

# Editorial

## Three IFC choices best in limited field

Tweedle dum and tweedle dee. For the most part, that is the choice facing voters in next week's primary election for one-year Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) seats. But this dearth of candidate experience should not discourage student voting for one of the most powerful bodies of campus government.

Of the ten aspirants for the three one-year positions, there are but two choices we can recommend in good faith. Katy Howard and Ron Munion are outstanding candidates, and both would significantly improve the governing ability of the fee committee.

Of all the candidates, Munion's knowledge of the IFC funding process appears to be the most thorough. In essence, his candidacy is conservative. His presence as an articulate voice for fiscal restraint will facilitate a careful airing of the merits of any budget request.

Recognizing the need for "diversity of thought" among student groups, Munion emphasizes the importance of groups raising a significant portion of their budgets.

Howard's diverse background — her experience as a business owner, social worker and member of various boards of directors — presents a solid record of managerial know-how.

She is both reasoned and articulate, and would offer a rational voice to a funding body often marked by acrimony rather than reason. She has the distinct ability to get along well with people, a trait vital to the successful operation of any governing body.

Of the other candidates, only one has elaborated a platform worthy of student support. David Karp has wisely stated his determination to fund groups only after critically examining the particular benefits of each budget request. He has experience in fraternity budgeting and recognizes the limited resources available for student groups.

The remaining candidates either suffer from a lack of understanding of the IFC process or voiced an unwillingness to fund groups that represent a minority point of view.

In the past, the IFC has been accused of being the only governing body that has a mandate to pick students' pockets. An exaggeration, no doubt, but for all practical purposes, the group does decide where student fee money is spent. For the 1985-86 academic year, this amounted to more than \$2 million.

Such a sizable sum deserves to be wisely spent, and only after an open and vigorous debate. IFC members need to be in touch with student opinion and display a willingness to overcome ideology in deciding funding questions.

Given the power of the IFC and the size of its allocation, voters should make their choices with caution and skepticism. Promises of reform in the budget process, if realized, will only come through the dedicated efforts of IFC members and students determined to see their money used prudently.

Overzealous attempts to reduce funding for the sake of reduction may succeed unless students vote to ensure the representation of minority and divergent views.

This year only twelve candidates filed for the five open IFC seats. Because the two candidates for two-year seats are unopposed, we make no endorsements in that race.

The IFC race attracted over 30 candidates in the early 1980s. We hope that this level of interest will soon return and that the new ASUO administration will act to boost involvement in the electoral process.



## Letters

### Misunderstood

I can't believe what I read. The ASUO shuttle bus is now a pick-up point for lesbians craving innocent sweet little girls.

Imagine all this time I have walked around at night avoiding dark streets, dark alleys, in fact, almost avoiding going out alone at night. And all that time I kept my doors locked during the day and night was in vain because I misunderstood the whole thing.

Well thank you, Darrel Rothauge, for setting me straight (HA! HA!) Imagine all this time I thought it was men who raped, sodomized and brutalized women, but it wasn't. It was lurking lesbians.

Holly Hutton  
Student

### Make my term

I'd like to say a big public thank you to Sean Axmaker for his brilliant work at the Cultural Forum in bringing us so many fine, intelligent, imaginative films this year.

If you don't have your film schedule yet for this term, rush down to the Cultural Forum office in the lower level of the EMU annex and pick one up. Thank you, especially, Sean, for "Querelle," "Lifeboat," "Thieves Like Us," and "Kiss of the Spider Woman."

And for the future, let me say: Go ahead, Sean, make my term.

Jesse Ledgerwood  
Post-Masters Counseling

### Dirty money

Two stories in the Eugene Register-Guard's April 4 issue stood in heartbreaking contrast.

On the one hand, Willamette Industries barged ahead with the cutting of the "Millenium Grove" containing 700 to 900-year-old Douglas fir. Litigation was still pending, but like Sacred Heart Hospital in the case of the Mayflower Theatre, the corporation did as it bloody well pleased.

On the other hand, back in Section B, an obscure Blue Star Memorial Highway marker on route 99, commemorating the armed forces of World War II, is the subject of an extensive campaign for relocation.

It is shamefully symptomatic of our society that we will work hard to save a mere sign, a thousand of which could be produced in a day, but we will destroy an irreplaceable monument to that unspoiled beauty into which our nation was born for, ascribing the best motives, a few man-hours.

I have worked in a sawmill, and I know what being laid off feels like. But Willamette Industries' executives are not in danger of being laid off; they could have cut somewhere, anywhere else. As Bob Dylan once sang, "Money doesn't

talk, it swears."

Bill Homans  
Journalism

### Thanks, Bill

While I realize that I'm supposed to be obsessed with terrorism (as defined by the Reagan government), somehow my mind continually wanders to Susan Campbell Hall and to the august office of Bill Lemman, Vice-Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education.

For those of you who don't recognize his name, Bill Lemman is that friend of white South Africa who ordered Paul Olum to put a freeze on student fees designated for the divestment lawsuit. Thanks, Bill. It appears that Bill doesn't think students should use their own money for lawful reasons — as in courts of law. Or does he?

When the ASUO's lawyers threatened ol' Bill with a lawsuit (for breach of contract), our friend Bill used \$18,000 (of student fee money!) to settle out of court. All of a sudden he likes the idea of spending student money for lawful reasons — like saving his own neck.

Nice guy, Bill is. He tries to torpedo divestment, tries to bankrupt the ASUO's lawyers, gains control over student fees, then uses our money to buy his way out of a lawsuit dealing with his own outrageous actions.

So my mind wanders over to Susan Campbell Hall, and I think about the advisability of the ASUO suing Bill Lemman for illegal use of student fees: I think of the Emerald (someday) throwing the spotlight on this guy, and one of the student body visiting his office and telling him what we think of him.

Roscoe Caron  
Education

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