

Leo vetoes IFC recommendations

Eliminates day care funding, proposes increase for AD

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ASUO President Greg Leo sent the 1973-74 incidental fees budget back to committee late Thursday night after vetoing five program budgets and conditionally vetoing 12 others.

Among the five outright vetoes, Leo proposed four programs—the Child Care and Development Center (CCDC), Migrant Labor Project, Canterbury Center and Action Now—be completely eliminated from incidental fee funding.

The fifth outright veto—the Incidental Fee Committee's proposals of funding the University's Athletic Department \$135,000—was turned down by Leo with the suggestion the program needed \$15,000 more than the recommendation.

Leo and members of his cabinet discussed the IFC recommendations until 9:30 Thursday night. However, the ASUO President said the final decisions made were his.

"In this process, the final responsibility for making decisions on incidental fees is the president's. Although I conferred with my vice president, the final decision rested with me."

Leo said his recommendations should trim

some money from the \$952,444 budget submitted to him by the committee last week.

He said he had informed Randy Shilts, chairer of the IFC, of his decisions and would meet with the committee sometime today to discuss the vetoes.

The committee could override Leo's recommendations with a 4-1 vote. Anything less than that would approve the president's proposals.

The ASUO president said his conditional vetoes "are all negotiable between the executive and the committee. They are programs we have some questions about on the basis of the level of support suggested."

Of the twelve conditional vetoes, Leo said funding for five programs—the Erb Memorial Union, Search, the ASUO Housing Office, the International Education Center and the Oregon Daily Emerald—should be increased over the levels of funding originally suggested by the IFC.

He suggested budgets for four other programs—MEChA, the Native American Student Union, the Oregon Prisoner's Coalition and the Gay Peoples Alliance—should be decreased.

The remaining conditional vetoes—for the Black Student Union, Graduate Student Council and KWAX—were for IFC recommendations which needed redefinition, Leo said. He said figures submitted to the executive for the BSU and GSC didn't add up and needed clarification.

Of the programs in the incidental fee budgets, recommendations for the Child Care and Development Center have already created the most controversy. After the initial proposals for their program were made by the IFC, representatives of the program—adults and children—conducted a protest in Leo's office.

The president said his Thursday night decision to eliminate ASUO support for the program "was by far the hardest decision in this budgetary process."

"There's no question about the intrinsic value of the program. It's just a question of who's to pay the bill for day care. I really feel day care is a pretty good thing. But the service benefits only a few students and costs all of the students. I had to look at which programs benefit the most students."

Leo said the possibility of receiving federal matching funds was very low and the ASUO couldn't support the program on its own.

"Funding day care should be the responsibility of the University and other levels of government—like the county and city. Money from those areas should fund this very vital program."

The other three programs suggested for elimination from the incidental fee budget—Action Now, Migrant Labor Project and Canterbury Center—"are not really student-directed programs," Leo said.

"I feel the funds we have can best be used by student programs. The benefits of these three are directed away from the campus. I would rather see the money going into areas that are pointed at the campus," he said.

Leo said the recommendation to increase the

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Absentees stall bill on marijuana

SALEM (Special) — A lack of committee members stalled passage of a bill which would legalize private use and possession of marijuana at a Thursday night meeting of the Joint Alcohol and Drugs Committee.

Three of the five house members attended the meeting — enough to pass the bill — but the legislators who attended said they wanted all committee members on record as supporting or opposing passage of the bill to the House floor.

The bill (HB 2003), which removes all penalties for private use and possession for up to eight ounces of marijuana, is considered a politically dangerous bill to support.

But a majority of committee members indicated Thursday they plan to vote to send the bill to the House floor "with a do pass" recommendation.

Committee chairer Rep. Steven Kafoury (D-Portland) announced that a committee meeting "around my desk on the floor" will be held at 9:25 this morning "to pass the bill out."

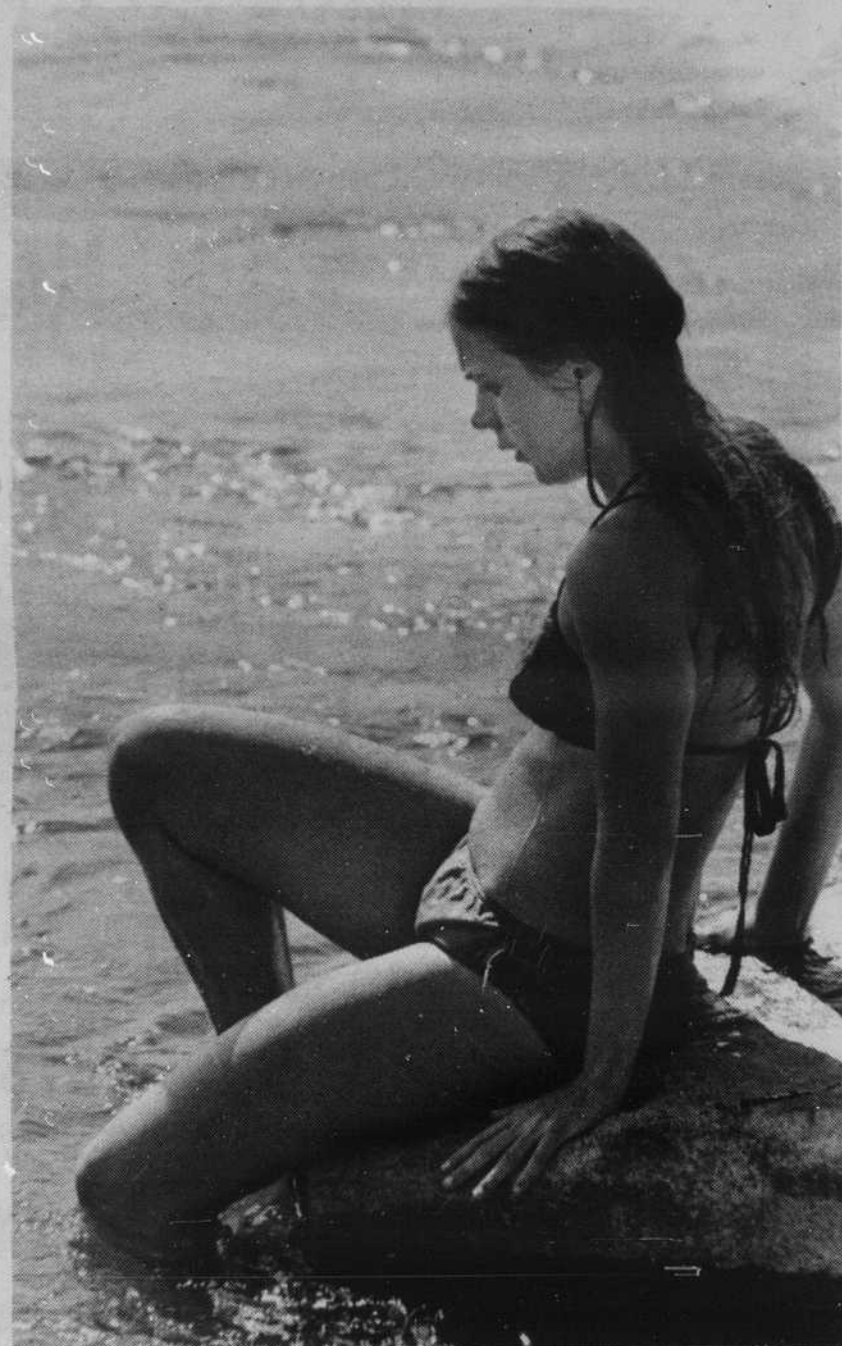


Photo by Jacques Beteinber

University student Connie Rogers may have resembled a famous statue Thursday, but she was really only trying to soak up a few of the sun's rays before plunging back into the Willamette River.

Kitties litter kiddies sandboxes at Westmoreland

Children's sandboxes used as cat litter boxes at Westmoreland student housing project are driving frustrated parents to action.

According to a small group of angry mothers, cats and dogs are running rampant in violation of Westmoreland's no-pet policy. The objections against pets by Diane Wearne, Linda Loder and Carol Hanika, residents of Westmoreland, were voiced in a petition circulated by the women to find out how many residents shared their complaint.

The sudden surfacing of dissatisfaction was triggered by certain problems, according to Hanika. "We are so tired of kids playing in sandboxes used by cats. A small child tends to eat anything. Besides the dangerous disease and infection likely to spread, it stinks so bad," said Hanika, "the kids come home smelling like cat litter boxes."

Hanika also cited a few instances of dogs living in the project who threatened to attack residents. Other causes for complaint cited are late

night noises, fleas, and cats who mar car finishes.

Of the 408 households at Westmoreland, over half were visited. Of the 233 households visited, 70 percent signed the petition calling for enforcement of the no-pet policy and 29.6 percent would not sign.

Those who refused to sign the petition gave a variety of reasons, said Hanika. "Some of the ones who didn't sign own pets," said Hanika, "and some felt that pets were the individual's responsibility." Some people just plain don't make a habit of signing petitions, she

said, and a few men responded with, "it's not that I don't like cats, but my wife would kill me if I sign this."

The petition is now in the hands of the University housing officials. Although no immediate action is pending, Gerald Bogen, vice president for student services, indicated appreciation that the complaints were expressed. Bogen said that a serious examination of the pet policy is underway. No evictions will be issued on the basis of pet ownership, however, until a definite policy decision is reached, he said.