

Proposal tardy by six weeks

IFC grants PLUS budget hearing

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The Physically Limited Union of Students is still eligible for 1981-82 incidental fee funding despite missing the Feb. 9 deadline for student program budget proposals by six weeks.

The Incidental Fee Committee decided Thursday evening to hold the PLUS budget hearing next Tuesday, April 14.

PLUS Director Chester Faller said he was unable to prepare the proposal and didn't think his assistants had any experience with the budgeting process.

Ann Alexander, IFC committee member in charge of reviewing PLUS's budget,

called Faller "irresponsible" for not contacting the committee earlier.

"Anyone on the IFC would have been willing to help with the budget," Alexander said. She recommended the committee reject the PLUS budget proposal.

"We were under the impression PLUS didn't need any funding," Alexander said.

IFC Chair Jon Niederbach said Faller should have turned in at least a summary sheet or contacted the committee to inform it that the PLUS budget would be late.

"It's bad precedent to accept a budget this late," Niederbach said.

Faller retorted that it is unfortunate the committee would cut funding for a program that serves 10 percent of the student population.

"I feel I have made a mistake and the IFC is punishing all the handicapped students for it," Faller said. "My personality defect and the problem with the budget being late is mine, not the program's."

Committee member Richard Sontag said he would feel bad about not funding PLUS. "We shouldn't zero-fund the program," he said.

In other business, the IFC voted to make a special allocation of \$5,000 to the financially troubled Drug Information

Center. The committee termed the allocation a "supplemental emergency request," to cover budget deficits caused by funding cutbacks.

The committee also voted to allocate the Health Faire \$571, over half of which will have to be repaid.

The Survival Center received \$2,695 from unallocated reserves for the center's Earth-week and was given \$2,000 which must be paid back from the event's receipts.

And the committee also released \$1,886 from a reserve account to the Asian American Student Union. The money will be used to fund the AASU's cultural night.

Sign up for field studies ends Tuesday

Tutoring school children for three hours a week may be some students' idea of easy University credit.

But others have found the University's ESCAPE program has advantages in both education and job experience, says ESCAPE student director Jim Doty.

University students attracted by either of these benefits should know the deadline for ESCAPE registration is Tuesday afternoon.

ESCAPE offers University credit to students who want to try something a little different from traditional classroom instruction, Doty says. Calling ESCAPE a "field studies program," he says most students tutor in elementary schools or lend a hand to local community service organizations.

"It gives University students a chance to look at different aspects of the community," Doty says. "It also gives them a chance to help people."

Corrections agencies, daycare centers, elderly and handicapped programs and legal aid services are some of the non-profit organizations that cooperate with ESCAPE.

Doty says ESCAPE students enter into helping relationships with each organization, trading their time and, in some cases, their expertise for experience and credit.

"We are providing extra human resources," to the non-profit community, Doty says.

The field studies program has been averaging about 400 participants per term, with about a 50-percent return rate of former ESCAPE students. However, registration numbers for this term are already well above average, Doty says.

Veterans plan conference

The second annual Western Regional Conference of Vietnam Era Veterans will be held Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, at the University.

Sponsored by the University Veterans Association, the free event is designed to provide a platform for discussion of issues related to Vietnam veterans.

Topics will include the draft, Agent Orange defoliant poisoning and employment issues.

University Veterans will provide housing, food and child care and make transportation arrangements for those attending the conference. Additional information is available from University Veterans, Suite 3, EMU or by calling 686-4098.

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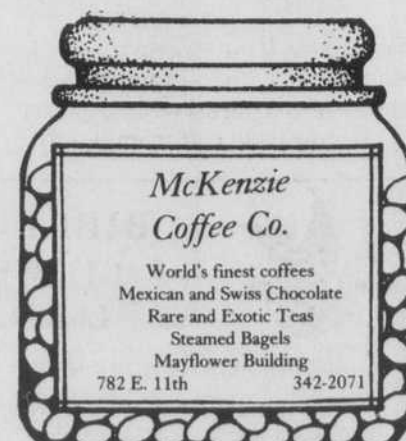


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