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Erickson testified against the measure before the education committee.

The committee also received letters from the University Athletic Department, the EMU Board, the Oregon Student Lobby, and several college and university students opposed to the bill.

Opponents of the measure said it would destroy important student programs that could not be adequately funded in other ways.

No students testified in support of the measure.

Rep. Ron McCarty, D-Portland, introduced the bill, which would have required the State System of Higher Education to limit student incidental fees to a maximum of \$20 a stu-

dent each quarter.

McCarty told the committee he introduced the bill after students from Portland State University contacted him and complained that incidental fees had grown too large.

Incidental fees range from \$60 to \$104 per term at the colleges and universities in the State System, McCarty said. However, students at Pacific University in Forest Grove, a private academic institution, pay only \$20 a term in incidental fees, he said.

"The students who called me said the average poor student could not afford these fees" at state colleges, McCarty said.

Erickson said he was "amazed" to hear the bill originated from his own campus at PSU. "I

haven't heard any students at all complain about this as a problem."

Nelson and Moonie told the committee they had heard from only one student at the University who supported the bill but many who opposed it.

The average age of students at the University is 26 years, Nelson said. "We do not need to be protected against ourselves by having our right to tax ourselves limited."

Rep. and committee member Walt Schroeder, R-Gold Beach, said he thought the incidental fee is "good training" for later in life when the tax assessor comes knocking.

No support for the bill was expressed by any committee member.

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it would affect the budget.

"My question is if enrollment should go down drastically, would OSPIRG still receive the budget prepared on enrollment estimates or actually enrollment," she said.

The committee approved OSPIRG's budget request based upon the registrar's projected enrollment for the 1987-88 school year. OSPIRG received a \$6,787.28 increase from its present budget but \$1,414.72 less than it had requested.

A second controversy arose over IFC's own budget request. Because IFC members who will benefit directly from the proposed budget can not vote because of a conflict of interest, two members abstained. IFC chair Jodie Mooney also opted to remain out of the voting because she wrote the budget proposal and made the presentation to the remaining committee members.

Mooney's proposal requested a raise in stipends for committee members. IFC member Jim Randall, seeing a need to curb allocations, said that it wasn't necessary to raise IFC stipends to the total amount Mooney requested and proposed a compromise lowering the IFC's total request from \$14,952 to \$11,837. The motion was carried with a 3-0-1. Munion abs-

tained from voting.

The IFC granted the Constitutional Court its requested allocation of \$1,505 with little discussion. The committee

denied the Student Senate a \$10 increase in the chairman's stipend but otherwise approved the remaining requested budget allocation.

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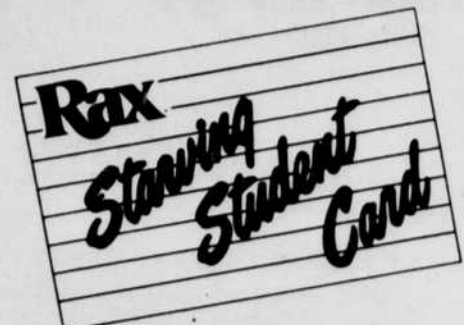
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