

ASUO Committee upholds IFC

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After two hours of courtroom drama, the ASUO Constitution committee Wednesday reached a unanimous decision in favor of the Incidental Fee Committee. The Constitution Committee ruled that IFC is an ongoing year long legislative body and should be considered thus by the executive and all student programs.

"This decision," stated Steve Rhodes, chairer of the Committee, "entitles members of the IFC to salaries. However, the issue of salaries was not specifically addressed to at this time," Rhodes added.

In addition, it was decided that IFC should hold an election this term; that once money has been allocated no change could be implemented concerning the

use of that money and that the IFC's reserve accounts are valid and can be administered throughout the year.

Rhodes added, "the executive contingency fund is also valid." University law student, Don Chalmers, attorney for the prosecution (IFC) asked the court that the role of the executive and the IFC be defined. "Absolute power corrupts absolutely and the encroachment of power would lead to this," he said.

Chalmers contended that IFC is a permanent committee and should act year long. The constitution clearly extends to them, (IFC), the right of responsibility for general allocation, supervision, and expenditure of reserves not allocated during the spring term budgeting process, and specific responsibility to establish policy regarding the

expenditure of student funds by their recipients," he added.

Paul Nelson, chief administrative assistant for the ASUO and defense attorney contended that the IFC has trespassed upon executive power.

"The IFC has strictly a legislative power," Nelson stated, "and is limited to three areas: allocation, appropriation and disbursement."

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JSU members support Israel

Members of the Jewish Student Union (JSU) said Wednesday that they do not believe that the Jews Against Facism represented the feelings of the majority of the Jewish community when they expressed support of the Arab countries in the Arab-Israeli war. The JSU members said they fully support Israel's struggle for survival in the war.

The JSU voiced concern that a statement in the "In This Issue Box" on page one of Wednesday's Emerald was misleading because it tended to indicate significant support for Arab countries by local Jewish groups.

"In speaking for what we believe to be the overwhelming majority of members of the Jewish faith...we express complete, total support for the Israeli people in their present struggle against the blatant Arab aggression in the Middle East," the JSU representatives said.

Speech platform relocated

The problem of not having a free speech platform has been resolved, at least temporarily.

Because of construction of the EMU addition, the area which was formerly used as a free-speech platform is unusable EMU Director Dick Reynolds reports. The platform which is located on the north end of the EMU terrace now looks out on a vast hole that is part of the addition construction project.

Lack of a suitable platform location was brought to light earlier in the week when Arab and Israeli students approached Reynolds and requested use of the platform. To make matters worse, the public address system, which any registered student can check out and use on the platform, was stolen and another one had to be ordered.

However, members of the Student Administrative Board (SAB), which establishes policy regarding use of the EMU, met Monday and voted to establish a temporary free speech area also on the EMU terrace.

Board action established the new platform on the northwest corner of the terrace. It looks out

over a small grassy area and on a newly constructed sidewalk. Currently a thin snow fence blocks this area off from the regular sidewalk, but Reynolds says physical plant employees will remove it.

In addition, the EMU has borrowed another public address system from the library's audio visual department, said Reynolds.

Use of the free speech platform has always been unrestricted, he said. "People can say what they want to say so long as they respect the rights of others who have opposing views," he said.

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