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AA+, Law Club, India Association Cause Budget Veto

By MIKE PENPRASE

Speculation concerning the possible veto of the proposed Student Association budget was confirmed by Student Association President Phil Abernethy at Tuesday night's senate meeting.

Abernethy told the senators he could not approve the budget because of "discrepancies and inconsistencies" in the allocation of funds to several campus organizations. The disputed money was allotted to Afro-American Plus, the India Association, and the MSU Law Club.

"You can't give money to some organizations and refuse money to the other organizations; we just can't be that inconsistent," Abernethy stated Thursday.

"These three are designed only to benefit a small segment of the campus," Abernethy said. "If it were any other three or-

ganizations my feelings would be the same," he explained.

Pointing out there are 200 campus organizations at MSU, Abernethy said, "If we get into the position of subsidizing these things we'll be in trouble."

While guidelines for future budget requests have been submitted to the senate budget and finance committee, Abernethy explained his decision was based on two of his own criteria.

Service

No student group on campus can get money from the SA un-

less it provides a service to a substantial amount of the student body; groups representing the whole university are eligible for funds.

Justifying funds allocated to Associated Women Students, Abernethy said, "As far as I'm concerned they do provide a service to a substantial number of students; they are a direct government body under the SA. They are eligible for funds; it's up to the Senate to decide how much."

Abernethy acknowledged the possibility the Senate would ap-

prove the budget over his veto but hoped the revisions would be made. "I certainly hope they will revise and remove those three inconsistencies," Abernethy stated. "Other than those three inconsistencies it looks like a real good budget."

The \$22,430 budget passed by the student senate in a marathon six-hour Oct. 27 session, includes a \$200 appropriation for AA Plus, a \$50 appropriation for the Law Club, and a \$175 appropriation for the India Association.

The Senate Budget and Finance Committee, which drew up the original budget, recommended the India Association be given \$175, but suggested no appropriations for the other two organizations.

The senate amended the recommended budget to include \$50 for the Law Club and \$200 for AA Plus. The \$175 for the India Association was approved by the senate.

Four other organizations that requested funds from the Student Association received no appropriations. They are the Associated Computing Machinery organization, the MSU Distributive Education Clubs of America group, the Committee of 82, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

Appropriations by many other organizations requesting funds were cut by the committee.

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