

# IFC denies lodging funds; debate team loses money

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The Incidental Fee Committee cut the budget of the nationally-ranked University forensics team by nearly \$3,000 in Monday budget hearings.

Keeping consistent with its policy of not funding lodging expenses, the IFC denied the team's request of nearly \$9,700 for 1982-83, a 19-percent increase from this year's budget of \$8177. The IFC then approved \$5,344 for the group in a 6-1 vote.

Mainly because of the cut in Forensics, the IFC has approved nearly \$700 less than the ASUO recommendations through Monday's meeting.

Travel expenses were the only "line" item cut by the IFC. The \$5,000 amount for travel expenses was calculated by subtracting lodging expenses from the group's request, said IFC chairer Karsten Rasmussen.

The approved cuts are almost a 50-percent reduction from past travel budgets and will force the squad to either attend fewer tournaments or allow fewer tourney participants, said Forensics director Paul Cero. The cuts would affect the program's quality, which has built up during the past years through a snowball effect, he said.

"I'm not sure we can climb back from this again," Cero added.

The cut is consistent with a precedent set last week in approving the Model United Nations

budget, which also did not include lodging funds, Rasmussen said. Although it is not written policy, committee members are generally opposed to funding lodging, he said.

The committee does not realize the consequences the cut could have, said IFC vice chairer Xavier Romano, who cast the lone dissenting vote.

Funding should be reduced because of the academic nature of the program, said Alan Contreras, acting ASUO vice president of program administration, who presented the ASUO recommendation. Forensics members receive credit for their participation and the program, by nature, is a part of the speech department, he said.

A footnote added to the budget specifies the approved funds may only be used for travelling and tournament registration expenses.

In other business, the MBA Association and the Industrial Relations Students Association, which were previously funded jointly, were approved separately. The associations together received about \$600, nearly \$250 over the ASUO recommendation.

Repertory Dancers, Eugene Switchboard Inc — an information and referral agency — and KWAX were approved unanimously at the ASUO recommended level. They received more than \$3,800, more than \$2,500, and about \$1,700 respectively.

# University professor awarded honor for epic poetry paper

William Calin, a University professor of romance languages, has been named the winner of the 1981 Gilbert Chinard Literary Prize by the Institut Francais de Washington.

The prize, which carries a \$1,000 cash award, went to Calin for his manuscript detailing the history of the epic poem in France. The book, "A Muse for Heroes: Nine Centuries of the Epic in France," was unanimously chosen by a five-member nominating committee for having the highest intellectual quality of the 35 manuscripts submitted.

Edouard Morot, president of the Institut Francais, described Calin's manuscript as a "majestic synthesis which opens up new perspectives on the history of French literature." The manuscript will be published by the University of Toronto Press with a grant from the Canada Council.

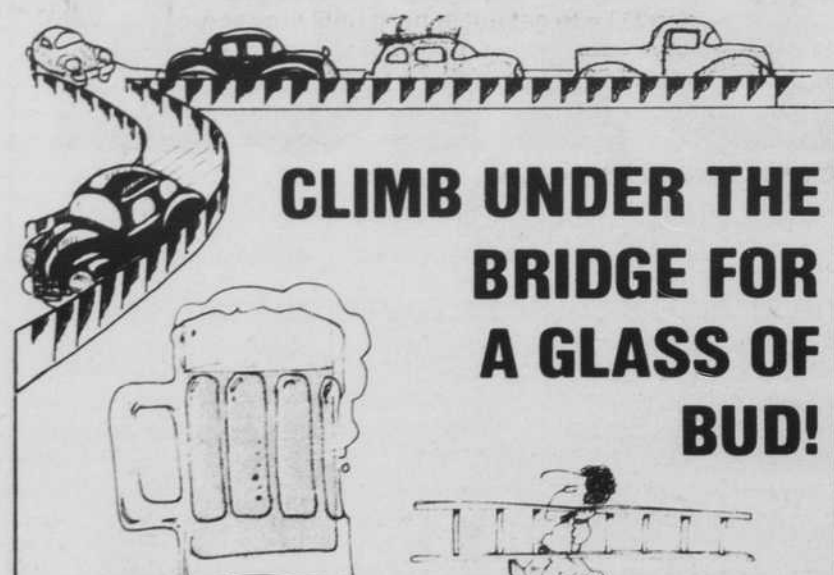
Calin, the recipient of a Fulbright grant to study and lecture abroad during the 1981-82 academic year, currently is in France teaching a seminar on the French medieval epic at the University of Poitiers. He received a special invitation from that university to lecture

for the winter term as a visiting professor in French literature.

"It is a rare and unusual honor for French educators to allow a foreign professor to teach in their own language," said Calin's wife, Francoise, who

also is a French professor at the University.

Calin will return to Eugene in April and resume his teaching duties at the University. He has been a faculty member since 1973.



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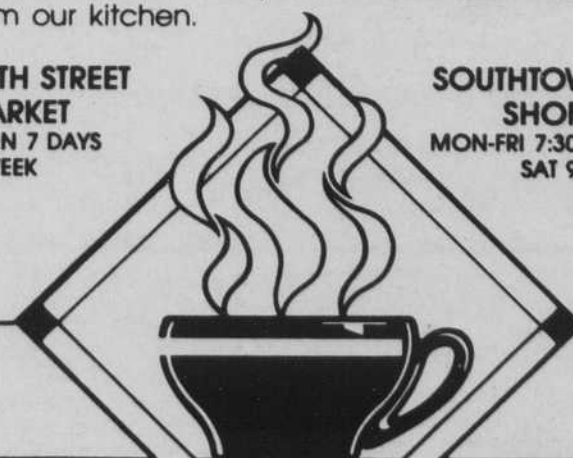
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