

IFC rejects Herrera's OSPIRG veto

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The Incidental Fee Committee budget allocations ended with an argument Tuesday night when ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera's veto of OSPIRG's budget was overridden 6-1 by the committee.

Herrera vetoed the IFC's allocation of \$41,700 to OSPIRG and set a new level of \$31,275 for the program.

The dispute rose when committee members tried to set a new level of funding for OSPIRG between its original allocation and Herrera's proposal. The IFC did not have the five votes needed to

override the veto and uphold \$41,700 as the final budget figure.

"I don't think the IFC should make special allowances for any program," said Herrera, noting the committee didn't try to suspend regular rules for any other vetoed program budget.

"Rules and regulations must apply to all programs or you're making a mockery of the rules you have," he told the committee. "You just can't bargain with a group."

"We have to come up with a solution and get rid of this bullshit," said IFC member Harry Ricks. "This is a compromise. I think \$41,700 is too high

and \$31,275 too low."

When the committee called IFC member Kevin Chambers, who was sick at home with strep throat, to OSPIRG's veto hearing, Herrera said the action was "totally unfair" to the four programs heard earlier.

IFC member Scott Bassett pointed out the votes on the other programs weren't as close.

After two hours of bickering, IFC members Ricks and Rocky Schatz, who were uncomfortable with the original allocation and Herrera's figure, buckled under pressure and voted to override Herrera's veto, setting OSPIRG's budget

at the original \$41,700.

"I'm tired of all this talk," said Schatz, "so I'm going to vote for \$41,700." Ricks agreed.

In other veto action, the IFC overrode Herrera's vetoes and upheld its earlier decisions to fund a director for the Amazon Community Tenants and allocate \$1,728 to the Crisis Center for work study staff.

Herrera's recommendations to zero-fund a director for the Graduate Student Organization for the School of Community Service and Public Affairs and to boost allocations for ASUO executive staff salaries by \$2,310 stood.

Chicanos

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transients, newcomers and low-skilled laborers, requires social services such as interpreting, job placement and bilingual education.

Mano Hernandez, board chair and a University law student, says "the cultural and social aspects... develop naturally around a stable community. Getting our share of the jobs in the community is our main goal."

"Economic independence is the name of the game right now," he adds. Sifuentez echoes his concerns, and says the center wants economic independence for itself as much as for its clients.

Hernandez says there is a need for "hard skills" in the Hispanic community which is not fulfilled by the University. He says the Chicanos need more doctors, lawyers, health workers and other professionals.

"I don't think we can afford the luxury of liberal arts degrees," he says. "Students go through higher education programs and at the other end they're still dependent on the benign attitude of the employer."

This may be one of the reasons there are only about 25 Chicanos at the University, he says. It's also one of the reasons he became involved with the center.

"I became very disillusioned with the lack of concern for the Chicano community the University had displayed," he says after his involvement as an undergraduate with a minority program later phased out by the administration. He says the University should try harder to guide minorities into fields from which



Mano Hernandez

Photo by Keith Allen

they'll benefit.

ChAC is currently looking for alternative fund sources to replace the CETA grants it presently relies on. Sifuentez says it receives \$75,000 in funding, which pays staff salaries.

This "makes it hard for the center to have any continuity," says Sifuentez. "We constantly have to worry about getting cut back or cut entirely," and the center's staff has expanded and shrunk several times with its budget.

Although the center now operates

with a paid staff of eight, Sifuentez remembers when it was run by only two volunteers. His first involvement with ChAC was as a client looking for employment. When the director's position later opened up, he applied for the job.

Job placement is one of the center's most frequent services. Sifuentez sees "a big increase in the Chicano population over the next couple of years," and employment will be a primary concern. Right now ChAC offers referral services and counseling for job-hunters, and maintains contacts with employers. But its main goal is to develop an independent source of employment.

With that in mind, ChAC is planning a minority-owned corporation called "Sierra Verde, Inc." which will be operated and controlled by members of the Hispanic community.

Sierra Verde's main goal will be to create jobs for Chicanos while giving management training, teaching people how to operate cooperatives and allowing Chicanos to invest in shares of the business.

The corporation will be involved in reforestation, brush-clearing, thinning and slash removal — work that fits the skills of most Chicano job-seekers, Hernandez says. In the future it may expand to housing construction and solar energy installation.

The corporation will have an administration contract with ChAC for bookkeeping, payroll and similar functions, according to Sifuentez. A board of

directors will be chosen from the general community. After it and the crew forepersons are selected, ChAC will seek out investors, share holders and a crew.

"We won't be concerned so much with turning profits as with creating new opportunities for employees," says Hernandez, who has been working closely with the project since its conception last year. "That's the main difference between ours and other corporations."

He adds that "employees will maintain a high degree of control over the affairs of the business" and will be encouraged to compete with the corporation by starting enterprises of their own. The end result, ideally, will be a self-perpetuating source of jobs and training for the county's Chicanos.

But it won't solve all problems. ChAC will continue to answer daily demands for cultural events, relief to needy families, and interpreting and translating.

Lamadrid says "the overwhelming majority of associations in town don't have anyone on their staff who is bilingual." The center receives calls almost daily from the food stamp office, the county referral and crisis center, the courthouse, the police station and virtually anyone else who does business with Spanish-speaking citizens.

ChAC is "one of the only agencies in town that can help someone in a hurry," he says. And for the county's Chicanos, Hernandez adds, "It's the only game in town."

Women's Symposium tackles education

Here's the schedule for today's Women's Symposium events, all of which are in the EMU:

9:30 a.m. Women in Christian Religion, Room 108; SALT II and Peace: What it Means to Women, Room 101.

10:30 a.m. Interpersonal Group, Room 111.

11:30 a.m. Polarity: Awareness, Energy and the Mind, Room 109; Women against Nukes, Room 110.

Noon Theater performance, Dad's Room; Sex Education Books for Children, Forum Room; The Allegiance Between Women, Workers and the Armed Left in Iran, Room 101.

1:30 p.m. Women in Prison, Room 213; Abortion and Sterilization, Room 109.

2 p.m. Natural Family Planning, Room 108.

2:30 p.m. Battered Women: Violence Behind Closed Doors, Room 110; What's your Mask? A Multicultural Approach to Education, Century A.

3 p.m. Abortion and Civil Rights, Room 108.

3:30 p.m. Battered Women, Room 110; Women in Preparation to be Herself, Room 214.

4 p.m. Experimental Theatre Workshop, Room 113.

4:30 p.m. The advantage of Deafness, Room 101.

5:30 p.m. Sexual Harassment on the Job, Dad's Room; Self-Management in a Crisis Illness, Room 109; Special Education: Mother-Child Relations, Century F.

8 p.m. Women's Role in the

Political Movement, EMU Ballroom. Films: Antonia: Portrait of a Woman, 7 and 9:30

p.m.; The Eleanor Roosevelt Story, 8 p.m.-177 Lawrence, \$1 admission.



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Pie hurler not arraigned

A University student charged with assault after he allegedly threw a shaving cream pie at a Gay People's Alliance member last week left Eugene Municipal Court free and without an arraignment Tuesday because no formal complaint had been filed.

However, a complaint will still be filed against Paul Hanson, Oregon Daily Emerald

says the GPA's Bill Dunlap, target of the pie. The arraignment action was delayed when confusion over when to bring the formal complaint arose.

Judge Frank Bocci said the complaint could still be filed and asked Hanson to return to court for arraignment should that occur.

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