

Ex-ASUO president moves to Carter staff

Before former Portland mayor and ex-ASUO Pres. Neil Goldschmidt can officially become secretary of the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Senate must confirm his appointment.

But before the Senate can act, the FBI must compile a background file for the senators' scrutiny.

Tuesday morning, FBI agents were at the University looking for information on the 1962-63 student body president. Agent Byron Eden said the bureau is putting together a file on Goldschmidt, as it would on any Supreme Court or Cabinet appointee.

The agency wants to confirm Goldschmidt's graduation from the University, find out what his former professors thought about him, and check his record as ASUO president.

A part of that record includes a letter Goldschmidt wrote to the Emerald during his campaign for ASUO president, shortly before the spring student body election.

One paragraph in the April, 1962

letter states, "You (the student body) must select a man capable of disagreeing with any individual or groups of individuals when such a disagreement is necessary to protect the interests of the University" — a statement of the kind of independence that Carter took exception to in his Cabinet purge.

Goldschmidt, Portland's mayor until Pres. Carter's appointment Friday, succeeds the ousted Brock Adams as transportation secretary. In announcing Goldschmidt's new post, White House press secretary Jody Powell said the mayor "has established a transportation system in Portland which is nationally recognized."

The former Eugenean and South Eugene High School graduate persuaded the Portland City Council to abandon \$200 million worth of interstate highway projects in favor of comprehensive mass transit programs. The programs include improvements in the city's bus service and construction of a 14.2-mile light-rail trainline from the city

to the suburb of Gresham.

Pres. Carter, who hopes to convince Americans to switch from private cars to more energy-efficient mass transit, said in a statement after the appointment that "Mayor Goldschmidt is known as an aggressive and innovative mayor with outstanding administrative abilities."

The selection of Goldschmidt ended Carter's upset of his Cabinet staff, an upheaval that began almost three weeks ago when the president requested the resignation of all 12 department heads and then accepted four of those resignations.

The 39-year-old Goldschmidt was elected mayor of Portland in 1972. He was 32 at the time and the nation's youngest big-city mayor. He was re-elected in 1976.

Goldschmidt graduated from the University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He also graduated from the law school at the University of California at Berkeley.



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Neil Goldschmidt

IFC approves fund transfers

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The Incidental Fee Committee unanimously approved a request by the Survival Center to transfer \$1,572 from its current budget to cover deficits from last year Tuesday night.

Alan Contreras, director of the Survival Center, asked the committee members to approve the fund transfer gathered from money allocated to 13 line items in the center's budget ranging from office supplies to energy issues.

Contreras then asked the committee to reimburse the center for \$113 spent on Sun Day activities last May. Contreras said Ramon Herrera, the 1978-79 ASUO president, told the Survival Center that the ASUO executive office would pay for Sun Day expenses.

"But he (Herrera) did not carry out his commitment when it came to paying the bills," Contreras said, adding that the

center needs the money for next year's Sun Day.

Contreras also asked the committee to give the center \$200 in a reserve fund earmarked for Earth Week and Sun Day activities as well as any other "serious shortfalls" the center may run into.

IFC member Dusty Rhodes told Contreras that his request was premature since Sun Day and Earth Week are months away. The committee then denied Contreras' requests.

The committee also appointed Rhodes to explore legal ways to retrieve funds allegedly "embezzled" from the IFC earlier this year by Janet Eggleston, the 1979-80 chairer.

Rhodes said Eggleston received more than \$70 in travel and food advances for the IFC early this year that were never used. Eggleston claims she put the money back into the IFC account, but, Rhodes says, the EMU administrative office has no record of Eggleston putting the funds back.

ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett asked the committee to "think about" requesting the University administration to set aside 10 percent of the total unexpended incidental fees for 1978-79, estimated to be about \$56,000, in an emergency reserve fund for ASUO programs.

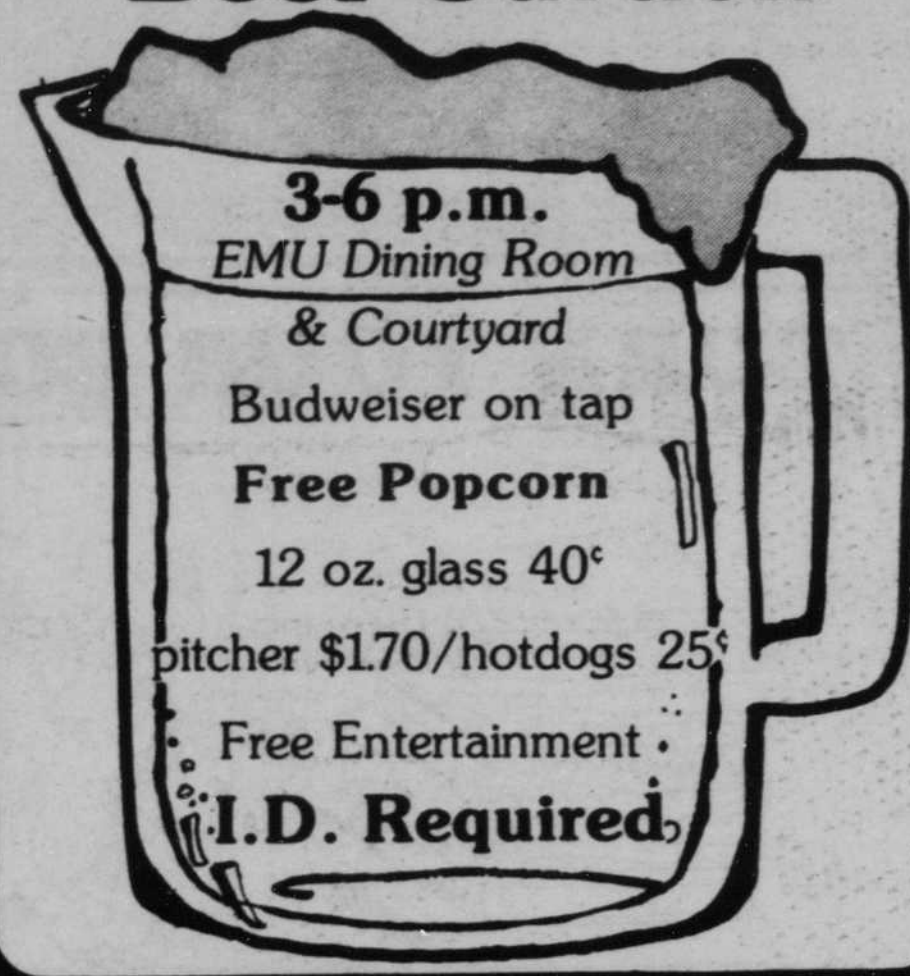
Rhodes said the request would be "a tremendous change in IFC policy" since unexpended fees have traditionally been used to offset any incidental fee increases.

"I'd rather see the money go towards lowering the incidental fee than going to programs," he said. "There are really no emergencies that can't be dealt with in a program's budget or through the IFC reserve fund."

The committee approved a request from Jackie Banks, director of the Black Student Union, to transfer \$150 from the BSU's Black Odyssey account to pay a small stipend to two volunteers currently assisting Banks in the BSU office.

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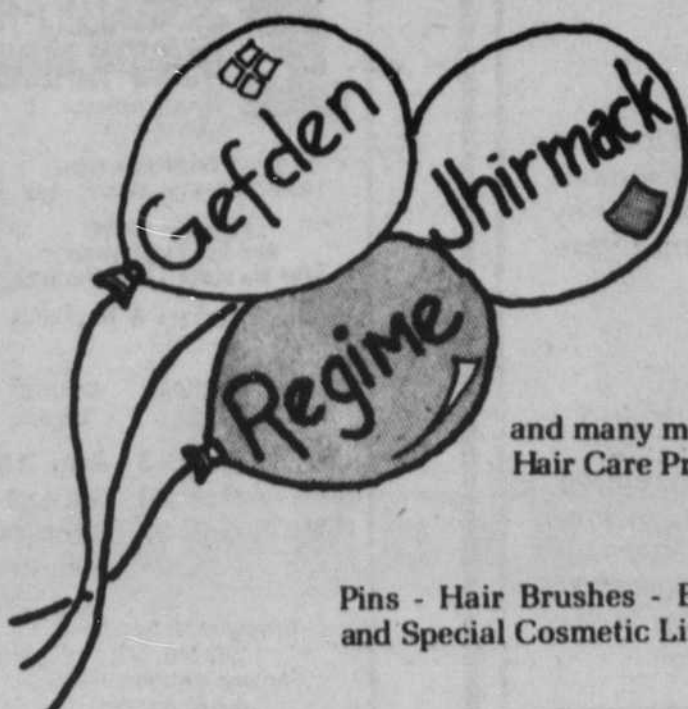
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