

Ethnic Women's Alliance gets first funds from IFC

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The Incidental Fee Committee voted Thursday to give the Ethnic Women's Alliance \$1,043 for its 1981-82 budget.

The alliance requested \$2,620, but committee members said they couldn't justify such a large budget for a group that hasn't received incidental fee money before.

The EWA was founded last year after a battle between white and ethnic women over control of the Women's Symposium. The controversy resulted in the symposium's cancellation.

"I think you need to recognize that the state of Oregon is a predominantly white state," said JoAnn Een, treasurer of the Oregon chapter of the National Organization for Women, while testifying for the EWA.

"This group is the only group that addresses the needs of women who aren't white in this whole area."

Patsy Kelly of the Council for Minority Education defended the group on the grounds that racial separatism is necessary to fulfill the needs of minorities.

"If you believe in affirmative action at all, you believe in separatism," Kelly said.

Most of the cuts came from the group's requested budget for stipends, a semi-annual journal on minority women's issues and reference books.

On Thursday night, the IFC gave the Panhellenic Association \$2,698, almost \$1,500 less than the requested \$4,163.

Most of the cuts came from the group's request for office supplies and printing fliers and booklets to inform students about Greek life.

The group's office supplies budget was cut from \$169 to \$35. The printing and duplicating budget, which included funds for the booklets, was cut from \$1,614 to \$1,100.

On Friday, the IFC slashed almost 60 percent of the Asian American Student Union's budget.

The committee acted on an ASUO recommendation that the program's budget be cut from the \$5,935 to \$4,265. The AASU had requested a 21-percent increase.

ASUO vice president Chris Moore said that although the program provides a "much-needed service," it has been unresponsive to ASUO representatives assigned to review the group's budget and has had trouble getting started this year.

The budget decrease was

meant to reflect "some displeasure with their problem over the past months," but was "not an effort to cripple" the program, Moore said.

The IFC eliminated the program's assistant director position, postage to send meeting minutes to non-students, and travel funds. Speaker honorariums and film funds were cut nearly 50 percent.

The AASU's largest request — \$3,300 for cultural events — was cut to \$2,000. Moore said the ASUO questioned the program's ability to handle large amounts of money for cultural events. The group lost \$1,200 on a play it brought to the University last year, he said.

A new organization, the Undergraduate Economics Association, received only \$77 of their \$682 request, but UEA member Robert "Buzz" Clucas expressed gratitude for the amount.

The thanks may have been premature, said ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton. The program, intended to bring in people to discuss economic issues, hasn't done anything this year, said Eaton, who plans to veto the budget.

The IFC reduced the Repertory Dancers' budget by only 1 percent.

Janet Descutner, one of the group's program directors, told the committee the dancers have tried to trim their budget to the bone. The IFC recognized the group's thriftiness and agreed to attach a budget note recommending it receive more money for costumes next year to make up for this year's \$100 cut.

In other business Thursday, the committee tabled the Recreation and Intramural's budget request pending the outcome of fee negotiations with the athletic department and the University administration.

Moore told the committee the ASUO intended to ask that \$1 per student each term be transferred from the increase given the athletic department this fall

to the intramural program.

The committee also released \$1,250 from the University Veteran Association's 1980 reserve account so the group can sponsor a symposium on veterans' issues.

The NCAA Volunteers for Youth received a 1981-82 budget of \$210.

On Friday, two programs, the Philosophy Club and Beta Alpha Psi, failed to attend their hearings.

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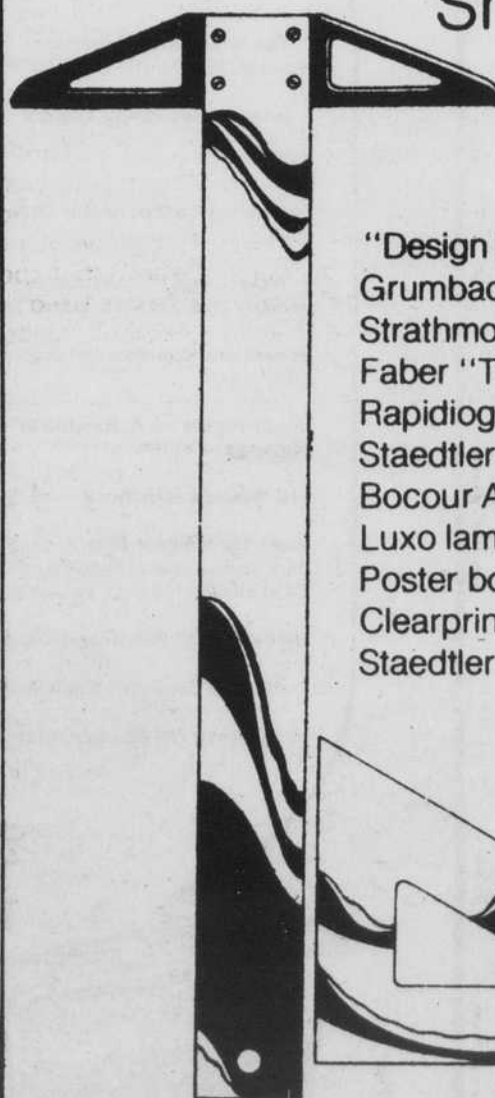
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