

Senators, intramurals exec clash over cash

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Intramural director Dennis Corrington is displeased that the finance committee's recommendation for 1979-80 student service fee allocations includes only an 8 percent increase for his department, instead of the 63.4 percent increase he had requested.

Corrington said he won't be able to work with the finance committee's recommendation. Wayne Morrison, vice president for finance, is just as adamant about not granting intramurals more at the expense of other programs.

The allocation of the estimated \$1.58 million student services fees anticipated for next year will be considered by the student senate tonight.

If the committee's recommendation is approved, students can expect to pay team entry fees of up to \$5 per team for various intramural sports. Faculty and staff members will also be required to pay a \$15 user fee; intramural facilities will no longer come free to them.

THE INTRAMURAL DEPARTMENT received \$285,420 from last year's fee allocation, and had requested \$466,445, a 63.4 percent increase. The finance committee's recommended allocation is \$309,265, or only 8 percent.

Corrington said his office needs a large increase to maintain the quantity and quality of intramural programs.

"I don't think 8 percent is going to be enough for us to have the type of programming we've had in the past," Corrington said.

Morrison said the 8 percent increase is the largest the committee can recommend.

He refuses to realize that his program can no longer grow by leaps and bounds," Morrison said. "If he took that budget to any top-

level administrator he'd be laughed right out of the office."

If the finance committee's recommendation for a team entry fee is followed, the estimated increase in the intramural budget becomes 16.5 percent.

HOWEVER, CORRINGTON SAID the estimated \$15,000 generated by the entry fee still would not be enough to meet his program's demands.

The finance committee calculated that, to meet the proposed budget requirements of intramurals, the student service fee ceiling would have to be increased to \$26.

A survey sponsored by the committee indicated that students would only approve of a ceiling hike of not more than \$3.

"There are two main reasons for the large requested increase: salaries and wages," Corrington said.

"We haven't had any new positions created in two years," but our programming has doubled."

Corrington said he had requested three new professional positions and two new clerical ones in this year's budget, due to the great workload imposed on his current staff.

He said that three of the positions were mandatory: "We have to have them."

IN ADDITION, THE Student Financial Aids Office has a proposal to raise student wages from the current \$2.50 per hour level to \$3.10 next year, thus increasing the amount of money intramurals will have to pay student game officials.

Corrington said he had asked for a second hearing before the finance committee, but that the hearing had been denied. Corrington would have attempted to re-justify his budget request at a second hearing.

A representative from the intramural department is supposed to appear at tonight's senate meeting in an attempt to by-pass the finance committee's recommendation and ask the senate for a compromise increase.

CORRINGTON SAID THE compromise request would be a 29

percent increase over last year's budget.

Morrison's letter to Corrington denying the re-hearing said the "committee found no justification for a re-hearing."

Corrington thinks there was. "I asked for everything I thought I needed. Now, that was probably unrealistic, so I went back to make as many cuts as possible."

Personality conflicts between Corrington and members of the finance committee may be one reason the two groups are faced with an impasse.

In an open hearing last week to discuss the fee allocations, Morrison told committee members that Corrington had been uncooperative and unwilling to compromise when he found the extent to which his requested increase had been cut.

Morrison said Corrington had refused the opportunity to appear at the open hearing before the committee to attempt to justify his budget, and Morrison concluded by urging committee members not to give Corrington a second, separate, re-hearing. The committee agreed.

Corrington's version of his relations with the committee, though, was somewhat different.

HE SAID THERE had been no discourtesy or problems in his relationship with finance committee members.

"The last thing I told them was that they'd done a good job under the circumstances. I was pleased with the way my meeting with the committee went — the kids did a good job."

However, according to Morrison, Corrington used high-handed tactics to try to get the finance committee to see things his way.

"This is not the first time he's tried to intimidate student government to get what he wants. He's asked for 150 percent before," Morrison said.

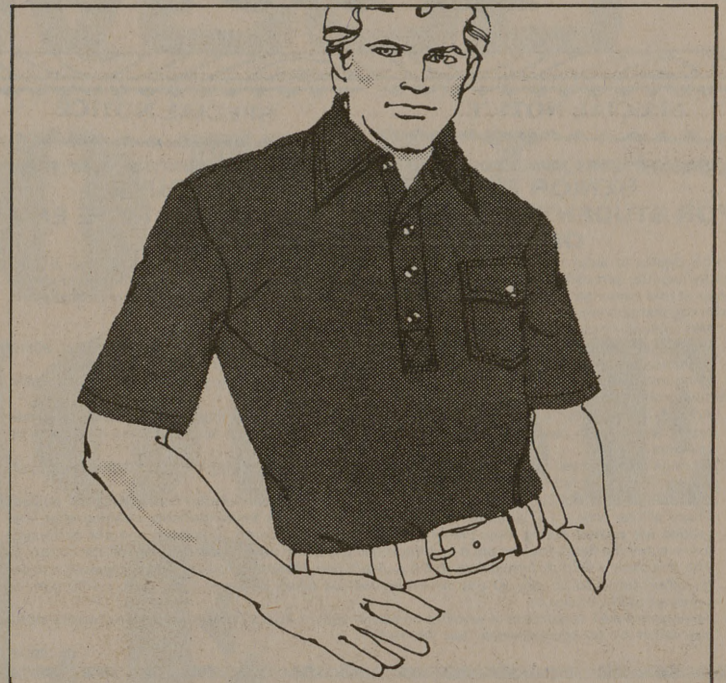
Morrison intimated that the senate might very well be satisfied with the finance committee's recommendation, and thus would see no reason to grant speaking privileges to the intramural representative tonight.

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AUSTIN — Arab protesters Monday disrupted a speech by an Egyptian diplomat at the University of Texas, prompting one man present to slap two demonstrators on the face.

Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Egypt's ambassador to the United Nations, spoke on the status of the peace movement between Egypt and Israel.

About 20 Arab students repeatedly interrupted Meguid with shouts of, "Long Live Palestine" and "Sadat no, Begin no, Long live PLO."

One elderly man asked police to silence the demonstrators, then turned to the hecklers and said, "Shut up, shut up and let the man speak."

He was ignored, and moved to confront the hecklers, telling them, "You're supported by this country with taxpayers' money. Shut up. All of you, shut up." He slapped one of the students across the face, then walked to another student and slapped him.

Police took the man aside and talked to him, but did not arrest him.

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