

# IFC approves funding to hire lobbyist

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The Incidental Fee Committee voted unanimously Thursday to help fund a full-time lobbyist who will work on the problem of student access to course evaluations at

the University.

The committee set aside \$1,000 from its unallocated reserve fund for the lobbyist and approved line item transfers of \$1542 and \$1600 from the respective budgets of the ASUO and the Student University Affairs Board. The lobbyist's budget thus totals

\$4142 for five months.

"We're tired of waiting around," said IFC chairperson Janet Eggleston. "It's time to put our money where our mouth is, and try to win this fight in the legislature."

"I'm very pleased," said ASUO vice president Jeff Warren, who is now in charge of hiring the new

lobbyist. "The IFC has taken some constructive action here."

"Unfortunately," added Warren, "some people will assume that the action by the faculty on Wednesday (in the University Assembly) in passing the Holbo-Greenfield amendment will create a legislative conflict between students and faculty on money issues. Hopefully, this won't be the case."

"This flippant action by Holbo and Greenfield and the faculty has created unnecessary tension. We will do all that we can to insure that this conflict does not damage the U of O's budget request in the legislature."

The IFC, however, faced with an ever-shrinking unallocated re-

serve fund, had some decisions to make even before any money was even allocated. Committee member Dusty Rhodes moved that the ASUO's request for a lobbyist be placed first on the agenda, ahead of several other programs.

"It comes down to a matter of having a limited amount of money," said Rhodes. However, the rest of the committee decided to stay with the predetermined agenda and Rhodes' motion failed 5-1.

In other actions, the Committee turned down the Chinese Student Association's request for \$460 to fund a group trip to British Columbia for the Pacific Northwest Chinese University Students' Conference later this month.

## Center plans fund-raising

The Amazon Child Care Center will hold a fund raising sale this Saturday at the Edison Elementary School. The sale features new and used toys, plants, art work, games, clothes and Christmas cakes and cookies.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will buy equipment and pay for general expenses. The center depends on fund raising projects and parent co-oping to keep the child-care tuition at a minimum.

Parents interested in low-cost, high-quality care for their two-and-one-half to six-year old children should contact the center at 2227 #1 Patterson or call 343-2432 or 343-3616.

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An hour-long meeting between U. S. Reps Al Ullman, Bob Duncan and Jim Weaver resulted in a recommendation by those three and Rep. Les Aucoin that Attorney General Jim Redden and Bend attorney Owen Palmer be appointed to the federal bench.

Weaver had strongly supported Frye and now says he has an "absolute commitment" to include the woman judge's name and list of candidates to replace U.S. District court Judge Otto Skopil. Skopil is under consideration for the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Weaver says including Frye's name on the list is tantamount to appointment, should Skopil vacate.

The decision on the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court appointment, however, will be made by an independent judicial panel, selected by the U. S. Department of Justice, rather than by Oregon's four congressmen.

Frye declined to speculate about Skopil's seat, but is pushing hard for one of the two vacancies she knows is available and considers herself a viable candidate despite the congressmen's recommendations.

Indeed, Governor Bob Straub wrote Carter two weeks ago endorsing Redden and Frye, but not Panner. Frye says Straub's letter came as a surprise to her. Oregon women's groups are strongly pushing for Frye, reminding Carter of his campaign promise to appoint qualified women to federal positions.

Frye says she would take a mix of liberal and conservative viewpoints with her to the federal bench and would show that conservatism most as a trial judge.

"First of all, for trial judges, it is not proper to be making law. The reason our democracy is successful is it's the Legislature that makes law."

Frye says judges do not hear the debate that legislative bodies get. She describes the situation of a lone trial judge making law as "tyrannical."

"I know that some of the great social issues of our time have been decided by the courts," Frye says, citing the U. S. Supreme Court's abortion decision.

Frye says this is because the Legislature and Congress put the courts in a difficult position.



Helen Frye

For example Frye says she is embarrassed to sentence people for marijuana possession. "Thousands and thousands of reputable people are using marijuana. What are we supposed to do?" she asks.

She calls on the Legislature to either legalize and regulate marijuana or make the penalties so stiff that people will not use it.

Frye calls sentencing people one of the hardest functions of a judge. She disputes those who say the penitentiary has no rehabilitative qualities.

"Forty percent of them change their lives. They come out and don't go back," she says. For the others, the penitentiary at least protects society, she says.

However, Frye thinks the courts should be lenient to young offenders. "As a mother, I think of youth as a baby robin flying out of the nest. They don't always do it gracefully." That is why the judiciary system is generally lenient with youth, she says.

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