

IFC trims up to 51% from group budgets

By Dave Banks
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The Incidental Fee Committee kept its promise of budget cutbacks Tuesday, as committee members approved reduced 1982-83 budgets for six more student organizations.

The Women's Referral and Resource Service, the Psychology Clinic, the Condon Geological Society, the Drug Information Center, MEChA and the Jewish Student Union all had budgets approved for amounts lower than last year's levels.

The Women's Referral and Resource Service came out of the hearing with a budget only slightly less than last year's. The committee was granted about \$3,900, trimmed \$20 from last year. The original IFC recommendation of \$3755 was dismissed after co-director Julie St. Clair stressed the importance of the group's reference and resource file, thus regaining \$100 of funding from the IFC.

The Psychology Clinic sustained a 3.6-percent decrease in funding. The clinic's 1981-82 budget was cut \$14 to about \$370.

The Condon Society saw a budget drop of just over 17 percent for 1982-83 as the IFC cut the group's total funds from almost \$1,370 to \$1,130.

The travel fund goes toward paying for

vehicle expenses, gas costs, and occasional camping expenses for the group, which takes about 10 trips per year, program director Tim Foelker said.

The Drug Information Center took a 28-percent funding decrease for 1982-83 as its funding dropped from about \$20,000 to \$15,000. The majority of the slash came from the organization's emergency subsidy of \$5,000, while the remainder of the difference was absorbed through payroll expenditures.

"The IFC has always supported us in the past," said director Mark Miller. "This is just not the time to be making more requests."

MEChA, the Chicano and Latin-American student union, took a 5-percent decrease in funding for fiscal 1982-83. The MEChA budget went from \$3,575 to just less than \$3,400. A major portion of their budget cut came from a \$500 drop in the work study budget, while \$450 was added to the payroll expenditures for an assistant director's salary.

The Jewish Student Union took the largest slash in funding as their budget was cut 51 percent to about \$1,040. IFC member Steve Baldwin cast the only dissenting vote, because he felt line item funds for Holocaust and Independence Days should have been redistributed elsewhere within the budget.

Largest Northwest program

Debaters rank near top

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The University's forensics program ranked among the top 10 of 165 intercollegiate programs in the nation during 1980-81 and probably will stay there this year.

Not since 1969, when the program was ranked first in the nation, has the team been in the top 10.

The ranking is based on results from national tournament competitions, which the teams qualify for through regional competition. For the Quackers — the University team — it has meant plenty of successful tournaments at universities in California and Oregon.

The reason for the team's success, says David Frank, director of the forensics program, is "tradition."

The program started about the same time as the University, in 1876, and still has "good support from the University's speech department and the Incidental Fee Committee," Frank says.

With about 50 students participating in the speech program, it is the largest forensics department in the Northwest.

The forensics program hosts the annual Bower Aly High School Forensics Tournament, bringing more than 1,000 Northwest high school students to the University campus.

Some of the more prestigious honors the Quackers have won are the sweepstake trophy at the Western States Tournament last year and, recently, the first-place trophy in "Value Debate" at Pacific Lutheran University.

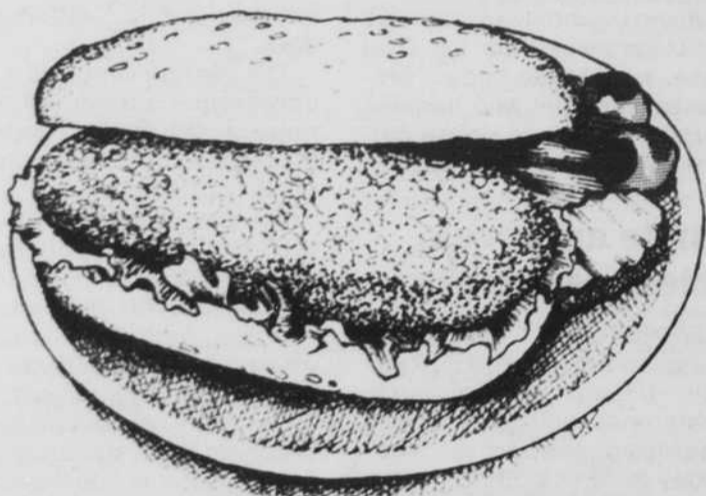
Rick Poulin, the 1980 National Champion in informative speaking and seventh in the nation for individual interpretation, transferred last term to the University from Western Oregon State College, mainly because of the speech-program.

"To be in the team and to meet people from all over the nation at tournaments is so fun and rewarding — not to mention the self-confidence you gain by expressing yourself in front of an audience," Poulin says.

"The most important thing in a good speech is that the speaker really cares about the subject and wants to communicate it to the audience. You must have a message and be willing to give a piece of yourself to succeed in speaking."

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