

Letters to the Editor

Representation mandate draws student's criticism

To the Editor:

While I am glad that MSU has a procedure for selecting President Wharton's replacement, I am saddened by the Board of Trustees' amendment to Section 2.7.5 of that procedure, the sentence mandating the inclusion of women and minorities among the student representatives on the Presidential Search and Selection Committee.

My grief is primarily caused by my perception of a violation to the spirit of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*. Section 1.2.3 of these bylaws states that student participation in academic governance shall be in the same mode as faculty participation except on matters concerning issues and decisions affecting the faculty, collectively or as individuals, or its intellectual authority. The intent is to place student participation in debate over the University's welfare on the same footing as faculty participation.

The Board of Trustees, in passing the amended 2.7.5 without passing a parallel faculty provision, has expressed—perhaps inadvertently—its doubt that the recognized spokesperson of MSU students will choose committee members who will represent the student body. In doing so, the Board has weakened an academic governance principal.

I am also saddened by the thought that in vain were several hours of the time of Professor John F.A. Taylor, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Selection Procedures. This busy individual was kind enough to aid me in the for-

mulation of my concerns and in the introduction in Academic Council of the resulting amendment—the old 2.7.5. The amendment kept to the spirit of academic governance, while also promoting the inclusion of women and minorities.

As a minority student myself, I have never had problems expressing my views to the ASMSU Student Board, the Student Council, or student governance in general and I have had adequate opportunity to participate in University committees. I sincerely hope the Trustees continue to familiarize themselves with the spirit of Academic Governance at MSU.

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ations. Four other colleagues received \$109,050 from the National Science Foundation for their nuclear experiments

NSF also awarded \$226,000 to support five major chemistry research projects by MSU faculty.

similar system in a major commercial dairy processing sometime in 1979.

Special council election meet se

A special meeting of the Faculty Council for the purpose of electing the seven faculty members on the presidential search and selection advisory committee has been set for 3:15 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Con Con Room of the International Center.

An agenda for the meeting, a memorandum regarding election procedures, a slate of 14 candidates and vitae for the candidates has been sent to council members.

The slate includes Robert Barker, professor, biochemistry; Norma S. Bobbitt, professor, family ecology; Douglas Dunham, professor, social science; Julia S. Falk, associate professor, linguistics and oriental languages; Jeanne

E. Gullahorn, professor, psychology; Gordon E. Guyer, director; Cooperative Extension Service; Walter F. Johnson, professor, administration and higher education;

Lee N. June, assistant professor, Counseling Center; William Lazer, professor, marketing and transportation administration; Margaret F. Lorimer, professor, Institutional Research; Clifford J. Pollard, professor, botany and plant pathology; Lawrence N. Redd, assistant professor, telecommunication; Norman Edward Robinson, associate professor, physiology and large animal surgery and medicine; and William C. Taylor, professor, civil and sanitary engineering.

The council members will select seven of

the 14 candidates to serve on the committee. The University Comm Academic Governance has determined that the seven persons receiving the highest number of votes will be elected, except that if a non-tenured member is not included in the top seven, the non-tenured member receiving

When the presidential search and selection advisory committee begins its deliberations, it will immediately be faced with about 100 applications and nominations which have been submitted thus far, says Gwendolyn Norrell, chairwoman of the Steering Committee and acting chairwoman of the advisory committee.

"We sent out 53 letters of acknowledgement on Friday (Feb. 17)," Norrell said, "and have another 35 or so in." (This was at the beginning of the week.)

For nominations which have been received, Norrell said, each nominee will have to be contacted to see if he or she wishes to be considered for the presidential position and then to submit the necessary vitae.

highest number of votes will be added to the six persons receiving the highest number of votes for a total of seven.

This provision is in accordance with section 2.6.3.1 of the presidential selection procedure approved by the Board of Trustees which stipulates that at least one of the seven positions must be filled by a non-tenured member of the regular faculty. June and Redd are the only non-tenured faculty members on the slate.

The slate was determined by the faculty members of the academic governance committee during a 3½ - hour meeting Friday. The group screened about 100 nominations for the slate.

' auditions announced

second week in May in Kellogg Center Auditorium.

Auditions, at which hopefuls will be asked to read from the script, will be held at 7 p.m. March 2 and 3 and at 2 p.m. March 5 in Room 331 of the Union Building.

Auditions will also be held at 2 p.m. March 4 in the Union Building Sunporch room.

Vaccaro, who acted in a large number of

productions while working on a master's degree at the University of Nebraska, will be making his Lansing area directing debut with "The Sweet Bird of Youth."

"We have the funds for a handsomely mounted production thanks to the ASMSU Programing Board," he says. The cast Vaccaro selects will be known as "The Company," although it has no connection with a now defunct student acting group that had the name.

The Williams play, which deals with love, violence and compassion, calls for a cast of 22 men and women aged 19 to 65. Principal characters are "Boss Finley," father of ingenue "Heavenly Finley," a young gigolo "Chance Wayne" and his mistress, a 40-ish has-been actress named "Princess Kosmonopolis."

"Faculty members in such departments as chemistry, forestry and math have expressed interest in acting in the show," Vaccaro said.

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posthumously to Dr. Crissy at the annual Faculty Awards Convocation Thursday.

TRICIA A. GOULD

Tricia A. Gould, secretary in the Department of Music, died Feb. 16 at age 24. She was first employed by the University in 1976.

Biochemist N. E. Tolbert