

IFC candidate field makes picking hard

For the first time in a long time, there's an embarrassment of riches in candidates seeking seats on the Incidental Fee Committee this year. Two people are seeking a two-year position, and no less than 17 people are vying for the four available one-year seats in the ASUO general election Wednesday and Thursday.

In selecting our endorsements, we sought to create an IFC that would work together well and fairly represent all students, especially those students usually forgotten in student politics. These five candidates all exhibit impressive pragmatism, conviction and experience.

Experience is what clearly sets **Armando Morales** above his rival for the two-year seat, **Dave Heironimus**. Morales is seeking his third two-year term on the IFC. Although he is humble on the matter, Morales serves as an elder voice of wisdom on the committee; his performance as an IFC member has been exemplary.

Morales works hard at treating all student groups fairly and with respect. He has added a measure of decency to IFC meetings renowned for their chaotic nature. During heated debates, such as the flap surrounding funding for *The Oregon Commentator*, Morales displayed an ability to look beyond personal ideology and remember where the IFC's responsibilities lie.

There have been well-deserved gripes about the performance of this year's IFC, but Morales is an incumbent who should remain on the board.

Our four recommendations for the one-year seats would all be new faces at IFC meetings, but none of them are lacking in active experience. For example, **Dave Bahr** is co-director of the People's Law School. Law students on this campus have been under-represented and certainly deserve a voice, but we believe that Bahr would speak well for all students.

Bahr is a calm individual who thinks carefully about issues and takes the allocation of students' dollars seriously. He has an excellent grasp on the wheres and hows of incidental fees, and he will work well with other IFC members.

Perhaps Bahr's only weakness is the lack of recognition that surrounds him; he admits he is running a low-key campaign and he did not seek out any endorsements. He is running as an independent without an "iron-clad orthodoxy." The IFC could always use more disinterested, neutral people — don't forget Bahr when voting.

Steve Maples impressed us with his budgeting experience. As vice president of the University Bookstore Board of Directors, Maples has worked with a budget comparable in size to the incidental fee pool. That kind of monetary know-how will be useful.

Maples exhibits a streak of fair-mindedness and compassion; he is very concerned about campus safety and minority representation. Yet at the same time, as a fraternity member, Maples will be able to speak for the Greek system and the so-called "average" student on campus.

Many people have decried the lack of women seeking office in this year's election (only two are seeking IFC seats), but we are fortunate that the quality of those running makes up for the lack of quantity. **Elizabeth Neely** is an example of that quality.

Neely is a pragmatic, no-nonsense kind of individual who impressed us with her business-like demeanor. She is the kind of person needed on the IFC to stick to business and make meetings run smoothly. But steely Neely also impressed us with her passionate concerns: the SPA-endorsed graduate student is a member of Solidarity with the Central American Peoples and the Sister University Project.

In contrast to Neely, we like **Tonija Swires** because she made us laugh. But the high-spirited Swires, a self-admitted "non-traditional" student, will also be an active voice for so many disenfranchised students that her election is essential. When voting on IFC matters, Swires can speak for student parents, for off-campus residents, for women of color and for older students, because she is all of these things and more.

Swires also has experience with bureaucracy (she served on the executive board of the Lane County Democrats) and with representation. Swires is an approachable, friendly person who seems well able to sound out — and sound off — on matters that concern all students.



Letters

Decipher

As the primaries get closer there is more and more information for voters to decipher. Unfortunately, a lot of what seems to be credible campaigning is actually nothing but babble.

Clark/Wyckoff are running their campaign almost solely on propaganda and rhetoric. Over the last two weeks, they have droned on in catchy phrases and long-winded sentences about a "campus of diversity" and "an open-door ASUO." Yet Clark/Wyckoff have shown no real ability or desire to include a wide variety of students in their campaign. In the entirety of their efforts they have only one endorsement. I'm sorry, but this is not a gleaming example of diversity and inclusiveness.

It is ironic that this team of candidates has harped about the Hughes/Kirk coalition being a special interest, elitist campaign. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Hughes/Kirk ticket has been endorsed by APASU, MEChA, Saferide, Women's Resource and Referral Center, Student Economic Association, the Black Student Union, Amazon, Westmoreland, the GTFF, GALA and many others. This is real action toward student involvement and empowerment.

It is easy to see the results of hard work and a history of involvement in the Hughes/Kirk campaign. Don't be fooled by the rhetoric that implies that any other ticket represents diversity.

Please don't let a pair of inexperienced novices jeopardize your student government. There's too much at stake! Vote for the results and experience of Tim and Maureen.

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Maverick

One is forced to agree with Professor Chapin Clark, that renaming the University School of Law as the "Wayne Morse School of Law" would indeed "create great confusion in the public eye and in legal education circles." (ODE, April 13)

To avoid that confusion, since Morse was widely and

fondly known as "The Maverick," why not compromise by adopting the designation "Maverick School of Law"?

It is true that the original Samuel Maverick was a Texan, but hardly anyone knows that. Another problem, for a school of jurisprudence, is the Century Dictionary definition of Maverick as "anything dishonestly obtained, as a saddle, mine, or piece of land." But that was the meaning in 1890, obviously archaic and mostly forgotten. Unfortunately Kipling immortalized some negative connotations with a line of verse in 1892: "A very muzzy Maverick smote his sergeant on the nose." Drunk and disorderly — but that's the Brits. In my Webster's, a Maverick is just "an independent individual who refuses to conform with his group," after the original Sam Maverick "who did not brand his calves." The message to the public would be clear. Oregon attorneys of the Maverick School would be nonconformists, who would not bill their clients. Sounds okay to me.

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Overtaken?

Do you really want Roe vs. Wade overturned? Check your thoughts and feelings about freedom, dictatorship and helplessness when confronted with the following situations:

1) A woman, walking down the street with her dog late at night, is confronted by a serial rapist who kills the dog and rapes the woman. Roe vs. Wade being overturned, the arraignment for an abortion hearing is set for six months later, making it impossible to "ethically" decide in favor of the abortion. The woman carries the child to term and dies giving birth.

2) A girl in college her freshman year finds out that she's pregnant. The father is unsupportive, saying he had nothing to do with it. She: a) quits school to have the child and work — not wishing to be a burden on the ever-increasing debt of our welfare state — works a series of low-paying, flexible shift jobs until she's 56, and wonders what she could have become if she'd had a choice; or b) gets a back-alley abortion and hemorrhages to

death.

3) An unmarried 16-year-old becomes pregnant. Her upperclass parents want to maintain their "model family" image in the community, so they demand their daughter get an illegal abortion. She doesn't want to, but fears the threats of her parents more than those of the government. She dies in the stirrups.

4) A couple (in their 50s) with two teenagers discover that the mother is pregnant. Her gynecologist says that if Roe vs. Wade hadn't been overturned, he would have recommended an abortion for health reasons. The backlog of cases forces her to term, where she dies, thus altering their middleage lifestyle plans.

The reasons for abortions are many and varied. One may notice that in both my examples and Mr. Cross' (ODE, April 14), we have given you the decision to make. But was it really yours in the first place?

If you believe in a free country, Roe vs. Wade must stand. If you believe in dictatorship, it will fall and to hell with you.

Christopher Ramko
Student

BS

"BS" is an apt technical term to use in addressing Mr. William Moore's (ODE, April 13) pronouncements concerning conception, human life and abortion (for the term not only describes the etiology of such pronouncements, but the byproduct as well). I think it proper to ask Mr. Moore and all the other so-called "pro-life" advocates how many suffering children they have adopted or opted to help in some small way.

Such heated pronouncements, such as Mr. Moore's, aren't about life or even about abortion, rather they are about power and control. These self-appointed "advocates" rarely demonstrate peaceable assembly as they flaunt their moral outrage in the public domain. Historically it has proven presumptuous to believe these types of individuals have morals.

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