

# IFC fails to override Eaton's ACLU veto

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The campus chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union won't receive incidental fee funding next year.

An effort to override ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton's veto of the \$375 budget failed by a 4-2 margin at a hastily called and loosely organized Incidental Fee Committee meeting Thursday morning.

At no time were all six members of the committee present at the meeting. Originally, IFC chairer Jon Neiderbach and committee members Ann Alexander, Julie Bell and Kathy Stebner reviewed a revised budget submitted earlier this

week by ACLU campus organizer Steve Schneider.

Neiderbach left for another meeting after announcing that he would vote against the budget, and committee member Richard Sontag was reached by telephone.

Sontag came to the meeting and said he would vote for the proposal, but the committee still needed five votes to override the veto. Sontag then called IFC member Jim Edmunson, described the budget and suggested Edmunson cast his vote over the phone.

However, Edmunson, who voted for the ACLU budget at its first presentation earlier this

month, said he didn't want to vote without seeing the budget. He said he would come to the meeting about 45 minutes later.

But Sontag said he wanted to get the meeting over with.

"I want to get stoned," he said. "I can't believe it's my first day out of school and I haven't gotten stoned by 9:30."

Sontag finished his law school finals Wednesday.

Sontag then suggested the committee make a sign-up sheet and allow Edmunson to vote by signing his name when he arrived.

"We can suspend the rules and do whatever we want," Sontag said.

It takes four IFC votes to

suspend a procedural rule.

This was the last opportunity for this IFC to override the veto because Bell was scheduled to leave for Iowa at noon. There are now only four members in town. Susan Harris resigned from the committee when she quit school at the end of winter quarter.

The new IFC, elected last month, will take office May 26.

When Edmunson arrived, he voted against the budget, which had been expanded to \$435 and then trimmed to \$408. Edmunson said he voted against the budget because it wasn't itemized and was vague about the activities the ACLU plans to sponsor.

The ACLU, which began a University branch early this quarter, hadn't followed IFC procedure by submitting goals during fall quarter, Edmunson added.

Schneider said he was disappointed by the decision but plans to keep the group alive so it can apply for IFC funding next year. The IFC could have suspended its procedural rules and funded the group, he said.

"I think it really boils down to how much you think the group is needed," he said.

Eaton said he was pleased by the committee's decision to accept his veto. He said he vetoed the first budget because it was vague and not itemized.

## Smith chosen as prof of the month

By MARIAN GREEN  
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Multinational corporations may not seem very interesting, but University economics Prof. Robert Smith's class on the subject is one of the University's most popular.

One measure of the class' success is Mortar Board's choice of Smith as the Professor of the Month for May.

Smith says he's "very pleased" with the award because "I'm in academic life because I like to teach."

Smith has been teaching at the University since 1962. He received a doctoral degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California.

In addition, he has held various non-academic jobs. His office illustrates that active work life. Stacked on and around his desk are piles of newspapers, journals, papers and books. A framed and autographed picture of Federal Trade Commission members hangs on one wall — Smith used to work for one of the members.

In addition to working for the FTC, he has consulted for several corporations and agencies and worked 16 months in Geneva, Switzerland for the United Nations Trade and Development agency. Currently he is the foreign section editor of the Antitrust Bulletin.

"Right in the very beginning, I tell the students we're not going to discuss politics. I'm more concerned with the exercise of market power in international

trade," Smith says of his teaching philosophy.

"I can tell students, within reason, what the problems are, what the sources of the problems are and the possible solutions."

But he doesn't limit course discussion to multinational corporations. The class discusses international market functions and general economic and legal theories as well, he says. To illustrate, Smith names specific examples of cartels, company agreements and licensing agreements.

One topic the class considers is "the conflict between the proponents of the new economic order and the defendents of the existing international economic order."

Smith says the topic is important because "it is in this context of political struggle that the policies of multinational corporations will be developed."

Because most universities don't teach courses on multinational corporations, there is no textbook, Smith says.

Instead, the class uses recent materials that Smith writes, government publications or recent articles. Smith tapes his lectures and puts them in the University Library for the students' use.

The Mortar Board's nomination box is located at the entrance to the education-psychology section of the library. Nominations are open to all students, and winners are announced on the 10th of each month.

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