

IFC allocates funds for anti-racist trip, infant-care referrals

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The Incidental Fee Committee failed to elect its officers as planned Monday, but it did allocate almost \$2,000 to the ASUO Executive from the surplus account.

According to the IFC rules of procedure, all seven members of the committee must be present to elect officers; however, only five members attended the

early morning meeting. Armando Morales and Laurie Clark were the absent committee members.

In some situations, the committee can temporarily suspend its rules and proceed. This was the case last year when the committee elected Jodie Mooney to the chairwoman position without the presence of member Ron Munion.

After the meeting, Baldwin said that no members expressed interest in suspending the rules

and electing a chairperson, vice chairperson, two EMU Board representatives and an Associated Students Presidents Advisory Committee (ASPAC) representative.

A date for the election of officers has not been established.

The Executive brought forth two requests for the IFC. The first focused a conference to be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, sponsored by the Northwest Coalition against Malicious Harrassment.

The coalition formed recently to eliminate the white-supremist power base in Northern Idaho and the Northwest, according to ASUO Finance Coordinator Mike Sauerwein. The \$1,136 request covers expenses for two ASUO representatives and seven ASUO program representatives.

The conference will provide a "real opportunity to learn about minority issues" and raise awareness about racist and anti-Semitic attitudes that still prevail even though many people see the Northwest as free of those sentiments, Sauerwein said.

The committee approved the allocation 3-0-2 with J.B. Leahy and Sandra Thompson abstaining.

The second request was for the purchase and installation of four infant-care referral bulletin boards.

The boards would give students a place to go to find infant child care and would be placed at the Child Care and Development Center, Amazon Child Care, Westmoreland Child Care and the EMU.

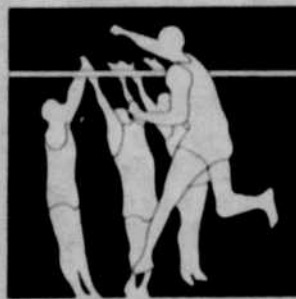
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pressed their opposition to the request. Leahy suggested keeping names and numbers for reference on index cards at the child care center desks, while Thompson supported only purchasing one board for placement in the EMU.

"It's not that I'm against having a board in each location," but it seems sensible to just install one to monitor its use and effectiveness, she said.

Member Steve Hoyt said that each child care location had its own unique needs and problems.

Thompson moved to allocate \$142 for one board, but the motion was defeated 2-3 with Baldwin, Hoyt and Kristin Teigen voting against. Teigen made a second motion for the full amount requested, and that was approved in a 3-2 vote.



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Anonymous tip line helps catch crooks

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People who have information vital to Springfield police investigations and yet are not willing to be personally involved can find the perfect avenue through the "Anonymous Tip Line" at 726-3773.

Capt. Jerry Smith of the Springfield Police Department encourages the public to use the tip line more frequently if they have information that they think would help the police solve crimes.

"Police are not magicians and they need information to focus their efforts at particular people and locations," Smith said. "If the police have no information, they can't function in criminal investigations — so the tip line is one source that they may be able to use."

The line is a 24-hour, non-emergency line for people with information about unsolved crimes, suspicious activities

and situations that merit investigation.

"This is an avenue that they can provide the police a direction to focus attention and efforts," Smith said. "It is a valuable tool that the Springfield police certainly have no plans of getting rid of," he added.

Tip-line callers will hear a taped message and then be given time to leave their information on an answering machine. Callers are not required to identify themselves or leave a contact.

Police officers check out the answering machines every morning for new tips that came in the day before. Police, however, do not investigate every tip comes in due to either lack of resources, vague messages or commonly known information, Smith said.

"The number of calls that comes in through the tip line depends on what goes on in the community," Smith said. "It ranges from a couple of calls a


night to nothing for several days."

The tip line receives an estimated 10 to 15 calls a week although the police may receive a host of calls after the media released a suspect's description in a homicide case, Smith said.

According to Smith, the anonymous caller program has helped police clear several cases — "probably more than they can attribute to the line."

Smith said he would like to see the tip line used more frequently because he believes there are people out there who tend to let the information pass, thinking the police already know what they have to offer.

Although the tip line is a generic program used throughout the United States and police departments throughout the country have benefited from it, the Springfield tip line was started by the community.



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"I'm doing great considering what I've been through," she said.

She is currently attending Lane Community College, working towards a degree in counseling so that she can help other battered women.

Until Barkley learned about Womenspace through a friend of a relative, she had no idea these kind of programs existed.

"I never would have dreamed seven years ago that a life like this would ever exist for me," she said.

Barkley also volunteers her time to The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), a program providing shelters, safe homes and crisis lines across the country.



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