

SGA - Refused McClellan Donation

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Controversy continued to revolve around the Student Government Association's motion at their last regular meeting before Thanksgiving vacation to donate \$500.00 to the McClellan Defense Fund of the Committee for Academic Freedom.

Meeting in regular session Tuesday evening the SGA heard adviser, Dean Lowell Kafer's refusal to release any amount of the Senate's \$4,500.00 budget for use in this manner.

"Under the present system, of funding," said Dr. Kafer, "I cannot

philosophically justify authorizing the expenditure of university funds to take court action against the university."

Dr. Kafer pointed out, however, that he was "perfectly willing" to work with a committee of the Student Senate in developing a new funding procedure that would put the Senate on a more autonomous basis.

Senator Rob Fure, who introduced the original motion for the \$500.00 donation two weeks ago and who introduced a new motion Tuesday reducing the amount to \$300.00, refused to withdraw the motion as Senator James Winters refused to withdraw his second.

In a final effort to secure these funds for the McClellan defense, Winters introduced a motion to pay

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Fure out of the student labor portion of the budget in the amount of \$300.00 for their work done on the Faculty Guide with the understanding that they, in turn, would donate this money to the McClellan Fund.

The motion carried the Senate by a narrow 14-13 margin, however, and Dean Kafer pointed out that he doubted whether he could authorize this expenditure.

The issue was dropped for the time being but it was agreed that a special committee, headed by the student body treasurer Pete Karamelas, would be appointed to work with Dean Kafer in developing a funding policy that would give the Student Government a more autonomous financial basis.

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Student Body President Don L. Keskey went on to present to the SGA his Seven Point Program. Listed as a number one concern was the raising of funds for the McClellan case and formation of a policy of student rights at Northern Michigan University.

Liberalization of the off-campus housing policy was listed by Keskey as the second point of his program. He said a more realistic off-campus policy should allow any student 21 years old, or any junior or senior in good academic standing a right to off-campus housing.

Keskey's third point was the formulation of a student bill of rights and his fourth point an even further liberalization of the recently revised women's hours policy.

A need for closing the gap between the student body and the SGA was presented by Keskey. He suggested the circulation of a monthly newsletter and increased efforts in public relations.

Financial reform of the funding procedure for the Senate was listed as a necessity by Keskey along with a need to correct the rapidly deteriorating climate in the U. Center.

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Students, Administrators Work To Improve Center

A start was made last evening toward remedying one of NMU's most rapidly increasing campus problems.

The constantly worsening climate and atmosphere in the University Center was discussed by a special committee of student leaders and administrators together with the presidents of the various campus organizations.

Dean Lowell Kafer, student body president Don L. Keskey, and director of NMU's Auxiliary Enterprises Richard C. Hodges, together with other student leaders presented the group of organization presidents with an outline of the problems regarding the general climate in the University Center. They also presented actions that should be

taken and standards to be set up to correct what committee members called, "a rapidly deteriorating situation."

"This poor atmosphere," said Dean Kafer, "has not been caused by any single group but is the responsibility of the whole university community using these facilities. The only way to correct this," continued Dr. Kafer, "is for everyone to work together toward a solution."

A list of general behavior expectations was presented by the committee which included standards regarding personal conduct, use of the television lounge and West Dining Hall study facilities, proper places for food and beverages, and use of the bulletin boards.

It was pointed out that an atmosphere of friendliness and order must be established by refraining from loitering, public displays of affection, and total disregard of the use of the lounge furniture provided.

The committee pointed out that the West Hall dining study area would be open until 12:00 midnight except during final exam week when it will stay open continuously. They added that students would be expected to refrain from visiting or other activities distracting the studying.

The closing time of the Wildcat Den was also discussed along with the regulations for posting notices on bulletin boards.

There seemed to be a general agreement that the most pressing problem was that of poor personal conduct that exists much of the time in the University Center and the general disregard many individuals have toward upkeep of the lounge facilities provided.

Some individuals presented the opinion that much of this was caused by personnel coming in from the Sawyer Air Force Base in the evenings. Dr. Kafer pointed out that a meeting was being sought with base officials to relate this problem of conduct to them.

It was also brought up that much of the daily damage done to the lounge area could be directly linked to commuters who monopolize this area during the daytime.

There was general agreement that the deteriorating condition of the University Center could not be attributed to any single group but was coming about because of a general disregard for proper behavior and practices.

Some areas of "improved service" were suggested by the committee to help remedy the situation. These included a coat room or storage space for commuters, a new remote controlled television system in the television lounge, and determination of maximum utilization of space in the second floor student activities offices.

NET Television Looks At Unfinished Revolution

"Russia: The Unfinished Revolution" is the subject for the "NET Journal", which will be aired Monday evening at 8:00 on NMU television, channel 3.

The hour-long documentary was filmed during this past summer and is an outline of how the Russians look at themselves on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and points out the progress made during this time.

Wednesday evening a special program is planned for "Northern Dimensions". The Vietnamese educators who recently visited Northern's campus will be interviewed by Dr. Walter Holmlund of NMU's International Relations Department. The group of 16 left campus last weekend.

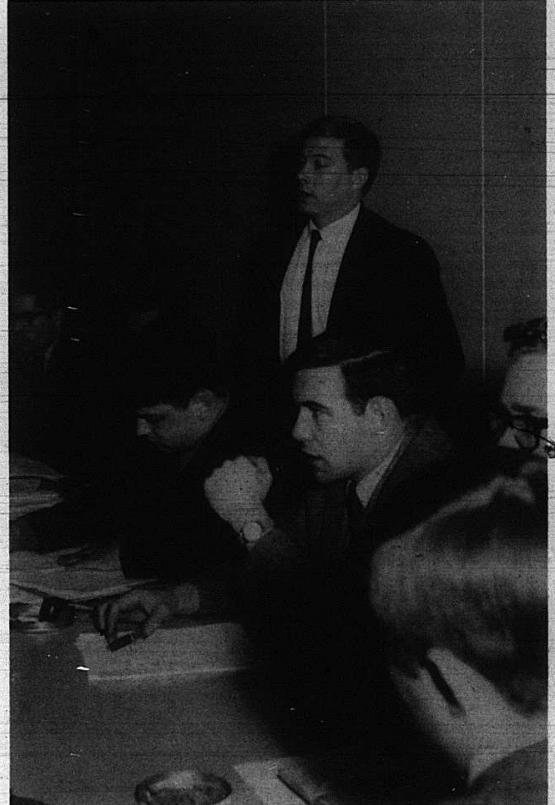
"NET Playhouse", Friday at 9:00 p.m., continues with the second installment of their series "The Tale of Genji." This television version of the amorous adventures of an eleventh century Japanese prince will continue for the next seven weeks. This legendary tale was produced in Japan for television.

SGA Collects Off-Campus Information

The SGA Student Off-Campus Housing Committee is asking for information from the student body in regards to efforts to obtain permission to reside off-campus.

Senator Jack Zacks, chairman of the committee, declared questionnaires are available in the SGA office. Students will be asked about attempts to gain off-campus housing, when and why, what answer was given, and if such requests were denied what reasons were given.

This information is necessary as a guideline to constructive improvements in current campus policies, commented Senator Zacks.



Student body president Don L. Keskey outlines his seven point program to the Student Government Association.

Exaggeration In Illicit Drug Reports: Gallup

Reports of mass student involvement with the illicit drugs marijuana and LSD are wildly exaggerated, according to the Gallup Poll.

Only about six percent of the nation's college students have ever tried marijuana and not more than one percent have experimented with LSD, according to a survey of students in 426 colleges by the noted pollster.

The poll was taken by Dr. George Gallup's American Institute of Public Opinion for the Reader's Digest; results are published in the magazine's November issue, out October 26.

For all the outcry about drugs on campus, a majority—fifty-one percent—of the students questioned said that they did not even know a single student who had tried mari-

juana or LSD. And they estimated with reasonable accuracy that only about four percent of those on their own campus had tried drugs.

However, when asked how many of their fellow collegians across the nation used drugs, the students interviewed jumped their estimates to a very high 13 percent. This higher guess for "outside" campuses could be a reflection of exaggerated news accounts about drug use on campus, the Digest suggests.

Projected to the nation's six million college students, the Gallup figures indicate some 300,000 drug users—a sharp contrast to the reported "million." Moreover, the percentage applies only to those who have tried drugs. It is likely that a far smaller group are regular users.