

Greeks sweep IFC posts

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All but two members of the newly-elected seven-member Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) belong to Greek organizations, arousing controversy over the Interfraternity Council's election endorsement methods. Six of its seven IFC choices, as well as both EMU Board members, were elected in last week's ASUO general election.

Paul Bartel and Steve Schmunk are not fraternity members but received the Interfraternity Council Endorsement Board's (ICEB) support, while top vote-getter Gary Feldman was not endorsed but is a fraternity member. Committee members Dave Tyler, Doug Benson and Steve Herlocker all belong to fraternities and Janet Eggleston belongs to a sorority. Each received ICEB backing; furthermore, victorious EMU Board candidates Mike Budd and Don Steele both received council endorsement. Budd is a fraternity member.

Winning and losing candidates alike agreed the endorsements had an enormous impact on the election's outcome. Former IFC member and defeated candidate Doug Albares, however, charged the endorsements were "not very well thought out." He said ICEB never bothered to contact him or fellow candidate Mary Gillan.

ICEB member Jim Dulcich admitted the board only talked to "80

per cent" of the candidates. He said the board "pretty much had an idea" of where the uncontacted candidates stood on the issues.

Albares claimed he and Gillan weren't contacted because they support the University's Child Care and Development Center (CCDC). Albares is a former CCDC executive, while Gillan's children attend the center. He said the endorsement board was opposed to student funding of CCDC and somehow this became a crucial issue.

Albares' sentiments were supported by CCDC director Wanda Venturacci, who criticized ICEB member Steve Beard, who is also EMU Board chair, for "coming down on an EMU program."

Beard agreed he and "most Greeks" are opposed to student funding of CCDC but denied those feelings affected the board's endorsement decisions. He said ICEB simply backed the candidates they felt would be most sympathetic to the Greek system. He said it's easier to justify fraternity financial requests made in the spring to people who understand the Greek system.

"I admit we were probably wrong in not talking to everybody," Beard said. But he also said ICEB knew who it was going to endorse beforehand.

Beard said ICEB didn't endorse Feldman because he voted against the interfraternity council's budget request last year.

He added he was not disappointed Feldman won. "We expected Gary to win anyway so we thought we could help someone else (with an endorsement)," he said.

The fraternities weren't attempting a "power-play," Beard said, but student apathy made it appear that way. The ICEB printed small white cards with a list of endorsed candidates and distributed them to fraternity and sorority houses.

Albares said he watched groups of students marking their ballots while looking at the endorsement cards. "There is nothing unethical in the way the fraternities rallied support," he said. "I only wish other groups would have had the same energy."

ASUO Vice-Pres. Jamie Burns predicted working with the new IFC, which controls \$1.3 million in student funds, will be "fun and interesting." He said the new committee seems to have a slightly more conservative bent than the previous one but added, "people are too quick to stereotype; they forget the committee is composed of seven individuals with different ideas."

Fraternity member and one-time ASUO presidential candidate Mark Powell said Greeks involved in University politics don't take their Greek life into the political arena. "They vote their conscience on the issues," he said.

The previous IFC included three women, two of whom were minority representation on the new committee and only one woman.

The IFC met Sunday and elected Feldman as chair and Tyler vice-chair. Janet Eggleston and Doug Benson were named IFC representatives to the EMU Board.

Feldman says the IFC will have a double impact this year. "We will stress optimal student input and familiarity between IFC members and the ASUO-funded programs," he says.

Slim win retallied

Former Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) member Mary Gillan challenged the ASUO General Election results Friday. Gillan posted a \$20 bond for a recount after she lost an IFC seat to Steve Herlocker by only four votes.

The election recount tallied Sunday confirmed the accuracy of the original count: 293 votes for Herlocker and 289 for Gillan.

In another side of the election, the ASUO Elections Court sanctioned three more candidates for election rules violations Friday. The three candidates failed to turn in campaign expenditure forms by deadline.

Candidate Gary Gamer, who lost in the general election, was sanctioned for 60 hours of social work with an ASUO agency with which he is not currently affiliated. Noting that this was Gamer's second election violation, the elections court ruled that he must complete the sentence before "ever becoming an ASUO candidate again."

EMU Board member Mike Budd and freshman class president Mark Henderson must each serve a 40-hour social service sanction with the same specifications before Nov. 19.



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Oregonians know I have a short-fuse when it comes to public officials attempting to torpedo our progressive attempts at orderly land use planning.

One legislator who has refused to knuckle under to pressures by those who desire to pillage and plunder for profit is Rep. Mary Burrows of Eugene.

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