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Photo by Mark Ylen

IFC members Freddie Vilches, Armando Morales and Tonija Swires listen to discussion from the Pocket Playhouse Board on their IFC budget.

## Groups seek second budget hearing IFC policy favorable, but draws concerns

By Jolie Andrade  
Emerald Reporter

A new Incidental Fee Committee policy requiring groups who miss their scheduled hearings to submit a written explanation of their absence has met with mostly favorable reaction from campus groups, although some are concerned about the meeting notification process.

The policy, which went into effect at last Thursday's meeting, would deny funding for the 1990-91 school year to groups who do not submit a reasonable explanation of their absence.

IFC member Armando Morales said the board had several reasons for starting the policy.

"We want people to take the IFC more seriously," Morales said. "We're tired of groups who only come around at budget time, and then we don't see them again until next year. If they are taking their

group seriously, they need to take the IFC seriously."

Groups who miss their budget hearing have five working days to submit a written statement explaining their absence. The seven members of the committee will consider any request for a second hearing and decide by vote whether it is a legitimate excuse.

Morales said the IFC will be checking on student groups' activities, allocation of money and office hours.

"We also want to know what groups do or do not exist," he said.

The first two groups to be affected by the new policy are the Pre-law Society and Rideshare. Neither group attended their scheduled hearings during Thursday's IFC meeting.

Right now those two groups are out of budget, Morales said, adding that they have until Thursday

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## Former professors selected to plan riverfront project

By Stephanie Mencimer  
Emerald Reporter

Three former faculty members of the University School of Architecture have been selected as part of a team to design the first building of the Riverfront Research Park Project.

The local firm of Unthank Poticha Waterbury will work with the Portland firms of Fletcher Fart-Ayotte and Mitchell/Nelson. The developer, Institutional Development Associates of Salt Lake City, chose the team out of a field of eight firms.

All three partners of the Eugene firm have been closely involved with the University over the last 20 years. All the partners have taught in the architecture school.

DeNorval Unthank designed the Bean residence hall complex for the University. In addition, the firm's campus projects include designing the Law School and the racquetball courts next to Esslinger Hall.

The firm's most recent projects have dealt with modifying existing campus buildings for wheelchair accessibility.

Waterbury said his team was selected for the different kinds of expertise and experience needed to design the "flexible high-tech" buildings for the Riverfront Research Park project.

Randy Green from IDA said in a press release that the design work will help move tenant lease negotiations for the project forward.

IDA has tentative plans to break ground on the first building by early summer but the City of Eugene and the University have not yet signed a development agreement.

Proposed for the 67-acre site are tenants engaged in university-related research activities, data processing and computer software development. No tenants have yet been named.

The future of the park has been met with legal challenges, in addition to attempts to amend the city charter and restrict the use of hazardous substances along the Willamette River.

In December University officials disclosed that chemical dumping occurred at the park site during the late 1960s and early '70s, before state and federal laws regulating waste disposal were enacted.

The University expects to receive the results of an environmental impact study by mid-March to determine what chemicals and other waste materials may exist on or below the surface of the park site.

## Middle East trip enlightening for Portland rabbi Says Bush ignores human rights in region

By Alice Thornton  
Emerald Reporter

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer said the United States cannot ignore the problems in Israel, in a Tuesday speech sponsored by the Cultural Forum.

Stampfer, the chief rabbi of Portland's Congregation Neveh Shalom, said he has witnessed first hand the situation in Israel. In the past two years, he has made two visits to the Middle East.

During his second visit in January, Stampfer was tour leader for 33 Oregonians who participated in a "Witness for Peace" visit arranged through a group called the Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. The group visited Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

"I came back with quite different feelings from both trips," Stampfer said.

After his first trip, Stampfer said he felt optimistic about the progress of Is-

raeli peace lobbying efforts. Groups of war veterans are joining together to campaign for peace.

He said many women have refrained from having children because they do not want to raise them to send them to fight.

"There was a real change taking place in Israel," Stampfer said. "I was impressed with the Palestinian effort to gain independence while realizing Israel's need to secure borders."

After his second visit in January, Stampfer said he did not feel as optimistic about peace between Palestinians and Israelis. He said the level of trust necessary for peace negotiations is not developing.

"I became increasingly despondent about the possibilities for peace because both sides have dug in for a long fight," he said.

In Israel, Stampfer said the government and the military are becoming less

tolerant of violent demonstrations. He said the government is trying to reestablish the level of control that it had before the fighting began in 1987.

Stampfer said the Israeli army's level of crowd management has increased in the past several years.

In order to control crowds of women and children who are throwing rocks, Stampfer said the military has begun to use gravel guns that can shoot stones at a crowd at a rate of 300 per minute.

"You don't have people being killed by bullets, but you do have a response for rock throwing," he said.

Stampfer said Israel has also imposed stronger border controls and increased control of the media. He said the government will not allow the media as much coverage of bloody demonstrations.

"The government is using these



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Joshua Stampfer