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Transfer student offers 'fresh' look to IFC race

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Jason Wilson, a candidate for a one-year Incidental Fee Committee seat, said he can give a new perspective to the committee allocating student fees.

Wilson, a junior in political science now in his first year at

the University, said as a transfer student he can offer a fresh approach in dealing with the budget cuts brought on by the passage of Ballot Measure 5.

"With new times, we're having to look at scaling back. We're going to have to take a new look at the situation," he said.

The projected decrease in enrollment for 1991-92 will leave the committee, which allocates funds to student groups, the EMU and Athletic Department, with about \$500,000 less to work with. Currently, each student pays about \$100 per term in incidental fees.

"Fees are awfully high, but I

don't think we should necessarily lower them," Wilson said. "Maybe putting a cap on incidental fees for awhile would be a good option. With Measure 5, I don't know what other choice we have."

One way to keep a rein on fees is to prohibit groups from deficit spending, he said.

"Students can't afford increases in incidental fees. The students I've talked with want to make sure they don't get any higher," he said.

Wilson, a member of the Pre-Law Society, said he would work to ensure accountability within student groups.

"I think that since students pay so much in incidental fees each year, it's very important that they get their money's worth and that the allocated money is spent in the best possible way and in the most productive way," he said.

Wilson said he does not



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think the IFC should make across-the-board cuts, but rather look carefully at "individual groups, see what they've offered in the past, what they've done so far, see what programs they've provided and look in general at their benefit to the University."

IFC candidate would zero-fund certain student groups

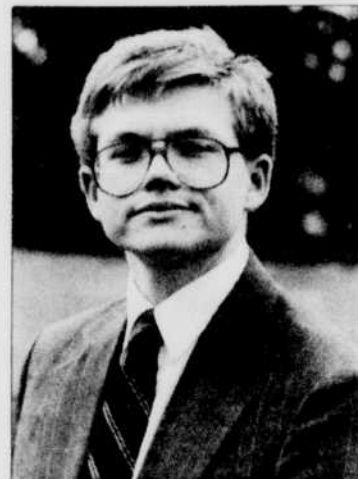
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William Gaskill, candidate for a one-year Incidental Fee Committee seat, said he would support zero-funding student groups that do not promote what he believes to be family and community values.

A sophomore political science major and co-chairman of the Area Standards Board at Carson, Walton and Earl complexes, Gaskill said he believes the IFC is not looking carefully at the services groups provide.

"For one thing, it really offends me as a fee-payer that my fees are going to supporting the groups promoting the gay and lesbian movement, abortion and the animal rights movement."

Writing, arithmetic, reading, history and "basic cultural assimilation" have been sacrificed "to bring in a lot of outside culture," he said.



William Gaskill

Gaskill, a member of College Republicans, said he is offended student fees are being used to support things that are "counter-productive to what we want, which is a strong, free America."


"The way the IFC is operating right now is, in the long run, detrimental to what the University is supposed to do, which is produce thinking citizens rather than a bunch of diverse little groups, which are constantly clashing with each other," he said.

The IFC should implement the values of the University community, Gaskill said.

"Since budgeting is such a choke point, if a group gets no money, they can't go on," he said. "I think the IFC has to... decide what values we want our money supporting and that runs contrary to just asking, 'Does this have a cultural value, does this have an educational value.'"

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