University

GEC stands behind endorsements

By Catherine Hawley **Emerald Associate Editor**

Members of the Greek Endorsement Committee responded to candidates' allegations of unfair questioning at their April 12 hearings and defended their endorsements in a press conference Friday

Several candidates running for student body offices said last week that the questions they were asked at the GEC hearings were irrelevant to their qualifications for office and that they were not given due consideration for the positions they were seeking.

GEC co-chairs Tim Ross and Megan Rasmussen read from prepared statements at the press conference, which was open to representatives from campus publications. Ross and Rasmussen refused to answer questions after the conference. and both have declined to comment further on the matter.

"We would like to reiterate that the greek endorsement hearings were fair and impartial." Ross said at the press conference. "We would also like to point out that our senti-

elections board member Jennifer Kulles, who was present for the duration of the April 12 hearing.

Ross said the GEC did its best to ensure that endorsement hearings were run smoothly and fairly. The committee followed a month-long timeline in preparation for the endorsements. The committee held the IFC and ASUO executive hearings at Valley River Inn to put at ease candidates who might have felt intimidated in a fraternity or sorority, he said.

"I don't think any other endorsement had this type of process, with a three-page application or a timeline of this quality," Ross said.

Ross defended questions asked of Incidental Fee Candidate lennifer Bills, who said last week that questioning focused on Gay and Lesbian Alliance matters.

"Let the record note that Jennifer Bills has served as co-director of GALA." Ross said. "Therefore, questions directed at her experience as director of that student-funded organization are pertinent.

The GEC could not in good

conscience endorse IFC candidate Tim Hughes because he violated the Oregon Commentator's right to free speech. Ross said. As a member of the 1988-89 IFC. Hughes voted to deny the publication funding.

Based on this testimony, it would be an act of unparalleled irresponsibility to endorse a candidate who has admittedly broken one of the highest laws of the land," Ross said.

A ballot measure asking for a show of campus support for OSPIRG was not endorsed by the GEC because it also asked for an 11 percent increase in funding for the organization. Ross said.

"In short, we felt it would be at the margin of pricing students out of school," he said.

Rasmussen read a statement from Panhellenic President Deanna Jurgens clarifying that Jurgens was not at the April 12 hearings and that she had not spoken directly with anyone who was unhappy with the outcome of the hearings.

Jurgens told the Emerald last week that she had been "feeling frustration from some people" after the hearings

College Republicans to discuss campaigns

MEETINGS

Ballroom Dance Club meets tonight at 8:30 in the EMU Gumwood Room

Interfraternity Council Presidents Council meets tonight at 6 at the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Students Against Apartheid meets tonight at 5:30 in EMU Cedar Room (

Druids meets tonight at 6 in Room 159

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Straub, for final membership vote for the 1990-91

Students for United Nations meets tonight at 6 in the EMU Maple Room.

College Republicans meets tonight at 5 in EMU Century Room A to discuss upcoming campaigns.

SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

"America: A Worrisome Reverie" is the title of a lecture to be given today at 4 by John J. Mc-Dermitt from Texas A & M University. The lecture, to be held in Room 100 Willamette, is sponsored by the Humanities Center.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Whitewater Paradise", a video about Costa Rica's rivers, will be shown today at 12:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Program office, in the EMU Base-

Wesley Center Bible Study will be held today at 12:30 at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. All are invited, and asked to bring a lunch.

Wesley Night Fellowship will be held tonight at 7:15 at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid

St. Tonight's program is called "Looking at Our Call to Ministry

"The Power of Movement: An Introduction to Dance Therapy" will be held tonight at 7 in Room 353 Gerlinger Annex. The workshop will include a brief overview of the theory and practice of dance/movement therapy, a video, an experimental opportunity, and a question and an-

The film Master Harold and the Boys will be shown tonight at 8 in EMU Cedar Room C. The showing is sponsored by Students Against Apart-

A CD-ROM tutorial on the MLA Bibliography will be held today at 4 in the Reference Department of the Knight Library

Bible sharing will take place tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St

Partisans of Vilna will be shown today at 2:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room. It will be shown again at 7 p.m. Check the EMU schedule for location. The showing is sponsored by the Jewish Student Union.

Tree planting ceremony and service for those who perished in the Shoah will be held today at 12:30 on the lawn near the Millrace duck pond. The service is sponsored by the Jewish Student Union.

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