

Off the Wally

IFC inconsistent

I imagine it must be very difficult to divvy up over \$1 million fairly and without incident, especially here on campus where tempers tend to flare and biases seem to surface during the Incidental Fee Committee allocation process. But in watching the current IFC in action, it appears their biggest problem is not fairness, but consistency.



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The IFC began the process with the stated intention and goal of keeping the budget increase to five percent. It's hard to quarrel with a goal like that; in the face of declining enrollments and the resulting lower amount of money to disburse, setting an outward limit is an intelligent thing to do.

But making a mockery

of it is another thing. The "goal" of the five percent limit has been, at best, injudiciously applied in some cases and grossly ignored in others. The best example of this is seen in allocations to two of the bigger groups requesting funds — the Oregon Daily Emerald and ESCAPE. The Emerald, which had not asked for an increase last year, asked for a seven percent increase this time around and received five percent, supposedly because of the IFC's concern of limiting budget growth. At first, this action seemed consistent with earlier budget hearings.

Then came ESCAPE's request, an increase of \$2,406.60 — 15 percent — from last year.

The action shows inconsistency sneaking into the IFC hearings. Suddenly the five percent limit has become somewhat less than iron-clad. IFC member Jeff Warren said at an earlier meeting that he thought the five percent growth limit shouldn't "strictly apply to all programs" but instead that the whole budget should be kept to that figure. And member Dave Tyler said at the same meeting that the figure was sometimes used as a "cop-out" in cutting program budgets. What kind of criterion is that?

Whether the budget will, indeed, be held to five percent is also beginning to become questionable. The IFC has paid little attention to the recommendations by the Executive, which feature small budget increases or else cuts. Overall, in fact, the Executive recommendation for the ASUO Governance and the programs was a 5.9 percent decrease. This does not include the Athletic Department or the EMU budgets, which make up a big portion of the budget. But so far with the programs, the IFC has generally given more than the Executive recommendation, as in the case of ESCAPE the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

How much use ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman plans to make of his veto power remains to be seen. Although he says the IFC is doing OK overall, he has expressed concern over its inconsistencies. At the rate things are going, chances are Feldman will have to make at least some vetoes to correct the inequities of the IFC allocations.

Duck Soup

Oregon Daily Emerald



"I don't think your parents buy this living together idea."

opinion

Unrest continues in Iran

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At the request of His Eminence Said Kazem Shariatmadari, His Eminence M. Reza Golpaigani and other prominent religious leaders inside Iran, Iranian people held a religious observation on Thursday March 30, 1978, on the occasion of the 40th day of the martyrdom of hundreds of innocent people killed in Tabriz on February 18, 1978 by the Shah's police.

People were requested by all religious leaders to hold their religious observations in a peaceful manner in the mosques across the country. But in the most places, people's religious gatherings were interrupted by the usual presence of numerous SAVAK agents and their provocation of people such as attacking them, during their rites and religious observations. In Azerbaijan Mosque in Tehran, for example, more than 10,000 people gathered to listen to Mehdi Bazergan, former Managing Director of the National Iranian oil company which was nationalized before the Shah's push to power by the U.S. CIA, former President of the Technical Faculty of the Tehran University, one of the co-founders of the National Resistance Movement, later on one of the co-founders of the Liberation Movement of Iran and the author of scores of socioreligious books and articles.

SAVAK's usual instigation interrupted this gathering; therefore, like every other place across

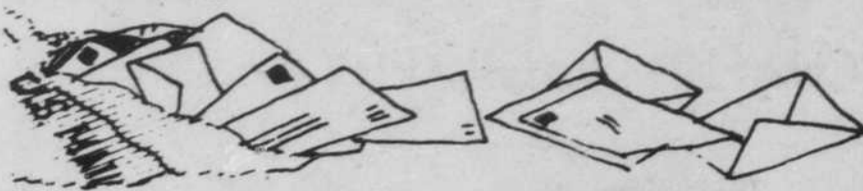
the country, people were forced to leave the mosques and move on to the streets. Bitterly angered by SAVAK's instigation, they attacked some of the government buildings, head quarters of Rastakhiz Party, Bank of Imran (owned by Pahlavi Foundation), Bank of Saderat, theatres, etc.

Although government-controlled media in Iran reported that only two people in Yazd and one in Qazvin were killed, direct reports from Iran as well as reports from international human and civil rights organizations represented by Marjorie F. Cohn from U.S. and Nuri Albala from France sent by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, indicates that at least 12 people in Yazd and many more in Qazvin, Isfahan, Zarand, Mashhad, Shiraz and Rezaeieh have been killed by the Shah's brutal police.

Such massive social unrest in the entire Iran, according to many observers inside and outside of Iran, is caused by the economic chaos, political instability and moral corruption of the Shah's regime, whose bloody and violent record writes his home at the top of the list of tyrants of the history of mankind. People of Iran, in conjunction with Imam Khomeini's call, demand the abdication of the Shah.

The Muslim Students Association hopes that information presented to the American people through such International observers is enough to encourage them to take an active position against the current U.S. policy in Iran, with the specific aim of avoiding another Vietnam.

Letters



Torture Ridge OK

As the race director of Torture Ridge, I must express sympathy for Pat Lambert, who described her poison oak experience in Wednesday's Emerald. However I'd like to correct some misconceptions her letter may have created about Torture Ridge.

Firstly, poison oak does not grow "almost everywhere along the trail." Over half the course is on pavement or earth roads, so the dreaded weed does not grow there. Also runners will be pleased to learn the section of the course known last year as "poison oak alley" was recently flattened and widened by fire trucks, thus reducing the poison oak risk greatly. In fact I have run the course three times since March and have suffered no poison oak symptoms at all.

The fact the the writer contracted such a bad case despite

being clothed sufficiently indicates to me that she must be abnormally susceptible to poison oak. To infer that every runner will suffer in this way (or even catch it) is to do an injustice to Torture Ridge.

Intending entrants should note the advice of John Hirons, a well-qualified, local pharmacist who recently told me: "If normal persons are well-clothed and wash themselves and their clothing thoroughly after Torture Ridge, they should have no poison oak problem."

So contrary to Pat Lambert, I urge all students to join the hundreds of others already signed up for Torture Ridge this Sunday, noon at Hendricks Park. For your dollar, you'll receive a tee-shirt, food, drinks and an unforgettable experience. I call that a bargain.

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Don't believe it

We cringed when we read the report on the "Freud and Feminism" session which we conducted as part of the Women's Symposium. There is no way to straighten it all out in a brief letter but in addition to mixing up who said what the article appearing in the April 13 Emerald showed an almost total incomprehension of the session. If you haven't seen the article please don't read it and if you have read it please don't believe it.

While we are grateful to the Emerald for covering Women's Symposium events, we are frustrated and embarrassed by the article on the Freud session. Perhaps reporters should not be assigned to cover talks in areas with which they have no familiarity.

Miriam Johnson,
Assistant prof., Sociology
with two co-signers

Arrogant players

Being a Duck fan from way back, it sickens me to have to write this letter. An incident occurred

April 12 in the practice gym of Esslinger Hall which demands comment.

As is customary, two half court games were in progress. One game consisted predominantly of Duck basketball players and the other game was just a bunch of guys out for the recreation. As the Duck players finished their game they told us they were going to play full court and we would have to leave. There were at least six to eight guys playing at the time, with at least another dozen interested in playing. We refused to leave the court citing past rules of play, known to all, as our explanation.

So what did the Duck players, led by Kelvin Small, do? They began to play full court around us. Our game was ruined and we were forced to leave. If these are the types of players bred by the Duck program we are all in trouble. They are arrogant, big-headed, self-centered, selfish people who obviously think the basketball season is still in progress and they still have priority use of the courts. Ironic, isn't it, that people who pay their own way through school are denied the privileges afforded them by a few free-ride athletes.

This is not the only time something like this has happened. I've been involved in other games when Duck players, particularly, Kelvin Small, have interrupted and actually stopped play so they could get a court. But so as not to make him the only culprit other players present were; John Murray, Phil Barner, Stu Lyon, Mike Clark and Danny Mack.

I suggest that if these guys want to show their basketball prowess they wait until next season. In the meantime they should clean up their act on, and off, the court.

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