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Stephanie Andelman (LSA)
Mary Aitken (Nat. Res.)
Amy Arnett (LSA)
Eric Baumann (Rackham)
Melissa Burke (LSA)
Angie Burks (LSA)
Lynn Chia (LSA)
Scott Chupeck (Engin.)
Paula Church (LSA)
Bill Cosnowski (Engin.)
Jennifer Dykema (LSA)
Brian Johnson (Engin.)
Steven Kahl (Bus.)
Steve Koppelman (LSA)
Liz Moldenhauer (Art)
Susan Richey (Pharmacy)
Joe Sciortto (LSA)
Lisa Schwartzman (LSA)
Tun Thwin (Rackham)
Jonathan Uy (Med.)
Jennifer Van Valey (LSA)
Hunter Van Valkenburgh (LSA)
Aaron Williams (Engin.)

The following Michigan Student Assembly members were absent for either opening or closing roll call at last night's meeting:

Tony Barkow (LSA)
Matt Benson (Bus.)
Stephanie Brown (Nurs.)
Sreenivas Cheruvuri (Engin.)
Corey Dolgon (Rackham)
Jeff Gauthier (Rackham)
Gene Kavnatsky (Rackham)
Steve Kahl (Business)
Michael Kline (Rackham)
Jason Krumholtz (LSA)
John Lapins (Architecture)
Mike Mardirosian (Dentistry)
Aberdeen Marsh (LSA)
Steven McKelvey (Lib. Sci.)
Ken Miller (Rackham)
David Nacht (Law)
Paul Oppedisano (Pub. Health)
Marci Powers (Ed.)
Sundar Ramasamy (Med.)
Rob Reilly (LSA)
Peter Speer (Business)
Alene Taub (Music)



BRIAN CANTONI/Daily

Angela Burks, MSA vice-president, talks to student leaders about room allocations. More than 100 students came to the MSA meeting to protest the room allocations proposal.

...anger groups

by Christine Kloostra and Stefanie Vines
Daily Staff Reporters

All student organizations requesting offices from the Michigan Student Assembly received space, although many of them were not happy with MSA's behavior throughout the process.

More than 100 members of student organizations came to the assembly's meeting last night, concerned they would not receive an office.

Roger Fisher, vice-president of CUUMBA (Creativity Principles of Kuaazza) said, "We feel the problem should be resolved quickly. We are a big umbrella organization for six smaller groups. That hasn't been taken into account."

Fisher added that his biggest priority was getting his organization adequate office space.

"We have 300 to400 members. We don't have adequate space. Half a closet is not going to eat it," said Fischer.

Initially, Budget Priorities Chair (BPC) Charles Dudley did not allocate office space to 31 groups because an office investigation revealed fire hazards and unsatisfactory upkeep and he said assembly members pressured him to give space to certain groups and not others.

But the assembly approved an alternate proposal formulated by MSA President Jennifer Van Valey and two office coordinators. The proposal, which was amended substantially to comply with the wishes of many of the groups, provided offices for all 83 groups requesting one.

"I think it ended fairly," said LSA Rep. Steve Koppelman. "I'll think (the student groups) will be happy once they forget standing for three hours in the MSA chambers."

Student groups criticized the methods used to allocate the offices.

Brian Cook, staff member of *The Michigan Review*, said, "I think it is horrid that everyone had to get together (to obtain office space). We shouldn't have to do this every single year. This organization should come together so next year we don't have these problems. This is why MSA gets no credit from the students."

Other organizations, however, had different reasons for wanting offices changed.

Joe Tillo, Station Manager of the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club, said, "We had a problem because there is a federal regulation for our group which says that no one who is unauthorized by the FCC can be in an office with radio equipment. If unauthorized members are in the office we can be fined $10,000 or be jailed for 10 years."

One student organization wanted space changed because of a personal conflict with another student group.

Sangeeta Patel, vice-president of the Undergraduate Law Club, said her group didn't want to split an office with a competing pre-law association. "We didn't want to share office space with Phi Alpha Delta, a Pre-law Fraternity, because we both have practice LSAT's and law school applications for our members. If we share office space then they have access to our stuff."

Patel added that having to explain the differences between the two groups to prospective members contributed to the problem.

"We both serve different functions and it is awkward to explain to people the differences between our two organizations if we are both in the same office. I understand that there is a problem with space, but if groups that don't have anything in common can switch office space then they should."

Not all students, however, came to MSA to complain about a specific change in room allocations. Troy Hollar, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society President said his particular problem was in obtaining recognition from MSA.

"We are the second oldest organization on campus and we've never had a problem in the past getting a room. I asked Dudley if he was going to pursue it and he said he would, but he didn't."

Action sues party for election slander

by Christine Kloostra
Daily MSA Reporter

A member of the Action party filed suit in the Michigan Student Assembly's Election Court against the Conservative Coalition (CC) Monday afternoon.

The suit, filed by LSA sophomore Eric Stempien, accuses CC of violating Chapter 14, Section 65 of MSA's Compiled Code, which prohibits slander or libel.

Stempien said the suit was filed in response to two campaign posters endorsed by CC. One reads, "The MSA radicals put MSA in Debt by $100,000. Conservative Coalition Stopped the Deficit. Don't Let the Action Radicals Bankrupt Us Again."

MSA elections will be held Nov. 14 and 15.

An Election Court hearing will be held this afternoon.

Stempien said the poster implied that Action was responsible for MSA's debt, which was incurred two years ago.

"We weren't even around," Stempien said.

He also contended the poster is libelous because it implies the debt has been taken care of, when MSA is still paying off their loan from the University.

"We're still in debt. Obviously it hasn't been cleared up," Stempien said. "To claim that CC cleared the debt is false."

The other poster in question depicts a toilet with three bills — $4,000, $3,500, and $1,000 — being flushed down it, reading "It's time for MSA to stop flushing your money down the toilet on foreign trips."

CC candidate and former MSA president Aaron Williams pointed out that the poster does not identify Action. "Where is Action mentioned?" he asked.



Williams

Williams explained that in the winter of 1989 MSA allocated $4,000 to send students to the University of El Salvador and shortly afterward allocated $3,500 to send students to the West Bank. This summer, the assembly provided $1,000 to the Palestine Solidarity Committee for another trip to the Occupied Territories.

Stempien said the suit addressed the issue of Action's supporting the $4,000 and $3,500 allocations. He agreed that since the money was spent, the poster was not libelous, but would continue the suit for slander.

James Green, another CC candidate, said the accusations were made to draw attention away from Action's fiscal irresponsibility.

"The allegations are a smokescreen to divert student attention from the real issues of the campaign," James said. "Our party would look very much forward to going to Election Court and being vindicated of any libelous claims."

Corrections

The Daily misspelled Steve Carey's and Rich Birkett's names yesterday.

Although Carey is not an active opponent of abortion, he said, "I feel uncomfortable with abortion."

The Undergraduate Sociology Club does not sponsor the Sociology Film Lecture Series.

THE LIST

What's happening in Ann Arbor today

Meetings

EQ/RC Social Group for Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay Men, weekly meeting. Call 763-4186 (days) or 763-2788 (nights) for location. 9-11:00.

Revolutionary Workers' League, weekly Public Marxist Study. East Quad, 52 Greene, 6:30-8.

La Parlotte (The French Conversation Club), weekly meeting. MLB 4th Floor Commons, 4-6:00.

Latin American Solidarity Committee, weekly meeting. Union, 4th floor, 8:00.

MSA Health Issues Commission mass meeting, featuring film "My Left Foot." Topic will be "Involvement in Health Issues" and is part of AIDS Awareness Week. Union, 3rd floor, MSA Chambers, 8:00.

UM Students of Objectivism discussion of Ayn Rand's "Objectivist Ethics" essay. Union Crofoot Rm., 8:00.

VIA Hillel, Hillel, 6:30.

Speakers

"Structural Nostalgia," brown bag lunch lecture sponsored by Hellenic Student Assoc.; Michael Hertzfield, speaker. 3050 LSA Bldg., noon.

"Stereoselective [2,3] - Wittig Rearrangements - The Synthesis of a Partial Structure of Amphotericin B," sponsored by Chem. Dept.; Prof. Reinhard Bruckner of Wisconsin, speaker. Rm. 1640, 4:00.

"Detection Systems of Capillary Zone Electrophoresis," analytical seminar sponsored by Chem. Dept.; Chang-Yuh Chen, speaker. Rm. 1650, 4:00.

Celebration of Jewish Arts presents Grace Paley, Hillel, Irwin Green Aud., 7:30.

Safewalk functions 8-1:30 Sun.-Thurs., 8-11:30 Fri.-Sat. Call 936-1000 or stop by 102 UGLI.

Northwalk functions 8-1:30 Sun.-Thurs., 8-12:00 Fri.-Sat. Call 763-WALK or stop by 2333 Bursley.

ECB Peer Writing Tutors available to help with your papers Sunday-Thursday, Angell/Haven Computing Center, 7-11:00.

U of M Shorin-Ryu Karate-do Club, weekly practice. Call 994-3620 for info. CCRB Martial Arts Rm., 8:30-9:30.

U of M Cycling Club, weekly women's ride. For info call Robin Pena (764-1723). Leaves steps of Hill Aud. at 3:30.

Central American Beans & Rice Dinner, weekly event. Guild House, 802 Monroe St., 6:00.

"Salt of the Earth," film about women and Mexican zinc miners in New Mexico, sponsored by Feminist Women's Union. Guild House, 8:00.

"Life on a Curve," Residence Hall Repertory Theatre Troupe presents a show about education. West Quad Wedge Rm., 10:00.

"Lesbian/gay liberation, Racism & AIDS: A Revolutionary Perspective," forum sponsored by the Revolutionary Workers League. East Quad, Rm. 52 Greene, 6:30.

"The Wrath of Grapes," a film about the United Farm Workers and grape boycotts. School of Public Health, Rm. 1123, noon.

OM 899 Seminar on "FMS Planning and Scheduling," Dr. Kai Kleeberg of Hamburg, speaker. 1004 Paton Accounting Center, 7-9:00.

OM 899 Seminar on "FMS Scheduling and Control Problems and Solutions," Prof. Kathryn Stecke, speaker. 1004 PAC, 7-8:30.

"Future Goals and Evaluation" session, part of Professional Development Program for International Women. For info

Iraq promises to free 108 hostages

The Associated Press

Iraq promised yesterday to free 108 hostages, none of them American, and insisted anew its foreign "guests" are well-treated. Secretary of State James Baker pressed U.S. allies about their willingness to go to war.

The Baghdad government was keeping an eye on yesterday's mid-term elections in the United states. It claimed any slippage in Republican support would reflect a lack a public support for President Bush's Persion Gulf policies.

"The American people will. . . ask him why he is sending their sons to be killed in the Arab dessert and he will reap the fruits of his mistake," said Iraqi Information Minister Latif Jassim.

In the latest hostage releases, Iraq's official news agency said 77 Japanese nationals would be freed in response to an appeal from former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. It also said 20 Italians, five Swedes, two Germans, two Portuguese and two Australians would be allowed to leave.

It did not say when the captives would be freed, but some had already begun to assemble at Baghdad hotel.

They were among thousands of foreigners trapped when Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2. Some had been held at stategic sites as "human shields" against attack.

Iraq has since freed hundreds of captives, but Western governments have expressed growing fears that Iraq's Saddam Hussein is successfully using the hostages to divide the alliance facing him.

Baker, meanwhile, was seeking to strengthen the anti-Iraq coalition. He is in the Mideast to assess support for stronger steps against Iraq, including a possible military strike.

He met yesterday in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, but there was no immediate word on the outcome. Egypt has sent thousands of troops to join the multinational forces assembled in the gulf.

MSA investigates misuse of funds

by Christine Kloostra
Daily MSA Reporter

The Michigan Student Assembly established a committee last night to investigate possible financial impropriety on the part of last year's MSA administration.

Student General Counsel Jeff Gauthier said three incidents of possible misuse of funds — involving between $30,000 and $40,000 — have been uncovered.

Last week, the assembly received a bill for an outstanding debt of more than $11,000 from Plante and Moran, an accounting firm hired to perform an audit of the assembly. Gauthier said only $6,000 had been approved for the audit, and the total charge reached more than $26,000.

Aaron Williams, last year's MSA president and a current engineering representative, denied the charges and explained that members of the University administration had an informal agreement with him to pay additional funds for the audit.

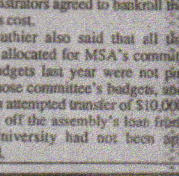
Williams did not specify which administrators agreed to bankroll the audit's cost.

Gauthier also said that all the funds allocated for MSA's committee budgets last year were not put into those committee's budgets, and that an attempted transfer of $10,000 to pay off the assembly's loan from the University had not been approved.

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