

## FAB to recommend funds for pow wow

By John Kalkowski

After extensive debate, the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) Thursday night decided to recommend funding to the Council of American Indian Students (CAIS) for the 1975 Spring Pow Wow.

The unanimous vote came despite a statement by Ken Bader, vice chancellor of student affairs, that all minority student organizations must have advisers from the Minority Affairs office before receiving funds.

The FAB voted unanimously to mail Bader a letter explaining last night's action and thanking him for his letter.

Members of CAIS have been boycotting the Minority Affairs office since last spring, when Indian counselor Karen Buller resigned.

In his letter to the board, Bader said, "I believe that to deny our minority students the opportunity to sponsor cultural programs is to deny the entire university community a series of broad-based educational experiences."

Bader said that CAIS must go through the Minority Affairs Office to fulfill institutional obligations.

Present rules state that student organizations must have a faculty adviser. However, Buller said the demand that CAIS have an adviser from the Minority Affairs Office "is a clear-cut case of discrimination" against Indian students. Another student, John Two Birds Arbuckle, said, "The administration is telling us our education is no good. They are telling us that we are ignorant savages not able to care for ourselves."

According to Ely Meyerson, dean of student development, the university administration cannot give CAIS funding for three reasons: legal, academic and historic. Legally, the university must meet requirements of federal grants for minority students, he said.

The university must also maintain academic standards for the students, Meyerson said. He added that historically, the Minority Affairs office is here to help minority students.

## Budget 'disregards farmer'

By Don McCabe

Cutbacks in farm and rural programs in President Gerald Ford's new budget show a "serious disregard for the situation of the farmer," said the director of the State Department of Agriculture.

Glenn Kreuscher said the administration wants farmers to increase production to provide ample food for consumers and exports but it does not offer the farmer any incentive to do so.

The 1976 fiscal budget proposes reductions in rural housing and development loans totaling \$240 million, a \$17 million cut in soil conservation operations. Price support spending, including direct payments, would be reduced to \$534 million. In 1973 these payments totalled \$4 billion.

### Midwest in trouble

Kreuscher said Midwest cattlemen are already in trouble from a depressed market and many of them are going broke. Now grain prices are declining, he said, and the outlook for summer is not encouraging.

He said another drought like last summer will mean disaster for many producers, but a good year may not help either. Record crop production will increase supply and depress prices further, and farmers already are beset by high production costs, he said.

Some producers blame China and Russia's cancellation of wheat contracts last month for the lower wheat prices, Kreuscher said. The

administration and Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz should have suggested to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that they pick up these contracts in order to relieve the producer, he said.

### Hold for price increase

The USDA could then have held the wheat for relief or for other foreign markets until prices increased, he noted.

If soil conservation programs are reduced and producers are asked to put more acres in production, some of which are not suitable for agriculture, Kreuscher said the "stage is set for the worst dust bowl ever seen."

Farmers will not be encouraged to use conservation practices and if there isn't much rain, the situation is right for a dust bowl, he said.

As much importance should be placed on spending for food production as is placed on military and relief spending, he said. Kreuscher noted that the world food problem could become a U.S. problem because of the lack of grain surpluses.

"It will be an explosive situation when there comes a time when we may not have enough to eat," he said.

If the United States has the obligation to feed the world's starving people, he said, society should bear the cost and producers should be paid an adequate price to produce the needed food.

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