

Professors sold to save children of world

By Cathy James

The diminutive economics professor in a tank top stood helplessly on a small platform awaiting his fate.

The president of the Political Science Association, David Muszynski, ruthlessly sold him as a slave to eager students.

Stripping off his tank top at the demand of the auctioneer and crowd, Ivan Cohen joked loudly with the bidders in the cafeteria of the Highsmith Center last Wednesday.

He and six other faculty "slaves" put themselves on the block to help raise money for the PSA-sponsored Save the Children project.

The auction netted a total of \$802, according to Lee Hinebaugh, chairman of the drive.

The other properties included Gene Shultz and Ann Weber, psychology department; Milton Ready, history department; Gary Klonicki and Joe Sulock, economics department; and Bob Farzanegan, who stood in for Wilsonia Cherry, literature department.

Cohen sold for the highest amount, \$387, raised by a large group

of his students.

"They bought me," he said, "because I promised them a take-home final exam and a beer keg party."

Prices for the other slaves ranged from \$30 to \$110.

To date, the PSA Save the Children fund totals approximately \$3000, said Hinebaugh.

Of this amount, almost \$1,000 has gone to cover expenses such as printing costs for posters and refreshments for fund-raising events.

"With the way things are going, our ambitious original goal, \$20,000, has been reset at a more realistic \$10,000," Hinebaugh said.

The auctioned professors were slaves for two hours to their highest bidder.

Shultz and Weber spent their time collecting money for Save the Children while Sulock helped Dr. Kay move into a new residence.

Klonicki tutored students, Cherry fixed dinner for David Cafiero, and Cohen will give a party for his students.

And Ready played buy-

er Meg Johnson on a four-wall raquetball court.

"The effort to help Save the Children has obviously captured the hearts of the community," said Hinebaugh.

Merchants, along with the Asheville Citizen-Times, have provided nearly \$15,000 in advertising and donations to the program, he said.

"From this point forward, we must convert these assets into dollars," said Hinebaugh.

"If we are unable to, our effort will be a failure."

There are 20 to 30 people involved with the Save the Children project.

"People can feel good about themselves and what they are doing.

"At the risk of beg-

ging, I encourage everyone to pitch in and give us a hand. After all, could you live on a bowl of rice once or twice a day?" said Muszynski.

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Hey, baby!! Teresa Steele watches as Ann Weber gives auctioneer David Muszynski an encouraging pat.
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