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An Emerald editorial on Oct. 19 said "deciding the fate of the Guide may be the challenge Bassett needs to bolster his image as effective leader if he can deal with it sensibly."

Indeed, the Guide was dealt with sensibly, but more criticism stopped Bassett from picking up where he never got started in September.

Ramon Herrera, 1978-79 ASUO president, said Bassett suffered from public relations problems, alleging a big gap between Bassett and the students.

Dennis Mohatt, Bassett's vice president for administration and finance, came out in favor of raising the 7-percent limitation on IFC spending just three days after Bassett spoke against it. Mohatt said people resisting a raise in the spending ceiling were being "damn foolish and narrow-minded."

The anti-Bassett line continued in November when former ASUO legislative lobbyist David Jennings threatened to sue the ASUO and Bassett over a pay issue (Jennings later dropped the suit).

Christmas break came and went. A week after the beginning of winter term Bassett was taking more flak.

He had proposed a "cold duck event" during which the heat in 11 University buildings would be turned off. Bassett said cold duck day would dramatize energy conservation, but would not save any money. The event was cancelled when classified employees, professors and some students let Bassett know they didn't like the idea of working or sitting in freezing classrooms all day.

In late January, Bassett appointed Jerry Bernau to the IFC, but he neglected to follow affirmative action guidelines. That slip-up led to more criticism and allegations that he hadn't fol-

lowed the ASUO affirmative action plan in hiring two other administrative assistants.

Mohatt resigned his vice president post early in February, slamming Bassett on the way out. He said Bassett broke the ASUO constitution by leaving an administrative assistant instead of vice president Mylene Simons in charge of the office while he was away.

Bassett said it was Simons' fault if she did not assume responsibility, a comment that stretched already-strained staff morale.

His second trip within two weeks to Washington, D.C., drew a verbal lashing from IFC chairer Adam Cohen, who said students would "never see one penny's worth" of value from the partially IFC-funded trip.

And with that much confronting Bassett for the last seven months, who can blame him if he didn't do the research on tenure he promised last spring? Who are we to ask what happened to all of the student surveys he would use to gain student input? Can't we understand why the housing policy board he promised was never formed or the report on the use of Mac Court was never written?

As it turns out, the only worthwhile thing we can really see, now that we are almost at the end of Scott Bassett's administration, is the Surviving the '80s Conference. The conference, featuring Ralph Nader and Dick Gregory, was an unarguable success, and a similar event should be planned next year.

But the successes were too scarce, the failures too frequent. Bassett will leave the ASUO in just about the same condition he found it in, maybe worse — maybe with the new scar of a credibility gap between student government and the students who make it possible.

IFC continues allocations

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After seven hours of debate over the 1980-81 budgets for five student organizations, the Incidental Fee Committee approved more than \$1,700 for the groups.

Representatives from the Native American Student Union requested \$3,485 for the annual NASU Pow Wow — one of the organization's major yearly events. The request was \$2,285 more than the amount allotted for this year's Pow Wow.

IFC members questioned whether the program warranted such a large increase. Last year the program was funded \$1,200, IFC chairer Adam Cohen said, questioning NASU's need for the increase.

But the Pow Wow cost the union more than \$4,000, said one NASU member, who argued for the increased funding. The Pow Wow attracts Indians from throughout the Northwest, community members and guests from across the country, he said.

"There's nothing that compares with an Indian Pow Wow throughout the world," he said. "It's a religious, social and entertaining event."

IFC member Alan Conteras

questioned whether the union needed to award prizes — such as Pendleton blankets for the dance competition — during the Pow Wow.

After considerable debate, the IFC approved \$2,900 for NASU's Pow Wow event by a 6-1 vote.

The union's \$129 request for travel for a "religious" experience at a sweat house was denied by the committee.

Other cuts in the NASU budget were made in work-study appropriations, co-director stipends, office supplies and the union's travel and speaker accounts. A total of \$7,366 was approved for the organization, which includes more than 40 members, by the fee committee from their original \$13,142 request.

The Interfraternity Council, which requested a 25 percent decrease in IFC funding from this year's budget, was able to get most of its request from the fee committee, with printing, duplicating, publicity, telephone,

postage and stationery expenses receiving little debate from the IFC.

However, the committee reduced the Interfraternity Council's request for a \$95 per month director stipend by \$23.

Discussion of the SEARCH budget centered around funding of the director's stipend.

Cohen recommended that the IFC allot \$54 per month over 12 months for an assistant director. SEARCH director Wayne Miller, who requested \$75 for the position, objected to the cut, saying it was "absolute bullshit" to cut the assistant director's stipend by that amount.

The IFC approved a \$7,199 budget for SEARCH, with the biggest reduction coming in the group's "special projects" section. SEARCH had requested \$7,838.

An increase of \$1,044, to be used mainly for records, was given the Recreation Folk Dance organization from last year's appropriation.

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