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S. G. Surplus Revealed

Although no one knows how much, Student Government has a surplus of unspent student fee monies from first semester. This news was first made public last week by S.G. Finance Commissioner Johnny Wicker.

According to initial reports from Wicker, S.G. had a surplus of at least \$19,000. As the week progressed and the matter was further studied, the size of the surplus decreased from \$14,000 to \$11,000. As of Tues-

day, Jan. 13, the surplus was around \$6,000 according to S.G. President Gary Aiken.

Aiken, who had unkind words for Wicker's massive surplus statements, said S.G. received about \$32,000 from student fees for first semester. He said over \$26,000 was budgeted by the Senate, but as of second semester, only \$18,000 had been spent by all organizations receiving funds.

Aiken said the \$8,000 budgeted but not spent, would re-

main in the respective accounts of the organizations originally receiving the money. Organizations with unspent funds include the Summit with \$3,000 at least \$1,000 for homecoming in the social budget, legal services, and student organizations.

The new \$6,000 surplus figure will be added to S.G. second semester revenues

from student fees. According to business office official John Neuse, those revenues will be at least as much as they were last year for the same period. Last year the total second semester revenues for Student Government was over \$26,000.

S.G. President Aiken said the surplus "is what we worked for." Aiken explained

that he is attempting to maintain a surplus "to avoid any future increase in fees."

According to Aiken the \$32,000 Student Government will have second semester will be spent in several ways. He said he is looking into an S.G. financed gameroom, possibly to be located where the snackbar is presently.

Regular allocations will take a sizable portion of the amount. Aiken said at least \$2,000 should remain for the summer for S.G. Aiken is also investigating the possibilities of investing a part of the money.

Finance Commissioner Wicker feels it is not a good idea to hold the money in surplus. He said, "I think the money should be spent like the students want it to be spent-its their money."

Five Year Plan Report Released

A tentative report of the Five Year Plan on Student Services was released by Plan chairman Dean Deason at the Tuesday, Jan. 13 meeting. The plan, commissioned by the chancellor last academic year, involved studying some seven areas of student services.

According to the Chancellor, the plan will be sent to a Board of Trustees committee. Upon their recommendation, the final report will be adapted by the Board as "official university policy."

The 18 page report contains recommendations from five subcommittees. The Special Programs subcommittee was deleted on a request from its chairman. The subcommittee on the Student Center, Dormitories, and Food, chaired by Nora Aiken, is incomplete due to incoming reports from outside consultants.

Steering Committee chairman Deason said

there are three important recommendations made by many of the subcommittees. He said several called for: (1) a director of student activities, (2) a director of recreation and sports, and (3) a new student center.

Subcommittee chairmen are to distribute copies of the report to their members. Final suggestions are to be made to Dean Deason who will compile the first draft for presentation to the Chancellor.

Highlights of the recommendations are as follows:

--Student Government: (1) more S.G. funds be invested in permanent recreational facilities, (2) "the growing adversary relationship between S.G. and administration be discussed," (3) information about S.G. be better and more widely publicized, (4) qualifications for S.G. officers be "tightened."

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On the Second Floor

A move of offices is being anticipated on the first and second floor of the student center. Last year during the Student Government elections, one of presidential candidate Gary Aiken's reported campaign promises was to make Student Government closer to the students. Aiken's plan then was to move S.G. offices down-stairs into the gameroom, located across from the Coffeehouse.

Last week S.G. legal Services Coordinator and close Aiken administration advisor Tom Zumberge brought the matter up for discussion. Zumberge feels the little office space that is in the student center is not being used efficiently. Presumably, he also feels, as does Aiken, that moving downstairs will improve S.G. student relations.

Two meetings were held last week by most of the student organization heads involved. The most popular plan for the move was suggested by radio station manager Larry Warren. It calls for S.G. to move downstairs into the gameroom presently occupied by the Black Students Association. The BSA will move upstairs into Warren's office. The station manager will move into the Ridgerunner office. The Ridgerunner will go across the hall into what is now S.G. offices. The Veteran's Association, presently in a small room off the gameroom downstairs will move upstairs into the Finance Commissioner's office. The Finance Commissioner will move into the gameroom with S.G. All other offices will stay where they are.

Zumberge has already had the gameroom surveyed for partitions. Minor complications at this point include a debate over the location of the BSA and Vet offices. The veterans insist on the larger office presently occupied by Warren while the BSA has failed to show at the meetings to represent their views. The Monday, Jan. 12 meeting ended with all organizations involved requested to prepare financial estimates of the move for a later meeting.

With spring S.G. elections a little over a month away, the presidential contest is shaping up. Junior Forrest Reid formally placed himself in the race last week. Tom Zumberge, also a junior said last week he is seriously considering the S.G. presidency. Other likely candidates at this time are sophomore Pete Austin, and juniors Chris Smith and Randy Kindley.

Dorm Students Gripe

By ALLISON PHILLIPS

Having toured the dorms, I can understand why some students think they are living at the almshouse. There are broken mirrors and windows, chipping paint, broken door knobs, and a list of other casualties.

However, the major gripe of dorm students is that their rooms aren't large enough to house a cat, or rather their roommates. One student expressed, "The room is too small. It really isn't sanitary for two people to be cramped together like this." Her roommate added that there isn't enough maid service, if any.

Another major hangout, according to one student is that, "The heat is all screwed up. There is heat when it is hot anyway and when it is freezing outside, the room

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