

First: pay off \$4,000 debt

Student Services plans financial support

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Student Projects Inc. (SPI) is looking ahead. About ten years ahead. By that time they plan to fully support all of the ASUO agencies. But first, they have to pay off a \$4,000 debt.

"Our ultimate goal is all 52 agencies," said Darrell Murray, chairman of SPI. "With careful planning it will take 10 years to insure this, with good people working at all times." SPI plans to remain a non-profit agency legally, and earn money to be used for the ASUO. According to Murray, student profits need to be returned to their respective agencies to directly benefit the students. Eventually they hope to be self-supporting, which would reduce taxes and also cut back on the incidental fees, currently funding the agencies. "It costs each student about \$62.25," said Murray.

Before adopting the plan, research on the legal status of SPI needs to be done. They're looking for a 2nd year law student to write a research paper on corporate

student government as a law review article.

Because of the debt they are exploring a variety of money-making projects to serve the students. Footnotes is the only SPI service presently operating.

"So far this term we've sold as many notes as the entire fall term last year," said Murray. The notes now cover 40 classes, compared with 17 last year. Forty students are employed by Footnotes. They are paid on a scale from \$145.00 a term for first-time note takers, to \$200.00 for the top writers.

"We would like to pay more," said Murray, "and provide more jobs for students, but we have to keep the service running."

Notes are taken on classes with 90 or more people, provided the instructor consents. If a class has over 50 subscriptions, the notetaker is paid a bonus of \$1.25 per subscription at the end of the term. Many of the workers are masters or doctoral candidates, and all are qualified for the classes they cover.

One problem that really hurts SPI is that

other groups reprint the footnotes and sell them for their own profit. "This cuts down on jobs for students," said Murray. "If a group can't afford the subscription rates for its members, we're willing to negotiate on a price." SPI is considering copyrighting the notes with the help of legal aid services.

The newly formed board of directors consists of Doug Haaga, graduate in finance, who has been self-employed twice, Ben Johnson, graduate in finance, who worked as an intern for ESCO, a national steel manufacturing company, Lance Gilmore, senior in management, John Penman, graduate in business administration, Darrell Murray, graduate in political science, Bob Kienle, graduate in finance, Chuck Bergran, graduate in transportation, and Greg Leo as the corporation president. All are volunteer workers.

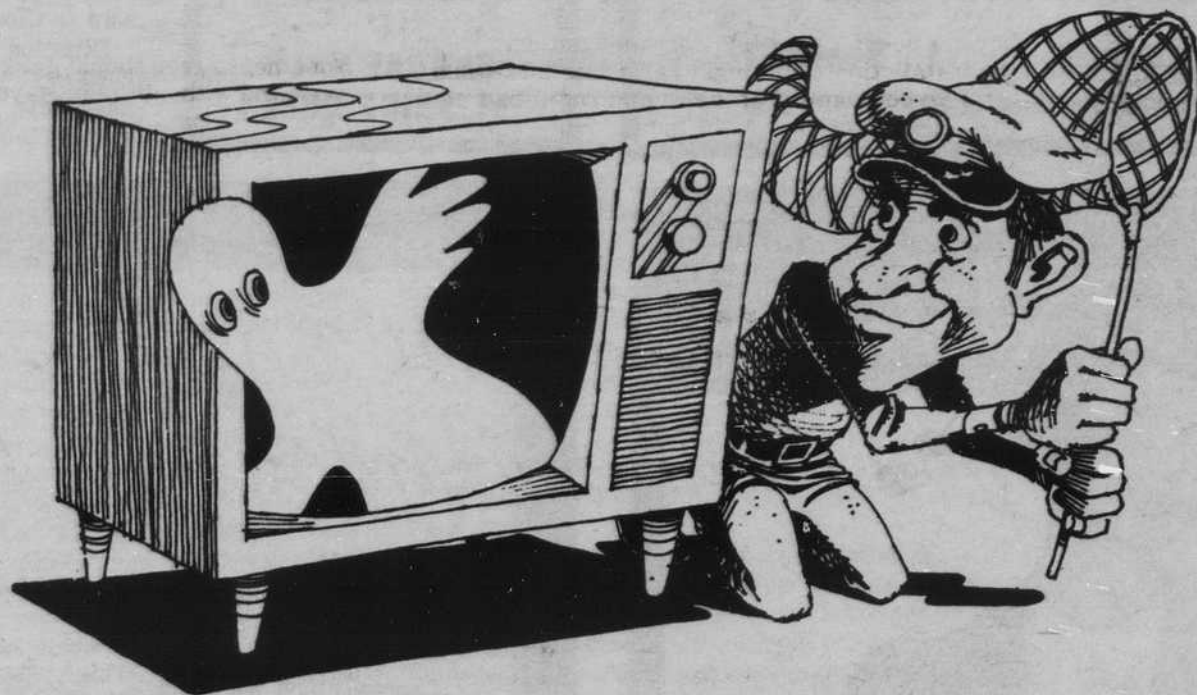
Now in the planning stages is a refund system for the basketball games. Students with athletic cards will be reimbursed one dollar before the game. Around the first of November the results of a survey to gauge

the participation for the system should be in, and SPI will determine whether it's feasible. "It will be a one-shot deal," said Murray.

By winter term a new Search class will be offered. It will be open to any major, but students in marketing or business management would probably benefit most. Each student will gather market research data for a business project. If the statistics show the project to be economically feasible, the cost will be estimated, and the student will be backed by SPI to operate spring term. Fifteen to twenty percent of the profits will be kept by the student and the rest will be returned to SPI. "He'll have an in over any other student," said Murray. If successful, the business will become part of the organization and continue to operate.

SPI will expand as fast as they can handle more programs and ideas. "We don't want to exclude anyone," Murray said. Their meetings are open to the public and they encourage participation. The next one will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in 337 EMU.

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