

Fees could increase by one-fourth

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University students can expect up to a 24 percent increase in incidental fees for the 1994-95 year. As the budget season draws to an end, Finance Coordinator Francis Neo estimates the fee will range from \$118 to \$133.50 per student, per term for the 1994-95.

Currently, every student pays \$107.50 in incidental fees per term.

The exact amount of the increase will be set by the outcome of the Recreation Center ballot, the athletic department budget and the program budgets still in the Incidental Fee Com-

mittee appeal process.

The increase in student fees next year was affected largely by the ballots in the ASUO general election last week. University students voted to increase incidental fees by \$26.37 per term.

The remainder of the increase in fees was at the hands of the IFC.

"I predicted it (the incidental fee increase) a long time ago, which is why I have been so adamant about keeping individual budgets from increasing," IFC member Caitlin Twain said.

"I think that the biggest favor that we could do for students was to keep fees down,"

Twain said.

Neo is disappointed in the amount of the increase but said it was impossible to achieve the goal of maintain student fees at the current level.

"Back then (the beginning of the year) that was my goal," Neo said. "But in looking at the process, it's almost impossible to think that incidental fees can be maintained at the current level."

Dissent has arisen throughout the year in the committee about the validity of this goal. Committee members said it was discussed during a retreat but never voted on by the IFC.

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for national USSA membership.

The IFC motion to use student fees to pay for the national membership was 3-1-1. IFC members Shannon Wall, Samir Kumar, and Kris Cornwell voted in favor of the membership allocation. Member Caitlin Twain voted against it and IFC Chairman Jian Liu abstained from the vote.

"We're in a unique position to act on the part of the students, to help them achieve what they want, for USSA to remain on this campus," said Wall, who has been active with USSA this year.

Liu said, "Without those dues, how can USSA be a member?" He said it was only logical to foresee that USSA must pay membership dues.

Oregon Commentator representative Ed Carson argued that the ballot measure failed to specify any incidental fee cost involved in USSA membership. Carson said that students who voted for member-

ship did not realize the costs involved.

"I think Ed's right on when he says that there's no money associated with that ballot measure," Twain said.

USSA will continue to receive incidental fees allocated through the Oregon Student Lobby organization. Robert Nosse, the OS� Director who is also involved with USSA, said he is glad that USSA will receive membership funding. He said it will allow USSA to prove to the campus that it is a valid service for the campus.

The University chapter of USSA has faced extensive criticism this year. At one point, its account was frozen as a result of financial misappropriation.

"USSA on the University of Oregon campus can begin anew," Nosse said.

Membership will allow USSA to receive information from the national office and to be able to participate in national events, such as Student Lobby Day in Washington DC. Previously, USSA has received IFC funds to send University representatives to Student Lobby Day, next year USSA will have to rely on fundraising to participate.

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The University had the right to reject any advertising that it considered inappropriate for the University setting.

Buch said the University previewed the ad centerpiece prior to publication of the schedule books, but the Scandal's ad appeared only after the schedule books arrived.

However, Fran O'Connor of American Passage Media, the company which contracts with the University for the advertisements, said the advertisement was in the original previewed by the University.

"It's not something anyone's happy about," O'Connor said. "It's unfortunate, but they just didn't see it."

O'Connor said incidences of this nature are fairly rare, and she said her company is committed to complying with the wishes of the University.

Unfortunately, the University is not the only interested party.

"I am mad, and I am going to talk to my lawyer about this," said Kit Chan, owner of Scandal's bar and Kowloon's Restaurant located on Centennial Street near Autzen Stadium. According to the missing advertisement, Scandal's bar was voted No. 1 among international

students.

Chan said he has not even been consulted by the University or American Passage Media.

Another interested party happens to be the University's campus radio station, KWVA, which had the ad on the reverse side of the page.

"It's a pisser to see people screw up like this," said KWVA General Manager James Pierson. "With what we do at the radio station, it's a letdown for the people who got that ad in there, and then to have it pulled out from under us."

Pierson said the radio station ad was intended for general awareness of the station. He said the ad could have been key in alerting incoming freshmen to the opportunity of working at KWVA.

O'Connor said that KWVA and Scandal's will not be charged for the advertisement. She said that it is common in advertising to bill customers after a particular advertisement has been printed and shown to the public.

However, Chan said he had contracted advertisement in the schedule book for Scandal's for the next three terms.

"I can look forward to them tearing my ads up every term," Chan said. "I hope they recycle,

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