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Can you dig it?

Penny Stewart and Dale Taylor, director of University grounds, begin planting one of 300 centennial trees that will be distributed throughout campus. According to Taylor, the University has owned the trees since last year, but they were not planted until now because of the drought.

IFC funds vets program, votes down NASU bid

The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) voted Wednesday night 6-1 to fund the University Veterans Association (UVA) with \$37.70. The money will be used to pay for mailing a letter of invitation to all student-veterans at the University to inform them of the Oregon Veterans Civic Council which the UVA will be hosting March 30, 1978. Janet Eggleston dissented.

In other business, the IFC voted 1-6 not to fund Phi Beta Lambda, a new organization on campus for \$50 to put out brochures.

According to the committee's criteria, the IFC does not usually provide funding to start a new program in the middle of the year. Doug Benson cast the affirmative vote.

The committee also voted against a \$194.54 line item change for the Native American Student Union's phone bill, which was \$90 over its budgeted amount.

Proposals

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increase. There is no income limit so the rich get the same as the middle class.

"The assumption behind the president's program is that somebody earning \$100,000, or even \$40,000 a year doesn't need help," said Fidanque.

In Oregon, the two plans have met with varying receptions.

U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Eugene, said, "I strongly support Pres. Carter on this." He is asking college students to write him about their extent of need and preferences in receiving relief. Weaver said he would forward all responses to the appropriate congressional committees investigating the plans.

The Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) has come out in favor of the Carter plan. According to lobby director Robert Liberty, "The lobby's position is that we'll support extension of the existing programs rather than tax credits."

Liberty says this stand against the tax credits was prompted by inadequate allotments per student, the regressive nature of the plan, and its expensiveness and inefficiency.

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The Carter program is "the best means of assisting middle income background students and their parents with the rising costs of higher education," according to Liberty.

The OSL is sending letters to Oregon's congressional delegation in support of the Carter plan over the tax credit proposals.

"What's working against the Carter plan and for the tax tuition program is that it's an election year and the congressmen always like to bring home a little goodie to their constituents," said Liberty.

"It is more politically acceptable for parents to get a tax credit, than for students to receive it in the form of welfare," pointed out Liberty.

Paul Olum, the University's vice-president of academic affairs, said the tax credit plan is generally believed to benefit middle income students, while extension of the existing program is aimed more toward relieving the burden on lower income families. Either way, Olum said the University welcomes any actions that will "get the dollars to the students needing them."

Time running out for ERA, says women's rights group

The Eugene Commission on the Rights of Women reaffirmed its recommendation to the Eugene City Council Tuesday night requesting that no city staff

or elected officials use city funds for travel to conventions or other functions in states that haven't ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

While pushing for this recommendation Commission Chairer Sarah Lichtenstein said, "time is running out for the ERA. We believe that the people supporting it should put their money where their mouth is."

A public hearing on the request will be conducted by the city council, Monday night at 7:30.

The women's commission also decided at their meeting how to "organize the most cogent argument for the City Council on the ERA boycott."

The planning will include possible testimony from the National Organization for Women, the Oregon Political Women's Caucus and other women's organizations, as well as testimony from the committee itself.

If adopted, the boycott will become effective as soon as possible and will remain for one and a half years.

Household violence topic of conference

The Coalition for Battered Women will hold a Conference on Household Violence, Friday through Sunday at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St. This conference will examine what has been done, what is being done and what can be done to stop household violence.

Information, skills and strategies will be shared in workshops. Topics to be examined in workshop sessions include funding for shelter homes for battered women, organizing a shelter, Oregon laws, child abuse, crisis intervention and counseling techniques, men's awareness and counseling and advocacy for rape victims.

Housing and child care will be provided for conference participants. Friday evening snacks, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch will also be provided.

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