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Since 1982 we have assumed increasing responsibility for covering the costs of maintaining an office at Wayne State University and for paying secretarial and clerical help, in addition to other expenses incurred by our activities and the publication. EXPENDITURES have therefore increased significantly over previous Reports. At the same time we have notified members and collected dues regularly, and we have been firm in dropping addresses from our mailing list upon failure to support EIG. As a result, we have sustained a positive balance.

A. REVENUES

Contributions, dues and sales of EIG materials

University funding:
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Mailing costs underwritten by the Development Office, Wayne State University 363.00

Total Revenues: US $17,428.22

B. EXPENDITURES

Publication of Elephant Volume 2, Number 2: estimates of secretarial help (2,500), art and photography (500), printing and binding costs (6,875), mailing costs (1,200)

Miscellaneous cash expenses (including postage, supplies, copying outside the University) 900.99

EIG sales materials purchased (T-shirts, bumperstickers, stickers, models and additional copies of Elephant Volume 1, Numbers 1 and 2) 2,271.66

Copying and postage at Wayne State University 343.17

Telephone at Wayne State University 1,140.31

Costs incurred by Elephant Dissection Project, 1980 662.00

Total Expenditures: US $16,393.13

C. TOTAL ASSETS

US $1,035.09
In Elephant, Volume 1, Number 4, on pages 215 and 216, we noted that J. Shoshani had advanced a total of US $4,657.00 to EIG. In 1982, with publication of Volume 2, Number 2, the sum of $768.79 was reimbursed to J. Shoshani (see page 180 of that publication). Therefore, EIG still owes US $3,888.21 to J. Shoshani. The debt of approximately US $1,000.00 also still is owed to Sandra Lash Shoshani.

The continuation of this publication is dependent upon generous donations and other means of acquiring funds besides annual dues. Being under the umbrella of the University has enabled us to use the facilities and services without paying retail prices for many of them but becoming independent at a time of financial restraints means that our operating budget has increased substantially. We urge our members to cooperate with us in regard to payment of annual dues promptly. Our policy has been to send only one notice of dues in a year in order to save time and money. We have removed addresses after two years' communication without any response. A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM has arisen because members have sent checks directly to WAYNE STATE FUND, rather than to our office. We have made attempts to rectify this situation with doublechecks on the account at Wayne State Fund.

It would be most helpful if ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS WOULD BE MADE OUT TO WAYNE STATE FUND/ELEPHANT AND SENT TO THE ELEPHANT INTEREST GROUP, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES. Acknowledgment will be sent from our office, and from Wayne State Fund in the case of a check or money order (see also under "Fundraising letters" in Elephant Notes and News in this issue).

Through this mechanism we can continue to keep individual records in our office, and supporters can continue to receive tax deductions for their payments. Please accept our apologies if we have inadvertently failed to record payments or respond to a request as a result of this system. We hope that increased communication between us and Wayne State Fund will eliminate any future mistakes. We are grateful for the help which Wayne State Fund has provided in mailing our annual letters and in handling funds. We thank our members for their continued moral and financial support and much patience and understanding.