

Candidates say elections fixed

As the ASUO election begins today, some student politicians are upset about the building of a "ticket" for the Incidental Fee Committee.

The Interfraternity Council endorsed seven candidates — law student Steve Baldwin, law student Cathi Bulone, law student Karsten Rasmussen, Delta Delta Delta member Pamela Jordan, Chi Psi member Xavier Romano, Sigma Nu member Dave Gibson and independent Katcha Phinney — for the IFC seats after a closed caucus last Sunday night.

Some say the endorsements were decided earlier this quarter after a heavy lobbying effort by ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton and law student Gus Palmitessa, who is ASUO presidential candidate Rich Wilkin's running mate. The endorsements are likely to decide the IFC race because the Greeks traditionally have turned out the deciding votes in student government elections.

Current IFC Chairer Jon Neiderbach says the ticket represents the building of a special-interest atmosphere that will rob students of their electoral choices. IFC candidate Alan Contreras says the effort was mostly an attempt to keep him from being elected to the committee.

"They put their ticket together, and I guess I'm the human sacrifice," Contreras says.

IFC candidate Ken Packman says he's upset that Palmitessa, Wilkins and the council have decided to play the role of "kingmakers" in the election.

However, Eaton, Palmitessa and council Pres. Mark Hallquist say the ticket is a natural political event and not an underhanded effort to take control of student government.

"There are politics involved and coalitions are formed," Eaton says. "That's the reality of it."

Eaton says he, Hallquist and some of the Greek house presidents recruited Jordan, Gibson and Romano because they thought the three would serve the interests of the University as well as the Greek system.

Palmitessa says he "introduced" many of the candidates to one another and discussed the election with Hallquist.

"Politics is an exercise of power," he says. "At this point in time, the law school and the Greeks are voting blocks of some power."

However, he says he sees no reason why the two camps should be "natural enemies" as they have often been in the past.

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say, 'I'm a member of the IFC.'

"I think I have some ideas to contribute."

Miche points to his balanced checking account and credit cards as evidence of his budgeting experience. He says budgeting the ASUO programs and the EMU "is really not that difficult. You have a certain amount of money to spend and a certain number of things to spend it on."

As a committee member, Miche says he would try to take money away from the athletic department budget and give it to the library. He says he would attempt to budget the programs

pay more attention to "social consciousness" issues during the budget hearings and not always have its eye on reducing the incidental fee budget.

"It's irresponsible to the programs to cut fees," he says.

Former Jewish Student Union member Katcha Phinney says she's running for the IFC because "I have a concern for the programs." However, Phinney says one of her primary objectives as a committee member would be to make sure the programs aren't duplicating services.

Instead of cutting program budgets, she says she would

of chairer of the EMU Board's budget committee. Like Bulone, he says he would like to see the IFC process made more "above board."

He says law students bring an "aura of professionalism" to committee business that helps it move more smoothly. Like this year's committee, he says he would like to see the incidental fee kept as low as possible.

"A lot of Third World people are depending on me," says Xavier Romano, the third Greek candidate in the race. As well as being a member of the Chi Psi fraternity, Romano is a member of MEChA, the University's Chicano student union.

Criticizing the current IFC for not doing its "homework," Romano says the committee needs to be "refurbished completely." The committee should make general cuts in program budgets and allow them to decide where they want to trim, instead of mandating cuts in specific areas as it does now, he says.

The top seven vote-getters in this week's primary election probably will win the IFC seats because not enough candidates filed for the election to justify the usual run-off elections. In most years, the primary election narrows the field to 14 candidates, and students choose the seven winners out of that field.

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on the basis of student membership.

A member of the Food-Op, Ken Packman says he would like to establish a more cordial relationship between the IFC and the programs.

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He says the committee should

"revise" them. "If you work with them (the programs), you're not going to be cutting, you're going to be revising."

She points to her experience as a resident adviser in the Debusk Residence Hall as evidence of her budgeting experience.

PLUS gets IFC funds despite missed deadline

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The Physically Limited Union of Students will receive some 1981-82 incidental fee funding despite missing by six weeks the Feb. 9 deadline for student program budget proposals.

The Incidental Fee Committee voted last night to fund PLUS at a "base level" and allow them to submit an itemized budget later.

"Our feeling is that the problems PLUS has experienced this year merit some funding, but not anything near the request," said Chris Moore, ASUO vice president for administration and finance.

PLUS Director Chester Faller said illness prevented him from preparing the budget proposal on time. He said he didn't have someone else do the budget because he didn't want to burden his new assistants with the problem.

That answer didn't satisfy IFC Committee member Ann Alexander who said she was in favor of zero-funding the group.

"The lateness of this budget and the absence of people in the (PLUS) office reflects a lack of organization in this group," Alexander said. "It might be better in the hands of a service organization."

IFC Chairer Jon Neiderbach said he also was worried about funding PLUS.

"I have some concern with the continuity of the program. I'm a little nervous to fund \$3,000 to an organization that is in flux," Neiderbach said.

PLUS recently has changed its name from ALERT, and the group's director is chosen through student voting rather than Affirmative Action guidelines, which previously had governed selection of the group's leader.

Faller reassured the committee that PLUS was on steady ground and was accomplishing more than it has in five years.

"The only administrative mistake we've made this year is getting the budget in late."

The committee eventually decided to fund the organization at a lower budget level than requested with the possibility of adding funding for itemized purchases in the future.

In addition, the committee overrode ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton's vetoes of \$250 in the architecture and allied arts student organization budget, \$1,000 for the Committee for Musical Arts budget and \$300 from the Student Bar Association's budget.

The IFC also decided to release \$617 from unallocated reserves to the Food-Op for a Food Education Conference and Fair.

In other business, the IFC voted to reconsider the Amazon Community Tenants, the Recreation and Park Management Graduate Student Organization and Undergraduate Economics Association budgets at next week's meeting.

Eaton earlier vetoed child-care appropriations to the ACT and \$77.50 of the UEA's budget for presenting speakers.

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