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IFC allocates funds to childcare program

By Carolyn Lamberson
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The Incidental Fee Committee on Wednesday allocated \$80,850 to the ASUO Child Care Subsidy Program and will request another \$20,000 for a reserve account from the over-realized fees account.

The Child Care Subsidy Program subsidizes childcare costs for parent-students.

Carol Chadwick and ASUO President Steve Nelson presented the subsidy budget to the committee. They requested \$75,850, but in addition asked the committee to set up a \$5,000 reserve fund out of the ASUO surplus account.

This fund would serve as a cushion if the subsidy program should encounter an increase of parent-student usage, Nelson said.

IFC Chairwoman Jodie Mooney did not feel comfortable with the idea. She did not want to tie next year's fee committee to any agreement.

"I would prefer to allocate

\$80,000 with a budget note," she said. "We can't do anything about next year's surplus account."

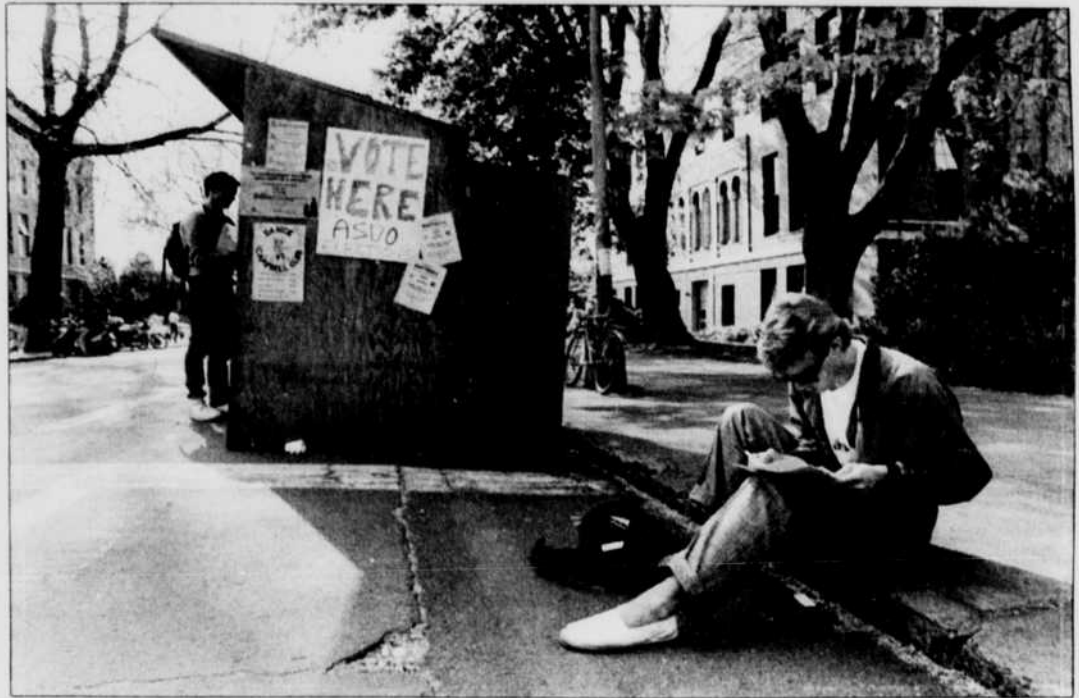
Committee member Bob Baldwin expressed concern the projected subsidy need was not figured high enough and wanted to increase the funding level, or at least the amount to be reserved.

"I'm afraid this is not reflective of current financial aid," he said, adding he did not want to have parent-students dropping out of school because they could not afford child care even with the subsidy.

Nelson assured the committee that the task force was very careful in its figures but noted precision is difficult because usage varies from month to month, he said.

He also warned the committee not to allocate too much money at this point in time. He did not want parent-students pouring into the program only to be dropped sometime in the

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ASUO elections continue today

University senior Craig Vincze takes a break on the curb in front of an ASUO General Elections voting booth on 13th Avenue. The elections will determine next year's ASUO student body officers and decide the fate of 10 ballot measures currently before voters. Voting continues today.

Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Work-study students to receive food stamp increase

By Tom Ruggiero
Of the Emerald

University work-study students may be eligible for a substantial increase in their monthly food stamp allotment, according to Bob Proctor, Adult and Family Services Supervisor for the State of Oregon.

Because work study is no longer considered income under federal law, students previously unable to get food stamps may now be eligible for up to \$81 for a one-person household said Tom

Clark, welfare assistance worker for the State of Oregon.

The policy change will affect any part-time or full-time university or college student in the United States, Proctor said. This reinterpretation of policy "is the most significant I've seen directly affecting students," he added.

Food and Nutrition Services, a federal government agency that makes state policy for food stamp distribution, reviewed the Higher Education Act in

1986 and decided the act superseded an Oregon law that was being used to determine the amount of food stamps a student could receive, according to Proctor.

The federal law states that no portion of any Title IV student assistance will be considered earned income in determining eligibility in federal programs.

Ed Vignoul, director of the University's Office of Student Financial Aid said Title IV income includes the entire University student financial aid program.

State administrators had been using Oregon Public Law 99-48 until February of this year, counting Pell Grants and work study as earned income for determining food stamp eligibility.

But according to Proctor, a person must take at least eight credits at a college or university and still meet one of five criteria to receive food stamps under the "student" definition.

The policy change took effect in February 1987 but is not retroactive, according to Proctor.

Cancer Society grants fund research



By Laurie Schwartz
Of the Emerald

The American Cancer Society donated nearly \$74 million to national research in 1985, according to the latest figures available from its headquarters in New York.

Part of that money underwrites biology research in labs here at the University. Three campus researchers, Frank Stahl, George Sprague and Laurel Bernstein, have received hefty grants from the American Cancer Society to pursue their projects.

Stahl's grant from the cancer society is a prestigious lifetime award that pays two-thirds of his salary until he's 65, freeing him from teaching responsibilities.

The three researchers work in separate laboratories crammed with beakers of every size and shape, bacterial cultures, yeast colonies and fruit flies. The labs are staffed by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

To the uninitiated, the connection between cancer and the research projects at the University is obscure.

Stahl studies viruses to explore ways

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Cancer story told for benefit of fundraiser

By Laurie Schwartz
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Ten years ago Margory Ramey, director of University housing, discovered she had an extremely aggressive form of breast cancer. One doctor told her the survival rate for that form of cancer was nonexistent.

"I thought that was a fairly grim revelation," Ramey said. She got the impression from doctors that she had only a matter of months to live.

Ramey is reluctant to endanger her privacy by publicizing her experience with cancer but agreed to be interviewed Wednesday because she believes the publicity may help the American Cancer Society's fundraising drive now underway.

Last year the Cancer Society's fundraising drive on campus netted only \$742.50.

"In a way (the low level of response

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University researcher Laurel Bernstein studies the cells of fruit flies to discover how individual cells communicate using "messenger molecules."

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