



photo by Joe Lampf

Arkin's sculpture, constructed at the cost of \$5,000.00, stands in the main hallway at the entrance of the school.

Cobra sculpture dedicated; Arkin vies for reimbursement

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As Elliott Arkin's Cobra statue was dedicated yesterday, some students noticed that the glass case, planned to protect the snake has not been erected.

According to Arkin, the case was estimated to cost \$5,000. Unfortunately, there was only \$1,400 left in the Senior Property Improvement Fund, a gift from the graduating class of 1976. Because of this lack of funds, a railing will be installed around the sculpture and the money left over will be used for a shag rug around the sculpture.

One disadvantage of the

railing is the threat of vandalism. However, Arkin feels there is no immediate threat.

"This year it's been fine because the students have seen it built right before their eyes," said the sculptor, "but three years from now, they're not going to know what it is and that's when we'll have problems."

Arkin has been having problems with the funding of the statue throughout the preparation.

At the start of the project, the SMSH Senate told Arkin that all his expenses would be paid.

However, Arkin soon found

out that this was incorrect. According to Ms. Jean Stanga, SMSH treasurer, the fund is for items that will directly beautify the school—not just for enjoyment.

"They'll give me the paint, but not the paint brush," said Arkin. "Now, if I took the paint brush and nailed it to the wall, they'd pay for it."

Arkin had a problem when he needed to purchase an airbrush for his work.

"Ms. Stanga said the fund couldn't buy the airbrush," he said. "When I told her I couldn't complete the snake without it, she arranged a transfer of funds where the school would buy it for the shop department and lend it to me."

Over the course of the project, Arkin claims he incurred many expenses such as the gas he used making trips to gather material. He also ruined a pair of tennis shoes for which he would like reimbursement.

The Senate passed a bill to reimburse Arkin which has been presented to the Administration for approval.

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