UA offers to handle activities' accounts

By Edward Whang
Student activities now have the option to have their finances handled by the Undergraduate Association's accountant, according to Michael A. Viddurri '85, Chairman of the UA Finance Board, at Tuesday's meeting of the Association of Student Activities.

Under this new system, activities would keep their accounts with the Undergraduate Association. They would send all bills to the UA accountant, who would be responsible for writing checks and paying bills.

The advantage to this system are that clubs won't have to deal with the dirty work and that the UA could offer interest. The disadvantage is that clubs have to keep control of money, Viddurri said. He emphasized, however, that clubs will retain full control of their money if under the new system.

The option has been available for activities with smaller accounts, but the details for clubs with larger accounts are still being refined, Viddurri said.

To obtain an account with the Undergraduate Association, as activity must submit an application to the UA Finance Board, which then opens the account.

"This way, the UA accountant can work more closely with clubs and offer help. Before it was not clearly defined which groups had accounts with the UA and which didn't," Viddurri said.

"I'm 99 percent sure I'll take a leave of absence," Podszus said. Kenneth M. Weems '85, ASA president, announced that this fall's activities midway will be held Sept. 6. He urged activities to submit space requests for the midway.

"I estimate that 300 members of the freshman class participated last year. It's a good way to get them to join activities," Weems said.

Although the activities midway will be held before upperclassmen are allowed to return to their dormitories, 100 spaces have been reserved in the dormitories for those returning for the midway. Weems has already received 85 applications, he said.

Two amendments to the ASA constitution were also passed during the meeting. The first states that members of the ASA Executive Committee may acquire no more than three unexcused absences during a term. If they do so, they may be removed by the Executive Committee.

The second amendment limits to one the number of previous votes a person can hold for election.

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