

# ASUO minutes

## SUAB

"Fourteen not eight" is where the Student University Affairs Board wants to draw the line on student representation in the University Senate, and the board is planning a campaign blitz to let faculty members know their feelings on the issue.

SUAB members said Thursday they want to maintain a one-third voice in the legislative process and have come up with a compromise plan, designed by Chair Mike Prothe, to accomplish that goal.

The SUAB compromise, which would mean a University Senate comprised of 28 faculty and 14 student members, is in reaction to a University Task Force governance proposal last spring recommending SUAB be cut to eight members.

Board members will conduct interviews with professors this week to get their view of the proposed cut and compromise. Letters stating the board's position on the proposed cut will also go out to the faculty.

SUAB will also conduct a letter campaign in the *Oregon Daily Emerald*, coordinate student support groups like the ASUO, the interfraternity council and Panhellenic and rally to get students to attend the general assembly meeting on Nov. 9.

Those procedures are designed to keep student representation alive in the University Senate, Prothe said.

"It's a serious issue not to be taken lightly," he said. "We have to hit the students and faculty every way possible."

If approved, the task force proposal would not take effect until

next spring and would be reviewed after two years.

In other action, the board discussed SEARCH classes, claiming some faculty members have cited problems with curriculum and degree of difficulty of the SEARCH courses.

Board member Tom Birkland said that he could find no serious shortcomings with the program and that "tightening of faculty sponsorship guidelines" is all that is needed.

The board also wrestled with the notion of a semester conversion and said more research — including surveys with students and faculty and contacting Oregon State and Portland State on the issue — is needed.

In final action, the board appointed Teresa Noonan of Beaverton to the SUAB undeclared seat.

## IFC

The Incidental Fee Committee Thursday night declined to move to allocate funds for Students in Neuroscience, adopted 20 resolutions for the year, balanced forward funds in 15 accounts and allocated \$40 to the Constitution Court.

The SIN representatives, requesting funds for the first time, were told to try again next year. The IFC suggested they improve their advertising campaign, do more fund raising, and look at other program goals and budgets.

One resolution passed despite the strong dissent of Sheila Schain, vice-chair.

The Constitution states that both the ASUO executive and the IFC can freeze accounts and the IFC has traditionally voted for such a resolution, but Schain said the resolution usurps executive

power and may bring the IFC into conflict with the ASUO comptroller.

The two-hour meeting concluded with a discussion of the goals hearing scheduled for Oct. 20. IFC Chair Julie Davis said the meeting will focus on new programs and major changes in existing budget requests.

Davis said that if a group goes through the goals process and the IFC initially approves its request, then that group should be guaranteed some funding. But committee members Lois Day and Mark Spence argued there should be some mechanism for allowing the possibility of zero funding.

Spence said not only should the committee consider the program's goals, but also its realistic chances of meeting those goals, the intentions of other members within the program, and other variables concerning the projected budget of the program.

## BROWN BAG

Rick Cleveland called war obsolete and discussed alternative ways of resolving international conflict at a brown bag lunch in the EMU Forum Wednesday.

Cleveland, a Eugene attorney and member of the Creative Initiative Foundation, told about a dozen students that reversing the cultural conditioning about war entails "the most massive educational effort ever undertaken."

This education would have to begin in the United States, where there is freedom of speech and assembly, he said. Cleveland added that it would not be necessary to educate everyone, since these ideas could spread from a small core group.

## Three EMU Board positions available

Three positions are available on the EMU Board of Directors, including two as EMU program representatives and one for a student affiliated with an ASUO-funded program.

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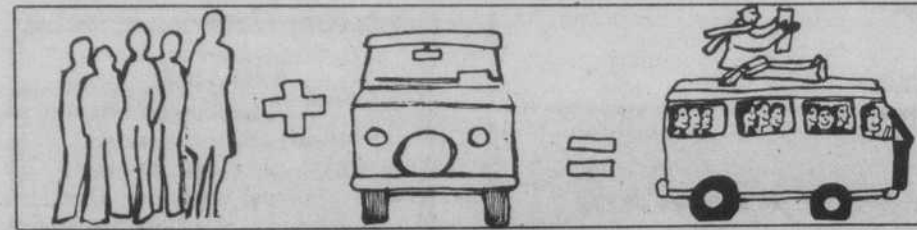
time commitment of five hours a week," says Chair Dan Cohen.

The positions will be appointed by the student-elected members of the board, Cohen says.

The 15-member EMU Board allocates \$1.2 million in incidental

fees to EMU programs and service areas and allocates office space and sets short- and long-term goals for the EMU.

Applications may be picked up in Suite 4, EMU, and must be returned by Oct. 28.



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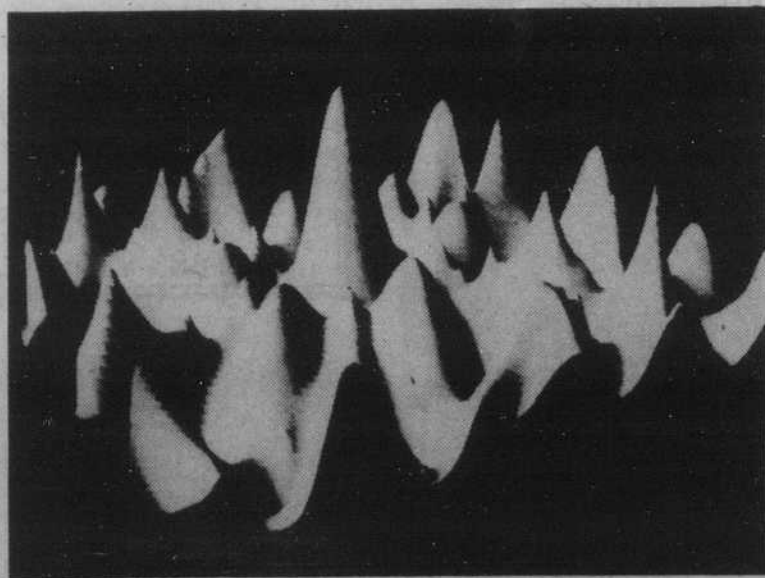
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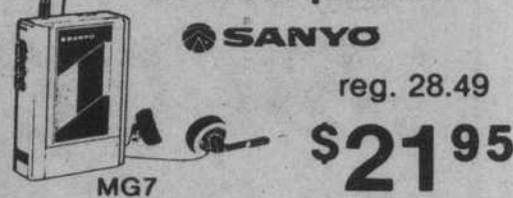
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