Speedy incidental fee meeting ends in additional budget cuts

The Incidental Fee Committee took just four minutes to conduct its business at a Tuesday meeting.

Women in Science, an organization that brings together women interested in careers in science, received $461, a 5 percent decrease from last year's budget. The IFC unanimously passed every item of the group's budget, cutting only $12 from the original request.

An executive reserve note was attached to the group's largest expense — a $300 expenditure for six seminar speakers. The note, which means next year's ASUO president must approve each expenditure of "honoraria" funds, was attached because the group had not used any of the money allocated for speakers this year.

Two budget hearings were cancelled because representatives did not show up.

The hearing on the Amazon Community Tenants' budget was cancelled because no representatives of the group were present, and the ESCAPE program hearing was postponed because Julie Bell, the IFC member acting as a tag for the group, did not attend the meeting.

ESCAPE director Jim Doty said he was "fairly upset" at the delay, but he hopes to bring a large group of supporters to the Feb. 25 meeting.

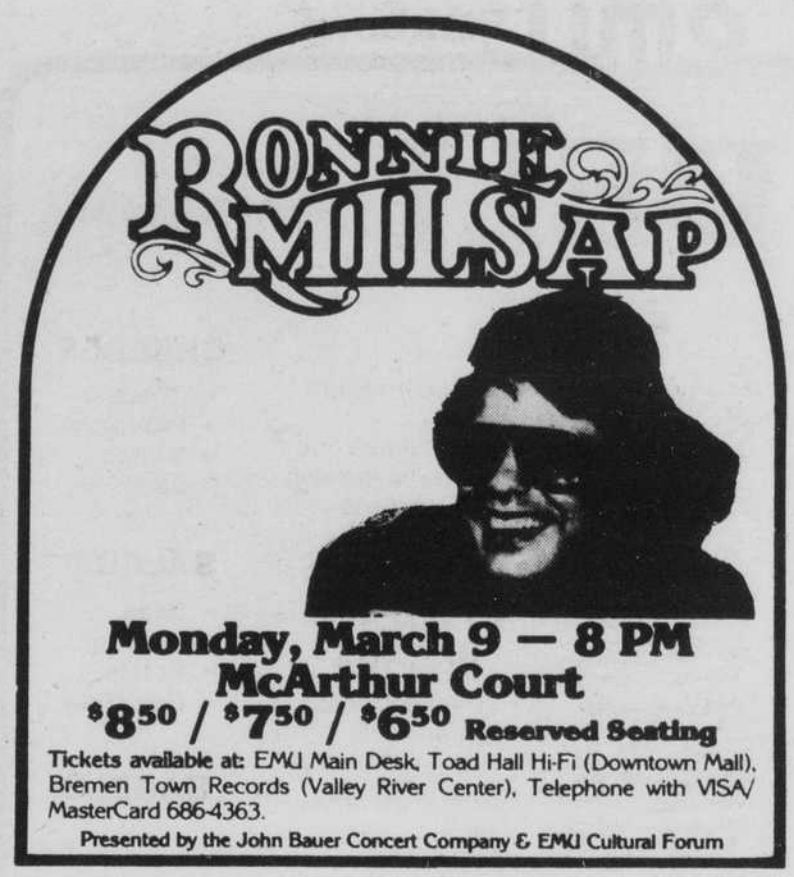
The ASUO Executive office has recommended a 10 percent cut in the group's budget. Doty said the program will try to limit the decrease to the requested 5 percent.

The IFC utilized its extra time to report on expenditures during the budgeting process so far this year.

After budgeting for 31 groups, the IFC has allocated $22,730 more than it did last year at the same time. The increase concerned several committee members.

"We're not scrutinizing enough," said committee member Kathy Stebner. She recommended the IFC begin to question budget requests more closely.

But committee member Jim Edmundson pointed out the members "are not full-time executives." He suggested the IFC reconsider individual budgets at the end of the process if the total is over or under the desired goal.



Party honors Black history Saturday

A black history celebration featuring entertainment, soul food and children's activities will be held Saturday at the Sheldon Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Road.

The event, being held in recognition of Black History Month, is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Activities include live jazz music and gospel singing, a fashion show, aerobic dancing, films and poetry readings.

Guest speaker Jewel Bell will discuss the black women's movement at 3:30 p.m.

The celebration is sponsored by Ebony Eyes, a local black women's organization, and the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department's cultural arts program.

On human rights

Conference features poets, priests

The 1981 Northwest Conference on "Human Rights in Crisis: Latin America" begins today with several lectures and discussions.

The location of all events will be posted on the EMU's daily schedule of events.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, Morton Rosenthal of the Anti-Defamation League will discuss "The Development of Anti-Semitism Under Authoritarian Regimes." Rosenthal will analyze the factors contributing to the rise of anti-Semitism in Argentina.

At the same time, Chilean poet Fernando Alegria and University of Washington professor Jaime Concha will discuss Latin America's cultural reality and the oppresson of artists and intellectuals in a discussion of "Culture and Censorship in Latin America."

Discussions beginning at 2 p.m. include "Liberation Theology" within the Catholic Church and the effect of Milton Friedman's monetarist economic model on Chile.

Jesuit priest Fernando Cardenal will discuss at 4 p.m. "Nicaragua: The Path of Reconstruction." Another discussion will explore the Latin American community in the Northwest.

This evening at 7:30, a panel will discuss human-rights violations in Latin America. Laurence Birns, director of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, will moderate. The panel will include Catholic Bishop Sergio Mendez Arceo and William Wipfler, the director of the National Council of Churches' Human Rights Office and vice-chairer of Amnesty International, U.S.A.

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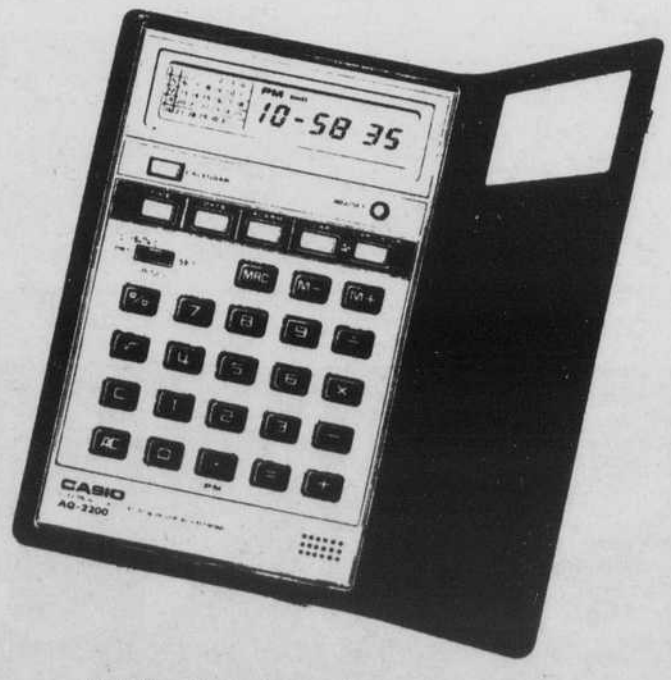

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