Student legislators should do just that

It's time for the Student Senate to recognize that it's a legislative body, not an executive one. Executive functions should be performed by the executive branch that Student Government is supposed to have.

Take the priorities hearings. These should have been held under specifications drawn up by the senate, but held by members of the executive branch not senate. The ticket distribution for home basketball games is another.

A plan for ticket distribution was drawn up by the senate and accepted by the athletic department. Good. Athletic department personnel should have then administered it. As long as they follow the plan there is no need for one or two senators to be there representing student government. These senators take actions in the name of student government that should have been covered in the original plan. And they have.

In his letter to the editor, Chip Galloway wrote that it is "legislative policy" for senators who come before 9 a.m. to get front, center seats. When asked to define "legislative policy," he explained that it means that he feels that the senators want front and center seats and should be given them. There has been no bill on the matter. If the senators want to vote themselves the best seats in the house, and we are not certain they do, they should do it openly.

Another example of student administration of what should be done by those paid by the athletic department to do it (under rules drawn by the senate) is the matter of the "one member of Student Government who did upvalidate a number of his friends' fee cards," Galloway wrote. This is a very serious matter that should not be thrown out lightly. If Mr. Galloway has no proof, he shouldn't make the charge. If he does have proof, it's time that student government puts its house in order.

Eugene Payne in the Charlotte Observer

Our Man Hoppe

Ecology a family protest

By ARTHUR HOPPE
Columnist

Once upon a time a young man named Irwin gave up protests. He gave up protesting Vietnam, the draft, sexually segregated rest rooms and pigs on campus.

"Ecology is the one true cause!" said Irwin nobly, just like most young people of the time. "I shall devote myself to making a more beautiful world."

"Oh, my beamish boy," cried his happy mother, like mothers everywhere. "I knew you'd give up those silly demonstrations and settle down to doing good."

"Everybody's for ecology, son," said his proud father, like fathers everywhere. "At last we've found a common cause that will close the generation gap."

And it did. Irwin joined the Students for Delightful Surroundings. He spent his days spearing litter with a pointy stick. And his evenings circulating petitions demanding that Something Be Done.

The older generation finally approved of the younger generation. Everybody was happy.

But after a year or so, Irwin and his young friends discovered that spearing litter seemed somewhat joyless. And circulating petitions seemed somewhat pointless. Nothing much got done.

Oh, Congress passed a few bills. The corporations talked about "corporate responsibility." The president said the local communities must do more. The local communities said Washington must do more. And the 1972 Belch-phume-8 had 16 chromeplated exhaust pipes. It was a best seller.

So the air got smoggier, the waters fouler, the litter deeper and the supermarkets more crowded.

"These things take time, son," said Irwin's father nervously. "At least you're doing good, dear," said Irwin's mother uneasily.

At 5:14 p.m. the following Tuesday, the SDS staged a lie-in on the Pasadena Freeway. The resultant traffic jam, extending from Anaheim to Azusa eventually had to be paved over.

The nation was outraged. Editorial writers thundered: "No little band of radicals, no matter how just their cause, has the right to..."

The next day, the SDS blew up 16 dams to create wild rivers, toppled 42 oil derricks to promote clean beaches and booed every passing baby carriage in Central Park.

The following week, they dynamited every sewer in December, N.J., sobotaged the No Deposit Bottle Factory in Billings, S.C., and tried to burn down the heart of Los Angeles -- but they couldn't find it.

Young Irwin, home on the lam, was confronted by his tearful mother. "Why don't you quit that radical SDS, dear," she pleaded, "and join the nice, respectable Sierra Club instead?"

"Those Uncle Smokeys!" snorted Irwin. "They just want to conserve the wilderness we've got. But we're going to make the whole country into one big wilderness!"

"But, son, pleaded his father, "think of the innocent people you're hurting in this cause of yours."

"The great thing about ecology as a cause," said Irwin happily, "is that everybody's guilty."

And with that he proceded to set fire to the family car, tip over the family barbecue and smash up all

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Letters

Must USC be follower?

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

So Carolina gets men's open house on weekends. Last weekend I was at the University of Georgia and witnessed the open house in the men's dorms that occurs every weekend from 2 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. I also learned that next week full time open house will be attempted on an experimental basis with permanant enactment, pending the vote of residents in that particular men's dorm.

I ask the University officials why Carolina is appeased by a 1 to 4 p.m. open house in the Men's towers on weekends. Other Southern schools have men's open house every weekend (not to mention that at the University of Georgia women have open house every other weekend with the same hours as the men).

Are we, at Carolina, not just as responsible as Georgia students? Has virginity been threatened among coeds at Georgia and the other schools as a result of his Must USC always be a follower?

USC wants to be a great university, and great universities have to be leaders. But to be a leader initial steps have to be taken that involve risks. USC risks a 1 to 4 p.m. open house in the men's Towers on weekends. Is this a risk? Is this being a leader? Do we have to live in the Victorian Age forever? Must we wait until Clemson gets open house before we get it?

WICK WILKINSON

—Cheraw (S.C.) Chronicle

IN VIETNAM

PFC William E. Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ingram of 1307 Market street, now has the rank of Sp-4. He is stationed at Hawk Hill in Vietnam and is pictured making the peace sign.

Laugh during anthem

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

It was my sincere misfortune at the Davidson-Carolina basketball game to be sitting quite near two fellow Carolina students, both of whom were black. The misfortune lies not in the fact that they were black but is due to their conduct during the playing of our national anthem. I, along with countless others find much injustice and discrimination within our country but I feel this does not give anyone, whether he be black or white the cause to be disrespectful to the anthem of his nation.

The two students mentioned above were not merely content to remain seated during the anthem's playing but felt it necessary to converse and laugh between themselves over some particularly funny incident that had occurred. Their conduct not only disturbed others around them but went far in showing that they were ignorant to the fact that our anthem is meant to be sung by both black and white alike.

I know of many black people who I consider my close friends and who are intelligent enough to say that they are proud to be called Americans. It is evident by their actions that the two cited above do not fit into that category.

ROBERT BARR

Under My Breath

Junk buries U.S.

By MIKE KROCHMALNY
Associate Editor

Americans are the most complacent people in the world; they have nothing to do and nothing to fear but the Communist menace, and that fight can always be put off until tomorrow.

Generic lassitude has made it very hard for Americans to see issues before they actually encroach on Sunday afternoon baseball games or the price of cereal in the supermarket. It took Upton Sinclair to show the inhumanity of the industrial revolution and it took the 1929 fall of the stock market to show that unrestricted money dealing was not quite in the best interests of all America...

America, through years of slumber, has been slowly being inundated with its own excrement. Year after year we have been drowning ourselves with junk, chemicals and carbon of all types and description.

In his "State of the Pollution" message resident White House sage Richard Nixon said that protection of the environment is the "great question of the '70's." As usual, the president lags behind experts in specialized fields -- administration experts tend to be conservative in their estimates because, after all, they are spending the peoples' money.

The most encouraging sign is the fact that everyone is getting emotional about the issue of pollution, realizing that it affects them as much as the next man. Only when the real urgency and deadly seriousness of the fight is brought home to every man, woman and child will America move as it should.

First we must stop the production of additional pollutants--new plants and industries that literally will take the air out of our lungs. Then we must put a stop to the pollution that is going on right now. We have, through ignorance and unconcern, allowed individuals and companies to put themselves before the interests of the whole nation. It is true that the economy cannot survive without industry, but no one can survive without clean air and water.

Yesterday was the time for action. Two decades ago we might have been able to save the environment from pollution and contamination, now it is our job to reclaim it, and before it is too late.

Odd Bodkins

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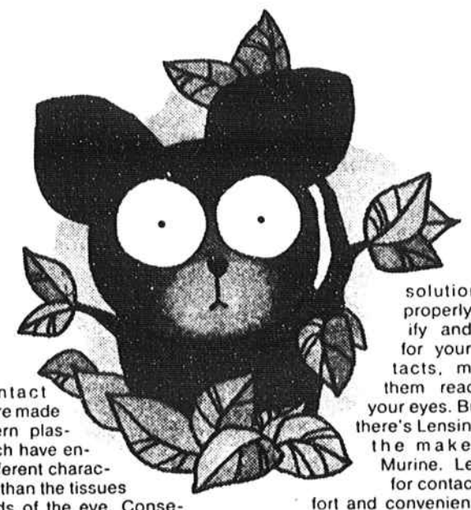

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