

Campaign drives at GM

Washington (CPS) — Campaign GM is back for Round II in its battle to make General Motors more responsible.

Campaign GM, the offshoot of Project on Corporate Responsibility (PCR) devoted to haunting GM until it becomes responsive to those it affects, recently announced plans of taking on the GM board of Directors.

Maintaining that corporate shareholders, consumers, dealers and employees have no effective voice in corporate decisions or directions that directly affect them, Round II will focus on restructuring the decision-making process presently locked in the secret sanctums of GM's isolated Board of Directors.

Phillip Moore, Campaign GM coordinator, presented three proposals, already on their way to Chairman of the Board James Roche, which would:

—require the General Motors proxy to list shareholder

nominees for Director and management employees.

—expand the corporation's decision-making base by permitting GM constituencies (employees, dealers and consumers) to participate in the election of directors.

—provide shareholders and constituencies with the minimum information they need to effectively judge whether management is meeting its public responsibilities.

At present, election of GM management is conducted as it is in most other big corporations. The management picks its slate of candidates and sends it out in the form of a proxy statement.

Shareholders fill in the blanks and send them back in. As Moore put it, "There is no debate, no campaign, no contest."

Proposal No. 1 would force GM to list both management and non-management candidates on the proxy. Nominations by management would be as they had been in the past.

Nomination by shareholders would be by petition.

As few as 100 shareholders could submit nominations for management and these names would be listed along with the GM candidates, alphabetically, on the ballot. The Project on Corporate Responsibility owns 12 shares of GM stock.

Proposal No. 2 would permit GM's 794,000 employees, as well as countless GM dealers and consumers to participate in the selection of three of the company's directors. Each constituency would hold a special election, in which it would select one director, subject to shareholder ratification. At present these constituencies have virtually no participatory role in GM decision making other than building their \$24.2 billion annual revenues.

Proposal No. 3 requires GM to publish its annual reports of hard statistics of concern to both shareholders and the public: air pollution control, automobile safety and minority hiring. In the past GM has refused to make this information public.



Tutor computers . . . are tested by computer tutors Fuller and Cunningham.

Conversing with a computer is fun

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In an experiment with computer education, students at a recent Physics II pre-exam tutorial session "actually carried on a conversation with a computer," said Robert Fuller, associate professor of physics.

In Brace Lab, each of 24 volunteers sat at a remote terminal, a combination keyboard and video screen connected by telephone to the computer in Nebraska Hall, about a mile away.

To operate the remote terminal, the student types his name on the key board and calls up the first question of a tutorial quiz. The question appears on the screen.

Then the student punches his answer to the true-false, multiple choice or matching questions on the keyboard and the computer tells him if he is right or wrong.

If the student answered the question wrong, but in a direction anticipated by the instructor, hints are supplied by the computer to steer the student in the right direction.

Fuller and Steve Cunningham, an assistant instructor in physics, worked 40 hours to prepare the 26 questions. However, once a supply of questions is built into the computer, "it's very easy to edit and improve the questions for future use," Fuller said.

Volunteers at the session were given questionnaires to determine if they liked working with the computer and an analysis of exam results following the session is being conducted, said Fuller.

"The success of the computer-assisted students will be measured against others in the class," said Fuller, "and I

feel there ought to be a strong, favorable correlation."

The analysis will also determine whether students study more than usual after using the computer, if they learn better and if the benefits to study wear off along with the novelty of using the computer, Fuller added.

The students were very excited about using the computer, he continued, and he believes it stimulates them to work twice as hard on assignments.

Fuller said there are 50 remote terminals on the campus, and some physics labs use them as calculators. The computer service UNITS, (University of Nebraska Interactive Testing Service) is available to all departments at NU, he added.

Any question of expanding the computer tutoring system is only "the tip of the iceberg" of a greater question, he said. This is whether the University computer should be used for research or educational purposes.

"It depends on how committed the University is to trying some of these experimental things," Fuller added.

Outdoors club meets indoors

The organizational meeting of a University outdoors club is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, according to Jeff Stern, one of the group's organizers.

He said the group would be ideal for anyone interested in climbing, hiking, camping or environmental work. For more information call 435-8884.

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