. 9, 2003, a UWF student crashed his bicycle into another student's car in parking Lot 24 at approximately midnight. The student left the scene of the accident on the bicycle and did not leave any information for the owner of the vehicle. The police department was immediately notified by two witnesses. Both witnesses gave an account of the accident that described how the student lost control of the bike, crashed into the car and then got up and rode away. The witnesses were able to provide a description of the offender, describing him as a white male wearing dark pants and a Hawaiian type shirt.

While one officer stayed at the scene, another officer began to look for the student by searching the campus for damaged bicycles. The search led to Building 79, where there was a Schwinn Ranger bicycle with damage to the front and rear breaks, the handle grips and the front reflector. The student was found in Building 79, where several students were complaining that he was intoxicated and disturbing them. The students stated that the male had only been there for a few minutes. The officer stated in the report that the student smelled of alcohol and that his eyes were watery. The officer took the student back to the scene of the accident, and the two witnesses positively identified him.

The student told the officer that he had been in Building 79 for some time, that he was not aware of any accident, and that his bicycle was brand new and did not have any damage to it.

The student was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and issued two citations (one for leaving the scene and another for failing to leave information following an accident). He was taken to the Escambia County Jail. He was also given a student referral. The estimated value of damage to the car is \$750.

Cruelty to Animals

On Nov. 11, 2003, a UWF police officer was called to Martin Hall in reference to an animal complaint at about 1:40 a.m.. One of the Martin Hall resident assistants said she had been awakened by a scream coming from the back patio, and she looked out the window to see a student holding a stick down on a raccoon's neck. She pounded on the window and yelled at the student to stop, then called the campus police.

Several other students witnessed the act and told the officer that they saw the student step on the raccoon and try to kill it with a stick. The student told the officer that he was chasing the raccoon off the back patio and stepped on the animal when it did not move fast enough. The raccoon started twitching, he said, so he found a stick and placed it on the raccoon's neck to try to kill it. He stated that he wanted to put the raccoon out of its misery. He said he stopped as soon as he heard the RA yelling from the window.

The student was arrested for cruelty to animals and transported to the Escambia County Jail. He was also given a student referral.

Animal Patrol was called but they advised that they do not respond to raccoon calls. The raccoon died at approximately 5:20 a.m.

Trespassing

On Nov. 14, 2003, a non-UWF student was issued a trespassing warning for the entire campus after he was found viewing pornography in the library. An officer was called to Building 32 after a library employee notified the station of a suspicious person in the building. The officer was informed that there was a white male on the third floor watching pornography, and that he appeared to be masturbating. The library employee stated that the suspect looked like someone who had previously been issued a trespass warning for the same offense. Two officers approached the man and asked for identification. The officers informed the man that there had been a complaint about him masturbating in public and asked him if he had previously been issued a trespass warning for the campus. The man stated that he had been issued a trespassing warning but that it had been lifted about a year ago.

The man told the officers that he was in the library waiting on some e-mails. He stated that he had been looking at pornography but that he had not been masturbating. He said that his hands were cold and that is why he had his hands down his pants.

Library officials told the officers to issue the man another trespassing warning. The man was given the warning, escorted off campus, and told that he would be arrested if he came back on campus.

Narcotics violation

On Nov. 14, 2003, two students were arrested in Martin Hall for buying and selling drugs.

A witness said she saw two males in a Martin Hall hallway. When they saw her, one of the males said "Not here, let's go in there," and they went into the stairwell. The witness entered her room and called the Martin Hall front desk to ask for assistance. An RA came to the scene and the two witnesses saw one of the males holding the plastic from a pack of cigarettes with pills in it. The RA asked the other student if he had any pills on him and the student had a prescription bottle that had the name ripped off of it.

In an interview, one of the males stated that he had been having some problems and asked the other male to sell him some of his Adderall. The other male stated that he offered some of his pills to the other male because he knew it would help him with his problems. Twenty pills were sold for one dollar each.

One male was arrested for selling a controlled substance on University property and the other male was arrested for possession with intent to purchase. Both males admitted their actions, were issued student referrals and transported to the Escambia County Jail.

Information

On Nov. 15, 2003, a student reported to the University police that he had observed two males standing near a white vehicle in parking Lot 32 handling and dry firing a handgun. The incident occurred as the witness was leaving Building 79 through the south doors at approximately 10:10 p.m. The witness described one of the suspects as wearing a reddish colored shirt. An officer searched the area for the suspect but had negative results.

'Jeopardy!' finalist shows determination

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money to get a wild card spot," Hutchinson said.

He said that he thinks competing on the last night of the first week was to his advantage because he had an idea of how much money he needed to make in order to proceed to the semi-finals.

Hutchinson competed against Heather Groggel from Concordia University and Amanda Johnson from the University of Chicago in the first round. He said Johnson was probably his toughest competitor because she had a lot of diverse knowledge. She would have won that round but she wagered too much in "Final Jeopardy" causing her to come in third place, he said.

Nine contestants competed in the semi-finals Nov. 17-19. The three winners will proceed to the two-game finals competition, which will air Nov. 20-21 on WALA Fox Channel 10 at 6 p.m. All contestants eliminated in the first week won \$2,500 and all contestants eliminated in the

semi-finals won \$5,000. The contestants do not actually win the money that they accumulate through answering questions.

The competition was actually filmed on Oct. 3 and 4 at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Hutchinson has only told his family and close friends about how he fared in the finals.

Hutchinson said that keeping it a secret has been especially hard, especially now that the program is airing nightly.

"A lot more people are asking me now," he said. "I'm still trying to keep a lid on it."

Several of his close friends and family know the outcome, but they are also trying not to spoil the surprise.

Freshman Danny Gonzalez met Hutchinson at the beginning of the semester and lives below him in a South Side residence hall. Although the two are friends, Gonzalez said he does not know the outcome and he has been watching nightly.

He said every night a bunch of Hutchinson's friends get together with their brainy friend to watch the show. They watch the show

every night even when Hutchinson is not competing, and they try to answer the questions before the contestants.

Gonzalez said he thought it was funny when, on occasion, he would blurt out the correct answer before Hutchinson. He said it always made him feel great whenever he could beat the "Jeopardy!" kid.

With the competition nearly over, Hutchinson said he will be glad not to have to keep the secret. At this point, he is assured of placing in the top three, and will take home at least \$15,000.

The first place winner will receive a minimum of \$50,000 in cash, a \$50,000 scholarship for the winner's school, a specially designed trophy and a brand new Volvo S60R. The second place winner will receive a minimum of \$25,000, and the third place winner will receive a minimum of \$15,000.

Gonzalez said he wouldn't be at all surprised if Hutchinson came home with the trophy.

"He's really smart," Gonzalez said. "I wouldn't doubt it if he won."

Happy Ramadan

"A month of fasting in Islam."

The Muslim Student Association invites you to join 1.5 billion people around the world in breaking the fast during the Holy month of Ramadan.

A video presentation of:

"Islam a Closer Look" Fri., Nov. 14th
and
"The Creation of the Universe" Fri., Nov. 21st

will take place in the UWF Commons Cafeteria, Bldg. 22 at 5:00pm, sharp.



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