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TICKELL RELIEVED OF DUTIES
WITH ASUM PROGRAM COUNCIL

MISSOULA--

Lee J. Tickell, adviser to the Program Council of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, has been relieved of his duties, according to Ray Chapman, Tickell's supervisor and director of the University Center.

Chapman said Tickell has been relieved because "cooperation between students and Tickell appears to be no longer possible." Central Board, the student governing body at UM, passed a resolution on Oct. 7 calling for Tickell's resignation after a reported deficit of \$26,900 in Program Council funds for the 1969-70 fiscal year ending July 1, 1970.

"We want the public to understand, however," Chapman said, "that an independent audit did not reveal 'any evidence of defalcations' in the disbursement of Program Council funds.

"Tickell will remain on the University Center staff in some other capacity until the termination of his contract with the University on July 1, 1971," Chapman said. Chapman will assume Tickell's former duties as Program Council ^{adviser} for the remainder of the 1970-71 fiscal year.

"Tickell's primary duty as Program Council adviser was to coordinate the guest lecture-artist series at UM," Chapman said.

According to Chapman, an independent audit of Program Council funds for the 1969-70 fiscal year concluded the deficit "is related to the failure of various people involved to have proper financial information on which to make sound business decisions. We (auditors) believe the existing situation cannot necessarily be attributed to any one event or individual."

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"In addition, Program Council," Chapman explained, "scheduled too many events at the University last spring quarter and literally flooded the speaker and entertainment market locally, resulting in heavy loss of attendance and gate receipts."

In explaining the financial deficit, Chapman said, "Program Council has operated each of the last three years on an annual budget which depends upon appropriations totaling approximately \$50,000, plus an anticipated \$40,000 annually in gate receipts. There are no contingency funds to cover losses in ticket sales."

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