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IFC doesn't challenge Hotchkiss' veto

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The Incidental Fee Committee Wednesday chose not to override ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss' veto of funding for the *Oregon Commentator*. And they rejected a request for a lower level of funding from *Commentator* publisher Dane Claussen.

The IFC voted Friday to fund the publication with \$5,000, but that vote was vetoed by Hotchkiss on Monday. In a memo to the IFC Monday, Hotchkiss called the funding "extraordinary" for a group that has only been in existence for seven months.

But Claussen called this a "Catch-22." "We need to be around for a certain time to receive funding, but we need funding in order to be around," Claussen said.

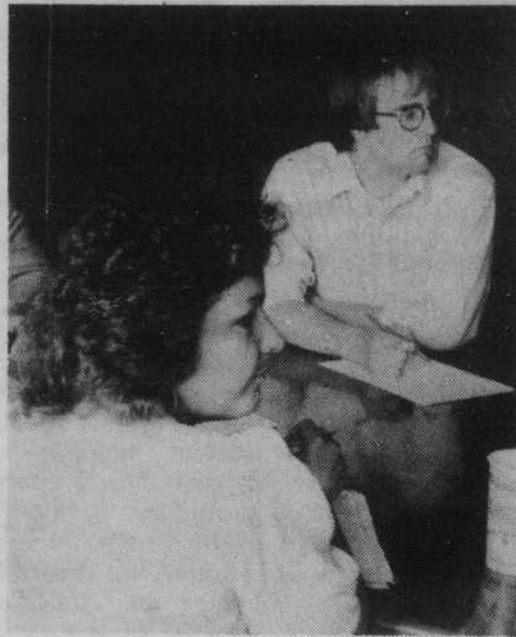
Claussen also rejected Hochkiss' allegation that the only purpose of the *Commentator* was to "expound a conservative viewpoint to a liberal campus."

The *Commentator*, like the *Emerald*, reflects the political views of a staff which changes from year to year, Claussen said, and there is no reason to believe next years staff will necessarily be conservative.

Claussen alluded to the *Commentator's* tongue-in-cheek ad for next year's staff to back his contention that the *Commentator* is not tied to a rigid political ideology. "Applicants need not be politically correct" the ad says.

Claussen also attacked Hotchkiss' charge that the *Commentator* "consistently bordered on violating ethical practices."

"Most of the people on our staff are



Incidental Fees Committee members Mary Shrauger and Mark Spence heard testimony at Wednesday's IFC meeting.

journalism students and are well aware of journalistic ethics," Claussen said.

But voting to fund the *Commentator* would "damage people's notion of what the right to vote means," maintained IFC Chair Julie Davis, newly-elected ASUO president. A ballot measure to allocate \$10,000 to the *Commentator* was defeated by students, 1,715 to 790.

Though the ballot was non-binding, many students did not realize this, Davis said, and to ignore their vote would give rise to student cynicism.

Giving \$5,000 to the *Commentator* would be "special treatment" that other campus groups do not enjoy, said Tim

Jordan, co-editor of *Off the Record*.

"We had to fight for an additional \$200 for a publication that has been on campus for 18 years," Jordan said.

"I appreciate what Dane is doing, his entrepreneurial spirit, but I don't believe he deserves this level of funding," he said.

"I think the *Commentator* should have more time to prove its worth funding," added Joern Wettern. He said there are other groups doing important work that do not receive such generous funding, such as the Student Campaign for Disarmament which only receives \$1,300.

"Five thousand dollars is too much for the *Commentator*," he said.

But two students said they thought the paper should be funded, since it provided a service to students by bringing out viewpoints not expressed in other campus publications.

"I disagree with the *Commentator* as often as I agree with it," said law student Chuck Sparks, "but I believe the *Commentator* provides a balanced dialogue among publications on campus.

"I like having the *Commentator* perspective coming in from the right to help me make better decisions," he said.

"The *Commentator* reflects well on the student body as it tends to be well written while the *Emerald* is poorly written and sloppily edited," said math student Brian Tannahill.

This year, the *Commentator* had been funded in part by a \$6,000 grant from a conservative foundation, but Claussen said he would prefer not having to depend on outside funding.

In other business, the IFC came closer to reaching a contract agreement with

the Athletic Department. Both parties have agreed on the main points of the contract, such as the level of IFC funding, but other points need to be ironed out.

Bill Hallmark said men's football and basketball are self supporting, but this contract provides an incentive for the department to develop minor sports.

Prices for student tickets for men's basketball will be raised from \$2 to \$3.

The Athletic department and IFC must come to an agreement today, Davis said, and the IFC will meet at 4:30 p.m. to work out the final details of the contract.



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They give their all

It now costs only 87 cents to go to college — for a mouse that is.

That is the cost of buying a mouse for a cancer research lab, but the money also goes for general cancer research, according to Wynn Fischer of the American Cancer Society in Eugene.

This year 450,000 Americans will die of cancer, but nearly one-third of them might have been saved with earlier diagnosis and prompt treatment, according to Fischer. Continued research is needed to discover early causes and effective treatment.

Sigma Nu fraternity members will be collecting these "Send a Mouse to College" envelopes in the EMU main lobby Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on behalf of the Society.

"With the help of Sigma Nu members and the rest of the University of Oregon student body, we hope to collect about 1,000 of these envelopes," Fischer says. Last year \$2.2 million was raised.

CIA head linked to 'Debategate'

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director William Casey played a major role in an organized, possibly illegal political espionage effort that obtained Carter administration documents for Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign, a House subcommittee concluded Wednesday.

The panel said in a 2,400-page report that its investigation begun last June found "no evidence" that Pres. Ronald Reagan was involved in the operation, which acquired briefing materials prepared to tutor then-Pres. Jimmy Carter for a pivotal campaign debate with Reagan. Casey was Reagan's campaign director.

"The subcommittee finds that persons in the Reagan-Bush campaign organization engaged in organized efforts to obtain... information and materials that were not publicly available," the report said.

It also said that contrary to Casey's repeated assertions that he could not recall ever seeing any Carter documents in 1980, "the subcommittee finds that the better evidence indicates that Carter debate briefing materials entered the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign through... Casey."

Reagan refused to comment on the committee's report. House Republicans, however, blasted the investigation as "a series of bungling missteps," and GOP members of the panel dissented from the majority Democrats' conclusions.

"Mr. Casey will have no comment until he has read the report," said Dale Peterson, a spokesman for the CIA chief.

The Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee on human resources said it was unable to identify who in the Carter camp provided the materials because people from

both sides were "not candid" during the probe. But it said that at least one unidentified Reagan campaign aide "provided untruthful answers."

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Donald Albosta, D-Mich., urged the Justice Department to seek a court-appointed special prosecutor to review the case, particularly "the questionable and flatly contradictory statements made to the subcommittee."

The Justice Department has said its investigation turned up no "specific credible evidence" of a crime and is now appealing a U.S. District Court ruling ordering Attorney General William French Smith to seek appointment of an independent counsel.

The subcommittee, noting that the Carter debate papers were used to help prepare Reagan for the nationally televised encounter, said it disagreed with the Justice Department's "surprising conclusion."

"Use of these materials in the Reagan-Bush campaign is itself 'specific credible evidence' that some crime has occurred," the report said.

The report said Casey handed the debate materials over to James Baker III, the White House chief of staff who has told the subcommittee that he received the documents from Casey. The report said that a "credible witness" corroborated Baker, despite Casey's denials that he had seen such documents.

The subcommittee said it also disagreed with the Justice Department's contention that there is "no specific, credible evidence of a federal crime."

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crime has occurred."

The report, which stated that the Carter people provided "insufficient protection" for their materials, said that investigators believe the documents "likely were taken from the offices of the National Security Council."

The report added that "persons in the Reagan-Bush campaign organization engaged in organized efforts to obtain from the Carter administration and from the Carter-Mondale campaign information and materials that were not publicly available."

"The subcommittee believes that this acceptance and use would have occurred only if the source or sources of the briefing materials were known and considered trustworthy," the report said.

Baker, now White House chief of staff, told the subcommittee last year that he had received the debate papers from Casey.

The report said the Democratic-controlled subcommittee does not agree with the Justice Department's "surprising conclusion" earlier this year that "any seeming inconsistencies (in witness statements) could be explained by differences in recollection and interpretation."

Attorney General William French Smith said then that he did not feel available evidence warranted appointment of a special prosecutor.

But U.S. District Judge Harold Greene — in an order later stayed pending department appeals — ruled May 14 that Smith should seek a special prosecutor.

Earlier Wednesday, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, who has said he doubted that Congress had the authority to conduct the briefing papers probe, joined the chorus calling for a special prosecutor.