

Vigil: Group calls for global support

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1994 when the rebels declared war on the Mexican state, calling for education, welfare and indigenous land rights.

According to Alyssa Abbey, a 22-year-old international studies major and CISCAP member, the vigil sent a message to the University community.

"The biggest achievement is increasing the awareness and getting [the community] involved,"

she said.

Abbey recently visited Chiapas and got a first-hand perspective of the problems that plague the highly indigenous and mountainous Mexican state. She believes there is a definite link between poverty and problems such as the massacre in Chiapas.

According to John Groves, a graduate student in journalism and a CISCAP volunteer, international support and demands play

an important role in ending the wars in Mexico.

"The Zapatistas can't win with arms," he said. "They can only win with international support."

But Miksch believes international support will only go so far toward ending the problems in Mexico.

"[Demilitarization] has to be a starting point," he said, "but its ultimately up to the people of Chiapas."

Paying for Programs

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee committed \$117,127 of student incidental fees Monday night. This was the first PFC meeting of the season; the 1998-99 budget for every ASUO program will be set by the time the committee finishes its hearings. None of Monday's hearings were particularly controversial, PFC member Dan Reid said: "It was about as easy as we expected. None of the early ones are very difficult." The committee reconvenes Thursday.

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Committee for Musical Arts	\$4,655	\$4,655	0%	\$0
ASUO Legal Services	\$107,998	\$104,965	+2.89%	+\$3,033
YWCA	\$4,474	\$3,758	+19.05%	+\$716
TOTAL	\$117,127	\$113,378	+7.3%	+\$3,749

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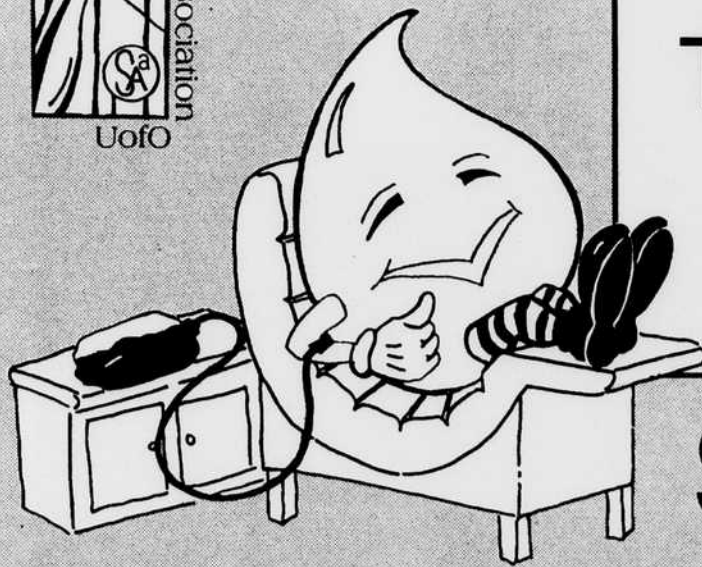
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