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CAMPUS COUNCIL REPORT

OCTOBER 24, 1986

Campus Council is composed of students, faculty representatives and administrative officers who work together to forward the college's commitment to intellectual, emotional and social growth. Council has two standing Committees: Charter Committee and Budget Committee. This semester Council has five ad-hoc committees: Disabilities Awareness Committee, Racism Task Force, International Student Concerns Committee, Honorarium Task Force, and Drinking Age Concerns Committee.

Disabilities Awareness

In the spring of 1986, Andy Wert chaired a committee to investigate the College's facilities for the physically disabled. It was disappointing to find the College unequipped to handle disabled students. As a result of the report, Council voted to have the first floor bathrooms in Lowry renovated to provide access for the disabled. This included a new toilet, grab bars, wrist blades on faucets and new mirrors. Andy was informed that the work would be done over the summer, but as of this date only the toilet and grab bars have been replaced. Council also voted to designate three parking facilities for the physically disabled. No new parking spaces have been designated as of yet. The committee found many buildings inaccessible to disabled persons. Such buildings include the Library, Mateer, Severance and Kauke as well as dormitories. Many bathrooms, water fountains and phones are also inaccessible to the disabled. I urge the College to continue to provide better facilities for the Physically Disabled.

Honorarium

One of the major concerns of Campus Council is the distribution of Honorarium. Currently the money for Honorarium is taken from the funds allocated to Council by the College. These funds are produced from the Student Activities Fee. Problems arise when student leaders receive money from funds allocated to chartered organizations. With the increase in chartered organizations and the Student Activities Fee remaining the same, Council must struggle with allocating funds to a greater number of organizations. An alternative must be found to fund Honorarium.

Publication Committee

The Publication Committee has improved dramatically since last year. A new Chair to the Publication Committee has been found as well as advisors to the Voice and Index. These are very positive steps yet problems still exist.

Drinking Age Concerns Committee

This committee will try to evaluate the student body's reaction to the rise in the drinking age. Surveys will be administered in an attempt to assess campus reaction. Alternatives to alcoholic parties will also be investigated.

International Student Concerns

Council is working with the International Students Association. See ISA report.

Racism Task Force

Council is working with Black Students Association. See BSA report.