New staff to publish next Mirror issue

The next issue of The Campus Mirror, an Undergraduate Student Government (USG)-sponsored newspaper, will be published Winter Quarter by a new staff, according to USG President Paul Zock.

The former Mirror staff resigned last week over a conflict with USG regarding the news focus of the bi-weekly tabloid.

Zock said a committee of USG assembly members has been formed to study problems the Mirror may be facing and to appoint a new staff.

The Mirror is funded in part by USG through money allocated by the Council on Student Affairs (CSA).

Funds were originally allocated to publish a newspaper for and about student organizations.

Cliff Chenfeld, former Mirror editor-in-chief, said the former staff is regrouping to publish another paper that will give a "different viewpoint on campus events." He said the paper would include poetry, creative photography and would play the role of a newsmagazine.

"It was decided that what USG wants and what we wanted couldn't be accomplished under the Mirror framework," Chenfeld said.

Chenfeld said he expects the first issue of the new paper to be published Winter Quarter if adequate funding can be obtained.

Campus Mirror reborn, redefined

By Michael Sopko
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The next issue of The Campus Mirror, an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) newspaper, will be published in three to four weeks, according to Clifford C. Chenfeld, former Mirror editor-in-chief.

It will be the first issue of the Mirror since the former staff's resignation in November.

Chenfeld, a sophomore from Columbus, said the reason for the former staff's resigning was "basically a problem with communication. No one would specifically define what the Campus Mirror was supposed to be," he said.

The next issue of the Mirror will contain USG news, information about student activities and organizations, and a poetry and arts section. USG leaders founded the Mirror originally because they said they were dissatisfied with Lantern coverage of student organizations.

About half of the Mirror's funding will be provided by USG through an allocation from the Council on Students Affairs (CSA), and the rest through advertising, Chenfeld said.
Campus Mirror lacks backing to continue

By Doreen Zelesnik

The Campus Mirror, an alternative OSU student newspaper, may discontinue publication due to a lack of funds, credibility and student interest in the paper.

"This issue marks the end of the experiment known as the Campus Mirror," according to an editorial by staff writer Rod Stephan in the February issue.

The Mirror has spent the $3,000 allocated to it by the Council of Student Affairs (CSA) autumn quarter 1979, said Mirror editor-in-chief Jim Ozello, a junior from Garfield.

Jim Trainer, coordinator of the office of student organizations, said that CSA felt $3,000 was enough for at least two issues. CSA asked the Mirror to conduct a survey to determine student interest in the paper before requesting more funds, he added.

If a survey showed a need for the publication, there is a possibility the Mirror will get more funds, Ozello said.

The Mirror conducted a survey, but the results were not conclusive because there were only 100 responses, he said.

The Mirror was founded in 1978 when USG, under the administration of Paul Zock, requested CSA funds for the paper.

CSA allocated funds so that the Mirror could report on the activities of student organizations.

Clifford Chenfeld, a junior from Columbus, and Steven Mathless, a senior from Columbus, founded the Mirror so that students other than the Lantern staff could "write and be creative," Chenfeld said.

Conflicts arose between USG and the Lantern staff resulting in the staff's resignation in December, 1978. Although the staff returned to the Mirror, editor-in-chief Chenfeld did not because he was "tired of the hassles of working with too many conflicting interests."

USG president Malcolm Taaffe and the Mirror staff decided in 1979 that the paper should seek funds from CSA without USG's assistance.

Lantern reports at that time said Taaffe did not want his administration associated with editorial bias or conflict within USG.

The publication was unable to solicit advertising for the February 1980 issue, except for a full-page USG ad, Ozello said.

Another problem faced by the Mirror is lack of student interest, he said. "Since it's for the students, I think they should help support it by contributing time and funds from the university," he said.

Ozello said this month's issue is not necessarily the last, but the Mirror has used up all of their funds. The staff will have a meeting later this week to determine future plans.

"We've gone through a few crises and we've survived. We're still here technically (the staff) ... we haven't all resigned."

Ozello said the Mirror may fold unless it can get money.

If the Mirror does get the backing it needs, he said it will most likely "take-off in another direction," by, for instance, emphasizing satire, the arts, or special interest stories.

"It's hard to say how long it will take to get money together ... we'll do anything legal to make money." Fund raising will be the main priority, Ozello said.
Plan to start new publication

Staff of Campus Mirror resigns

By Patricia Traina
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Sixteen members of the Campus Mirror staff resigned Monday night in the wake of a conflict with Undergraduate Student Government (USG) — primary funder of the bi-weekly tabloid.

The former members plan to reorganize and start another publication, according to Cliff Chenfeld, former editor-in-chief of the Mirror. There were about 27 active staff members, Chenfeld said, and every editor has resigned.

The mass resignations came in response to statements made last week by USG President Paul Zock and Richard Hollingsworth, USG adviser.

Funds were allocated to USG by the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) for “a newspaper for and about student organizations,” Hollingsworth said last week.

He said that there was a noticeable lack of student organization news in the first two issues of the Mirror this quarter, and said unless USG evaluates the newspaper to ensure that it is doing its job, USG would not be allowed to continue publishing the paper.

Only two groups, the Greek system and USG, have been represented in the Mirror so far. There are over 400 student organizations registered at Ohio State.

Zock said last week that he would not allow the next issue of the Mirror, which had been planned for Nov. 14, to be published unless it contained more news about student organizations.

Zock said he had met with Steven Mathless, director of the paper, and Chenfeld to discuss the Mirror’s news focus. Chenfeld said, however, that he was not aware of the CSA definition of the Mirror’s purpose until he read a Lantern article last week.

Chenfeld said that his staff would not be publishing another issue of the Mirror. “We couldn’t accomplish what we wanted in their framework,” he said. “We want the people who work on this paper to be the people who make the decisions.”

The staff members who resigned Monday night are “firmly committed to carry on the ideas of the Mirror under another name,” Chenfeld said. He said that plans were being made for another publication that will provide students with a different insight into campus events.

Chenfeld added that the new newspaper, as yet unnamed, would provide space for poetry and creative photography and also would give non-journalism majors a chance to gain writing experience.

The group expects to fund the new publication through advertising, contributions, grants and self-generated monies, Chenfeld said. “We don’t expect it to be easy,” he said.

The Campus Mirror was first published Winter Quarter 1978 and has been funded by USG and the Greek system. Other revenue has been generated through advertising.

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Mirror options planned

By John Steele
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Although the Campus Mirror has shattered, some of its pieces may yet be glued together to form other publications.

Jim Ozello, the Mirror’s chief editor, said some Mirror staff members are now working on their own projects.

Kent Lowry, the Mirror’s editorial editor, along with Rod Stephan, a contributing writer, are compiling an entertainment magazine with a focus on the arts.

Stephen said it would be different form the Mirror because there will be less editorializing and more feature articles including poetry, art and photography.

Stephan wants to get away from rigid deadline work and will only accept potential stories in manuscript form so as to have a high quality product.

Mirror Art Editor Lesley Constable and Senior Editor Carolyn May are also seeking funds for a publication.

Constable said the publication they are working on will concentrate on reviews of art and cultural events.
By Linda Bohmer
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The Campus Mirror will operate this year independently of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), which financed and supervised the news magazine in the past.

Malcolm Taaffe, USG president, said the split came after the Mirror's staff said it wanted to write more editorial comments and deviate from the organizational news format on which the Mirror was founded.

Taaffe said he did not want his administration associated with editorial bias or conflict within the government.

"We are a government system and shouldn't be in the newspaper business," Taaffe said.

Last autumn quarter, former USG President Paul Zock told the Mirror staff the next issue would not be printed unless the magazine contained more information on student organizations.

In response to Zock's comment, 16 staff members of the Mirror resigned in November.

The Mirror's staff reorganized last winter quarter, funded again by USG, and published five issues during winter and spring quarters.

Jim Ozello, the Mirror's editor-in-chief and a junior from Garfield Heights, said USG limited the Mirror by requiring it to do mostly organizational news stories.

"We (the Mirror) will still do stories on organizations, if newsworthy, but we don't want to be forced to do so," he said.

Ozello said now the Mirror will be controlled by the students via feedback from the Mirror's readers.

Ozello plans to finance the Mirror, which has an anticipated $13,000 yearly budget, with monies from the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) and from advertising.

During the last academic year, USG gave the Campus Mirror $7,000 which was allocated to USG from CSA especially for the Mirror.

The 11-member Mirror staff expects the first of the publication's 10 issues to be out at the end of October. The 12-page news magazine will include feature stories, fiction, artwork and photography, Ozello said.

Every two weeks, 15,000 copies of the Mirror will be printed and distributed around campus—mostly in the dormitories—said.

Any student can write for the Mirror, subject to editorial control, Ozello said. The opinion in any Mirror article will be those of the writer and not of the editors, he added.