Higginbotham Resolves Fund Conflict

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A Monday afternoon meeting between student and administration leaders finally cleared up a summer-long misunderstanding about financing of the new sound system in the Rice Memorial Center.

Dr. S. W. Higginbotham, Dean of Students, and Bob Clarke, SA President, reached a mutually satisfactory agreement concerning responsibility for the FM system installed by order of the Student Center Board last spring.

THE ADMINISTRATION will make up a deficit of about $200 in Student Senate funds since this deficit was occasioned by a common misunderstanding.

The controversy arose during the summer when Dean Higginbotham held the Senate responsible for the balance of the sound system bill when it appeared that the funds available to

the Student Center Board were not sufficient to meet the debt. The balance of the bill, $769, was paid from the general Senate fund this summer.

THE MONDAY MEETING determined that the Senate had, through a general misunderstanding, been given a fund of about $750 earmarked for RMC improvements. The Senate had placed this $750 in its general fund, designated it for general improvements for the SA, and bought a $225 typewriter for the Senate office last spring.

The first $1000 of the total $1769 sound system bill had been paid by a Student Center Board fund; the board had approved the purchase because Kennedy advised them that the $750 Senate fund was available.

Since the Senate had bought the typewriter, a deficit of about $200 appeared. It is this deficit which the administration will cover; thus the $750 fund will have been used for RMC problems.

The misunderstanding arose over the intended purpose of a $750 account which was transferred early last year to the Student Association general fund. "The Senate and Mr. Kennedy are now trying to spend the same fund," Clarke explained, "and it was not clear until last Monday that the expenditure of the money on Memorial Center improvements was constitutionally required."