

IFC tackles EMU costs, program deficits

The IFC met yesterday to discuss program deficits and an \$84,000 problem a University official wants the committee to solve.

Ralph Sunderland, University director for management and budget, will recommend to Pres. Boyd that student funds be used to meet costs that last year's IFC purposefully or mistakenly neglected, IFC chairperson Doug Benson reported.

Benson, along with ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera and Don Chalmers, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, met with Sunderland yesterday morning to discuss funding of the EMU director's salary, EMU building and equipment reserves and EMU utility and custodial costs.

Last spring, the IFC refused to allocate funds for the director's salary. Members argued that,

since the University hired for the position, it should also pay the \$27,000 annual salary.

The University has rejected that notion, along with the IFC's refusal to pay \$35,765 into an EMU utility and custodial account.

Benson said the latter decision was reached when IFC members were unable to gain assurance from the EMU administration last

spring that funds from that account would not be used for other things.

The IFC currently budgets the EMU in one lump sum.

Both decisions are political, Benson said, and the current IFC must decide whether or not to stick by them. He explained that Boyd has the authority to use money from an ASUO special reserve account and unexpended

1977-78 ASUO program budget funds to meet the missing \$84,343 total.

A third financial problem is meeting the costs for EMU building and equipment reserves, Benson said. Neither the IFC nor the University administration remembered to assess students the necessary amount to meet this cost, which he said totaled \$21,378.



the drug corner

Each month, the Drug Information Center will present a column intended to inform the University community about today's drug technology. The Drug Corner will feature results from the DIC's drug analysis report, current news items and reader questions.

This month the Drug Corner will review the Oregon Drug Analysis Project, a free and anonymous drug testing service provided to protect students from the hazards of the "street drug" market.

Analysis of illicit substances

began in Oregon in 1972, when the ASUO funded a DIC grant to give students an alternative to human trials with drugs.

The problems faced by the consumer of "street drugs" (besides any legal considerations) make drug analysis a must. To begin, unlike the licit pharmaceutical industry, the consumer on the "street" has no assurance that the drug purchased is the drug actually obtained.

In face, the analysis project has shown that the deceit rate (the

percentage of samples with none of the alleged substance present) runs as high as 100 percent for some drugs.

Secondly, the consumer usually has no idea of the potency of the product purchased. Up until 1974 the DIC was able to provide consumer "quantitative" information regarding the percentage of the alleged substance present. Unfortunately, the Drug Enforcement Administration — fearing quantitative analysis would serve as quality control for the street market — made it unlawful to dispense such information.

The result of the DEA's action is that the consumer has only the dealer's estimate of the psychoactive dosage, which is not very reassuring when one considers the dealer usually knows little more than the buyer about the preparation's strength.

The consumer is able to obtain

quantitative results, if he or she is willing to register with the DEA, an option most find undesirable.

Finally, the consumer has no way of knowing if or what adulterants have been cut into the preparation.

The responsible consumer's solution to the hazards inherent in the street market is simple: Don't be a human guinea pig. If you decide to use illicit preparations, have them analyzed first.

To do so, dial 686-5411 and ask for Drug Analysis. A brief description of the drug being submitted will be requested and a code number issued. Then you'll be given instructions for mailing the substance to PharmChem labs. Results are usually available five to seven days after submission and may be obtained by calling the DIC and giving the code number.

Below are summarized analysis

results for September 1978.

Alleged Amphetamine: five samples submitted; actual contents as follows: one aspirin and ephedrine; one caffeine only; two ephedrine only and one phenylephrine and ephedrine. Ephedrine is used medically as a bronchodilator and a decongestant. It produces Central Nervous System stimulation as well as rises in blood pressure and heart rate. Phenylephrine is used in the treatment of low blood pressure during emergency situations. It has no effect on the CNS, but will raise blood pressure.

Alleged Cocaine: five samples submitted; actual contents as follows: one cocaine and lactose; one cocaine and lidocaine; one cocaine, lidocaine, inositol and lactose; one cocaine, mannitol and inositol; one drug detected. Lidocaine is used as a local anesthetic and has little effect on the CNS. Lactose is milk sugar. Mannitol is used medically as a diuretic and has no CNS effects. It may produce diarrhea when taken orally. Inositol is related to B complex vitamins but has not been established as a required nutrient. No CNS effects have been reported.

Alleged Cannabis Products: three samples submitted, all contained the psychoactive chemical THC and no other adulterants. PharmChem has suspended parquat testing until the problem of false positives is resolved.

Alleged MDA: one sample submitted; actual contents MDA and aphedrine.

Alleged Psilocybin: one sample submitted; actual content, no drug detected. Psilocybin mushroom season is near and next month, the Drug Corner will feature tips on stalking the wild and elusive magic mushrooms.

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