

Fee Committee hears Athletic Department proposal

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The Athletic Department budget, second only to the EMU budget in this year's incidental fee funding, was presented to the Incidental Fee Committee Wednesday night.

Bill Landers told fee committee members that the AD was asking for a total of \$230,000 in student funds, \$80,000 in ticket sales and \$150,000 in incidental fees. The total student contribution represents only 7 percent of the total AD budget of almost two million dollars.

Landers explained that this year the department had failed to reach the \$80,000 in ticket sales because of the failure to include athletic cards in the registration packets. He maintained that with the subscription offer in next year's packets, the \$80,000 would be realized. The proposed plan calls for a \$20 athletic card which would admit its student buyer to

all home football and basketball games and all spring sports.

Landers said the department was passing on costs to non-student ticket buyers. Adult football tickets next year will be increased to \$7 while student tickets will remain at \$2.

Committee member Randy Shilts asked about recruiting practices concerning minorities, particularly gay people. Landers replied that each coaches' recruiting policies differed, and it was up to the coach whether he discriminated against gay athletes or not.

Landers replied to a question concerning the high cost of the department's recruiting programs by telling committee members that recruiting in an economical sense was a sound investment. He cited the example of freshman basketball star Ron Lee as a player who pays off in exciting basketball and therefore increased ticket sales.

Landers also said that athletic scholarships based on need should be passed by the NCAA within a couple of years. There are 500 athletes receiving some degree of grant or aid this year.

The Chinese Student Association presented a \$2500 budget. This is the first year the organization has requested incidental fee funding.

Hing-Tack Chen, a spokesman for the organization's budget committee, pointed out that the sum represented only a third of the total incidental fees contributed by Chinese students at the University. Chen said that the group had "grown large enough to be treated as an independent organization."

"Besides satisfying the needs of Chinese students on campus, we try to share our culture with the University community," he said. He defended the group's split from the Foreign Student Organization, saying that although Chinese represented 45 percent of foreign students on campus, the most votes they could get in the FSO was two out of twelve.

The half million dollar EMU budget heads the committee's agenda for tonight.

Native Americans, gay group request Incidental fee monies

The incidental fee committee heard budget presentations by four programs Tuesday night. Representatives from the Native American Student Union, Repertory Dancers, Recreational Folk Dance and the Student Bar Association explained their program budget proposals for the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Harvey Johnson, spokesman for the Native American Student Union, told committee members that the basic aim of the group was to create awareness of the Native American and his problems. The NASU budget totaled \$6288, an increase of about \$730 over this year's budget.

Johnson pointed out the need for a Native American library, saying that the University library did not have the books which Native Americans on campus wanted. Committee member Gail Hoffnagle told Johnson of the process by which the library could order books. She said that it would save the fee committee money if the \$250 allotted for reference materials were deleted in favor of getting the needed books through the library. Johnson replied that the library had an inconducive atmosphere for most Native Americans. "How many of our students go to the library?" he said.

The Native American group is planning a "Pow-wow" for May 5 and 6.

Sue Gries, director of Recreational Folk Dancing, said that her group had "recently come of age." The group meets on Friday and Sunday evenings with about 200 participants at each meeting. There is no charge for participation. The group is asking for \$635 in incidental fees, an increase of \$240 over this year's budget. Although the dance department has provided the room and has supported the program, it has made no

monetary contributions. Committee member Andy Holcomb asked if the dance department could provide funding if there were insufficient incidental fees to cover the cost. Linda Hearn, a professor in the dance department, replied that the dance department was in the same financial straits as the fee committee. "I don't see where it would come from," she said.

Ann Rodiger spoke for the Repertory Dancers' \$4200 budget. The total reflects a \$1670 increase from this year's budget. \$1000 of that increase is tied up in expenses in sending a group of between 25 and 40 dancers to Expo 74, the world's fair being held next year in Spokane. Rodiger called the invitation to perform at the event a compliment that was "hard to pass up." She added that the \$1000 would cover only part of the expenses. The group plans to raise the remaining funds. Hearn called the Dancers the only program of their type in the Northwest. She said it was impossible to estimate how many people were involved in the program, because "all kinds of people are doing different kinds of things."

The last program to present its budget was the Student Bar Association. The group was refused funding by the ASUO last year, because, according to SBA spokesman Gary Pape, the ASUO did not feel that the Law School was part of the ASUO. Pape maintained that the Law School did in fact benefit the University. A budget asking for about \$9000 was presented.

Pape said the group needed a part-time administrative assistant and also wanted to start a self-sustaining Law School bookstore. He described the group's work in the areas of new law-student orientation and placement conferences.

Several smaller budgets coming under the association's budget were discussed briefly, including the Black Law Student Association, the Intramural program for law students, Moot Court, the Law School newspaper and the Women's Law Forum.

Herman Miles, representing the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), described his organization plans for recruiting minorities for the school. At present there are only ten minority students in the 400-student school. Miles said he anticipated other ethnic law student organizations.

At Monday night's incidental fee committee meeting, the Gay People's Alliance, which has never before been funded by the ASUO, asked for an initial \$2727 to support educational and legal programs set up by its organization. GPA member Jerry Harris asserted that educational programs would provide accurate information to the general public about homosexuality while legal programs would help to end discrimination against gays in employment and other important areas.

Harris said there are 50 to 60 regular members of Gay People's Alliance (GPA) while 200 people attend meetings a couple times a term. He stressed, however, that most gay people were not in GPA and felt that the organization could benefit these people indirectly.

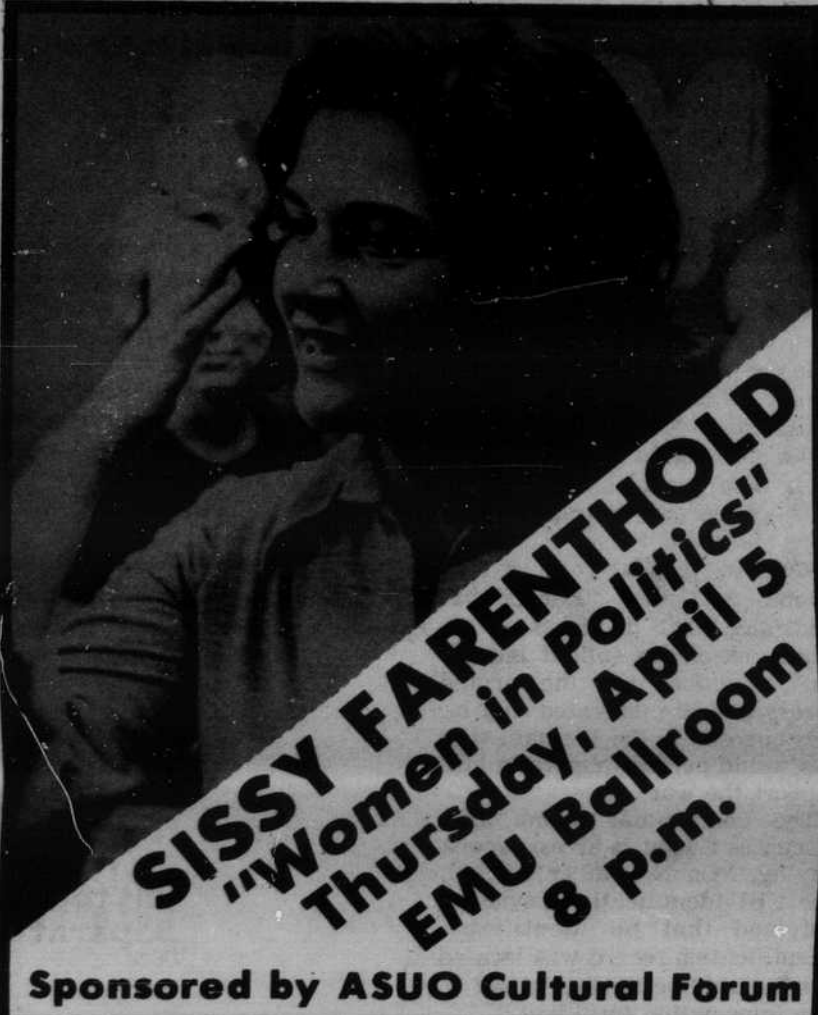
Gay People's Alliance would like to sponsor a Gay Week or Gay is Good Week to educate people on campus about homosexuality. Gay speakers from all over the state would come to speak. GPA's budget also included travel expenses for statewide meetings and funds to establish a newspaper, again for educational purposes.

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