

RCYB: Houston trial a crime

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Members of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade said at a Tuesday press conference that they will not accept the Friday conviction of the "Moody Park 3." The RCYB labeled as a "crime" the conviction of the three individuals, charged under the felony riot act for their involvement in the Houston Rebellion last May in Houston, Texas.

Jonathon Draper said that the press conference, "like the actions of the Moody Park 3, is probably illegal." The RCYB was suspended two weeks ago as a recognized campus group, but faced no harassment Tuesday while speaking on the EMU terrace.

However, members apparently were denied access to the Free Speech Platform public address system by the EMU Board. The PA unit is available to University students and staff with adequate identification, although exceptions may be made by the board, according to EMU regulations.

Travis Morales, a Chicano

steelworker, and Mara Youngdahl of the National United Workers Organization were found guilty Friday of inciting to riot. Their felony convictions resulted in five years probation and fines of \$5,000 for Morales and \$4,000 for Youngdahl.

Tom Hirschi, a member of the Houston RCYB, was fined \$1,000 and found guilty on a misdemeanor charge of inciting a riot.

Houston police arrested the three, along with 47 others, May 6, the day after the annual Cinco de Mayo festival — the Mexican day of independence.

Thousands of Chicanos had gathered in Moody Park for the festivities, but the recent verdict in the murder of Jose Campos Torres, a 23-year-old Houston Chicano, had put a damper on their spirits. A federal court of appeals had found that three of the six police officers charged with Torres's murder "had violated Joe Torres's civil rights," and gave out one-year sentences, which were then suspended, and \$1 fines.

Torres's death was the sixth known death of a Chicano attributed to Houston police from 1977 to 1978.

The Eugene RCYB called the



Photo by Keith Allen

Renee Draper, a member of the Eugene Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, spoke to a sparse crowd Tuesday about the conviction of three Houston, Texas residents for their participation in an uprising against police last May.

"Moody Park 3" trial the most significant political trial in years, and vowed to "stand with, and fight for" the freedom of the three Houston revolutionaries.

"The people will never forgive or forget the railroading of

the Moody Park 3 and will never forget the lessons burned into our hearts of the true class nature of capitalist justice and the necessity to bury this whole damn system," RCYB member Renee Draper said.

IFC replaces ex-chair Eggleston

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The Incidental Fee Committee elected Rocky Schatz Tuesday to serve as its chair until a new chair can be elected in the fall.

Schatz replaces Janet Eggleston, who resigned Thursday hours after submitting a late and unbalanced IFC budget to ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera.

IFC member Kevin Chambers, 1979-80 ASUO vice president for administration and finance, said the committee over-allocated \$1,600. Chambers and IFC member Dusty Rhodes re-calculated and rewrote the IFC's final budget.

Herrera has ASUO constitutional authority to finish writing the budget and bring the figures within the 7 percent increase limitation.

"There's going to be some changes," Herrera said. "There's no doubt about that."

"Janet has made us all look bad by missing deadline," Herrera said, adding that the delay has caused the ASUO to miss its University budget deadline also.

The committee also discussed a charge by Rhodes that Eggleston received \$70 for meal and travel allowances the committee never used.

According to Rhodes, Eggleston filled out a travel advance Jan. 11 for an IFC conference at the Oregon

College of Education in Monmouth. Eggleston requested money for transportation (\$10) and meal allowances for six members for two days at \$5 apiece (\$60) — all of it unused, Rhodes said.

Eggleston said in a phone interview before the meeting that she wrote a check for the unused money and had it deposited in the IFC account.

"It sounds like Dusty is trying to get back at me," she says. "It's entirely political. I screwed up on the budget, and they're trying to take advantage of it. All I want is to have people leave me alone."

Rhodes said that the EMU has no record of a check from Eggleston, but he added that fiscal statements wouldn't be

completed until the end of the month. Rhodes said Eggleston turned in another statement March 29 detailing the travel expenses.

The committee voted to ask Eggleston for a copy of the check. If she fails to produce the check or a copy the committee will ask Eggleston to pay back the \$70.

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