

# IFC refuses to fund religious organizations

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The Incidental Fee Committee will not give money to groups promoting religious membership or principles.

The IFC made the ruling at a Tuesday hearing that chairer Jon Neiderbach called the first

public policy meeting in IFC history.

The committee now has a general policy to follow in funding student groups that are both culturally and religiously oriented, Neiderbach said.

Programs that inform students of various cultures are

fundable, while programs oriented toward religious activity are not.

Neiderbach added that the IFC will decide individually which groups are culturally or religiously based.

The IFC is not legally allowed to allocate funds to religious groups because, as a state or-

ganization, it must adhere to the Constitutional separation of church and state.

IFC member Kathy Stebner said the IFC was prompted to make the decision after the Campus Crusade for Christ requested IFC funding.

She said a man from Campus Crusade asked the IFC for money and admitted he wished to promote Christianity.

"He said other religious groups, such as the Jewish Student Union and Muslim Student Union, have University recognition and thought his group should have the same," Stebner said. "We didn't want to give him money, but we didn't have any policy about religious groups."

The IFC tabled the decision until a policy could be established.

The problem now, IFC members say, is defining the difference between what is cultural and what is religious. Committee member Jim Ed-

munson said one guideline may be how a group appears to the general student body.

"If somebody wants to find out about Islam, for instance, would they be able to go to the Muslim Student Union and learn without being proselytized," Edmunson said. "We hope the groups will come in with good arguments because we don't have strong definitions yet."

"We want to add more cultural diversity to the campus," Stebner said. "If a group offers culture and just happens to have religious ties, we'll fund them."

The committee also decided programs that have more than one funding source must now submit general budget summaries to receive IFC money.

Formerly, large programs such as the Oregon Daily Emerald, OSPIRG and Switchboard were required only to submit those portions of their budgets which they wanted the IFC to fund.

## Faculty defeat pay proposals for University emergencies

The University Assembly defeated two faculty pay motions sponsored by Prof. Bayard McConnaughey Wednesday afternoon.

The first motion, which would have asked the administration to give faculty members equal pay increases instead of percentage increases when giving across-the-board raises, was defeated 46-34.

The second motion, which would have recommended that

administrators lower each faculty member's salary by the same percentage before laying off teachers during a financial crisis, was voted down 57-27.

University Pres. Paul Olum asked the faculty to defeat both motions so he and the administration would have flexibility in case of a financial emergency.

"I have to make decisions in the best interest of the strength and well-being of the Universi-

ty," Olum said. "It's important to be free."

Administrators will seek faculty advice before making decisions in a monetary crisis, Olum assured the Assembly.

However, several faculty members said they should have a more direct voice in such decisions by approving the motions.

McConnaughey said his first proposal would have reduced the pay gaps between profes-

## Native Americans schedule local two-day symposium on urban life

A symposium on the Native American urban community will be held at the University today and Friday.

The symposium is expected to draw tribal and urban Native Americans from across the state. But David West, co-director of the University Native American Student Union, doesn't expect just Native Americans to attend.

"We're hoping the University community will at least sit in so they can better understand native people and their issues and perspectives," West says.

The two-day event has been designed both to clarify the needs of urban Native Americans and to educate the community on traditional Native American viewpoints, West says.

"We're not trying to convert anyone," West says, but "it may be that we'll convince someone to live in harmony with the world around them."

Today's featured speakers will discuss the traditional world view of the Native American. A dinner and potluck will follow at the Longhouse on 1606 Colum-

bia St. Friday morning Talulah Pinkham will discuss the Native American family. The Friday afternoon session includes a panel discussion of the Native American community in urban

areas. The symposium runs from 12:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Schedules are available in the Native American Student Union, EMU Room 15A.

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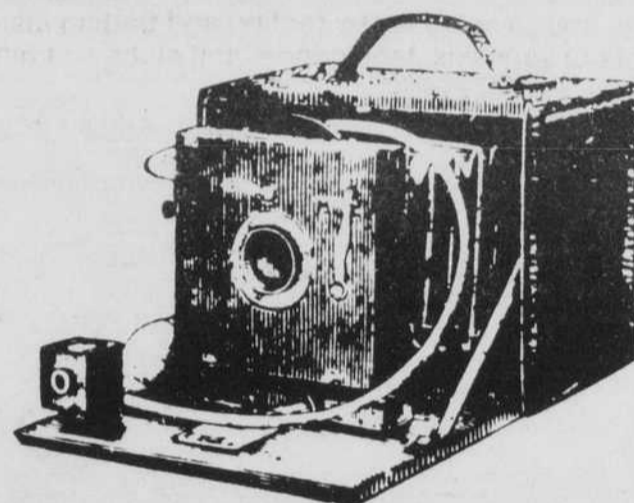
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