

Candidates endorsed for IFC, SUAB

It is ironic that student apathy — more than student votes — often determines who will represent the student body within the University community. These representatives, including seven Incidental Fee Committee members who will be elected this week, will help determine how \$1,542,255 of students' incidental fees will be spent. They will also play a role in determining any increases or decreases in these student fees, and such decisions inevitably have direct impact on tuition costs. These representatives will also de-

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termine how student money is spent by the ASUO on each of its 70-plus programs.

Emerald staff members interviewed several of the candidates this week and each was asked the same set of questions. Our endorsements, based on their responses, are as follows:

James Aiken expresses a willingness to put in all the time it takes to get the job done. He has participated in budget research with a private corporation and favors an increase in IFC spending limitations from 7- to 10-percent annually. He feels strongly about athletic ticket pricing where students are concerned, and hopes to work with the Athletic Department more closely if elected. Aiken is a senior studying business and history.

Adam Cohen has a working knowledge of IFC responsibilities which he accumulated partly by serving on the committee this summer. He supports the current seven-percent annual limitation on IFC spending for the moment, realistically admitting that either some programs will be cut or an increase will have to be considered later. His experience in owning and operating his own

business during the summer should prove useful in making responsible financial decisions. Cohen is a junior studying political science.

Alan Contreras takes a tight-fisted approach to budget development, favoring the seven-percent annual limitation on IFC spending. In order to balance the damage done to programs as a result of inflation, Contreras intends to look for duplication of services among the existing ASUO programs. He thinks programs ought to be funded in relation to the services they provide students. Contreras also plans to revamp the recording system at IFC meetings so that what has been decided will be permanently stored for future reference. He is a freshman intending to enter the CSPA program.

Marty Kehoe wants to fund ASUO programs according to how much they will be affected by inflation and is especially supportive of smaller programs such as the minority student unions, which will continue to be funded adequately if he is elected. Kehoe supports a two- to three-percent spending limitation increase for the IFC to combat cost increases and demonstrates sufficient knowledge of ASUO programs generally. He is a freshman concentrating on political science.

Bonnie McCown has experience in handling committee funds and demonstrates a solid general knowledge of ASUO affairs and programs. She favors instating of a nine-percent spending limitation increase for the IFC, which would allow continued support for minority student unions. McCown also says that academic and service programs should be top priority. She is a sophomore studying telecommunications.

Chris Moore favors examining programs separately before raising the seven-percent annual spending limit, but feels the IFC fund still

allows for substantial program growth, if allocations are made responsibly. He says that student demand must determine how much money is given to the Athletic Department for the student ticket subsidy. He plans to work up to 40 hours a week, if need be, to carry out his responsibilities. Moore is a first-year law student.

Jonathan Neiderbach has experience in committee budgeting, and in light of this favors continuation of the seven-percent spending limitation for the moment. He feels that some funding must be cut to make this possible and that programs dealing with the most fixed costs would demand the most compensation for inflation. His primary interest in the job is the linkage performed by the IFC, providing for students the services to which their tuition entitles them. Neiderbach is a second-year law student.

Kernal Cay Buhler and Mark Stapke are also candidates, but were unavailable for comment this week.

Three Student University Affairs Board positions are also up for grabs in this week's elections. Emerald staffers interviewed several SUAB candidates this week, and presented them with a uniform set of questions. Candidates were asked whether they favored student participation in departmental personnel decisions, whether they think academic evaluations should be made public (and how), what their positions were concerning student advocacy and what experience and insight they could bring with them to the SUAB.

Based on their responses, the Emerald endorses **Suzanne Anderson** for Position No. Two (Journalism and Speech) and **John Estrada, Jr.** for Position No. Three (Business and Economics).

SUAB candidates Mark Viteznik and David Jones were unavailable for comment this week.

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Facts twisted

People Effectively Appealing for Cannabis Equality would like to applaud the Emerald's equal time policy, a curious blend of contradiction and irrelevancy. On one side, PEACE gets paraphrased and spoken for by the Emerald's own Mr. Stewart Wright. The apparent other side is represented by full quotes and a slanted view by Pat Horton, District Attorney; Pat Lannon, police captain; and curiously "Al," the Emerald's own "Deep Throat" of the drug trade. We only wonder why you didn't include the midnight shift at Agripac, a Weyerhaeuser employee, a couple of average housewives, a grammar teacher and a tree planter? Their opinions are certainly more relevant to the issue than Al's. Why is only the district attorney, a policeman and a member of the criminal element, which stands to lose by our initiative, represented.

Aside from this point, we would like to mention a few slight discrepancies in the Emerald's coverage. In early June of this year, Kevin Harden reported that PEACE (or a marijuana group very similar to PEACE) sponsored a smoke-in with another group. PEACE wasn't either of these groups.

In the same article, Mr. Harden reported that the elections were to be on June 26, 1979. The truth of the matter is that May 1980 is the actual ballot date. In the editorial: "State law voids pot petition," the Emerald states that the guideline provided by the county was very clear. Unfortunately, not only PEACE, but the ACLU feels that the

guidelines provided by the county were not so clear. (Actually, those guidelines quoted in the article (ORS 245.030) were never given to PEACE by the county.) The very title to that article, "State law voids pot petitions" is incorrect since it wasn't a state law that voided the petitions, rather it was one man, an employee of the county, and not an elected official at that.

On October 15th, Tamara Swenson, in "Pot petitions being signed again," says that our original petition "assigned a low enforcement priority to the cultivation of five or fewer plants." This is clearly not the case; our original petition made no attempt to define "personal use" as any particular amount. Our latest effort is the initiative that makes definitions. A paragraph later, Ms. Swenson quotes Lewis Ward, "the new petition, like the first, does not direct funds to enforcement... the personal use of marijuana shall be defined as the non-commercial cultivation, possession, or use of five or fewer marijuana plants." We wonder how this glaring contradiction could be overlooked by your staff.

PEACE is quite aware of the mentality of our opposition. A district attorney infers that the police are above the law and don't have to obey the will of the people; a police captain believes that growing plants is addictive: "If you start them out growing five plants, then you have 10, then 20, and pretty soon a whole greenhouse;" a drug dealer believes that people growing their own pot wouldn't hurt his own business.

Are we also dealing with a

college newspaper that can't keep it's facts straight?

Lewis Ward
business management, co-director of PEACE
Cheryl Zatuchni
undeclared, member of PEACE
Travis Moore
Eugene director of PEACE

Monthly help

First impressions of college are most important, and every EORP student I worked with recognizes the effort being

made by the academic advising and peer advising offices on campus. Any rational upper-classman or woman knows that funny name on their report card is not a blind date but someone who can deal with scholastic performance and planning problems.

Scott Bassett's attack on the advising system is typical of students who do not realize that no matter how many mandatory appointments are scheduled, it is student initiative that makes any counseling structure successful and beneficial for them.

For those who are disillusioned, let it be known that

academic advising information is prominently displayed in the time schedule every term, and is emphasized in correspondence with EORP and transfer students.

Apparent inadequacy of resources is quickly remedied when students take charge and consciously seek help from assigned advisors or student aides. The myth about concerned advisors is true; I'm getting my money's worth once a month.

Brent Wm. Dahl
junior, psychology/speech

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