

Meeting canceled

Budget delay bogs down IFC

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The Incidental Fee Committee, with its current budget still awaiting final approval by the administration, was forced to postpone action on a number of issues Tuesday afternoon.

"There's very little we can do right now as far as additional funding for programs goes," said IFC chair Doug Benson. "We're still waiting for the administration to okay the budget."

The meeting, held in the Century Room in the EMU, saw the IFC approve a line-item transfer of \$180 within the budget of the Off-Campus Housing Office. The extra money was needed to put some glass covering over the 'rent' and 'roommate wanted' boards in the ground floor of the EMU. The IFC had originally allocated the money to OCH, but revised safety standards required a heavier glass for the boards. The glass was needed to prevent peo-

ple from prematurely removing the signs, according to Benson.

The IFC then took another \$180 from its own budget and placed it in a reserve for the OCH to cover the additional cost.

In other action, IFC members heard a request by the Amazon Community Tenants for \$500 to cover the initial costs of a day care center. Amazon tenant Nurit Steinfeld said the day-care center, just opened in September, would need the money to "guarantee operation this term."

The main cost of the day-care center, according to Steinfeld, is the maintenance of teachers to supervise the tenants' children. IFC member Dave Tyler then suggested that the tenants raise monthly tuition for the Center from \$60 to \$85 per month to make up the deficit.

Steinfeld disagreed, saying that "we think we can do it this way and provide people with a certain kind of service."

"That's a burden we don't want

to put on the tenants," added Judith Barker, another Amazon tenant.

The IFC, caught in a budget straightjacket, could only postpone a decision on the day care center, but assigned Scott Bassett as a 'tag person' to look into the situation.

Switchboard, a non-profit public telephone information service,

also requested funds to cover the cost of typewriters and telephone equipment burglarized from its office during the summer. The office, located at 454 Willamette St., lost \$3,375 during the July 28 burglary.

Tyler sympathized with Switchboard's situation, but moved that funding be delayed until the organization's loss is

tabulated. Tyler's motion passed unanimously.

The ASUO Survival Center was the last group to be heard, as Jim Stratton requested \$816 to fund a newsletter explaining environmental issues. Stratton had planned a monthly newsletter beginning Nov. 1, but budget constraints again forced the IFC to postpone a decision.

Boyd to address assembly

The University's budget will highlight University Pres. William Boyd's annual State of the University address to the University Assembly today at 3:30 p.m. in 150 Geology. Boyd's speech will be comprehensive since this is the first Assembly meeting of the current academic year.

Stanley Greenfield, professor of English and in-coming chair of the academic standards committee, will present a "housekeeping"

motion that only regular faculty members with academic, departmental or college appointments of five FTE or more be eligible to serve on the Faculty Personnel Committee.

Greenfield says that the thrust of the motion is that some administrators have faculty status and are therefore eligible to sit on a committee which evaluates faculty research, and deals with faculty promotion and tenure.

"It's a clear-cut issue," Greenfield says. The University Senate voted 36-1 in favor of the motion last week, and Greenfield expects a similar response in the University assembly.

The issue of eligibility hadn't come up when two administrators were nominated for the committee. "Administrators who do not teach or do research are not appropriate for the Faculty Personnel Committee," says Greenfield.

Helmut Plant, associate professor of German and Russian and member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Courses, will notify the assembly that a motion to adopt the committee's recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.

The Committee's report on student evaluation of courses centers on the examination and improvement of current methods of student evaluation of teaching. The report focuses on the structures and uses of various student questionnaires and makes recommendations concerning questionnaire format.

Kerans opposes tax 'Californication'

By MARK STEWART
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Supporters of Ballot Measure 6 are trying to jam a California constitutional amendment into the Oregon constitution sideways, state District 38 Rep. Grattan Kerans told a group of University students Tuesday.

Kerans, in a speech sponsored by the Student Bar Association, said that Measure 6 would shift the tax burden so individual taxpayers would be paying for services that business now pays for.

Measure 6 is the California-type measure that would limit property taxes to a 1.5 per cent increase in assessed valuation, based on 1975 property-tax levels.

"Ballot Measure 6 has a most brutal impact on 'ability to pay,'" Kerans said. He pointed out that for every dollar of business put into the state general fund, individual taxpayers supply \$6, adding that two-thirds of the property tax relief under Measure 6 would go to businesses.

Kerans favors passage of Measure 11, the Legislature's alternative to Measure 6, which provides for state payment of one-half of homeowner and renters property-tax bill each year up to a limit of \$1,500, contains provisions for limiting increases in local and state spending and freezes property values for two years beginning Jan. 1.

According to the Legislative Revenue Office, Measure 6 would provide for \$270 million in state relief to business and \$160 million to homeowners, but none to renters, while Measure 11 would provide \$240 million relief to homeowners and \$45 million to renters, but none to business.

Both measures are proposed

constitutional amendments.

"The real fraud in Measure 6 is that it provides for no local spending limit," Kerans said. "I'm offering groups \$100 cash to find a spending limit in Six, but they won't find it."

Kerans said in California, local government spending is still increasing and that the jurisdictions are finding other areas to make up lost tax revenue.

"A homebuilder used to pay about \$800 in fees through sale and occupancy of a home and in many locations now has to pay \$5,000," Kerans said. He noted that in some instances library cards that used to be free now cost \$15 per family; that monthly sewage charges have risen from \$2.80 to \$11 per month; and water charges have risen from \$3 to \$14 per month.

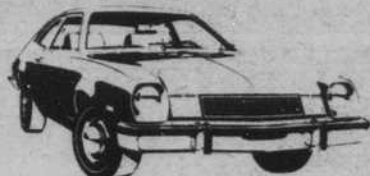
Kerans said Paul Gann, one of the authors of California's property tax limitation initiative is writing a new initiative to limit new state and local spending to the population growth and inflation.

Kerans said that Measure 6 would put local governments in "one hell of a hole," with losses to local jurisdictions estimated at \$860 million per biennium.

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