

## EDITORIAL

**Distribution without representation - tyranny!**

Once again budget time rolls around. Yes, it's that time of the year when organization presidents are seen groveling on their knees outside of the SGA office. But this year something is different . . .

SGA King Lee Levan declared that the funds will be doled in closed session. This is unusual, to say the least. To say the most, it's a damn shame that students who are paying their tuition and fees have no say in where their hard-earned cash is going. Since when does an SGA president have the power to hold confidential sessions when over ten thousand dollars for twenty-three clubs is up for grabs?

Levan rationalized his closed session by noting that the presence of people could influence the votes of the senate. Astute observation, Lee, but then you may dismiss half your senate, as a number of them hold positions in various organizations. And you better believe they'll fight for their share of the funds.

Why didn't our senators speak up for us? Why didn't they tell Lee that their constituents wanted to attend these sessions? Why can't the sheep in SGA listen to the people who sat them in Senate seats? It is obvious that the people have the power, but they don't know what to do with it!

Something else is different this year. This newspaper sees its responsibility to the student body, all of it, not only the SGA. We refuse to accept closed budget sessions because our own budget is at stake. We refuse to tolerate blatant governmental errors because printing costs are held over our heads. When you're wrong, SGA, we'll tell you. And we're telling you now!

**Spiro vs. Students**

by Maurice J. Kane Jr.

On Friday, September 25, 1970 while everyone was pondering the courses and teachers they will be taking this semester, Vice-President Agnew met with students and student leaders on the David Frost show. One imagines that such a meeting would be a real battle (or else a puppet show).

The kids were intelligent, sensitive, and inquisitive, which is probably predictable. Since SDS, the Weathermen and the Black Panther Party were not represented, the tone was moderate and controlled. Perhaps too controlled to communicate the real feeling of despair one gets from watching the Vice-President's slick jockeying. His contentions are made from the position of patriotic disillusionment and fear. His poise as a conservative is that unerving ability to position himself as the well-informed and confident law-and-order advocate.

If the meeting was a formal debate, the kids would have been killed

since the facts interpreted by Spiro sound reasonable enough. That is, if you can shake the uneasy feeling that something sinister is happening in the US of A. Lest I begin to sound like a radical, I must say that I really want to believe that we are getting out of Vietnam, that student demonstrations go too far, and that Civil Rights is not being undermined by the emphasis on the economy. However, I cannot believe these things.

What new was learned of the rationale guiding government policies? Nothing. What did the Vice-President learn of student unrest? Nothing. What new respect was gained for the Government? None. What was learned was that students are confronting politicians, asking meaningful questions and being turned away by policies and decisions clouded in obscurity and priority. What was also learned was the need to learn how to survive in a frustrating and arrogant political bureaucracy.

**Letters to the Editor**

Well what's with the new social committee? A simple enough question that might be asked by any college student at any typical college. The answer at any typical campus might be: "Well, this week there will be a concert and dance or a movie and speaker and a variety of things to do on campus." Probably at the beginning of the term the students purchased an activities card and from these purchases the committee has used the money wisely to provide the students with numerous activities, not simply one dance a week or one movie a week but a variety of more than one activity in a given week. Perhaps these students were required to purchase the activities card and those who do are pleased because what they get is plenty of activity — but alas — that is what usually takes place at a typical campus, but this is Capitol Campus.

At last year's elections it was voted to have an activities card. So for the neat price of \$7.50 per term the lucky purchaser is privileged to attend one super activity per week. Then there's the other student who figures maybe \$7.50 is a little too much to waste on dances or 3-year-old movies — this student decides to attend one of the better events of the year. He gets there and is greeted by a sign: "activities card holders free, others, \$1.25". That's better yet, social committee! The reason for this outrageous price was because it supposedly included a breakfast, but then I guess one must remember that the remainder of the money could be used "wisely" for the next dance. Maybe then the punch could last a little past 11 p.m.

Now students, the rush is on! This is supposedly the last big chance for you to purchase your activities card. If not, be prepared to spend at least \$1.00 for "great" activity. So get ready. Get out your dancing shoes and popcorn. It looks like it's going to be an unforgettable term, and, for activities card holders, a most unforgettable waste of \$7.50.

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