

ASUO not receptive

# Tenants ask for funding

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A student tenants group — the East Campus Tenants — is asking for incidental fee funding, but the ASUO thinks funding should originate elsewhere.

"My question is whether it should be us or the housing office," says David Gibson, ASUO vice president of administration and finance. "I don't see paying the (ECT) director there as different than paying a (resident assistant)."

The 10-year-old East Campus Housing project is one of three off-campus, University-owned communities of single-dwelling homes run by the housing office. The two other communities are the Amazon and Westmoreland projects.

The ECT units are located from Agate to Villard streets and from the Williams Bakery to 18th Avenue and are rented to married and single students.

Many ECT students would be unable to attend the University without the low-cost housing, says Susan Thorpe, group coordinator. But to maintain low rents and keep the community functioning, the ECT needs to establish communication with the housing office and ASUO, she says.

The tenant group, which is requesting ASUO funding for the first time, needs a "gratuity" from the Incidental Fee Committee to be a viable organization, Thorpe says.

## Poland lecture set for Monday

Current social and political conditions in Poland are the topic of a lecture by Joseph Fiszman, University political science professor, Monday at 8 p.m. in the EMU Forum Room.

Fiszman, who recently returned from his second trip to Poland this year, is currently studying the relationship between the Polish Catholic Church and the Polish Communist Party.

"I see my first responsibility as getting this thing organized," she says.

The group receives interest on its housing office deposits, which pays the coordinator's \$70 per month stipend, Thorpe says. The amount isn't enough for ECT to accomplish its goals, she adds.

Thorpe submitted an IFC-required goal statement outlining the groups three goals: organizing ECT, participating in the maintenance and control of East Campus Housing operations and integrating into the surrounding neighborhood.

The IFC approved the goals with a stipulation that funding for a community center/laundromat would be unacceptable.

But tenant groups have problems built into their goals that make IFC funding difficult, says Sheila Schain, ASUO budget director.

The IFC preamble states the committee should fund groups "for cultural and physical development of the students," and Schain says she isn't sure the ECT or the other tenant

groups provide that development.

Last year, the IFC rejected the Amazon Community Tenants' goals several times before finally approving them in late April, she adds.

"I'm not sure it's our job to subsidize that sector," Schain says. "We may need to standardize our policy for all tenants groups — either fund all of them or none at all."

Of the ECT goals, Gibson and Schain agree community integration is the most contradictory to IFC objectives. While such relations with the community are needed, Gibson says the IFC should not be responsible for its funding.

Gibson says a liaison program needs to be established between the ECT and the housing office, but he's unsure where funding would originate.

"A goal can be valid, but it doesn't mean it needs to be funded," Gibson says.



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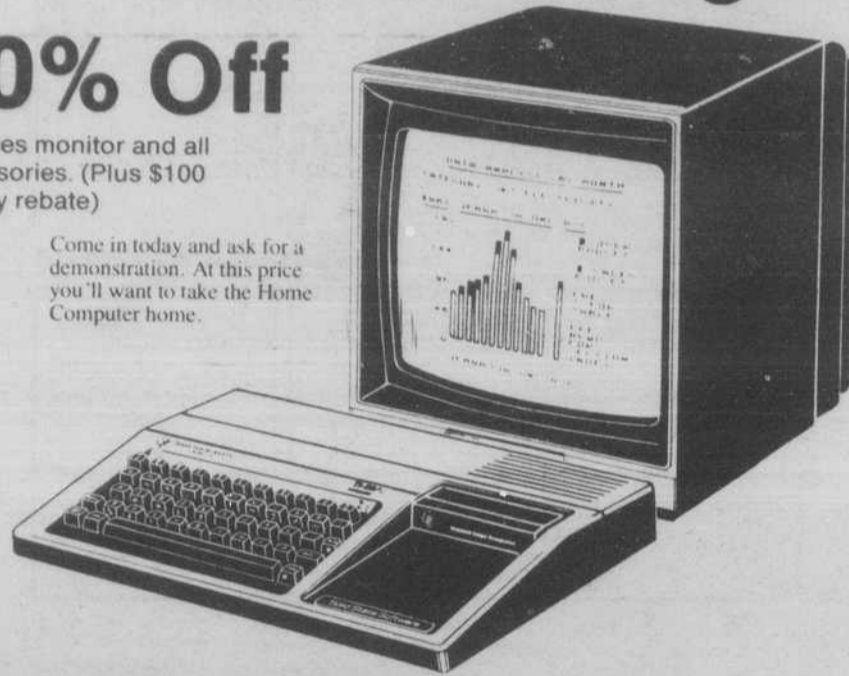
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