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EMU directors clash with IFC over budgets

□ The two groups differ on where to make cuts: student positions or administration

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The EMU Board of Directors and the Incidental Fee Committee won't meet for a budget hearing until next month, but the battle lines between the groups have already been drawn.

After weeks of debate and meetings between the EMU board and the IFC about where cuts should be made, the EMU budget committee approved a 1992-93 budget Friday afternoon that outraged IFC members.

Sara Dodge and Robert Cruz, members of the IFC as well as the EMU budget committee, voted against the budget that passed.

Friday's meeting was typical of others that have taken place between the two groups recently, with anger and frustration the overriding emotions and 30 to 40 students often sitting in to support the IFC.

IFC members contend that the proposed budget makes too many cuts in Graduate Teaching Fellowship positions, student employee jobs and night manager staff positions. IFC members have drawn up their own proposal that would cut back on some administrative positions and salaries.

IFC members contend that fewer student positions would have to be cut if the EMU board was willing to consider administrative cuts. During the meeting, IFC members referred to the EMU staff, from administration down, as "top-heavy."

"Students are going to get hammered hard," Cruz said. "How can student-elected representatives vote in favor of this?"

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Tropical tango



Photos by Sean Poston



Members of the Hawaii Club practice native dances for their spring luau to be held on April 12 in the EMU Ballroom. Shari Waki (left) performs a dance of the Maori people of New Zealand.



TATTOO YOU

Sports editor, Jake 'the snake' Berg, goes through the process of getting a tattoo.

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JUST A REMINDER...

This is the last issue of the *Oregon Daily Emerald* for winter term. Publication will resume on the first day of classes for spring term, March 30.



FINAL HOOP

The Bruins handed the Ducks their final loss for the season Saturday, 83-76.

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Conference to feature native peoples

□ Speakers from the world over will address the preservation of indigenous cultures during four-day gathering

By Rene DeCair
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Indigenous people from all over the world will gather in Eugene next week in an unprecedented gathering to find ways to preserve their cultural heritage and their land.

The four-day conference, which is open to the public, will feature 21 speakers from such countries as Mexico, Peru, New Zealand and Canada. Featured will be 22 panels and 16 workshops on such topics as rainforest preservation, women's roles, and art and culture of indigenous people.

Richard Schneider, World Peace University chancellor and conference coordinator, said indigenous people are those who were the original inhabitants of a region before colonization by other people.

Native Americans, native South Americans, Hawaiians, Canadians and people from Costa Rica are all examples of indigenous people, Schneider said.

"We're going to have more medicine men and high tribal leaders than have been gathered in one place," Schneider said. "It really is an incredible list."

The conference, called "Peace and the Planet: Native

Wisdom, Native Rights and Mother Earth," will take place March 26-29 at Valley River Inn and will be broadcast over the Costa Rican-based Radio for Peace.

One of the goals of the conference is to help equip indigenous people with economic and legal information that they can use in their own country.

Schneider said the conference is also an attempt to build bridges between non-indigenous people and indigenous ones, and to elicit support from non-native people.

"This is going to be a wonderful education process," he said. "It's going to take everybody on this to make it work."

For example, Schneider said, people from Peru, Brazil and Costa Rica will need help from people all over the world to help them save their rainforests because they can't do it alone.

"It seems to me that college students should be interested in this because they're going to be the ones to see that it's done," Schneider said.

Ceremonies will open with a walk of nations, featuring 20 representatives from different tribes and nations dressed in their native regalia. Presentations will be given in both native languages and English.

Students get a special deal on the conference, which will cost \$145 for four days including four lunches at Valley River Inn. The cost for non-students is \$195. A daily rate for students is \$25 and \$50 for non-students. For more information call 741-1794.