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Wilde-Stein gets funds, but DLS stipulations added

The Wilde-Stein Club was successful Monday in its second attempt to secure funds from the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee to sponsor Dr. Harold Brown of the Gay Activist Alliance as a speaker at the UMO campus, but the victory came with DLS strings attached.

The committee granted the Wilde-Stein request, but stipulated that it would choose the time and place of his appearance, adding that they would not schedule his appearance at the April 20th gay symposium at the Hilltop complex.

The DLS turned down the first request by the gays to bring Brown to UMO several weeks ago, suggesting at that time the Wilde-Stein Club submit a request to the committee to sponsor Brown as a speaker for the entire student body.

Yesterday's request was essentially the same as the first, but the gay conference has now been changed to a three-day symposium and the registration fee lowered to three dollars. A spokesman for the Wilde-Stein Club argued that if Brown

came to the university, all students would be allowed to hear his address free of charge.

"Since gay lib is the hottest issue in the state, it is desirable to have a man of his caliber address the University and help dispell the myths which many students have," the gay spokesman said. The club asked for \$500 all-inclusive to bring Brown to the University, either as part of the symposium or sepearate from it. The club requested however, that they reserve the right to schedule an alternate time for Brown's address in the event he could not address the symposium.

DLS chairman Jeffery Hollingsworth said that if the Wilde-Stein was given the money under its own terms, the action would form a precedent of allocation of funds for special interests. When a Wilde-Stein spokesman pointed out that funds were given to the Women's Symposium by the DLS, Hollingsworth said that was a different issue since there were no registration fees involved.

The DLS Committee entertained requests for funds from two other groups at the meeting. Ted O'Meara, vice president of the Student Senate, presented a proposal for a program concerning the impeachment question. He suggested the committee hire two speakers to debate the matter, recommending Charles Morgan, executive director of the American Civil

Liberties Union speaking in favor of impeachment, and Rabbi Korff of the Committee for Fairness to the President, speaking against the issue. O'Meara asked the committee to plan the program and "hit whomever they have to for funds." The six voting members present at the meeting gave verbal support to O'Meara's proposal.

The committee voted 5-1 to table a motion presented by Drs. Robert Cobb and Joseph Pechinski, professors in the College of Education, requesting funds to bring Dr. Thomas Cureton, Jr., to Orono to address physical education majors and other interested students. Cureton is the Director of the Physical Fitness Institute at the University of Illinois. The motion was tabled until the professors have looked into other possible sources of funds.