#### Caretaking costs rise

by Andrew Watts
The Students' Union and the University are currently involved in negotiations concerning the SU's caretaking grant.

Every year the Students' Union receives a grant from the university to pay for the caretaking costs of the Students' Union Building (SUB). Right now the grant stands at \$225,000. But that figure is as high as

the university wants to go.

Under a previously arranged format, the university agreed to give the Students' Union a grant for caretaking costs. But the format had a students' Union a grant for caretaking costs. But the format had a students' This students' Thi

ceiling figure built into it. This ceiling figure did not allow for inflation.

Roger Merkosky, VP Finance says that negotiations have been going on since April to have an escalation clause inserted into the

grant format.

"The original format did not allow for natural cost increases and right now the figure is too low," Merkosky explains.

Originally, the university handled all the caretaking responsibilities. In 1969 the Students' Union decided that it could do a better in decided that it could do a better job less expensively. They handled those

responsibilities until the university again stepped in because they felt that the costs were too high. In 1979 the university established the present grant format that would have the grant increased to a maximum of \$225,000.

So far, Merkosky says that the University has been co-operative in negotiations and a settlement is hoped before the end of April '83.

#### So, urine the Navy

(RNR/CUP)—American Navy plans to halt drug abuse on the high

seas have sprung a few leaks.

Navy lab technicians say they can't keep up with the flow of urine samples from sailors suspected of using illegal drugs. The Navy has been sending the labs as many as 7,000 urine samples per month.

Fleet officials won't say how bad the backup is but there have decided to

the backup is but they have decided to discard samples that are more than 60 days old and screen only three out of every ten new recruits. As of last spring, almost 5,000 Atlantic fleet sailors had been identified as drug users.

Booth closure

#### onway explains

by Richard Watts

Ray Conway, VP Internal, explained to Students Council his reasons for shutting down a booth of the Arab Students' Association.

Approximately two weeks ago Ray Conway shut down a booth set up in SUB for the purpose of distributing political literature.

Conway explained he had com-plaints from students who objected to the literature claiming it was antisemitic hate literature.

Conway explained he went down and picked up the literature offered and took it to his office where he went through it to see if it was indeed "hate

Said Conway, "No way was it hate literature, it was political but it wasn't racist or anything.

Conway however claims the mood at the time was "very tense" between the Arab studetns manning the booth and the students who objected to the literature.

Fearing violence might break out in SUB Conway discussed the problem with the president of the Arab Students' Association who agreed to shut down the booth for that day.

Conway did admit shutting down the booth was a bit like punishing the victim, but he claimed he "could see no other way at the time.

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