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## Honey condemns 'Secret Team' IFC overrides ASUO Christic Institute lawsuit defended on all program vetoes

*Christic Institute lawsuit defended*

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Costa Rica-based international journalist Martha Honey is on a mission.

She and her husband, Tony Avirgan, also an international journalist based in Costa Rica, are dedicated to "opening up, not covering up, the Iran-Contra scandal and unmasking the 'Secret Team.'" Honey told more than 500 people Wednesday in the EMU Ballroom.

Honey described the Secret Team as a group of 29 men, who allegedly have participated in former President Ronald Reagan's administration's covert deals with Iran and the Contras.

According to Honey, the group operated from the office of retired Lt. Col. Oliver North, who was recently convicted on three criminal counts — altering documents, aiding and abetting obstruction of Congress in Nov. 1986 and receiving illegal gratuities.

These top governmental figures and key figures in the Iran-Contra scandal — including Major General Richard Secord, Theodore Shackley, retired Major General John Singlaub and CIA operative John Hull — have been involved in a "number of years of illegal, off-the-shelf foreign policy endeavors, profiteering and terrorists acts that lead right to the White House and Ollie North," Honey said.



Photo by Roland Giller

**Award winning journalist Martha Honey speaks about Oliver North's 'Secret Team' on Wednesday in the EMU Ballroom.**

These covert activities have shielded a broad range of criminal racketeering activities, Honey alleged.

They include assassinations like the terrorist bombing in La Penca,

drug smuggling and illegal arms shipment, that Honey and Avirgan, in their civil suit filed in May 1986, have been attempting to unmask.

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By Brian Bloch  
Emerald Reporter

The Incidental Fee Committee on Wednesday unanimously passed a motion that would increase student fees by 25 cents each term to maintain current levels of work-study funding next year.

New federal laws that will cut work study funding by five percent next year requires the committee to

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raise fees to maintain minimum levels of service to the University and work-study students, IFC members stated.

"It would cripple this building (the EMU) if work study positions are cut by one quarter," said ASUO President Karen Gaffney. "We rely, in this building alone, a lot on work-study positions."

In other business, the committee voted to override all four program budgets vetoed by the ASUO Executive. The ASUO vetoed previously approved budgets from the EMU Outdoor Program, ASUO Executive, University Forensics and the Journal of Law and Litigation.

According to ASUO Finance Coordinator Costi Sifri, the Executive vetoed a budget from University Forensics because the program did not fully spend its last allocation this year.

"In light of last year's increase ... which was a large amount ... they didn't need an increase this year," Sifri said.

"We were just being self-conscious not to deficit spend our IFC account," said Forensics representative Matt Taylor. "It was our impression we'd spent our IFC funds."

The committee voted to override the veto 6-0-1. "We had a long talk about the increase and I still feel that the way we originally voted stands," said IFC Chairwoman Lauren Norris.

The committee, by a unanimous vote, also over-

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## Code amendments produce opposition

By Chris Bouneff  
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Reaction to two proposed amendments to the University's student conduct code was mixed during a public hearing held Wednesday afternoon.

Feedback during the hearing, which attracted just 10 people, ranged from hesitant approval of the amendments to the belief that the changes were unnecessary and did not adequately protect students' rights.

The student conduct code is classified as an Oregon Administrative Rule and carries the weight of state law.

The first amendment considered would supposedly allow the code to deal with students charged with academic dishonesty and deemed mentally unstable either at the time of the infraction or during the hearings process.

Under the changed rule, students charged with any violation of the conduct code would be required to submit a written document from a University Student Health Center psychiatrist if they are to claim mental instability.

This change spearheaded op-

ponents' attacks that students' rights would not be adequately served if psychological evaluations are limited to Student Health Center psychiatrists.

"What if a student is too sick to submit a statement and is not represented by civil counsel?" asked third-year law student Willy Bils.

Bils said he was concerned the hearings officer or the student conduct office would not be responsive to students' needs in the event a prosecuted student was mentally impaired.

Even documents submitted for the record as testimony expressed concern over this point. In one of the letters submitted, Assistant Professor Mary Wood said she didn't see why there should be a punishment for a mentally ill case.

Another concern expressed by Bils was the fact that the health center psychiatrists were employed by the University.

"(The psychiatrist's) contract might not be renewed if they don't give the report the University wants," Bils said.

Even alleged criminals claiming mental incompetence have the right to have an indepen-

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### Fair conditions

One of the many vendors of this year's Street Fair peddles her wares to a throng of student browsers on E. 13th Avenue between University and Kincaid streets. Students who didn't want to brave Wednesday's wind and rain have another chance today to sample the fair's food, arts and crafts booths.

Photo by Bill Haines