

Main Desk service trimmed

EMU wants 5-percent increase

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University students will pay about 50 cents more per term to the EMU if a budget approved by the EMU Board on Friday wins the approval of the Incidental Fee Committee and the University administration.

The budget, worked out during months of meetings by the EMU Budget Committee, calls for a 1981-82 incidental fee allocation of \$1,136,356 — \$58,668 more than the 1980-81 allocation. The fee increase is adjusted to reflect a projected 2.7-percent jump in enrollment.

The increase comes despite a 67.5-percent cut in the EMU Main Desk's fee budget. The main desk, which received \$15,700 this year, would receive only \$5,095 under the proposal passed Friday.

The only other EMU area facing budget cutbacks under the proposal is the club sports program, which currently receives \$44,685 in incidental fees.

Under the proposal, club sports would be cut to \$44,015.

The EMU area receiving the largest increase is program administration, which would receive \$233,034 next year. EMU program administration currently receives \$203,534 in incidental fees.

The IFC has already slashed more than 9 percent from the ASUO program budget, which would reduce student fees by more than \$1. University Pres. Paul Olum has said he favors a plan to reduce the athletic department's incidental fee subsidy by \$5.

The fee is currently about \$50 per term.

Despite the overall fee decrease, IFC Chair Jon Neiderbach said at Friday's board meeting that the EMU budget proposal would face "heavy sledding" when it goes before the committee this Tuesday and Wednesday.

The board also had childcare on its mind at Friday's meeting.

It voted 7-3 to reject Neiderbach's

proposal that the \$74,000 in incidental fee subsidies currently given to the EMU Childcare Center and the Child Care and Development Center be given directly to parents through a voucher system managed by the Financial Aid Office.

The rejected plan called for parents to submit documentation of income and expenses to be ranked by the FAO according to need. They would then receive direct grants that could be spent in any state-accredited childcare center.

Neiderbach says this plan would focus the incidental fee allocations on student parents, instead of giving it to the centers, which sometimes accept non-student parents.

About 25 parents attended the meeting to oppose the plan.

They suggested that Neiderbach's plan ran counter to the board's earlier decision to give parents a voice in childcare management. Neiderbach was a main proponent of that plan, which was approved early in winter quarter.

"I really feel you're interfering with parents and their desire to run the childcare centers," said graduate student Gail Zaninovich.

Other parents suggested that the plan would result in decreased quality at the two centers.

Neiderbach, who is the IFC's representative to the EMU board, said the committee would take up the issue when it considers the EMU budget this week.

In other business, the board heard a report from EMU House Committee Chairer Kyle McGuinn on the problem of vagrancy in the EMU television room. The TV room is often frequented by non-students and has been the scene of sporadic minor violence.

McGuinn suggested the problem could be solved either by closing the TV room entirely or by closing the outside door and making people go through the Fishbowl to go to the room.

The board will act on the problem later this term.

Childcare Center to propose new rules

A public hearing on proposed rule additions for the EMU Childcare Center and the Childcare and Development Center will be held at 3 p.m. today in Room 101, EMU.

The additions would specify who is eligible for childcare services and how admissions priorities are established, and would create a grievance system to handle complaints.

After the University administration reviews public testimony, the rules would become effective upon filing with the secretary of state's office.

The rules are part of the centers' governing documents developed earlier this year by parent groups at the two centers.

They give admissions priority to children from student families, but if time and space allow, the centers would accept children from employee and non-student families. Returning student families would have the highest priority in both centers' rules, but the CCDC also would use a point system in making final decisions.

Complaints about admissions and administration under the new rules would start with the childcare coordinator. Appeals could be made to the parents' advisory groups in the centers and to the EMU Board.

Copies of the proposed rules are available in the ASUO Executive Office, Suite 4, EMU, and the University President's Office, 110 Johnson Hall.

AI focuses on Guatemala

A slide show and discussion on political repression in Guatemala is scheduled tonight at a meeting of the campus chapter of Amnesty International.

In addition to the slideshow, a workshop will be held on how to

write letters to governments on behalf of political prisoners.

Amnesty International currently is forming a chapter on campus. Guatemala is one of two countries that it will focus on. East Germany will be the other.

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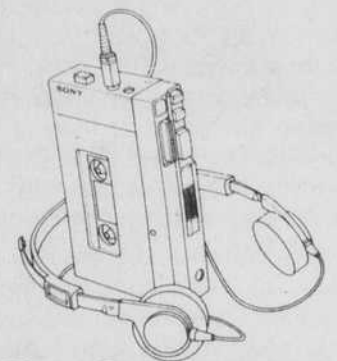
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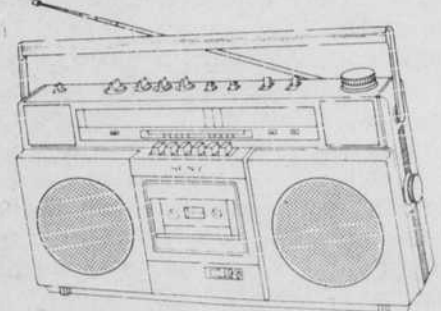


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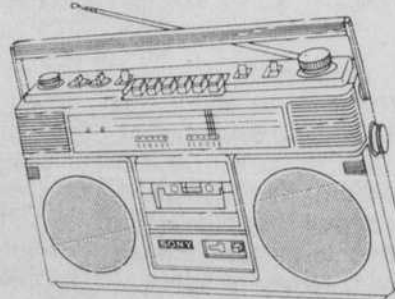
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