

ASUO Pres. vetoes programs

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ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe eliminated funding for a student program in a series of vetoes released Monday, although one veto appears invalid.

Balfe vetoed \$750 for three student programs. The Incidental Fee Committee can override a veto by a 5-2 vote.

The \$460 budget of Pre-Health Sciences Center was eliminated because the program is a "direct arm of the University, helping students to further their careers and educational opportunities in medical school," Balfe said in a memorandum. Such goals are "commendable" but should not be funded through incidental fees, he said.

"These services should be provided

through University channels and/or donations or fees paid by the program's participants," Balfe said.

The veto is a misrepresentation of pre-health science majors, said Paul Faringer, Pre-Health Sciences Center director. Pre-health students comprise 7 percent of the student body, yet they receive .1 percent of the incidental fee budget, he said.

There are other student organizations with less than 200 members that receive about five times as much as the center, which serves 1,000 pre-health science students, Faringer said. He said he will talk to University Pres. Paul Olum about the decision.

Balfe vetoed items in the budgets of Jewish Student Union and Students for

a Nuclear Free Future because of their political nature.

Balfe vetoed \$218 for an Israel Independence Day to be sponsored by the Jewish Student Union. The veto, however, apparently is invalid because of a technicality.

The ASUO Constitution Committee decided two weeks ago that an ASUO president cannot partially veto an IFC allocation, said Karsten Rasmussen, ASUO Constitution Committee chair.

Balfe vetoed \$150 for funding the independence day allocation. He also vetoed \$73 in related expenses — \$4 of the JSU's approved \$79 printing and duplication allocation and \$69 of the group's \$238 advertising allotment.

The veto is therefore "ineffective," Rasmussen said.

Balfe said earlier Monday he interpreted the committee's ruling to mean he could veto "any or all of a budget."

The ASUO Executive's office has received many complaints from some Jewish students, he said. The event represents only a part of campus Jewish students and divides the different Jewish students, Balfe said.

"I am absolutely appalled by him vetoing this particular line item," said JSU member Paul Zadoff, who helped to draft the program's budget. The cultural event is no different than the Hispanic student group's Cinco de Mayo celebration, he said.

The veto would have reduced JSU's budget to \$1,808, a 37 percent increase from this year's \$1,131 budget. The IFC approved a budget of \$2,026.

IFC finances EMU shortfall

The Incidental Fee Committee Monday approved a plan to finance a \$59,000 shortfall in the EMU administration's budget.

The EMU last year spent \$59,000 more than what was budgeted for fuel costs, said David Gibson, ASUO vice president for administration and finance. Wood chips were in short supply during last year's colder-than-usual winter, which forced the Physical Plant to use more expensive oil.

Gibson asked the committee to approve a plan to finance the shortfall by taking \$20,000 from an overrealized fees fund and \$39,000 from a surplus fund. Surplus is budgeted money ASUO-

funded programs do not spend each year, and overrealized funds are excess monies generated because more students enroll than forecasted.

Gibson suggested the plan as an alternative to raising incidental fees \$1.50 per student per term to finance the deficit. The incidental fee is about \$17.33 per term.

IFC member Bart Hill objected to the plan, saying there is not enough "cushion" in the surplus and overrealized fee accounts to cover another such shortfall. The ASUO did not budget enough for phone costs this year, and that shortfall is being recovered in program budgets, he said.

Women and pacifism go together

"Female oppression is the primary oppression in the world," according to research on radical feminism conducted by Catherine Durize.

Durize presented the results of her master's thesis on American pacifist feminist theory in a lecture entitled "Women and Pacifism" Monday at Condon Hall.

The 32-year-old political science major said feminist writing linked war with "the patriarchal values of domination, power and competition that lead to aggressive behavior," and with the "overwhelming domination of male structures" in society.

Durize says men not only subordinate women but also other countries. The drive for power in relationships between people and countries is the same. The feminist theory "personal is political" enables people to analyze society from

a personal point of view, she said.

While Durize suggested women were natural pacifists, she discounted the idea that women are naturally nurturing.

She offered the alternative feminist idea that "true nurturance is what you individually take upon yourself," a difference based on choice, not sex. She cited laws allowing men in Scandinavia to take a year off from work in order to raise their children.

Feminist political theory wants to counteract dualism with unity.

Correction

Due to an editing error, an article entitled "Bomb threat empties library" said there was a bomb found in the Feb. 22 bomb threat which forced evacuation of Gilbert Hall.

Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department said there have been no bombs found at any of the incidents involving bomb threats.

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