

ASUO freezes IFC action memos

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Citing insufficient funds in the surplus account, ASUO comptrollers have frozen all Incidental Fee Committee action memos authorizing expenditures from the surplus account.

"Our current records show that we don't have sufficient funds," ASUO head comptroller Tin Huu Bui said.

Comptrollers, who keep track of all ASUO budget line items for student groups and various reserve accounts, took action in late July to avoid putting the surplus account into deficit.

The surplus account is used to pay for IFC-approved special requests made by incidental fee programs. Currently, EMU accounting said there is only \$100 left in surplus.

This falls well short of the approximately \$5,300 the IFC approved from surplus during the summer to be given to a number of ASUO programs. Also, campus radio station KWVA is slated to receive \$12,000 to buy equipment it could not purchase last fiscal year, leaving more than \$12,000 in its 1992-93 budget unspent.

However, there should be tens of thousands of dollars available in the surplus account soon. Former ASUO finance coordinator Neil Sunnell and head comptroller Ebon Brady are nearly finished with the post-close, which determines the end of the fiscal year balance for all incidental fees.

At the end of every fiscal year, the ASUO Finance Department examines every budget line item, recording the final positive or negative balance. These balances are then "washed" into the surplus account.

So long as the unused funds are larger than deficit spending, the surplus account will increase. Last year the increase to surplus was more than \$100,000. The comptrollers do not expect the fig-

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ure to be that large this year.

Bui said he cannot use the EMU's post-close surplus figure before their own post-close is complete.

"We have to make sure that their figures are correct. That's what the post-close is for," Bui said.

The three-member summer Incidental Fee Committee has finished conducting business, and none of the members could be reached for comment.

Bui said he met with some members of the IFC and discussed the situation. He said the IFC was satisfied and only asked that the comptrollers send memos to the affected groups, which Bui said he did.

Bui said that as soon as the post-close is finished the comptrollers will begin processing the action sheets.

Even though Bui was on vacation when the holding action was initiated, he said he stands by his assistants' decision and would have probably made the same choice.

Bui said he was surprised the IFC approved the special requests because before leaving for vacation he asked IFC summer Chairwoman Esther Wong not to take funds from surplus until the post-close was completed.

"I advised Esther not to allocate from surplus until we have a clearer picture," Bui said. "I was a little bit surprised and disturbed to come back to learn that the IFC had given out funds from surplus."

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The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department Aug. 8-16.

- A theft was reported at the Knight Library Aug. 15 of a \$200 cellular phone. The owner left the phone by a copy machine in the library and found it was gone when returning to the machine.

- A woman was arrested for criminal trespass and misuse of an identification card Aug. 15. The woman was at a guest house on the 500 block of East 13th

Avenue. According to police reports, she already has a trespass letter on file with the Eugene police. When the officers asked her to identify herself, she presented an ID that was not hers.

- A 37-year-old male was taken to jail after shoplifting two beers from Little's Market, 544 E. 13th Ave. According to police reports, he is a chronic violator.

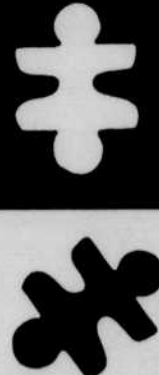
- A 20-year-old University junior was cited with unlawful possession of a controlled substance Aug. 16. He was arrested

in West University Park, where he was caught selling one dose of LSD for \$4 in food stamps. The first field test was negative for the drug, but the man was still cited for illegal drug sale.

- A burglary was reported at Autzen Stadium somewhere between August 14-16. According to police reports, somebody climbed over the fence, broke into the doors, busted into the concession stands and stole snacks worth \$200. The total damage amounted to \$700.

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