

## \$1.50 — it's worth it

"Shall the ASUO be allowed to increase the incidental fee by \$1.50 per student per term, in order to raise \$56,000 to be spent on Recreation and Intramurals?"

That's one of two ballot questions being put to a student vote in today's election — and the Emerald urges each student to vote in favor of the increase.

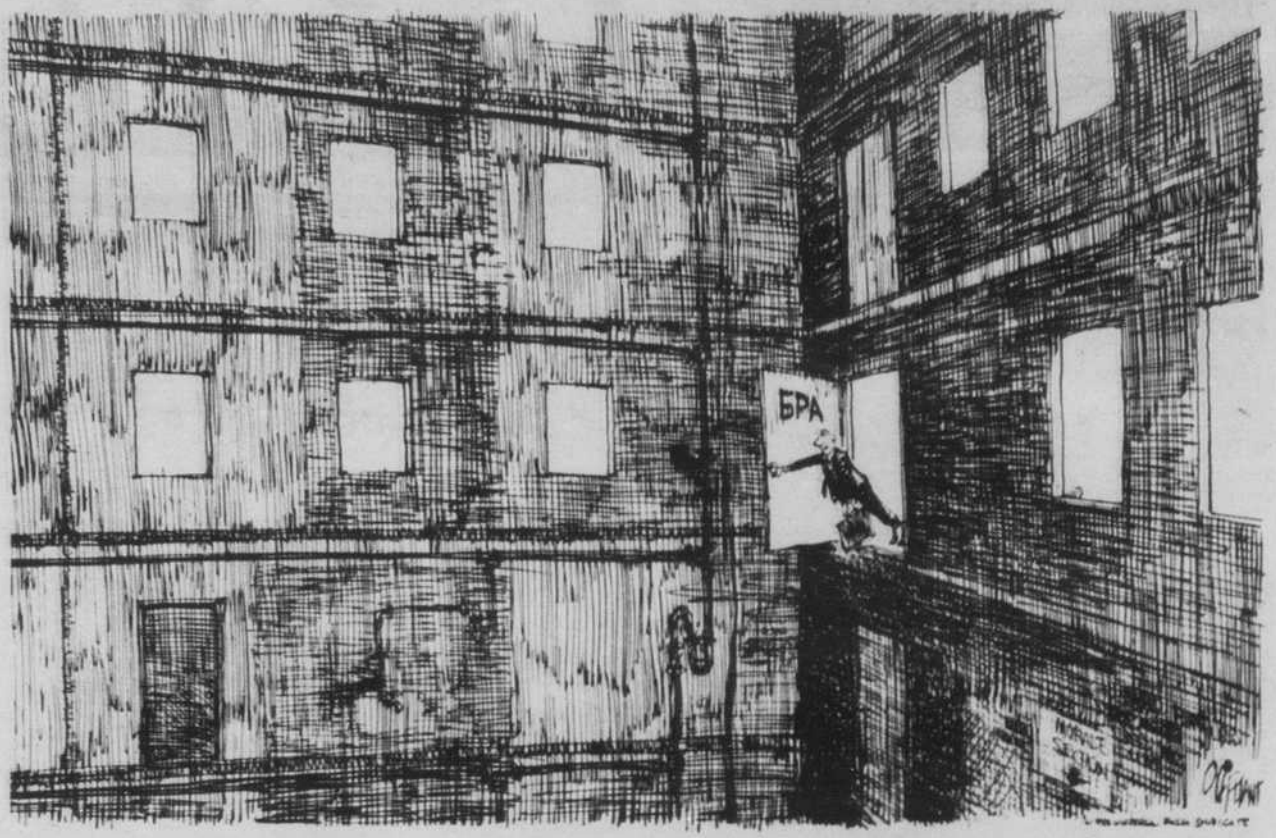
A \$1.50 increase is nominal considering the benefits each student receives from the recreation facilities and the intramural program.

The intramural program includes 17 different team activities, 18 all-campus events, 23 hours of open swim time available each week during each term, and open gym space. Recreation facilities include 23 tennis courts, 15 racquetball courts, 2 swimming pools, 6 gymnasiums, 1 weight room, and 5 playing fields.

The participants in the 1980-81 recreation and intramural program numbered over 4,000. This year the number of participants was expected to increase to almost 5,000.

It's commendable that the Incidental Fee Committee decided in a public meeting to refer this question to the students. The move is indicative of the IFC working in concord with the students on the best means to regulate their incidental fees.

The \$1.50 increase is a small price to pay for the continuation of a valuable program.



'CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHERE THE ENFORCEMENT SECTION IS? HELLO?'

## letters

### Balfe concerned

We, the undersigned, enthusiastically endorse C.J. Balfe for the office of ASUO president. We believe Balfe's genuine concern for coordinating the efforts of the ASUO executive and various student groups to be both pragmatic and productive. Balfe intends to keep intact the general hierarchical structure of the ASUO executive in conjunction with delegating responsibilities to his vice presidents. Balfe has worked in both Dave Eaton's and Rich Wilkins' administrations. As a result of this experience, Balfe seeks to combine the best features of each administration and to give the resulting synthesis fair, neutral, and broad-minded direction. We firmly believe that Balfe's cooperative spirit would increase the interplay between the ASUO executive, the programs sponsored by the executive, and the efforts of non-funded student groups for the benefit of all University students.

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### Why endorsements?

Why does The Emerald endorse candidates? The editors, in evaluating the presidential candidates, ridiculed some candidates' backgrounds and lauded others:

"He (Jeffrey Houston) is also unrealistic in his aims."

"However, Colligan's ideas on raising revenues for the University are less than practical."

"Brannon won't raise the ASUO executive's GPA."

"But Kouns, and SPPA, appear to be too concerned with larger political issues."

"Balfe brings a consistency to student government."

The problem with this is that the editors gave no concrete reason for doing so. What they gave were unquestioned adages: that a candidate must work with the system, have a great deal of experience, and not have any wild ideas. What they gave were the ideal qualities of a manager of a J. C. Penney's in Boise.

The editors didn't give definite proofs why a dreamer, a gambler, a novice, and an activist would be less talented than a secretary. The editors didn't give strong reasons why any student at the University could not make a fine president.

To serve the University, the editors should have published the job descriptions of student government offices and articles on how to file for office, and the problems facing each office, and on lobbying. They could have questioned the candidates and printed the answers in the Emerald sans endorsement, letting the readers decide for themselves.

However, if the editors insist on making endorsements, I hope they give their credentials because, following their logic, the obvious choice of presidential candidates for 1984 would be Alexander Haig.

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### Kouns' outlook

I listened with interest to a portion of Kevin Kouns' and C.J. Balfe's presidential debate Monday. What especially interested me was Balfe's insistence that the ASUO president should focus only on students getting their quality education,

while denying, or ignoring, or being unaware of the fact that there is a direct relationship between that quality education and what the federal government does with our tax dollars, i.e. military defense spending and continuous efforts to cut funding for higher education, etc. I applaud Kouns for his statement that life exists beyond the borders of the University campus, and that each of us are and will continue to be responsible for making the necessary changes toward curing government's and society's ills.

Kouns' past experience will provide the University student body with competent administration as well as energetic and much-needed leadership. I urge all students who are concerned about the apathetic (or complacent) nature of this student body to vote for Kouns for ASUO president, and those who wish to remain apathetic to show their concern by not voting at all.

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### ASUO direction

Addressing the upcoming ASUO election, as a past IFC member and ASUO vice-president, I feel it is necessary to place importance on the direction that the ASUO Executive will be headed under the leadership of the two remaining candidates and not the issues relating to whether a candidate is "Greek" or supported by some coalition.

As a non-Greek, I realized the importance of coalitions during my election, although 95 percent of students agree on issues dealing with the access or quality of our education.

The question is clear in this election. Do we want C.J. Balfe who will concern himself with only educational issues or do we want Kevin Kouns who wants to concern ASUO with all the problems of

the world.

As a former IFC member, I evaluated ASUO programs not only on their goals but the possible attainment of those goals.

It is unrealistic, if not impossible, to concern yourself with more than the limitless educational issues and still be effective and successful, especially during the upcoming legislative session. Secondly, the payment of Incidental Fees is mandatory although the majority of students don't agree on "non-educational" issues.

Let us elect a student who will spend his time and our IFC money on issues dealing directly with education.

If we as individuals want to express our political viewpoints let us vote, donate time and money directly to those issues not through the ASUO.

An ASUO election is hardly a mandate for which to represent the majority viewpoint on various political issues.

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