Shuttle bus collects UA funds, fails to meet loan conditions

By Ron Norman

The Shuttle Bus Project collected over $500 of its $5,000 Undergraduate Association (UA) Finance Board grant Wednesday, according to Charles P. Brown '84, Finance Board chairman. The Activities Development Board (ADB), meanwhile, has suspended consideration of an $860 loan for the project.

Despite the UA's withdrawal of its liability for the project, the Board will issue the remainder of its $500 grant as it receives receipts from the project organizers, Brown said. The project organizers "did not get any money from us initially to start it," he added.

Michael Lopez '83, founder and director of sales and distribution of the Shuttle Bus Project, spent some of his own money to get the project started.

The ADB refused to vote on the loan because the Shuttle Bus Project did not meet the conditions of the loan, Brown explained.

Most of the requirements have been met, said Shuttle Bus Project coordinator Noelle Merritt '85, and the group will continue working to satisfy the ADB conditions.

The ADB also recommended the Shuttle Bus Project concentrate more on advertising for the project, but nothing has yet happened, Merritt added.

The project is currently trying to increase its advertising, and is currently selling passes at freshman fours, Merritt said.

Finance Board's withdrawal of liability for the project would cause one to "assume" the ADB loan request to be recalled, Merritt said.

The project is continuing to seek the ADB loan, Merritt countered.

"To be honest, the Finance Board is trying to shut down the shuttle bus for this term," UA Vice President Kenneth A. Meltsner '83 commented last week.

The project, Immerman concluded, ...was destined to be controversial," since Lopez approached the project as an entrepreneur, trying to make the Shuttle Bus Project fit as a business in a non-business oriented system.

"I think it's a damn good project. I think it's needed," Immerman said. The organizers, he added, should "...drop back five yards and take a reassessment."

The MIT Shuttle continues operating despite questions of viability.

GA fails to make quorum

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the quorum count because the GA was "shutting down my shuttle bus," Lopez, a founder of the Association of Student Services, manages the MIT Shuttle Bus Project.

Segel denied Lopez's charge.

The GA postponed discussion of changes to the Uniform Class Constitution (UCC), under which each class government is organized, until its next meeting November 18. The revised constitution would establish class councils, a Lobby Seven donor stand renovation fund, and ring committee guidelines, and recognize the existence of the GA, Segel said.

The constitution is a "big item for us to be discussing," Segel said. He told the sixteen representatives to discuss it with their living groups.

The GA plans to form a new committee to end forced dining and will invite President Ronald Reagan to this year's spontaneous tuition riot, Segel said, "We need pressure to keep tuition down," he continued.