Senate announces President's lecture series change

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S.A. President Charles Shanor reported to the Senate Tuesday night that some students who have dropped back into this year's junior class, the last that is tuition free, have nevertheless received notes stating that they must pay tuition next year.

Shanor noted that the University's action contradicts the policy announced in the current catalogue. He appointed Charles Szalkowski to head the Student Financial Aid Committee and to look into the matter.

Warren Skaaren also commented on the poor notification of course registration deadlines this year. He pointed out that no schedule was provided with the packets of registration forms.

Part of the confusion has been caused by the lack of a reliable catalogue this year; the Registrar's Office has recalled the 16,000 copies of the new catalogue for correction.

The Senate moved to request the Registrar's Office to inform students of the dates for course registration and to extend the deadlines for at least one week.

Committee Reports

A spate of year-end committee reports was released at the meeting.

One of the most interesting is the SCAP report, which recommends relaxation of the presently rigid guidelines for geographical distribution of students admitted and an active campaign to recruit Negro students, especially athletes.

The Committee on Public Lectures reported a change in the format of the President's Lecture Series for next year. Two principal speakers—Lionel Trilling and Hans Morgenthau—will be invited to the campus to stay for a week.

S.A. Budget

In accord with the constitutional requirement, the treasurer, John Hawkins, presented a tentative Senate budget for 1967-68. He emphasized that the SA is in a tight financial squeeze at present, having a balance optimistically estimated at $70.00.

One reason for this problem is the loans which have been granted to the classes to help cover their debts.

The costs of SCEP publication have also been much higher than expected: $600 was allocated, $1000 will be required. Hawkins noted that the total benefit from SCEP extends beyond the student body itself.

The report is used by the administration, for example, in assessment of teaching ability. The SA can make a good case for university support of publication costs, he argued.

Experiment

Shanor also reported the results of "experimental" meeting of the old and new Senate presidents, the college presidents, and the Buildings subcommittee of the Board of Governors.

The participants talked together, he said, and the students tried to make clear to the members of the Board the differences between the present college organization of student residence and the former system of dorms.

Togetherness

Shanor commented that the meeting was more to "establish contact" than to take any concrete action.

Otherwise, Shanor announced the securing of secretarial aid for the Senate beginning next fall, the possibility that the University will help with student travel expenses to conferences, and the possibility that a better and less expensive student health insurance plan can be found for Rice.

Appointment

Shanor announced the following student appointments to University committees for next year: Curriculum, David Cohen and Martha Johnson; Examinations and Standing, Clint Goodson; Admissions, Warren Skaaren; Religious Affairs, Judy Johnston and Bill Goggin; Public Speakers, Diane Dodson and Lee Horstman; Campus Safety, Larry Flourney; and Student Health, Stephanie Ferrante and Bob Wilkinson.