

Funds, manpower short

Problems disable PLUS

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The Physically Limited Union of Students has been struggling and Chester Faller, director and sole member of the organization, is the first to admit it.

"If a disabled student comes to the University, we want to make sure he can be in any program he wants. As of now, this is not the case," he says.

The problem is not a lack of goals and ideas, says Faller, but a shortage of means to execute PLUS' ambitions.

Faller has had difficulty in preparing his budget to satisfy IFC requirements, and the ASUO budget director has noted Faller's laxity in keeping regular office hours.

Constantly changing circumstances force PLUS to continually modify its specific goals, Faller explains, and specific goals are a prerequisite for IFC funding.

Being unable to predict exactly where PLUS funding would go, he simply "faked" his budget to insure PLUS received all the funding he felt it needed, Faller admits.

"The IFC is encouraging people to lie when they ask for specific expenditures," Faller insists.

All groups must guess on their expenditures to a certain extent, but some groups do this

more than others, IFC chairer Karsten Rasmussen says.

"I don't think it's appropriate for any group to say they're going to spend their money on one thing and then spend it on something else. Spending should be justifiable," he adds.

Faller says that until he can convince the IFC to fund the cause, PLUS is stymied.

"There's nothing else we can do. We've exhausted all administrative avenues," he says.

So PLUS is in a "state of limbo," Faller says.

One thing he does intend to do is sue the State Board of Education for violations both at the University and statewide level.

Faller alleges that several degree programs offered at the University discriminate against the handicapped.

He took the matter to the Chancellor's Office first, but was told the office could not afford the lawsuit, he says.

It is senseless to sue for only the University's offenses because it costs no more to sue on behalf of the entire state, Faller says, adding that more evidence can be introduced in litigation of wider scope.

However, PLUS does not yet have any of the funding necessary for such a large project either. In fact, Faller cannot even estimate the amount of

money the law suit will involve until he finishes his research.

PLUS is also short of manpower, Faller says. He has no assistant and finds keeping regular office hours difficult.

He estimates that he spends only five to 10 hours a week in the office.

This has apparently made him difficult to contact, and doesn't square with PLUS' IFC-approved goal of being a resource for students who need information concerning the handicapped.

"It's a problem; it's a tiny problem," says Alan Contreras, ASUO budget director, putting the situation into perspective.

"PLUS has been a bit lax, and he (Faller) knows that I think this. He intends to improve the situation, and I'm satisfied with that understanding," Contreras explains.

Maintaining regular office hours is a problem for many of the smaller groups, Contreras admits, adding that although program directors such as Faller receive a small salary, their work is primarily volunteer.

"There's a limit to what you can expect from volunteer organizations," Contreras says.

Campus club unites aliens and natives

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Editor's note: this is the last part of a series on foreign students.

A club was formed at the University last year whose purpose is to, in the words of its president, Deb Hauger, "bring together the American and foreign student elements."

The International Studies Association, developed by the international studies department, is designed to foster a "more internationally oriented perspective on campus," says Hauger.

The Association, now listing about 40 members, sponsors the International Studies Peer Advising Program and serves as a resource center for information about graduate schools, careers, internships, study abroad, research, and other campus resources.

"We want to make American students more aware of what's going on in the rest of the world," Hauger says. American students avoid meeting and getting to know foreign students, let alone feeling comfortable about it.

There should be an "integrated feeling," on campus, Hauger says.

The Association, whose goals Hauger says are different from those of the Foreign Student Organization, intends to achieve this sense of community by organizing forums, discussions, lectures, and slide shows.

A Nov. 1 reception was co-sponsored by the Association, as was last Thursday's panel

discussion on the Reagan Administration's Third World policies.

A monthly newsletter is being published, and an international career day and other activities are also being planned, Hauger says.

Americans tend to have an "isolated perception" of foreign students, she says. They usually hear about Iranian students participating in demonstrations or about some foreign students not representative of the majority, Hauger explains.

Hauger says she feels cuts in funds for exchanges and other programs allowing foreign students to come to the US will "snowball."

When subsidies are eliminated, only foreign students from higher income families will be able to study, a situation many Americans mistakenly believe exists already.

"We feel the diversity of having foreign students on campus is important," Hauger says, adding that foreign students can perform such tasks as advising American industry on dealing with businessmen in their native countries.

Association membership is not restricted to international studies majors, Hauger stresses, adding that all American and foreign students and faculty may participate in the program.

The Association, which hopes to become the first student chapter of the International Studies Association, meets every other Thursday. More information is available at 241 Straub Hall, or by phoning 686-5051.

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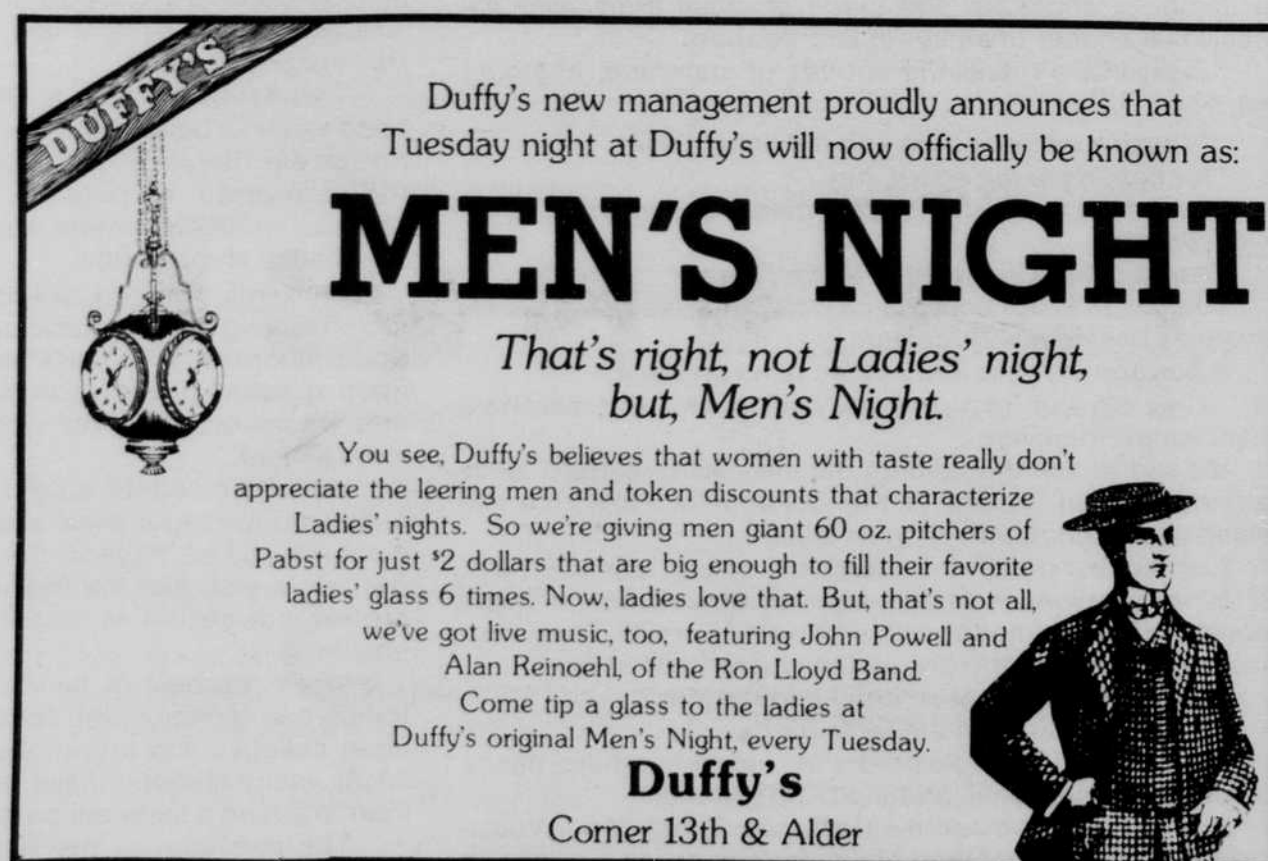
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the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
and work in the line and haul in their places,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
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