

# House and senate rescind financial aid cut

Letter-writing campaigns — protests in Washington — public outcry, who says that grassroots activism isn't heard in the corridors of government?

Two weeks ago the Senate and House of Representatives rejected Pres. Ronald Reagan's proposed cuts in financial aid. That's good news for students. The administration's budget guidelines are still tentative, so the House and Senate rejection of financial aid cuts *may* or *may not* stick. Though, the University's financial aid office has been notified of "tentative" aid allocations for 1982-83.

Those aid allocations are comparable to

1981-82 funding, according to Ed Vignoul, financial-aid director. There are reductions but not as "drastic" had Reagan's cuts been passed. This means University enrollments will not show a marked decline from students unable to continue because of reduced financial aid.

Reagan's proposed financial aid cuts weren't completely nullified by the House and Senate — they do not officially expire until April 22. That means if Reagan chose, overriding the rejection by the House and Senate and the thousands of students and parents who wrote letters or rallied, he could reintroduce all the financial aid cuts.

The Office of Management and Budget

(which David Stockman heads) is holding the \$44 million in college work study funds that Reagan wanted to cut. It's hoped that the University's work study funds — presently estimated at \$1.2 million — may be closer to this year's level of \$1.4 million. That's more good news for 1982-83 if Reagan doesn't step in and enforce the cuts. But, the following year's (1983-84) proposed financial aid cuts have not been rescinded.

Strangely, in this climate of budget cuts, the University estimates an increase in federal money for National Direct Student Loans. This year the federal share was \$548,859 — while \$567,705 is expected for next year.

The financial aid picture is not totally bright. Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant allocations suffered a cut close to 25 percent — from \$942,797 to \$703,920.

Some aspects of next year's financial aid are still undecided. Pell Grant allocations are not yet set. The Pell Grant program is the largest of the financial aid programs. The reason allocations have not as yet been decided is that the amount the student's family will be expected to contribute has also not been determined. Once again the Office of Management and Budget is holding up the contribution schedules.

While the financial aid outlook is heartening — it's definitely not as encouraging as it should be. At this university, David Burns, who coordinated the ASUO's successful letter-writing protest of Reagan's financial aid cuts, deserves credit for the House and Senate change. Equal credit can be given to every student and student's parents who voiced their disapproval of the financial aid cuts.

The grassroots activism that caused the House and Senate to reject Reagan's recommended cuts is in danger of fading now that some degree of success has been achieved. Vignoul says it best when he says to "keep the cards and letters coming." It's a ceaseless struggle, with obvious benefits.



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## letters

### Declares C.J.

Goddamn, Well I declare C.J. works very efficiently in a group. He seems to contrive his own strain of effectiveness motivation whenever he becomes involved in socio-emotionally coordinating tasks and goals. He has a great asset in his rewarding power, some degree of referent power, and would certainly have it in legitimate power. On the surface he appears as an effective executive figure. He looks, talks, and sounds like an executive authority and has the personality for it; a personality that is personable, warm, and effective. He is the winning candidate for his congeniality, smoothness, and for his plans for growth (but not in the "cancerous" vein as it is in say, Los Angeles).

I believe that C.J. must have a lot of substantial support and is probably even highly endorsed in terms of the quantity of in-

dividuals as well as the number of supporting organizations. For example, C.J. is a member of the University's greek society and he would undoubtedly have significant support there. Also, not only does he have the support of the Emerald, but one of the university's non-greek organizations, specializing in showing movies on campus, has voiced support for his election: the subculture of Sac's Circle of Friends.

Now that this matter concerning Kevin Koun's relationship with the SPA (Students for a Progressive Agenda) has been cleared up, it is my sincere wish that the remainder of the University's organizations will take time to consider their endorsements and follow through to select their choice for their candidate to office, particularly ASUO president. Be it Mickey, C.J., or Mister Kouns.

In closing I wish to say that with private acceptance, I choose to support C.J. Balfe for

the office of president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

**Kenneth Leese**  
Senior, psychology

### Thanks

Much appreciation is due the Emerald for taking upon itself the bewildering task of sorting out the "veritable mob" of IFC candidates, and offering its enlightened endorsements. After all, it's easier to leave that "time consuming task of picking and choosing" to the all-seeing, all-knowing Emerald staff. Indeed, many of us are confused about many other time consuming issues. I suggest we all give up our decision making ability to the Emerald's Philosopher-Kings, so we needn't concern ourselves with such mundane things as the way \$2.2 million of our money is spent. Thanks to the Emerald, I can vote the partyline and have

time for a cold brew and a little TV.

**Tom Birkland**  
Carson Hall

### IFC future

Issues? There are actually issues that candidates for ASUO offices should address? Whether you know it or not, there are issues that should be addressed by candidates for the Incidental Fee Committee. As one of 35 candidates, the two most important issues are whether the incidental fees should be increased due to additional enrollment declines and the amount of actual control the IFC has over athletic department support.

Incidental fees should not be increased in the future as a result of reductions in incidental fee revenue due to a decline in enrollment; neither should the ASUO programs, including ethnic and minority student unions,

be placed on the chopping block. What should be done? The support that the athletic department receives should be the area that is reduced. The athletic department has the ability to replace any lost revenue much more easily than other IFC funded programs.

The IFC deserves to have total control over how its revenues are being spent. Presently, the athletic department receives a fourth of the fee that each student pays at registration. This amounts to over \$1.2 million this year. Yet, the athletic department does not tell the IFC where and how this money is actually being spent. You deserve to know how this money is being spent, especially since it's your money.

The IFC needs to have strong leadership to solve these problems. They won't be easily solved, but with your support of my candidacy they will be.

**Dale Penegor**  
IFC candidate

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