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Speakers criticize Sullivan's group; urge divestiture

By STUART KARLE

Panelists at a conference on Southern Africa Saturday overwhelmingly criticized the Sullivan principles as a means of monitoring the activities of U.S. corporations in South Africa.

Fred Dube, one of the panelists at a day-long conference sponsored by the African Students Association (ASA), called the principles "useless, absolutely useless."

The Sullivan principles, to which Columbia subscribes, is a code of conduct for U.S. firms operating in racially segregated South Africa.

Columbia recently received the Sullivan Group's third annual report, which revealed that about 13 corporations in the university's portfolio either do not subscribe to the principles or have not adhered to them. The report however, is based solely on information provided by the corporations themselves.

University officials say they are now in the process of deciding how to act on the report. Meanwhile, President McGill has said the university is considering abandoning the principles altogether, because of unfavorable reports on the Sullivan Group.

Dube maintained the problem with the principles is "there is no way of effectively monitoring the cooperation of those corporations which have endorsed them."

Moreover, "even if the principles were effective, they only affect about a quarter of the black population," he added. "Plus, only 15 per cent of those people are living about the poverty level; so how much have they helped, and how much can they."

Richard Falk, another panelist and a professor of International Law at Princeton, agreed, noting the principles "provide a cosmetic solution to a set of much more fun-

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Problems hamper efforts to stage concerts on campus

By GENE KUMMERER

After the group's first semester in existence, members of the Columbia Concerts Production (CCP) attribute their lack of success in attracting top-name acts to both poor organization and resistance from the university.

Since the Student Council established CCP in the fall, the group has organized only three shows: the John Cale concert, the Necessaryes dance, and the recent Angela Bofill show. According to one CCP member,

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the first two were "hastily put together at a probably financial loss."

"The group is extremely divided, but this is not a major problem," another member said. "The chronic problems are a general lack of committee (meetings), dealing with the antiquated administration of Ferris Booth Hall (FBH), and a hostility from FBH towards non-BOM (Board of Managers) members of the CCP."

Several CCP members cite the group's recent failure to get the new wave band the Clash to play at Columbia as an example of these problems. The CCP failed to get the band because they failed to complete negotiations with the band. CCP members John Morace and Mark Schuyler said they met resistance from other CCP members and university administrators when they tried to bring the Clash to Columbia, although group chairman Rick Corbesiero claims to have personally talked to several administrators about the matter. Schuyler and others involved with the planning of the concert said they had problems reserving the Levien gymnasium for the show.

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NO GO: Henry Miller, political adviser to the U.S. mission at the U.N., speaking at a forum on South Africa Saturday.

CU to install new phone system

By MARCUS BRAUCHLI

A new Centrex telephone system costing several hundred thousand dollars will be installed on campus within the next year, according to Paul Carter, executive vice president for administration.

The university has asked the New York Telephone Company to conduct engineering studies on the installation process, which is expected to begin sometime this spring and will take about six months, Carter said.

While the decision to put in the new system is coincidental with a rising number of complaints about inadequacies of the present system, the change is not aimed at those particular problems, he said.

"The primary reason for the change is to expand and upgrade the system to meet the needs which will be created with the addition of the East Campus dorm and some other expansions we would like to make," said Carter.

Savings from with the increased efficiency of the new system should make up for the installation costs within two years, Carter said. Reduced costs of long distance calls will be "particularly considerable," he added.

In the meantime, the university is exploring ways of temporarily alleviating problems within the existing phone system, according to

Feds question CU affirmative action

By JIM SCHACHTER

The U.S. Department of Labor shocked university officials last week, threatening to block renewal of two large federal contracts because of dissatisfaction with Columbia's 1979 affirmative action report.

Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) informed the university by mail that two million dollar-plus research support agreements would not be renewed unless Columbia was in compliance with OFCCP rules by this week, according to university officials. The two agreements had been made with the College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S) and Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory.

The agency insists Columbia's affirmative action update was not submitted in the appropriate format. The allegation surprised university administrators because the report follows the format dictated by the government's most recent understandings with universities. Apparently, they said, the OFCCP changed its requirements without informing the institutions that have to follow them.

After meeting with OFCCP lawyers in New York on Friday, Rosalind Fink, Columbia's equal opportunity officer, said she doubted renewal of the two contracts would be delayed. But she said she was "absolutely" surprised by the government's sudden action.

"We did what we had done in the past," Fink said. Columbia's updated affirmative action report followed a format "that had been accepted explicitly and approved" by the Labor Department and the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which until October had responsibility for overseeing universities' compliance with affirmative action regulations.

"Suddenly they're telling us, 'all fine and good, but we don't like the format,'" Fink complained. In effect, she said, the OFCCP, while "not quibbling" with Columbia's affirmative action efforts, is telling the university, "Oh my God, you're terrible people."

Beyond meeting with lower-level OFCCP officials, Columbia "has not decided how to respond" to the government's letter, Fink said. "A lot of people" in Low Library are discussing Columbia's next move,

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Glenn Waggoner, assistant vice president for administration.

The decision to effect "interim improvements" follows complaints by members of the university community of constant breakdowns and an inadequate information service.

Waggoner admitted that the problems with the system are "ir-

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Council fails to persuade donor to withdraw request

By LOU ANTONELLI

Three members of the Columbia College Student Council recently met with wealthy University benefactor Ira Wallach in an unsuccessful attempt to persuade him not to have Livingston Hall renamed in his honor, it was revealed last night.

Wallach's gift of \$2 million pledged in the spring of 1979 will fund at least half of the Livingston Hall reconstruction project, set for completion in 1982. In return, Livingston Hall will be renamed Wallach Hall.

The Council deputation met privately with Wallach at his Park Avenue offices last month without notifying the College or University administration.

Council members alleged they had the tacit permission from College Dean Arnold Coltery, who knew of the meeting and did not stop them, asking only that his name be left out of the discussion.

Coltery, contacted last night, denied the allegation, saying he did not know of the meeting until after it happened.

The Council last night agreed to further pursue the subject and to ask for President McGill's support.

The three-member deputation to Wallach—College Senator Robert Spoer, Sophomore Class President Robert Kemp and at-large Council representative David Maloof—was unable to persuade Wallach, said Kemp, because they could not make an offer of an alternative memorial.

The Council will ask for the

university's cooperation in preparing a list of possible buildings which could be renamed instead of Livingston. The Council felt it was

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DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL: Bill Moyers was one of the eleven winners of the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Broadcast Journalism awards presented Thursday night. See story page three.

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"No administrator was willing to fight for us," claimed one committee member. "Very few seemed to have any confidence in our efforts." The Clash concert hinged on securing the gym, he said. Both Morace and Schuyler said they discussed the concert with Alvin Paul, director of physical education and intercollegiate athletics, several times, but Paul rejected the idea.

"The two young gentlemen did an excellent job in presenting their request," Paul said, but added that there were many reasons not to hold the show. Among these, he said, was the concert's date, which would fall on the spring break weekend. Morace said another proposed concert, by the Boomtown Rats, was dismissed by the CCP because it would have come during the break.

Paul said he felt the profits from concerts held in the gym should go primarily to Columbia. He also said he doubted a Clash concert would be in the best interests of the university community, and that he was concerned with the non-reserved seating arrangement required by the band's contract.

"I don't want the vaguest possibility of some trouble occurring," he said, citing the death in December of nine people at a Who concert in Cincinnati.

"Our facilities here are just not conducive to giving concerts," Paul said. "We've had bad experiences with concerts in the past." A BOM sponsored concert by the Marshall Tucker Band in the early 1970s caused heavy damage to the gym floor and resulted in a "great financial loss," he added.

Administrators said the promoter for the Clash had offered to post bond to cover damages, but that they rejected the offer. "What does that mean?" said Philip Benson, deputy for student affairs. "What is bond going to do if someone gets killed?"

"The Marshall Tucker show demonstrated that the gym is primarily an athletic facility," he added. "The damage was uncalculable, including the damage of trust and confidence. Furthermore, this concert failed even after months of planning and culminated in two highly critical reports examining the concert's failure.

"As for this Clash concert," he concluded, "they're not even getting support from FBH, their own people."

Lack of support from the Office of Student Activities and Director of Student Activities Alan Liebensohn has left CCP virtually impotent, members said. Schuyler said Liebensohn arranged the upcoming concert by avant-garde musician Steve Reich without consulting the CCP. "The whole thing was done independently of us," he said. "Liebensohn handled the contracting on his own."

Liebenson, however, said the contracts for the Reich show were made through BOM. Furthermore, he said, last week's David Johansen concert—sponsored by the Rugby Club—was also set up without the help of the CCP.

Liebenson said he does not think the Clash even wanted to come to Columbia. "This concert committee isn't ready to handle a gym show of a 3,000 capacity," he noted. "I could not recommend for them (CCP) to do it."

Student Council member Neil Sader said that while Liebensohn is the "responsible administrator" for all shows, "he should not have signed any agreement without CCP approval.

According to Council members, the approved CCP proposal states: "The CCP is the sole organization of Ferris Booth Hall activities that can fund and produce concerts."

"No activities," the proposal continues, "other than the CCP can receive funds for the purpose of producing and/or promoting con-

certs on campus without the approval of the CCP."

College Senator Jay Marcus, who helped draft the CCP charger, said, "Ideally, student activities groups would come to the organization if they want to bring an act to campus. Student organizations should be working with the CCP and not around it."

In response to Liebensohn's handling of the Reich show, College Senator Robert Spoer proposed a motion to the council censuring Liebensohn. This proposal was unanimously rejected.

According to Corbesiero, "Al got undue flak over the thing. He could have seen to it that the CCP was contacted, but it's not his job to police BOM."

Morace claimed Liebensohn's opposition kept new wave musician Joe Jackson from coming to campus. "Al (Liebensohn) said Jackson was too big an act to bring to Columbia and he strongly dissuaded the committee from pursuing the act," Morace said.

Liebenson, however, denied the charge. "I am not against any group and I only comment on financial matters; whether the concert will be for the campus constituency; and whether they are picking a good date." The Clash concert did not fill any of these criteria, he said.


Corbesiero explained that Liebensohn was only against Joe Jackson in light of other bands being pursued. "John came to the CCP with a list of bands, and we told him to go after five of these bands. He came through with none."

The CCP has had at least one success this year, with the sold out Feb. 11 performance of disco musician Angela Bofill. Although receipts for this concert have not been calculated, Sader said, "the Black Students Organization worked though the CCP to pull off this very successful show, and everything ran smoothly."

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