

Editorial

IFC loan for GTFs worth considering

University President Paul Olum has suggested that incidental fee reserve money be used as a loan fund for Graduate Teaching Fellows.

GTF leader Chuck Hunt has told the Incidental Fee Committee that for now, he's not interested. His position may change if other sources of money for GTFs are not forthcoming.

The loan fund idea should be carefully considered by the Incidental Fee Committee. If long-term integrity of the reserve account is guaranteed by the state system, the idea has merit.

The IFC does not permit fees to be used for certain activities, such as food or lodging. Fees should certainly not be regularly used for personal loans, but the ASUO has a process through which fees may be made temporarily available for otherwise ineligible activities.

The credit committee, a pseudo-agency created by the IFC, handles loans for such activities on a smaller scale. Although the GTF loan idea is unusual, the IFC could use the credit committee model to set up a loan fund.

Provided University and state system rules permit, the IFC could authorize a temporary transfer of incidental fees to a special account in the financial aid office. GTFs could then apply for aid based on need. Loans should not be made directly to individuals, or to the GTF Federation.

Before approving such a project, the IFC should be certain that any money repaid to the new account is immediately credited back to the incidental fee reserve.

The IFC should agree to such an emergency bailout only if the University agrees to bear the burden of collecting debts on the new account, and agrees to reimburse the account for any debts uncollectible after a reasonable period, perhaps the end of the 1986-87 fiscal year.

If these conditions can be met, setting up a loan fund is simply a large-scale version of what the credit committee has been doing since its creation in 1982.

We still believe that the state system's decision to begin withholding tuition waiver taxes is unnecessary, and should be reconsidered.

An emergency fund is just that — temporary aid to deal with an unpredictable disaster. It is not a long-term financial aid plan for GTFs.

Gay pride events educate to increase understanding

Gay and Lesbian Pride Week is underway at the University. Non-gays should take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the gay community.

The rights and roles of gay people are an important part of social and political discourse — gay rights legislation is widely discussed, and has been passed by 41 cities and the state of Wisconsin.

Gay men and lesbians suffer from extraordinary stereotyping — the limp-wristed man and leather-clad woman — that represents only a tiny fraction of the gay community.

Gay people throughout history have disproved stereotypes for those who have eyes to see — Alexander the Great was hardly a wimp.

The contribution to society by Michaelangelo, Tennessee Williams, Adrienne Rich, Leonardo Da Vinci, James Dean, Gertrude Stein and countless other gay and lesbian people is beyond question.

Lesbians and gay men, visible or not, are part of everyone's life. Learn more about them this week.



Letters

Insignificant

Mr. Frary,
You believe yourself to be worthy of some sort of divine attention. Let me put that in perspective. You are a person of no special significance among four billion others.

You are on a tiny planet, circling a mediocre star which is among billions of others in our galaxy, which is itself one among billions of other galaxies. And yet you have the gall to call professor Rousseve vain.

It still amazes me how much you, and other religious people, can ignore. Findings in astronomy, archaeology, psychology, etc. are apparently lost on you.

Closed mind? The good professor has, at least, not swallowed a mass-produced theology which you seem to have done. Religion is junk food of the mind.

Historical fact: The dinosaurs ruled this planet for millions of years. It is strange the Bible makes no mention of them. A Tyrannosaurus Rex would be kind of hard to miss, don't you think?

Nevertheless, I believe your money to be safe, considering you have an emotional stake in your beliefs it is quite likely there is no evidence you would accept as proof against your

view. This non-falsifiability is found in many other related pseudo-psychologies, astrology for example.

Donald Hoverson
Physics

Threatened

Dearest Leah and friends,
This is a very simple message for your very simple minds. Regardless of your ignorance, intolerance and hateful attitudes toward normal people, we will continue to rip-down your flyers.

Because we are overwhelmingly threatened by your queer existence, we white, heterosexual, able-bodied, rich-kids will continue to express that our reality is the only one that exists here on campus and that anyone that differs from the norm is merely a perverted mutant. Not just any mutation, but a mutation that kills with its spread of the AIDS virus, a crime worse than abortion.

I tried to pretend for five minutes that you had a right to your unreasonable queerness, but I couldn't picture it. God did not mean for you to be with another woman nor for a man to be with another man.

So release your phobias and hatred toward your fellow man, come to grips with a realistic reality, and pull yourself out of the dyke (dike?) that you've fallen into.

Dan Martin
W.H.A.R.K.

Needs answer

In the last few months I have mailed at least 250 letters and cards to university editors around the the United States reminding them of Britain's wars (more than any other nation in Europe) and of its land grabbing, again more than any other nation in Europe.

Also, its double invasions of America and burning of our national capital in 1814. I remind them that THE RESULT OF WINNING WORLD WAR TWO TO AID ENGLAND WAS THE GIFT OF A THIRD OF EUROPE

TO RUSSIA: I ask them what we get from Europe that we need? And I ask if any of their learned professors ever suggest that President Reagan's defense of Zionist terrorism in Palestine is making us millions of Moslem enemies.

Why do we guard foreign borders while our own are invaded by millions of sneak aliens? Why are we always ready to bankrupt ourselves and sacrifice our sons in some foreign war?

O.L. Brannaman
Sacramento, CA

Paying respect

When I first arrived at the University two-and-a-half years ago, my host family met me and housed me until I was assigned to a dormitory room. This kind couple took away any envisioned doubts I had about living in a foreign country. All this while we shared our experiences and spent many precious moments together.

A fortnight ago, Richard McCord, my host father, suffered a heart attack and passed away. I was naturally saddened at losing such a dear friend, my first in the United States.

To the Foreign Students Friendship Foundation, I thank you for assigning a wonderful host family to me. I hope this beneficial program will be extended indefinitely to future foreign students. And to Pauline McCord and family, I share this most difficult period with you.

C.M. Cheng
Student

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