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## THE LATE GREAT STUDENT AFFAIRS RIPOFF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS VIOLATE STUDENT GOV'T PROCESS

### VITAL SERVICES

#### THREATENED

Finals are upon us, summer is just around the corner, and right on schedule the UCSD administration, led by Chancellor Wm. McElroy, has enacted its annual welcoming in of the sunny season. What are the distinguishing characteristics of this ritual? In short, it consists of enacting all the most obnoxious and damaging anti-student (and anti-faculty and staff) administrative actions after the student body is gone and media have ceased to publish.

This annual June antic is a rather obvious but generally effective tactic. After all, if no one is here to complain or resist, McElroy, Saltman, Murphy, et al., have a lot of room to operate.

Some of the more recent and more blatant moves include the following.

#### ADMINISTRATION (IN)ACTION

1. Refusal to recognize the authority of the Budget Resource Group of the Student Coop over allocation of student fees.
2. Refusal to recognize authority of Student Communications Board to allocate student communications funds; placement of Comm Board funds in hands of Triton Times, which refuses to recognize Comm. Board. Giving TT priority over Comm Board equipment ahead of other media.
3. Cavalier destruction of student radio station KSDT, just when the station is on the verge of obtaining FCC authorization for FM licensing. This is the original purpose for which the station was founded seven years ago.
4. Freezing of the funds of the community oriented publication of Voz Fronteriza.
5. Refusal to recognize authority of Student Center Board of Authority to allocate space in student-funded Student Center.
6. Sudden, absolute turn-around on Day Care Center (as of last Friday); amounting to a stab in the back.
7. Drastic cutbacks in Literature course offerings.
8. Refusal to grant departmental status to Communications Program, completely ignoring Communications Student Union's demands.

### KSDT RADIO:

#### SLITTING THE THROAT OF BROADCAST MEDIA

Student Media programs are represented before the Registration Fee Committee by either the Communications Board or the Budget Resources Group (BRG) of the Student Cooperative. According to Bob Simon, student co-chair of the Committee, Vice-chancellor Murphy, Ass't Vice-Chancellor Whitehill and himself all sat down on a Sunday afternoon during Winter Quarter to decide which programs they would suggest be cut from the budget. Well in advance of either Comm Board or BRG evaluations, the Reg. Committee decided to "terminate" funding of KSDT, without even contacting the management of the station to allow them a defense. The singling out of KSDT is a clear violation of the understood procedure for funding requests.

No discussion of a reduced budget or possible alternative funding was ever made. KSDT representatives maintain that their program would never have received this kind of threatment had it not been instigated by the chair of the Committee. As the \$10,000 budget of KSDT is no larger than the slush funds of many other programs, it would seem that the Vice-chancellor's motivation was something other than economic. The most likely reasoning is that KSDT has a clear chance at a 50,000 watt FM license and half a million dollars worth of Federal funding should it succeed. Perhaps the administration feels that this would put too much power in the hands of students.

On May 13, KSDT was notified that it would not receive funding after June, yet in the Triton Times dated May 14, Bob Simon was quoted as saying that the Reg Fee budget would be a "status quo continuation of this year's budget" with no cut in student affairs programs. To this date, neither the Comm Board nor KSDT has received any written account from the Committee criteria for terminating the radio station program. A look at the official minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made reveals no mention of KSDT whatsoever. Bob Simon explains: "We (Reg. Fee) work on a consensus, and I don't think we've ever been split on an issue."



### McELROY'S FOLLY:

#### THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD VS. THE TRITON TIMES

The Communications Board made its budget request in the form of the TLC Proposal (Towards the Liberation of Communications). They suggested that all "subsidiary" journals be raised to the status of "official campus media," as have been the Triton Times and KSDT. The heart of the proposal is an Official Campus Media Center to be funded largely by the monies now spent by print media for off-campus typesetting. The Triton Times alone spends \$15,000 yearly for this service.

The necessary investment was calculated at only \$10,000, freeing the remainder of current typesetting expenses to be distributed among all campus media, including KSDT. The Comm Board announced to the Reg. Fee Committee that the Triton Times' request for status "independent" of the controls of the Board had been rejected and that they could no longer be considered "official" as they had failed to submit a budget request or file for Board recognition.

Despite these facts, the Reg. Fee Committee approved the purchase of the typesetting equipment but required that first priority for its use be given to the Triton Times. The Committee further stipulated that the TT would receive an appropriation of \$15,000 in the form of a contingency fund which would be held by the Board to assure the solvency of the TT commercial operation.

In effect, nothing is to change except that the money being saved by the print Media Center is to be held in reserve for the use of the Triton Times. This action by the Reg. Fee Committee totally ignores the position of the Comm Board by eliminating KSDT and reconfirming the special status of the Triton Times, to the exclusion of all other media.

How can the Triton Times justify tying up the funding and equipment of the Comm Board, a board which the TT refuses to recognize? Well, as TT Editor John Taylor wrote last Friday—when he issued the erroneous announcement that the TT would no longer be taking student money:

"Democracy doesn't exist anywhere."

"If they (the Comm. Board) agree with you, fine. If they don't...you do business with the insect (McElroy, evidently)."

"If the administration wants a Triton Times, there will be a Triton Times."

"You may guess with whom we side...."

## STUDENT COOP BUDGET DECISION HELD IN LIMBO

The Budget Resource Group is the committee of the Student Cooperative Union which is charged with allocating the \$6/quarter Student Activity Fee, with ratification by the Coop. However, student "government" at UCSD, unlike many other schools, has yet to win any real autonomy from the administration. All budgets must ultimately be approved by the Chancellor--an office dating back to the medieval university. He normally handles this by letting his Student Fee Programs Advisory Committee (Reg. Fee) do most of the thinking.

This year the Reg. Fee Committee reviewed BRG and Communications Board budgets with a 'stop-watch in one hand', barely allowing BRG and Comm Board members to finish their sentences in answer to the ill-prepared, ill-informed questions of Reg. Fee members. When BRG Coordinator Monty Reed asked administrator Rick Whitehill about the behavior of the Reg. Fee Committee, Whitehill remarked "I think the word you are looking for is capricious". Over \$110,000 of BRG allocated funds to student groups are being held up by Reg. Fee pending BRG's response to questions that Reg. Fee members failed to ask during their hearing with the BRG. Reg. Fee makes most of its decisions in secret, "executive" sessions.

## THE DAY CARE SWINDLE

The Day Care Center is an essential service for an appreciable portion of the student community. Hard battles have been fought with a recalcitrant administration for decent care. The administrative palliatives, offered as "temporary," have become permanent.

This year, when it seemed that eight long years of struggle were over, the administration agreed to provide a new building housing 100 children. After the funding was won, the plans for a new center were scrapped.

Things moved slowly for months until the fire marshal cited the facility for safety violations. Rick Whitehill, the man who would be king, callously suggested to "take the kids for a walk" if the fire marshal came again. When pressed for concrete suggestions to handle the State's snoops, he told the center not to worry, the administration would handle it. Legally, the only way they can "handle it" would be to bring the center up to standard. The administration hedged. One can only wonder how the administration would handle it, if not legally.

Nevertheless, they made promises which convinced some parents that the administration was concerned. Five trailers would be rented, at \$20,000 per year; and an area behind the police station would be used as a "temporary" site. It seemed certain until last Friday afternoon, the last day of regular classes, when the administration reneged on its promise. The center was told it had to remain in the ditch at Matthews and cut its enrollment to 30. The list of priority parents, they said, was, students, faculty, and staff. The staff was to pay its own way, of course, without a compensatory raise in wages to offset the costs which will necessarily rise.

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workers - Charlie, Clark, J.O.,  
Lois, Perry, Woodward, Bernstein  
+ others. Hi Mum.

The NEW INDICATOR has always supported the center and its highly competent staff. We urge the parents and the student community to resist the assault. The time of the center's life of quiet desperation has vanished. Action to maintain the center as a campus service is necessary. Without the firm commitment by the parents for decent day care, the children and their parents will suffer immeasurably. The administration's political about face will only hurt those who can least afford it: single parents, staff women, and minorities. By doing so, it reaffirms the policy that education is a privilege for the chosen few. Those who can afford it will benefit, while those who struggle to survive will die of neglect, benign neglect.

## SLOW DEATH FOR HUMANITIES

That humanistic studies are being eroded at UCSD has been a poorly kept secret for some time now. But the onslaught against the Literature Department's instructional base, effective next Fall, has shocked a large portion of the campus community. Few thought that the attack would come this suddenly or this severely.

The following courses will disappear next year thanks to Paul Saltman and the UCSD administration:

- 1) No French 25, Spanish 25, General Lit 3A, 3B, 3C, General Lit 61, 62, 63, Lit and Society 21, 22, 23.
- 2) TA sections in French Lit 10 reduced from 10 to 5; in Spanish Lit 10 from 13 to 7; in German Lit 10 from 7 to 4.
- 3) The 16 courses given with TA sections this year will be reduced to 9 next year.
- 4) There will be approximately 20 fewer TA positions available to graduate students in Literature.
- 5) Those TA jobs that remain will be increasingly restricted to writing programs, thus limiting the number of grad students who will be able to gain experience actually teaching literature.

This deterioration can only continue according to the rationale being used by the Administration (in the person of Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Paul Saltman); the Literature Department will fall victim to a vicious cycle. Lower enrollment as a result of these cutbacks will be used to justify even more cutbacks in the future. The Literature Dept. will be able to admit fewer graduate students, because there will be no support for them. There will be fewer undergraduate Literature majors because of the sparse course offerings. And as the numbers of undergraduates and graduate students taking Literature courses continues to dwindle, the faculty in Literature will find that it has itself become expendable to the Administration.

Sooner or later - and it appears that the Administration is pushing for sooner - the Lit Department will be a vestige of its former self. It will be a service department teaching writing and large superficial introductory courses that will serve a merely token function.

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Realizing the very real threat to their discipline, undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty in Literature have come together to discuss strategies. Undergrads have formed a Literature Students Union and an Undergraduate Committee for the Defense of the Humanities. This committee met with Vice-Chancellor Saltman last week. Like the Communications Students Union and the Graduate Students Union this time of year one year ago, the fledgling committee soon found that the Administration - while occasionally willing to schedule an hour or two of conversation - will do nothing on its own to remedy the problem.

After all, when was the last time administrators were cut back around here?

## WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU!

The breadth and intensity of the administrative attack this June have been unusually large. It is difficult to draw any other conclusion than that our paternalistic overseers have discerned a very real threat to their power base in all aspects of student government and media (the Triton Times, according to its own definition, cannot be considered student media). Perceiving this threat, the administration has directed an all-out attack on the Student Communications Board, the Student Coop-- through the Budget Resource Group-- the Student Center Board of Authority and student media--KSDT, Voz Front-eriza, the New Indicator and Ujima. The attacks on the Day Care Center and the Lit Dept and Communications Program must be seen in this context also. An adequate Day Care Center and a healthy humanist studies program are a necessity to a student-oriented institution.

But it is becoming increasingly clear that the administration is not interested in a student-oriented institution. As one member of BOA said to Vice-chancellor Murphy, the point of having students at UCSD is to maintain the illusion that this is a school and not just a research factory. Said facade is not so easy to keep up any more, and is being reduced to a more obvious gloss as time wears on.

Students here have achieved only one clear cut victory all year--when the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) represented the paper and retrieved its funding from the freeze imposed by Murphy. We can safely predict that this latest batch of administrative abuses will meet with similar resistance. They represent a naked exercise of power over other citizens' lives and resources, and in some areas clear-cut breach of promise. Fall quarter will no doubt be an interesting time for all.

What form will student action take? Court injunctions? Strike? It is imperative that all concerned persons involve themselves in organizational work over the summer. To facilitate such action, the New Indicator office will serve as an information point for such organization through our office in the Student Center. (If office is not open, leave messages at Student Organizations Center.) In addition, interested persons should attend Student Cooperative Union Steering Committee organizational meetings over the summer. EDNA, at the Student Center, will have meeting schedule info as it becomes available.