

Use care in picking new IFC members

And then there are four. Three of the seven Incidental Fee Committee spots that were secured after an election just seven months ago are now vacant.

On Monday, IFC member Elizabeth Neely resigned, and the next day Jack Maynard announced he intended to do the same. Last fall, another member, Jefferson Davis, did not return to the University, and a replacement, Paul Nhem, had to be appointed.

The ASUO now is in another reappointment process, looking for two candidates to replace Neely and Davis. The new members may not be selected for another week, because applicants will be screened by an ASUO hiring committee, ASUO president Andy Clark, and the Student Senate before they are appointed to the IFC.

The process is long, but care is needed for a decision of this magnitude. Until successors are named, it is best that Neely and Maynard stick with the IFC so as not to leave an imbalance before the transition.

The IFC budget season is beginning, with many student budgets on the agenda for the next several weeks.

The resignation of two members occurred at a time the IFC needs all the experience and commitment it can get. At the close of fall term the committee almost faced a spending freeze because of the small amount of money remaining in the ASUO surplus account.

There is no need to criticize Neely or Maynard for vacating their spots mid-year. They cited personal reasons and overextension for their decisions, and almost every student organization can be expected to have some turnover rate.

However, the IFC is different in that members representing various platforms were chosen by ballot and have responsibility for handling millions of dollars of student funds.

Last April, Neely offered an aggressive platform promising to ensure representation and involvement of graduate students, minorities and women, the groups she said were traditionally left out of group participation.

Jack Maynard was serving the second year of a two-year seat on the IFC. His experience and commitment were important to the committee and will be difficult to replace.

Because Neely and Maynard often disagreed on issues, it appears that the political makeup of the IFC will not shift in one particular direction. However, their replacements should be scrutinized to make sure the IFC does not tilt in some fashion that is non-representative of the student body.

Last spring, IFC members were elected by students, in the hopes of composing a diverse and fair committee to represent interests of the students and their money.

It is important that the two replacements, and any others, are appointed with these goals in mind.



"This isn't exactly a Super Bowl party. We're celebrating because this is the last game our husbands are going to watch this season..."

Letters

Put down

I am tired of hearing "screw you" and equivalent expressions used as put-downs. I think such usage reflects society's attitude that couples are superior to singles, that two heads are better than one.

I believe that this deeply-ingrained bigotry leads to loneliness, conformance anxiety and the automatic decision to be with others even in situations in which unindoctrinated persons would choose to be alone.

Please stop using this language to downgrade one of the most beautiful experiences college students can afford.

Alice Berry
Eugene

For Majkowski

I'd like to congratulate Mike Leland and Bill Russell on their realization that Joe Montana isn't all the media has made him appear to be (*ODE*, Jan. 17).

I'd like to take their letter one step further, though. Not only is Joe Montana not the greatest quarterback ever, he's not even the best quarterback to take the field in 1989. That distinction belongs to Don Majkowski of the Green Bay Packers.

The measure of greatness a quarterback possesses can be measured in two ways. First, we need to consider each quarterback's ability to perform under pressure.

At first glance, one may quickly pick Montana to have the edge. The fact is that Majkowski made the Packers the best come-from-behind team in the NFL. The Packers won four games this past season by one point.

Secondly, we must consider how each quarterback leads his team and the team's subsequent record. Montana led the 49ers to a 14-2 regular season record. Impressive indeed, yet his team was a Super Bowl-caliber team to begin with. Steve Young proved that it doesn't take a Montana to lead them to victory.

Majkowski took a team that was 4-12 in 1988, and with basically the same players, led

them to a 10-6 record this season and a first place tie in the NFC Central Division.

Finally, consider this: Montana lost two games this year. One was to the Rams, and the second was to Majkowski and the Green Bay Packers. Now who's the best?

Michael Simon
Finance

Freedom

I was disappointed to read that Dr. Harry Edwards (*ODE*, Jan. 19) had been criticized for asking the African-American community to take responsibility for their own lives.

All oppressed groups must understand that freedom comes from within, and that, by waiting for the oppressor to change things, we are again giving authority for our own well being away.

We must change circumstances ourselves, instead of hoping that we can prove ourselves worthy of being accepted. What if we never are?

To liberate ourselves, we must set high goals for ourselves, and, refusing to accept anything less than we deserve, strive to attain our goals.

Blaming is only a way of postponing positive self-motivation and productive action.

L. Njeri
Student

Scoffing

Responding to several letters appearing recently by Tim Hughes and Bert Tryba, we would just like to express our appreciation for such a unique form of entertainment.

We did find Hughes' arguments a bit crass in "On sucking" (*ODE*, Jan. 15) plus the words in Tryba's "Pre-primitive" (*ODE*, Jan. 11) abusive and uncalled for, as well as in the arguments in that letter as well as in his "Not thankful" (*ODE*, Jan. 15).

Generally we concluded the main points behind these three letters were in the tone of ridiculous. However, we did agree they should be commended on their originality, of which we

have enjoyed a few laughs.

On a more serious note, if these two were to take stands on more practical issues facing the University, which more people around here might actually give a rip about, then there may be a willingness, on our part, to take seriously what Hughes and Tryba have to say.

In the meantime, keep up the good work. We can hardly wait for more from them at which to scoff.

Daniel Collins
Chon Armsbury
Student

Used to be

Once again, a "reminder." The law, as I have mentioned in the past, is merely a reminder of what is right ... provided right laws have been made. Enforcement is quite secondary. The majority will tend to conform to right laws, just from social factors alone.

When a society revokes a law, a good portion of society will believe that this thing is suddenly OK. Does anyone out there really think that an increase per capita has not occurred in actual abortions since the laws were changed? Wake up! Or that more than a tiny fraction of today's numbers were being done in secret? No!

Most women feared the consequences and thus did not put their bodies out for use by anyone and everyone with the right manipulations. Thus, there were drastically less unwanted pregnancies. So who was this that thought making abortion illegal would somehow be cruel to women?

This law would save by far more women from falling into a situation that they would later regret ... legally. Society has done a great crime against women by causing them to believe that they can allow their bodies to be misused without any serious consequences.

Do not be deceived. Men who really want to manipulate women are pro-abortion, for this reason. I know, because I was one.

Bob Weigel
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