

Parent's Club shows concern over residence hall damages

By Debbie Pearson

Members of Eastern's Parents Club Board expressed concern Saturday over damages in the residence halls and an interest in providing air conditioning in Lantz Gymnasium.

Several members also indicated at the meeting that they do not want to be merely a window dressing organization.

Although the Board of Directors usually meets only twice a year, during Parents Weekend and in the spring, a special meeting was held Saturday to discuss its proposed Constitution and by-laws.

When the Parents Club and its Board of Directors were founded in 1974 the purpose was to provide a communication link between parents and the university administration, in addition to serving as a

sounding board on certain university policies.

Parents at the meeting asked what could be done about students who destruct residence hall property and said they had seen some of the holes in the walls in some of the dorms.

One of the members of the board suggested that if damages were repaired sooner students would not have the opportunity to create further damages on the same spot.

Another parent said that he read in the Eastern News a letter to the editor from a student appealing to parents to keep their kids quiet in the library.

Betty Gordon, another board member, said that Lantz Gymnasium was unbearable at freshman convocation in August.

She suggested that the board might

initiate some sort of project or interest of university parents to air-condition Lantz.

"It has become evident that the club no longer wants to be a marshmallow anymore," Bill Clark, director of student activities and organizations, said at the meeting.

One of the members of the Parents Club Board from Peoria has also been nominated as a candidate for an Honorary Degree from Eastern.

Peggy Baird, the mother of an Eastern student, was nominated as a candidate for the degree at the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

Baird, who received her bachelors degree from Southern Illinois University and her masters degree from Bradley University, is a high school Chemistry teacher.

Interest in the Parents Club has boomed with a little more than \$2,000 already collected in membership dues, Bob Cabello, assistant director of student activities and organizations, said.

Many parents are also joining the four year membership plan, Cabello said.

About 16 or 17 per cent of the parents with students on campus have joined already, Cabello said.

Any parent of a currently or formerly enrolled student may join the organization by paying the annual dues of \$2.50 per family per year.

The parents or guardian of the student will receive a membership card and will be entitled to receive a newsletter which comes out periodically throughout the year.

Currently 15 couples are serving on the Board of Directors which was selected at random from student files by Cabello.

Orchestra to present 2 children's concerts

The Eastern University Orchestra will present two children's concerts at noon and 1 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Center Dvorak Concert hall.

Over 1,200 youngsters will be bussed for the two concerts, which will be highlighted by a sing-a-long of "America the Beautiful" and a composition by David Ahlstrom, conductor of the orchestra, entitled "Four Alleluias".

The sing-a-long, Ahlstrom said, will serve as an introduction to the instruments of the orchestra.

Ahlstrom will begin each sing-a-long with an introduction of each section, beginning with the strings and ending with a sing-a-long including the entire Eastern Orchestra.

Mary Ann Bialek is the Educational Director of the Children's Concerts.

The next Children's Concert will be held during spring 1976.

The concert is free and open only to children.

Tennessee Williams' play tickets 'Summer and Smoke' to go on sale

Tickets for the upcoming presentation of the Tennessee Williams play "Summer and Smoke" will go on sale Monday, J.Sain of the Theatre Arts Department said Friday.

Cost of tickets is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for high school aged and younger and \$1 for students with IDs and civil service employes.

The tickets are available from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Fine Arts ticket office, Sain said.

Performances will start at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Nov. 21, and at 2 p.m. Nov. 23.

The play evolves around Alma, played by Anne Shapland, a spinster who is

somewhat prudish in her attitudes regarding sex.

Her love for a young doctor who lives next door, played by Randy Arney, is displayed by casual glances while her supposed boyfriend goes about pilandering.

In the end Alma comes around to Johnny's thinking and Johnny begins to feel that there is more involved in love than just the physical.

Other cast members include Jim Kleckner as Alma's father, Karen Eubanks as her mother, Katie Sullivan, Teri McClure, Linda Rosenthal, Scott Stanley, Joan Allen, Frank Calo, Gerry Scog and Barry Johnson.

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