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IFC turns down proposal to raise incidental fees

By Sheri Metzler
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The Incidental Fee Committee voted last night not to increase fees and discussed the procedure for upcoming budget hearings.

"There is no way that groups can ask to raise student fees," said committee member Jim Randall. "We can't afford increases with our government."

Each group is allowed a 30-minute hearing before the IFC votes on its budget. The committee decided to first hear the goals and then the amounts that each group wants. If the group does not get the amount of money it requests, the appeals process will be explained at the end of the hearings.

Kari Rothi, co-director of the Women's Referral and Resource Service, asked the IFC to transfer funds from a defunct women's escort account and the conference account into the speaker's account to help fund an upcoming concert. The committee decided instead to loan the WRRS the funds.

"Incidental fees are not normally spent on fund-raising events," IFC chairwoman Jodie Mooney said.

The committee moved to transfer surplus funds into the deficit Office of Student Advocacy account. That account ran into debt during October and November of 1986.

The over-realized monies committee, which addresses funds to physical and cultural interests that benefit students as a group, asserted that the money should not be used to supplement salaries, course requirements or academic needs.

Also, the money is not to be used in any way for administration because it wouldn't benefit as many students.

2 Senate bills introduced to boost state's chances of attracting SSC

By Shawn Wirtz
Of the Emerald

Two bills were introduced in the Oregon Senate Thursday that may boost Oregon's chance at being selected as the site for a federal high-energy atom smasher, said Sen. Mae Yih.

Oregon is competing with 25 other states to win the Department of Energy's proposed Superconducting Super Collider, which would allow physicists to smash protons into each other and study the resulting fundamental particles.

Former Gov. Vic Atiyeh's task force recommended a site 35 miles north of Eugene near Lebanon for the \$4 billion project. The bill would place the siting, development and operation of the SSC under the jurisdiction of the Economic Development Department.

"The governor will review the former task force recommendations and make his own decision," Yih said. The bill would also exempt the site from land use regulations.

A second bill would authorize tax credits for contributions to recruit the project and tax deductions for contributions to site acquisition and

preparation or operation.

"The bill has the effect of getting Oregon ready for proposals," Yih said. Since the DOE may give states only two to three months to submit proposals when it decides to initiate the project, "it will behoove us to be ready," she said.

The two bills will show Oregon's level of commitment to the project, Yih said. "When the Energy Department asks for a proposal, you have to make very clear which part will be developed by the state," she said.

While Texas, Colorado and California have spent millions of dollars preparing preliminary studies, Oregon has spent about \$100,000 so far in initial geological studies, said David Fiskum, deputy director of the state Economic Development Department.

Despite the stiff competition, Oregon has a good chance of winning the project, said Rep. Tom Mason, one of several sponsors of the bill along with Yih.

"Oregon is objectively a relatively viable site

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Former University student files suit against Emerald

By Sarah Kitchen
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Paul Sturtz, a former University student, has filed a lawsuit against the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co. Inc., claiming the newspaper is guilty of wrongful dismissal and reverse sexual discrimination.

Sturtz is suing for \$109,000, loss of agreed salary, general damages and punitive damages.

On April 21 last year, Sturtz was appointed by the Emerald's board of directors to be Emerald editor starting May 1. But two weeks later, the board reversed its decision and appointed Michelle Brence as editor, a position she currently holds.

The board appointed Brence after reviewing a grievance she submitted contesting Sturtz's appointment on the basis of sexual discrimination, in which she said she was a more qualified candidate.

Brence has written for the Emerald since 1984. She also has served as editorial page editor and managing editor.

In response to Brence's grievance, the board formed an independent, three-member committee, consisting of staff from the journalism school, University relations and personnel services to review both the hiring process and the qualifications of the applicants.

According to a statement released from the board, "due to the committee's criticism of the selection criteria, and based upon the direction of discussion within the board itself, Michelle



Paul Sturtz

Brence has been named editor of the Emerald with the full support of the board."

Sturtz had four years' experience as a freelance writer as well as two months as an associate editor with the Emerald. He also had worked as an intern research assistant at Mother Jones magazine.

Sturtz claims he was dismissed without cause and in breach of the contract into which he entered. "The Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co., Inc., committed an unlawful employment practice in that it discharged plaintiff (Sturtz) from employment on account of his male sex," according to the suit.

In the suit against the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co. Inc., it is stated the Emerald has

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Photo by John Giustina

The use of condoms is being promoted as an effective prevention against contracting the AIDS virus.

TV stations consider airing condom ads

By Carolyn Lamberson
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Last fall, the U.S. Surgeon General announced that aside from abstinence, the use of condoms during intercourse is the best way to control the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Because of this announcement, the latest in a long line of AIDS-related controversies has arrived — the advertising of condoms as an AIDS prevention method on television.

Television station KRON in San Francisco announced earlier this month that it would accept advertising for condoms on a six-month trial basis, said Javier Valencia, station spokesman.

But there are a few conditions the advertisements must abide by in order to be aired, he said.

"The ads must be in good taste, and they have some time restrictions as to when they can be run," Valencia said. "They cannot be aired during children's programming and must mention the use of condoms as a method of preventing AIDS."

The station also is donating all of the revenue generated from the sale of advertising time to AIDS research and requires the manufacturer to make an equal contribution, Valencia said.

Valencia said the reaction from the public has been mostly positive, with San Francisco right-to-life groups and the Catholic church voicing concern against the idea on moral grounds.

Religious leaders in the Eugene area were

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