

Analysis

Feldman calls EMUB 'terrible'

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Editor's note: This is the second of a four-part series evaluating the ASUO executive, Incidental Fee Committee and EMU Board.

What could have been an effective group turned out to be a "terrible" one, says ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman of the EMU Board (EMUB).

"At first, I had high hopes when looking at the personnel of the EMU Board at the first of the year," Feldman says. However, his expectations were not met, he says.

The function of the EMU Board, according to the ASUO constitution, is to plan long-range goals and policies for the building. The EMU Board consists of a director, elected student members, appointed student members, faculty members and EMU administration members.

Feldman says the potential given the group through the constitution and the EMU Board's separate governance

document is much more than board members have accomplished this year.

EMUB Chairer Dusty Rhodes says some of the Board's problems stem from lack of participation.

"Because we've had so many vacancies this year, it's thrown much of the responsibility onto me," Rhodes says as just one student, he can't respond to many of the problems.

"Barry (Pilip) and I carried most of the load this year. The rest of the board has been there and willing to help, but somehow most of the work got shuffled off to us."

Yet Rhodes says the group has made several accomplishments this year. He cites the new Space Allocation Subcommittee that he hopes will efficiently distribute office space to all ASUO programs.

He also mentions a thorough budgeting process as a plus. "I wanted a more readable document than in past years," Rhodes says. He says this year he got one.

Another Board member, Janet Eg-

gleston, who is also an Incidental Fee Committee member, calls the Board "incompetent."

"Every single person on that Board is incompetent. I hate to pull my punches on them like that, but I have to," says Eggleston.

Asked if she was also incompetent, Eggleston replies that "in terms of my EMU function, yes. We operate in a vacuum. Everybody's afraid of stepping on toes."

Eggleston continues that the Board "shouldn't exist because they have no power. They can change where people's offices are. Big deal."

One complaint of both Eggleston and Feldman is that since incidental fee money runs about half of the EMU, the Board should either have more control over EMU operations and salaries or the University should foot some of the bill.

Both agree that the latter would probably be more appropriate. "My leanings are to recommend zero funding for many positions that should be funded by the University," says Feldman.

University Pres. William Boyd, however, has the final say on the EMU budget and no doubt wouldn't go for the recommendation, Feldman says.

Rhodes says he's "down on the idea of anything students pay for, that they run it too," and that he's not "going to dictate how the EMU is run. It is a University department."

"The EMU is a professionally staffed and operated part of the University. What makes Gary think he's so capable of running the EMU?" asks Rhodes.

Rhodes continues that "we are students first. We're not here to be EMU Board members or ASUO president." He claims the Board's "major problem is finding people willing to work."

Yet, EMU Director Adell McMillan finds the group "very effective." She says they are able "to make long range policy decisions about the direction of the Erb" quite well. She says she gets good Board input on such diverse areas as the food service, major remodeling and budget construction.

IFC hikes ESCAPE budget 15 percent

After more than an hour-and-a-half of discussion, about 50 members of ESCAPE cheered as the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) approved their 1978-79 budget of \$18,070.18 Monday night.

Of 37 line items, voted on individually only the Director in Training program and a request for some office furnishings were ve-

toed.

The Director in Training program would have paid the incoming director, before taking office, while learning the job.

One of the ASUO's largest programs, ESCAPE, received \$2,406.60 more than last year, or a 15 percent increase.

ALERT, the handicapped stu-

dent organization, had a double hearing to decide on program goals and budget figures. The accepted goals were to maintain a social political organization to represent handicapped students and to promote social advocacy through lobbying, the disabled Oregon games and SEARCH classes.

The group was given \$3,344.60

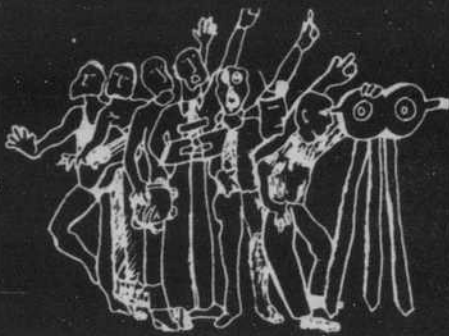
of the requested \$4,175.40 for those goals. The SEARCH classes were not funded through ALERT's budget, but instead the committee said they would include the classes' cost in the SEARCH budget.

The Gay People's Alliance was awarded \$2,806.68, with the money allocated for events held on reserve for IFC allocation when

the events are definitely scheduled.

After only general discussion, the IFC gave SEARCH \$7,110.82 and Women in Transition \$525.

All of the Survival Center's budget was unanimously approved. The group received \$9,000.20. The Food-Op's budget was approved as requested, for a total of \$10,875.



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