

Pot-headed cucarachas imaginary

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and lockers. Again, no luck. But Drohman kept the rumor alive. "They get so big you could put saddles on them and ride them," he said, suggesting a night-time search. What now? In desperation, Kay Nickel of the Modern Language department was called on to translate "La Cucaracha":

*The cockroach,
the cockroach,
It can't go on anymore.
Because it doesn't have,
Because it lacks,
Marijuana to smoke.*

Teeny-weeny roach clips? Nah. . . Royce E. Ballinger, director of the biological sciences department, tried to clear the smoke. Rumors of Madagascar hissing cockroaches running loose around campus are "completely unsubstantiated and untrue," he said. But one more site remained unchecked — Manter Hall.

The animal room in the basement was filled with many cute, white (and dogsized) rabbits.

However, upstairs in a fourth floor office, Professor Brent Nickol, stogie in hand, admitted to possession of cockroaches. Inside a room just down the hall from Nickol's office were plastic bins holding thousands of roaches. Two types are housed in the room — American cockroaches (big suckers) and wood roaches.

But Nickels doesn't just study cockroaches; he studies the parasites that live on them.

Not to be outdone, the AP's "Mr. Roach," Gold, told me that there were indeed other breeds of roaches over at the East Campus Insectary. But none had escaped from there, either he said.

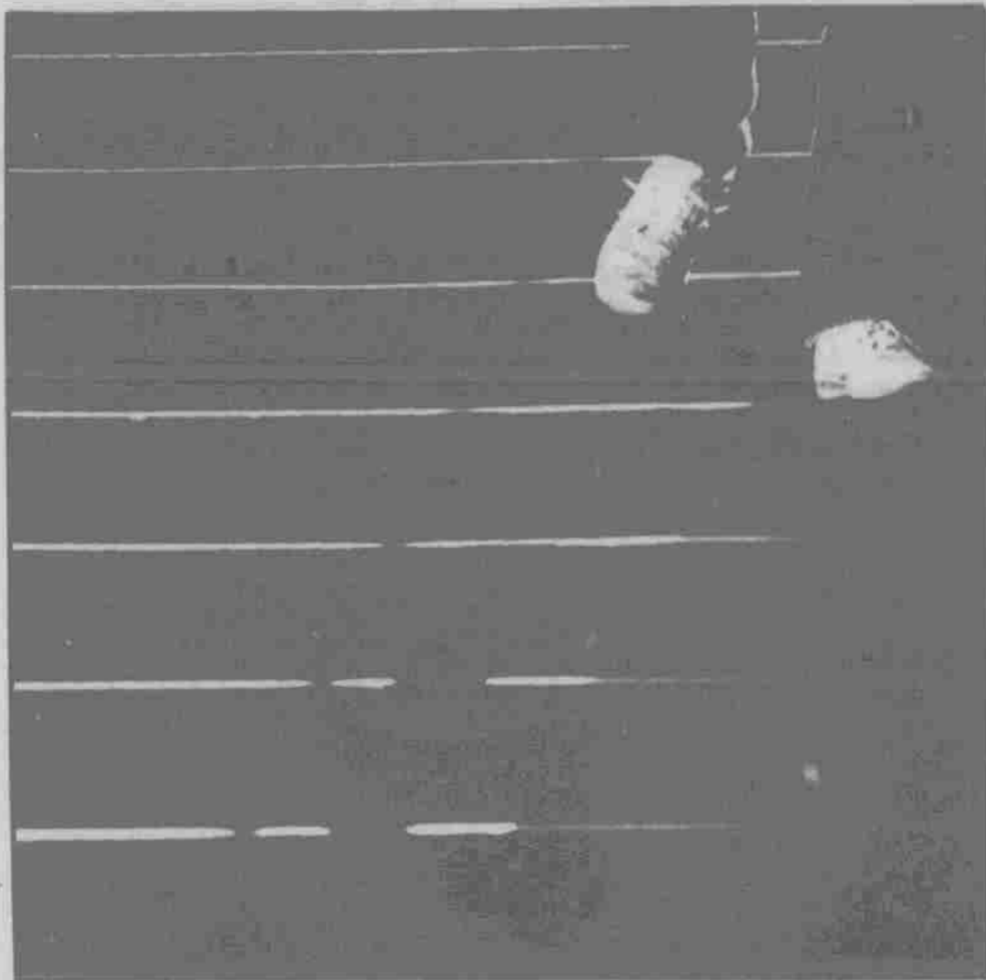
Gay grant gunned down by CFA

By Libby York
Staff Reporter

The University Committee for Fee Allocations vote 6-3 Thursday against granting \$882 to the Gay/Lesbian Programming Committee, but reinstated \$406 for a Safe-Sex seminar, which members said would be a proper expenditure.

The remaining \$476 was added to a Special Events funds, which CFA members suggested by used by the Gay/Lesbian Committee for chosen events. The University Program Council's original proposal would have subsidized the committee with funds for a slide presentation, a lesbian cabaret comedy performer, a movie, the Safe-Sex seminar, and a two-hour presentation called "Sexuality and Homophobia." The total cost of these programs would have been \$2,502. Estimated ticket sales could have generated up to \$1,620, the proposal said, creating a need of only \$882.

At a CFA open hearing on the proposal last month, some opposing the committee's events said they were concerned the committee would only benefit the gay community, primarily those active in the Gay/Lesbian Association. Supporters for the Committee's formation said the programming is needed to educate students on the disease Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and the gay culture.



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Patterns of light fall on the stairs near the Coliseum as students make their way from class Thursday.



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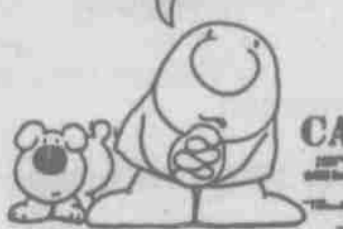


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