

# Where they stand . . .

The expansion of the Incidental Fee Committee to a 20-member board would be a major goal of **Mohammed Abdullatif**, a graduate student majoring in linguistics.

"There should be a greater representation of interests on the IFC," says Abdullatif. "For example, the athletic department gets a lot of money from the IFC, but no one from the athletic department is represented."

Abdullatif approves of the IFC tag person system, but feels the committee should have more than one person studying the various programs. He "doesn't know enough yet" about funding for Greeks, and feels that the IFC has no business determining whether commuter students should be able to petition for some of their fees back.

**Scott Bassett**, an incumbent on the IFC, says he will stress "consistent allocations" of IFC money and "credibility" if re-elected this year. Bassett, a junior majoring in business, will take a hard stand against funding of the EMU director's salary and is happy with the present tag person system, but would be open to a random selection of tag people.

Bassett supports funding for both minority programs and Greeks, but justifies greater minority funding because of greater activity and special activities such as guest speakers. Bassett also stresses the importance of "funding programs similarly."

Bassett says the plans to make the budget-making process more open to the majority of students, through the use of advertising. He also plans to print an ASUO program available to all students.

**Perry Buck**, a first-year law student at the University, hopes to cut the IFC budget through an "even, proportional reduction." Buck would uniformly lower the total budget to save money.

Buck says the budget is too high, and adds he would closely examine the costs and benefits of each program if elected. He does favor funding for Greeks, and is against supporting rush with IFC funds. Buck would fund minority and other programs on the "basis of membership and activities."

Buck sees the tag system as workable, but promises to be flexible. Despite favoring some budget cutbacks, Buck doesn't favor commuters to petition for the return of some of their incidental fees, because "pretty soon a lot of people will be bailing out."

**Wayne Bush**, a sophomore pre-journalism major, encourages the funding of a wide variety of programs to "encourage diversity." Bush favors funding for both minority groups and Greeks, and also favors retention of the current tag system.

Bush says programs should be evaluated not only on current activities and goals but also on past accomplishments. Nevertheless, he favors trimming some of the IFC budget, feeling that "there are some areas that can be cut."

**Kevin Chambers**, an undeclared sophomore, has gone from what he says is "zero to complete involvement in student government."

Chambers says most involvement in the University comes from the minority programs and supports funding for these groups. Chambers adds that Greeks, with their service to the University, also deserve funding.

Chambers is skeptical of revising the tag system, fearing a reduction of interest in the IFC. He also admits that some belt-tightening will be necessary soon, especially in the face of declining student enrollment.

"A desire to see that programs are available to students" provided **Jay Donaldson** with a reason to enter the IFC race. Donaldson, a junior majoring in political science, says the EMU Board, not the IFC or the EMU administration, should control unexpended surplus money in the EMU.

Programs should "show their benefits to the student body," he says, adding that he "hopes to increase general participation in programs such as Black Culture Week."

Donaldson believes fraternities "offer a valuable alternative" to students and should be funded, but is unsure about the tag person system.

IFC incumbent **Janet Eggleston**, a junior majoring in economics, hopes to end some of the problems in the tag system by introducing a random assignment of tag persons, thus eliminating the danger of personality clashes within the budget-making process.

Eggleston says the "cultural enrichment offered by the minority programs cannot be measured in dollars," and favors continued funding to these programs. She also favors support of fraternities and sororities.

After more than one year on the IFC, Eggleston says her biggest contribution has been her work on the EMU Board. She adds that her greatest weakness has been a failure to communicate effectively with some of the minority programs.

**Debra Ehrman**, a second-year law student, says she is qualified for the IFC through her position as the law school work-study business officer. She feels that the EMU deficits should be covered at the discretion of the EMU administration. Ehrman views the EMU as "a coordinated whole."

Ehrman says she is running partly because graduate students are under-represented in student government. She says she will work to fund minority programs because the University "shouldn't come off as a WASP school," and views Greeks with those same criteria. She feels the tag system should try to "avoid abuses" but she is unsure about an alternative.

**Clark Harris**, a junior majoring in political science, probably one of the more politically active candidates this year, has served as a volunteer coordinator for ASUO during the summer and currently works on Jim Weaver's campaign for re-election in the Fourth Congressional District.

Harris would support minority programs because they "provide a sense of identity" to minorities and "benefit the community as a whole," but is unsure about funding Greeks. "I would have to look at that (funding for

## IFC hopefuls answer with views on issues

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Every year, members of the Incidental Fee Committee spend about \$94 of each student's tuition payment. They have the responsibility of allocating over \$1.5 million to 55 programs at the University, as well as determining the goals for these programs.

Areas funded by the IFC include the EMU, the Oregon Daily Emerald and part of the athletic department budget, as well as ASUO programs such as Search, ESCAPE, the Survival Center and others. Seven members serve on the IFC, all for one-year terms.

The prospect of determining funding for all these programs has attracted 21 candidates to the IFC this year. Primary elections will be held Nov. 1-2 in order to reduce the number of candidates to 14. This will be followed by a general election on Nov. 8-9, which will determine the new committee. Absentee voting is being held today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Suite 4 of the EMU.

Following is a summary that examines some of the salient features of each candidate's views on important issues for the IFC during the coming year.

Each candidate responded to a variety of questions concerning the EMU budget, funding for minorities and Greeks, problems with the tag person system whereby each IFC member is assigned to do an in-depth study of seven or eight programs in order to determine whether the programs are using their money wisely. All candidates were asked the same questions.

fraternities and sororities) more closely," says Harris. He would formulate his priorities on the basis of the "educational value" provided by each program.

**Bill Nelson**, a junior majoring in literature who was appointed to the IFC during the summer by ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera, is impressed by the "unrealized potential" of student government.

Nelson agrees that "no one program serves everyone," but says programs should "show the IFC on the basis of need that they need the money." He favors funding for both minorities and Greeks. He also favors retention of the tag system, though he concedes there will be some personality clashes in the budget-making process.

Nelson says he "is not very keen" on the EMU's continuing deficits, and advocates renovations to increase business in the revenue-producing areas, for example the Fishbowl.

**Robert Pahl**, a sophomore majoring in computer science, says "the IFC is spending a lot of money, and I want to have my say in how it's spent." Pahl believes the IFC should be able to control surplus money in the EMU, and favors the tag person system. He feels programs should be funded on the basis of involvement by the student body, and that each program should outline its accomplishments during the budget review process. Pahl favors the funding of both minorities and Greeks, and feels that the latter should be

increased "because they are a large part of the campus."

Pahl promises to try and hold down expenses, believing "that there are some programs that are overfunded." He would closely examine the results of each program.

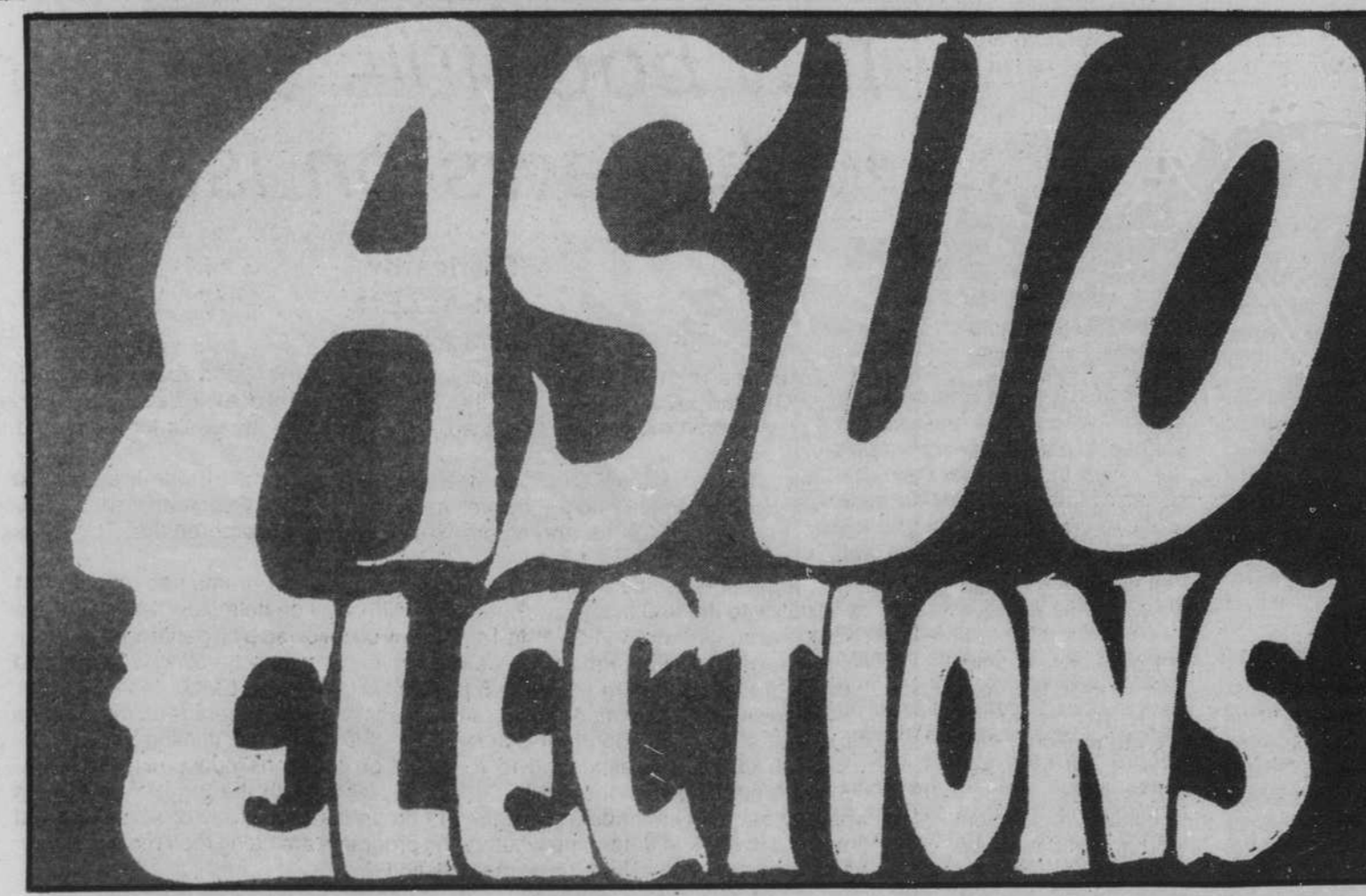
"Minority students should get all the funds they need," says IFC candidate **Ron Rawls**, a senior accounting major. However, Rawls concedes it is "hard to find out the benefits of a lot of programs."

Rawls says fraternities and sororities are funded too heavily, and doesn't think they should receive "too big a chunk." He is unsure about the tag system, but feels all deficits within the EMU should be covered by the EMU administration, especially "if there is a need." Rawls also "seriously questions funding for gays."

**Dusty Rhodes**, the current EMU Board chair views the IFC-funded programs as competing, though he believes it is "possible to reflect in the allocation of IFC money the interests of all the groups." Rhodes, a senior majoring in finance, views minority programs in two extremes: as "behaving like private social clubs and also as having 'outreach' to the entire student body."

Rhodes would support the Greeks on the basis of serving as an alternative form of living. He advocates keeping the current system in the IFC for major programs only.

Rhodes says "there has to be an increase" in the total IFC budget, in order to accommo-



date a growing number of programs. He also says unexpended EMU money should be returned to the IFC.

**Harry Ricks**, an undeclared junior, favors the use of questionnaires during registration to determine what students really want from IFC programs. Ricks' major criterion in funding would be the programs' value to students. He says the programs "should be there to support student needs."

Ricks supports the tag system, but will try to avoid situations in which IFC members are assigned to "pet programs," and backs funding for Greeks on the basis that they are "very active in the University."

Ricks would also try to rescue the EMU's deficits by introducing more "money-making areas, where people will come in and spend more money." He adds that surplus within the EMU should be turned back over to the IFC.

**Maria Rojo**, a senior CSPA major, says she has entered the race for the IFC because she believes it is important to represent minorities on the IFC. Rojo says the IFC "should have a say" in the EMU budget controversy, and "doesn't want the total budget to go up anymore."

Rojo believes there are "a lot of special interest groups that are necessary and valid," and numbers both minority groups and Greeks among these. She "hasn't given any thought" to the tag person system, but feels it "should be looked into."

"The benefits of student programs can't be measured in terms of dollars and cents," says IFC candidate **James Ross**, a junior majoring in accounting. "But, the money should go where the IFC wants it to go."

Ross feels that "sometimes too much money is allocated to minority programs, and he feels the same way about fraternities and sororities. He would oppose funding for rush and other Greek activities. He backs the tag person system, believing that "someone has to be able to look at these programs in depth." His budget-setting criteria would be based on the number of students receiving the benefit, and he feels that "certain minorities shouldn't receive benefits."

**Rocky Schatz**, an undeclared sophomore, feels there is "not enough emphasis on the relationship between minorities and other students." Schatz supports funding for these groups as well as Greeks. He terms the latter as a "very active group in the University."

Schatz feels the tag system is "very poor," and would strive, if elected, to assign at least two people to each program. He doesn't feel a double tag person system would strain the committee's effectiveness, because the committee "isn't as busy for large parts of the year." He also criticizes the budget criteria of the IFC, believing that each program "has to have a worth to a significant group within the student body."

**James Schroer**, a first-year law student, would take an affirmative action standpoint if

elected to the IFC.

"The minority students have less advantageous backgrounds than many students," says Schroer, who believes in greater funding of these programs. However, she is opposed to funding of Greeks.

"I don't believe the IFC should pay for the furtherance of someone else's social activity," she continues. Schroer believes the tag system needs "some more controls, such as a screening process." Otherwise she feels it is effective. In other issues, she supports IFC control over surplus EMU funds, and backs the Planned Program Budgeting System.

**Ricky Lee Smithrud**, a sophomore accounting major, thinks it's time the IFC "takes its job more seriously." Smithrud says the IFC "shouldn't play politics" with programs, but wants to treat all programs as special interest groups. He classifies both minority groups and Greeks under this heading.

Smithrud wants to develop a system in which "people know their duty on the IFC," and advocates the printing of a handbook for all IFC members. He believes the present budgeting system is the most equitable in that it forces the programs to evaluate their goals each year.

**Rich Vranizan**, a sophomore business major, believes IFC money should be funded to each program on the basis of the number of people involved. He is satisfied with the current overall funding level, but fears it "can get out of hand."

## Straw vote to be taken

The ASUO has added a new dimension to its election process this fall.

In addition to casting ballots for Incidental Fee Committee and Student University Affairs Board candidates, students may get a jump on the rest of the state by voting in a straw ballot.

This straw ballot is designed to determine student opinion on a variety of state measures and political races, and will be included with each ballot during the ASUO primary.

Five statewide ballot measures will be included in the straw ballot. They are: Measure 6, which limits property taxes to 1.5 percent of assessed property value; Measure 11, the Legislature's property-tax revision, which reduces property taxes by as much as 50 percent for homeowners and renters only; Measure 7, which prohibits state expenditures, programs or services for abortions; Measure 8, which would reinstate the death penalty for first-degree murder; and Measure 9, which would prohibit public utilities from charging consumers for construction costs of new facilities until such property is providing service to customers.

Two political races will also be on the straw ballot, including the contests for the Fourth Congressional District seat and governor. In the Fourth Congressional District race, incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver faces Republican challenger Jerry Lausmann, while incumbent Democrat Bob Straub battles Republican Victor Atiyeh for governor.

"I would allocate funds by not allocating the minority programs so much," says Vranizan. "Also, I don't believe the Interfraternity and Panhellenic should be funded for rush." He would fund these groups for activities such as the Greek Week of Giving, however. Vranizan opposes funding of the EMU director's salary, because "the personnel is run by the University."

Vranizan feels the tag system is workable. "If we don't find out about each program, what can we do?" asks Vranizan. "We have to go over everything."

**Steve Wenzel**, a first-year law student, sees a "real danger" in the tag person system. He advocates a non-tagging system, with the entire IFC closely involved with each program.

Wenzel is "very much in favor of retaining" funding of minority programs, classifying them as special interest groups. He opposes funding for fraternities and sororities and questions the value of rush to the University. He favors the present budgeting system, which is a variant of zero-based systems, and believes that unexpended EMU funds be returned to the IFC for reallocation. Wenzel opposes allowing commuters to petition for return of their money, saying it would create "a floodgate effect."

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