

HELP YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT HELP YOU! •(over for guns on campus issue)

Should we renovate the Greek Bowl? The decision may be left up to the student body in this spring's student elections.

I invite you to express your opinions on this project by attending the Council meetings, by reading the articles on the Greek Bowl project which shall be forthcoming this spring, and by working with the committees established to study the feasibility of this, or some alternative, project.

The suggestion at this point is to renovate the existing facilities of the Greek Bowl and add a retractable cover. There are pros and cons.

General renovation and a retractable cover may provide a more attractive and usable setting for concerts, plays, and speakers. Since both funding and income would be handled by the Associated Students, the A.S. would have first priority in the use of the renovated facility.

Possible disadvantages may include the tying up of student funds for a long period of time, the alternation in some form of our unique open-air theatre, and the chance that renovation may not pay for itself through additional use. Funding by the Associated Students would make necessary an increase of one dollar in student union fees.

This is your money and your campus. You shall be deciding not only for yourselves but for future students of SDSU. I urge you to carefully consider the pros and cons. You have at hand an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process of our university. Please use it to advantage by informing yourself and others of the issue, by voicing your opinion at Council meetings, and by voting in the spring election.

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Should the campus police be armed with guns? Last spring the Chief of Campus Police, Vincent McGrath, made such a proposal to the A.S. Council. It was rejected. Last fall Mr. McGrath implimented the policy anyway. President Golding did not object -- but the A.S. Council did. A compromise was initiated: disarm the guards while Mr. McGrath investigates an alternative to guns. The results should be forthcoming soon.

The arguments for arming the campus police with deadly weapons are shallow. They include protection of the "welfare" of the community and the officer, the fear of the officer who must patrol alone, and the protection of money being transported on and off the campus.

Justifications such as these are gropings for excuses. The arming of the guards would invite armed retaliation. There are no incidents in the past to justify arming guards (this was verified by Mr. McGrath himself). Deadly weapons are simply a form of intimidation. Their use involves a split-second decision on the part of an officer -- a decision which is irreversible. Right or wrong, someone may be dead.

Deadly weapons are not the solution. The Trustees have abdicated their responsibility by refusing to fund more officers while authorizing a dangerous shortcut in the form of deadly weapons. We have students who need employment. Certainly we can find the funds if the Trustees refuse to do so. To resort to arming campus police would be unsafe and unwise.

We want and need student input on this issue. Write the Daily Aztec or President Golding, attend Council meetings, or contact me at 287-4857.

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