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Parking Gate History

Despite protestations of our campus beardo-democrats, an administrative body is not required to submit its decisions to a larger public for some gesture of approval. Rather, this body is held accountable to a superior body and this superior body may or may not be chosen by popular voice. Without evaluating the virtues of rule by mass opinion, one can still admit that the requiring of all administrators to seek direct public approval of all programs would stifle action to the point of stagnation. Nevertheless, when a program proves unworkable and/or unprofitable, it is the administrator's responsibility to evaluate alternative solutions to the problem and take corrective action. In this last respect, the installers of our parking gates are the just recipients of considerable public criticism. The ill-advised nature of the parking debacle is seen in chronological outline:

1. The Fall, 1966 conversion of the parking system was justified by the administration as a means of alleviating the shortage of parking spaces. No mention was made of insufficient revenues from the old system, and we were told Thursday that enough money was being taken in under the sticker system. At 10¢ per day, the gate system would be cheaper for most students and would be fairer, we were told.

2. In practice, the new system turned out to be an expensive (\$130,000) means of encouraging more people to park on campus in a smaller number of spaces.

3. Even under optimum operating conditions, the gates made for aggravating congestions going into the lots and leaving them. When the gates malfunctioned, traffic flow was further impeded.

4. The new system was not producing revenue at the anticipated rate.

Thus far we have a system that takes up needed parking spaces, amplifies problems of traffic congestion, is prone to mechanical failure, and is economically unprofitable. Some change was needed and the following alternatives appeared feasible:

1. Remove the gates, posts, chains, etc. and reinstitute the sticker system, writing the expenses of the venture off to bureaucratic mismanagement.

2. Remove the gates, et al, and temporarily raise the sticker fee to defray the expenses involved in installing and removing said obstacles.

3. Retain the gates and modify the system as follows:

- a. The lots most convenient to campus could be entered through card-operated gates, stickers having been issued to prevent use of the cards for more than one car. Card cost: \$15 per semester.

- b. The remaining lots could be entered through coin-operated gates. Gate toll: 15¢ per day.

The decision to pursue a fourth alternative, changing only the amount required to operate the gates, seems as short-sighted and ill-advised as the original decision to install the gates. It is, in short, an administrative adjustment for an error in judgement. The fourth solution amounts to letting the students pay for some administrator's blunder. Any protests should be directed at the administrator's poor judgement and at subsequent attempts to appear blameless. Since there seems to be no way for the gate toll to remain at 10¢, energies could best be spent in promoting a solution which the administration can accept. If they continue to insist that a 25¢ toll is the only solution, then a boycott of the lots appears to be the most effective means of convincing them that they are wrong.

THE "PIG BALL" TEAMS

So for success ESCALATE! The Schedule! To raise the worth of the education-we-didn't-get-paper.

50 G's for Georgie's Boys -- "The Alabama Arvans," "The Pure-White Tide," with crimson necks.

Yea! Big-time Pigball, big-time racism, paint our uniforms white!

We're the No. 1 _____!

For contributions, comments, etc. place in Jon Gullidge's faculty box in the Social Science mail room in Social Science Building.

Who Are The Provos?

Some people have already heard of the provotariat. Many more will hear of them in the future. The provotariat (provos) are a collection of subversive elements. They are now subversive as most people narrowly define that word. The provos are the people who do not want a career and who lead irregular lives. They reject the way of life which the bourgeoisie (upper middle class to some) and traditional proletariat strive for and glorify. The provos reject the success-seekers, elbow-bangers, and the unscrupulous go-getters who see life in terms of one's own car, home, a "good" job, and status.

The provos' emphasis is placed instead upon imagination, harmony, and creativity. The provos are made up of diggers, beatniks, rockers, students, artists, and anarchists. They see society and its directions no clearer than most people do, but actively seek to do something about it in a new and different way.

Some of the provos' own statements best explain what they are all about:

"We live in an authoritarian society. The authorities make all the decisions. We get stuffed. The authorities make all the decisions and are preparing war for us. Atomic, bacteriological, and chemical weapons are being made everywhere--in the USA, the USSR, France, Great Britain, and China...."

"If the Provotariat (so far) lacks the strength for revolution, there is still PROVOCATION. Provocation--with all its little pin pricks--has, in the face of circumstances, become our only weapon. It is our last chance to smash the authorities in their vital, soft parts."

"Safety lies in the imagination, in harmony, in the resolution of contradictions between knowledge and action. . . The problem is to preserve human consciousness long enough to alter it. We must recognize that tactically (though not as a principle) there is an 'us' and a 'them' and them wants our ass. Not to recognize this is dangerous."

"Consciousness expansion is nothing; it is simply a starting point. Make our community a place to live, not just a hideout where we can exist. Remember what is public is yours, it's free. All work is play when it is done with your brothers--find your brothers!"

HIGHER FEES?

Students are starting to organize because they feel the proposed parking lot fee increase is too high. They also rightly feel that they should have known what was being planned. Students resent being the subjects of arbitrary rulings from "above."

With all the indignation, it is hard to believe that the recent AS Council plans have gone unnoticed. The Council is planning to increase student fees to \$9.50 per semester. Fifty to sixty per cent of this new revenue will be used to "increase" the athletic program.

Students have been told that a winning football team is an economic asset to the student body. This has been the major argument used, next to being recognized as a "big-time" school, to convince students that the athletic program should be enlarged.

Unless something is done to halt this increase, it looks like students are again going to be the victims of administrative double-talk and arbitrary planning.

TRIP THROUGH A YELLOW SUBMARINE

He stalls above her like an elephant
in a blue bathtub.

Snorting hard breathe
toe-nails in her soup
but not in her high spired bed.
he dances on blue mushroom stools
to entice.

His gums were pumping color in the sky
as trotting on earth
swinging easily--she warms
loosens, succumbs
through green swellings
melting on red fences
she bends
lifting upwards

Stiffens at the moment of consumption
and screams across wood-planked
bridges in early child-hood
swallowing yellow submarines
as smooth navels resound
through rows of last nights papers
carrying the headlines--
ELEPHANT CONDOMS
BURST ON QUIET NIGHT

--Don Monkerud

HAVE A GAY
CHRISTMAS

-TRA-LA