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pend funds this year.

A recent memo issued by the IFC supports Bills' interpretation of its resolution.

Bills, who is a former IFC member, said specific stipend amounts, which accompany an IFC budget request, are only guidelines to justify the total amount requested.

Bills further argued that forcing the ASUO to face the IFC every time it changes positions and redistributes stipends, would in-

hibit student government, which she said is traditionally autonomous in this arena.

Constitution Court chief justice Steven Briggs posed the following hypothetical situation to Bills to demonstrate the desire for some kind of system of checks and balances between student groups and the IFC:

"Supposing the ASUO President is elected, and takes over a budget for salaries of \$36,000. What is to prevent ... that president from saying, 'OK, I'll pay myself all that money and not pay anybody else?'"

Bills said this would never happen be-

cause of the duties and responsibilities that go with executive office, and because of administrative advisers and assistants who would prevent something like that from happening.

King disagrees.

"You (the court) are our last line of defense when it comes to overpayments and all those little things that go by most of the students," King said. "We have no way of checking these folks. We have no way of saying, 'You're overspending money. Stop it.'"

BRAND

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ready being asked to form 1993-95 budgets that, at this point, reflect a \$1 billion shortfall in the state budget.

Unless the Legislature develops alternate revenue sources, higher education could suffer a 20 percent drop in state sales tax dollars for 1993-95, resulting in a tuition increase, reduced access to the University, or both.

Brand said ultimately the number of students traditionally served by Oregon's public

colleges and universities could be cut in half, creating an "elitist" educational system.

"Oregon has a proud history of citizen self-empowerment — people like you and me getting involved in key issues and helping to shape the state's future," he says in the letter. "Once again, we have an opportunity to take action at the grassroots level and help our state leaders understand the will of the people."

Stickel said that writing to the governor and legislators is the one real way to make a change.

Standing in front of Johnson

Hall "with a tear in your eye" won't ease the situation, she said, because the decision to cut the higher education budget comes from the state capitol, not from Brand.

Stickel said many students get wrapped up in single issues, like the current debate over the presence of ROTC on campus.

"They need to take some time out to look at the big picture," she said.

Stickel said she hopes people will take the time to write a letter because Roberts and the Legislature are aware of the campaign and are expecting the

letters.

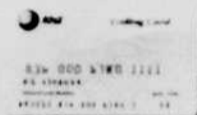
"If they get only 10 letters, there will be a huge problem," she said.

Brand's letter was not sent to international students, students in self-supporting or community education programs, and students with non-resident status with no local address listed.

The letter campaign will cost about \$6,000 for printing and postage, paid for by the University's Alumni Advocates Program. No state tax dollars were used.



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MEETINGS

Incidental Fee Committee will meet tonight at 5:30 in the EMU Board Room to hear budget requests for the Associated Students for Historic Preservation, JELL, University Crisis Center, and University Theater.

Student Senate will meet tonight at 5:45 in Room 215 Allen.

OSPIRG will meet today at 4 p.m. at the Kolonia Center.

Latin American Support Committee will meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room E.

Christian Science Organization will meet today from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D.

A new group for students who have had a family member commit suicide will meet today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room C.

MISCELLANEOUS

"So What is Zionism?" will be the topic of a discussion today at 3:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room C.

OPPORTUNITIES

Bidding for the following companies will take place today through Wednesday. (Go to Room 244 Hendricks for more information.)

- U.S. Comptroller of the Currency
- Salem/Kaiser Public Schools
- Andersen Consulting
- Cinus
- Black & Decker
- Frito-Lay
- NCR Corp.

A Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will be today at 4 p.m. in Room 237 Hendricks.

CD-ROM Tutorial: PsycLit (psychology). Learn to use the library's computerized database to find on information on psychology today at 3:30 p.m. at the reference desk of the Knight Library.

Free Cholesterol Screening will take place today from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Health Education Office of the Student Health Center.

RELIGION

City Slickers will be shown tonight at 7 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald, as part of the religion and cinema series.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have its weekly meeting tonight at 7:27 p.m. in Room 123 Pacific.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted.

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