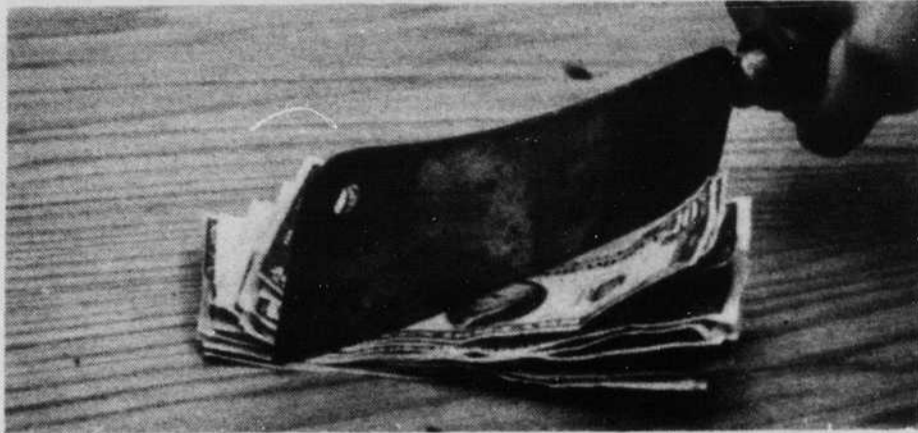




Once again the ASUO has the opportunity to let the students know the latest from its EMU offices. Here is "ASUO Reports" #3 . . .



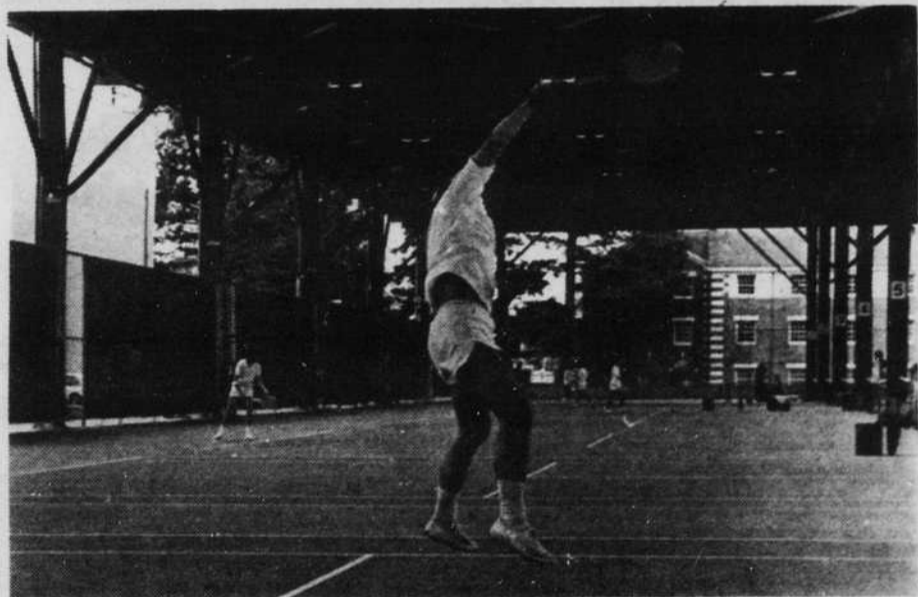
ASUO BUDGET GOES TO IFC

The ASUO budget is complete.

The budget, which took six-weeks to prepare, will now go to the Incidental Fee Committee.

This year's budget was the subject of a new process called Budget Counter Budget. Programs and agencies turned in their budget to the executive. Each group had the opportunity to meet three times with an executive tag person and to re-work their budget proposal. "It's a more personal approach," said ASUO Vice-President Jim Davis. "With the Budget Counter Budget process we had the opportunity to draw up a budget that is fair to each program."

Incidental Fee Committee hearings are the next step in the process. The final allocation should be ready by April 19. The final budget will be on University President Boyd's desk by May 14.



DORMITORY FUNDS

The ASUO will file charges against the Oregon State Board of Higher Education Monday for illegally using dormitory reserve funds to build tennis courts. It is hoped that the students will be able to achieve lower dormitory rates or improve service to dorm residents by regaining these lost funds.

The ASUO and student plaintiffs are charging the State Board with violating its own rules by taking funds reserved for the dormitories and using them to build tennis courts for general University use. By doing this, the students say, dormitory rates have been artificially inflated. The students are asking for the return of the \$435,000, interest on the funds, court costs, attorney fees and expenses, which will come to nearly \$3/4 million.

Susan Higinbotham, plaintiff in the suit, said, "The Board's action forces me to conclude that the welfare and rights of dormitory residents, as tenants, were not taken into consideration when it made this funding decision."

According to ASUO Administrative Assistant Mark Cogan, the State Board of Higher Education had been given thirty days in which to offer a satisfactory settlement, but did not agree to one. Cogan said, "Apparently they do not consider that our case is supported by law. Given this impasse we have no alternative other than to go to court." Cogan added that the ASUO officials will be willing to sit down with the State Board.

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

Students will have the opportunity to research, prepare and discuss issues pertaining to consumers of Oregon higher education and receive credit spring term. Positions are now open on the ASUO Legislative Advisory Board. These people will assist the ASUO in defining its program for the 1977 session of the Legislature. Advisory Board members will be able to serve as student lobbyists to the Legislature by working in this area.

Seven positions will open on the Advisory Board. Issues covered will include tuition, financial aid, collective bargaining, tax credits for school

expenses, housing, child care for students and student health. Study Group members will help put these projects for the 1977 Legislature.

Those interested may apply in Suite 4 of the EMU or contact Mark Cogan or Gill Thomas for more information at 686-3724.



NATIVE AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM

The U of O Native American Student Union will present a symposium Feb. 27 dealing with difficulties that Indian students have encountered at the hands of the University of Oregon administration over the past three years.

The major problem centers around the Administration's control of minority educational funds delegated by federal and state sources. Members of the organization contend this constitutes discrimination, and have been seeking means to change the situation for some time. The focal point of the symposium will be to try and discover workable solutions to this conflict.

The day's events kick off at 9 a.m. with a general Indian education meeting in the Forum room of the EMU. Among the guest speakers slated to appear are Richard Wilson, foremost authority in the field of Indian education; Robert Bojorcas and Charles Wilkinsen, investigating tribal termination specialists, and Art Bensell, a tribal chairman fighting for health and education benefits for his people from the federal government.

The program then moves to the Native American Long House, located at 1606 Columbia St., where University Pres. William Boyd is scheduled to deliver an introductory address to the Oregon Community Panel on Indian Higher Education between 1-2 p.m. "Indian time," that is, when everyone arrives.

A potluck dinner follows at 5:30, with the festivities concluding with a Pow Wow dance beginning at 7:30.

All events are free, and interested students are welcome and urged to attend.

MAIL-OUT BALLOTS

The polls are going to the people.

This year the ASUO plans to mail out ballots for the spring general elections. By doing this, it is hoped that a greater number of students will become involved in the decision-making process. Also, by involving more students, the ASUO hopes to gain a voice in collective bargaining negotiations.

ASUO President Jim Bernau hopes that an increase in student participation will show legislators that the students can run on the basis of student desire. "The mail-out procedure has the potential for providing this and may be the final persuasive argument leading to the creation of a third independent collective bargaining unit—students," says the student executive.

A presidential candidate's booklet listing issues and collective bargaining position will be mailed to each student along with a general ballot. The ASUO will provide postage-paid envelopes in which the students will return the ballots.

Bernau hopes to see a 50 percent response to the spring elections as opposed to the 8 to 10 percent response in previous elections. It is also hoped that the ASUO will use the mail-out system for other student activities.

The system is still in the experimental stages. Filing for ASUO offices opened Wednesday.

COURSE BOOKLET

The ASUO Course Information booklet will be available between March 10 and 12 in the following locations: Suite 4 of the EMU, Oregon Hall and the Bookstore. Students should take only one copy as the supply is short.

Spring Term's booklet will be much more complete due to faculty legislation. Each faculty member must furnish the information so all classes will be represented. Another new innovation is the inclusion of book lists and costs.

Student selection of classes is much like shopping. With this in mind the ASUO has renamed the booklet "The Consumer Guide to Class."

The ASUO wishes to thank all faculty and students who have helped with this project.