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Wilde Stein Club's budget slashed

by Craig Peters

The Student Government has cut this year's allocations to the Wilde Stein Club's budget by almost \$500 over last year.

The 1978-79 Student Government budget includes \$769.35 allocated to the Wilde Stein Club, UMO's association for homosexuals. In last year's budget, the gays received \$1,233.70.

According to Scott Inglis, treasurer of Student Government, "The financial committee decided to cut the Wilde Stein's funds for several reasons. The annual gay symposium held at UMO attracts Gays from all over New England. We felt we were footing too much of the bill." Last year's budget included \$900 for the symposium. This year only \$500 has been allocated.

The money set aside for telephone service to the club was cut in half this year, to \$64.35. "The Wilde Stein is the only club we fund that feels it needs a phone exclusively for itself. We believe it can either share a phone with another organization or get less money," Inglis said.

Another reason for the cut, Inglis said, is the club is attracting gays who don't even attend UMO.

"We don't feel students' money should

be used to pay for non-student activities," he said.

One UMO student who belongs to the club said, "They cut our funding to hell. We haven't elected officers yet, so we don't really know what's going on at the moment."

Some probable activities are "the usual dances, meetings, and we'll probably have another gay jeans day and the symposium," he said.

Student reaction to the cuts in funding have been mixed. One student said, "I'm glad their money has been cut. We shouldn't give them any money in the first place," he said.

Other students said they believe the Wilde Stein should definitely exist. "I think the club has a place in the college community. As long as they don't try to push their views on me, I don't mind them," said another student.