

Balfe given endorsement

Pres. candidates tell views to IFC

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The Interfraternity Council endorsed C.J. Balfe, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, for ASUO president after a Thursday forum.

The forum, conducted before about 40 people, allowed the six presidential candidates to announce their policies and answer audience questions.

Incidental fee funding for the athletic department is "ridiculous" and should be totally severed, said Ed Colligan, a business junior.

Balfe, a psychology junior, and Debbie Mellow, a senior in management and telecommunications, agreed on cutting the athletic department, but Mellow said such an action is unlikely. Making the department accountable to Pres. Paul Olum would be a better alternative, she added.

Holding a concert in Autzen Stadium, as the athletic department did last year, is one method of offsetting the dollar shortage, said Tom Brannon, a political science senior. Program redundancy exists, but ASUO funded programs would "not be left out in the cold," he added.

A mixture of budget cuts and

incidental fee increases would be used to keep ASUO program funding at present levels unless a funded program is determined to be self-serving, said Jeffrey Houston, a senior majoring in Russian.

"Anything and everything will be done to save programs," he said.

Promoting better program efficiency and attempting to regain overrealized incidental fees are ways of dealing with a money shortage, said Kevin Kouns, a junior in sociology and women's studies.

More money could be raised by the ASUO taking over the student film series on campus, Kouns added. Such a takeover would not be profitable because the film sponsors do not make much money, Colligan said.

By eliminating the athletic department, ASUO would be spared of budget cuts since "there's been enough damage with cuts," he said. Having a check-off box on tax return forms allowing taxpayers to give money to higher education would also help, Colligan added.

Fundraising events, such as the spring Street Faire, should be held every term, Mellow said. ASUO programs should be

reviewed on a cost-benefit basis to determine funding, although whole programs would not be cut, she added.

Besides cutting the athletic department, budget cuts would also be implemented, Balfe said. Whole programs would not be cut, he agreed.

Student apathy has been caused by an insular, isolated ASUO leadership, and he would open the ASUO office to the student body, Kouns said.

Brannon said the ASUO should reverse policy and provide programs with funds to recruit students.

A special open forum should be established for student access, "if for nothing else, to make it a bitch session," Houston said.

Getting students involved in lobbying by appealing to special interest group issues will generate motivation and student involvement, Balfe said.

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Two forums slated for IFC, ASUO candidates

ASUO elections candidates will be heard at two more ASUO forums, says Gus Palmitessa, ASUO executive vice president and elections director.

All 35 candidates for the Incidental Fee Committee will have the opportunity to answer five prepared questions in five minutes in a candidates' forum to be held tonight at 7:30 in Room 167, EMU.

Alan Contreras, ASUO vice president of program administration and a former IFC member, will moderate the session.

A forum for ASUO presiden-

tial and EMU Board candidates will be held at 1:30 Monday in Room 167, EMU.

Jim Edmunson, a former ASUO vice president of program administration, will moderate the presidential candidates' session, while David Gibson, a member of the IFC and EMU Board, will moderate the EMU Board candidate forum.

Candidates for the Student University Affairs Board and OSPIRG were heard at a forum Thursday night. No candidates filed for the Emerald board student-at-large post.

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