

# IFC fund requests — 'more reasonable'

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Requests for Incidental Fee funding have been generally more reasonable during this year's hearings than they were at last year's, according to second-term Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) member Bill Dick.

This year the requests for funds totalled approximately \$1,230,000, about \$49,000 less than the total request for last year. This request still reflects an increase over the \$1,106,901 that was actually allocated last year for the 1974-75 school year. It is also higher than the recommendation

from the ASUO executive, which asks for an allocation of \$1,090,904.

If the allocation schedule recommended by the ASUO was followed to the letter by the current IFC it would result in a decrease of about 1.5 per cent in the incidental fees paid by each student during next year's registration. Such across-the-board copying of the ASUO plan is, however, rather unlikely, according to IFC member Kevin Farrell.

"There are some things you have to realize about the (the ASUO's) recommendations," said Farrell. The ASUO's proposal of zero IFC funds for Child Care

lightened the recommendation by \$73,000. Farrell said that allocating the entire amount would "bankrupt" the IFC, but he expects the IFC to grant Child Care some amount of incidental funds. He also noted that the ASUO's recommendation that the Athletic Department (AP) receive \$137,000 (last year the AD asked for and got \$150,000, this year it asked for \$165,000) was based on the premise that students would be granted 3,660 seats in Mac Court. The IFC would like to have seating for 5,000 students, and according to Farrell will not accept fewer than 4,000 student seats under any conditions.

"Our first priority is to keep the Incidental Fees down to \$23 per term: a zero increase" said Farrell. To accomplish this, he estimated that the IFC will have to cut "about \$125,000" from the total request. He said that the second priority is "to insure that the same degree of quality is maintained for the remaining programs."

Procedure for the deliberations concerning fee allocation will be worked out Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the EMU. The deliberations will be held May 5 through May 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 in the EMU. These meetings will be open to the public, but procedure for public input will not be decided until the May 4 meeting.

## Liberty challenges local unions

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"Faculty does not unionize because they have concern for student interests. I don't believe unions have education in mind because that is not their purpose," says ASUO President Robert Liberty in reference to his challenge of local unions to publicly state student roles in collective bargaining.

Liberty said that he is not opposed to collective bargaining, yet he would expect "the same opportunities for student participation as we have now" to continue or increase in the future. Unionization at other campuses has departed from a shared governance theme, leaving students with no administrative voice, he said.

Student positions in decision making have multiplied in recent years with rep-

resentatives participating in the University Senate and various faculty and departmental committees. "Everything that the students have gotten, the students had to fight for," says Liberty.

"Collective bargaining could leave us with nothing," Liberty added. Concern for student participation rights prompted Liberty to issue a challenge directed to faculty unions, the administration, and the State Board of Education in a two page ASUO-paid advertisement in Wednesday's *Emerald*.

The statement called for a public response from union and administrative officials, stating the formal student role in bargaining at the University. The ASUO Executive informed local unions of the challenge before its publication, leaving a three week span between issuance of the statement and the May 14 response deadline.

"Thus far, unions have not been candid with us," says Liberty. Lack of response will indicate no student role in University governance.

A recent article appearing in *Oregon Week*, the University publication for faculty and staff members, accused students of lining up with management in regard to unionization of faculty and classified employees. Liberty's response re-affirmed the ASUO's primary responsibility to the students.

"I am a little bit surprised that the AFT (American Federation of Teachers) should expect the students to pay for a service and then support a strike that will deny them that service," he said. The ASUO Executive will issue a statement this week regarding its position on the possible OSEA strike of University classified employees.

## Bernau's issues...

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Bernau is presently attempting to push through the University Senate a mechanism which, according to him, will improve the school's teaching performance. The proposal calls for a faculty-course evaluation to be filled out by every student of every class during a term, and to be used heavily in promotion and tenure.

He plans to set up SPATRAC (Student Promotion and Tenure Review Advisory Committee) for next year and to gain student participation on the Dean's Advisory Committee, "so we can have direct influence at this level."

Other objectives of Bernau include more visibility and involvement in ASUO programs, reconstruction of the student conduct code and system, a computer card at registration to poll students on issues and their preferences for committee participation, and an ASUO job placement program.



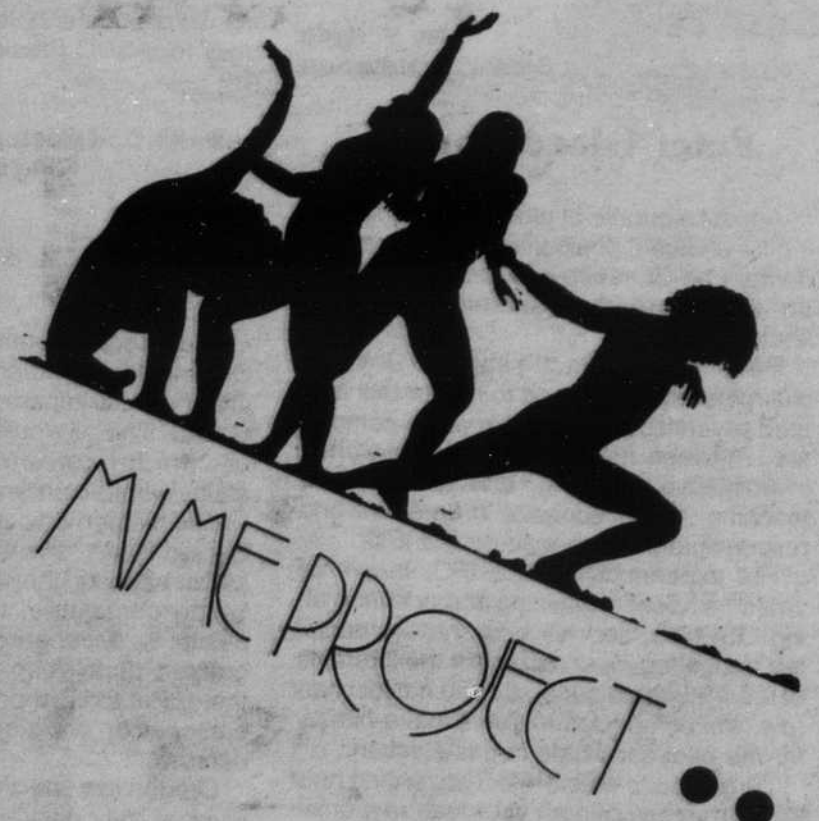
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