

Staff Discipline?

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"Does the University have disciplinary measures for its own staff (in the same vein as the five man Student Discipline Committee) or are offenders left completely in the hands of external forces (i.e. police)?" is the interesting question that was brought up by student Senator, Bob Dambergs, at the February 10 senate meeting. Dr. Hicks overcame his shock at the audacity of the question and replied that dismissal was the only measure used against staff members. He also stated that before making such a move he would "have a talk" with the person. When Dr. Hicks had stopped chuckling at the absurdity of the question and the Senate members had closed their mouths (which had dropped open at the very thought of somebody disciplining them) the issue was quickly passed over.

Should it have been dealt with so lightly? It is the answer more than the question that points toward an important issue; should students have a say in the hiring, firing and perhaps even disciplining of their professors? To me the answer is obvious. It is the students who must sit through the lectures and whose passing or failing of a course could depend on the quality of its lectures. A good example of what can occur if students are denied this right is the recent dismissal of St. Mary's History Professor, Dr. Keith Sutherland who was allegedly fired

because he did not get along with the other professors in the department. The fact that most of his students considered him an excellent professor and one of the best lecturers was ignored because he was a radical wrench in the reactionary works of the university. This the Administration has not disproved.

Course Unions would help to alleviate this problem. Each student and professor in a certain department (i.e. Sociology which is pressing this issue now) would automatically be a member of the union and would have a collective voice concerning the employment of professors in that faculty. Only this way can students properly support good professors who may not get along with the administration and bring pressure to bear on those who are not serving the best interests of the students.

A LITTLE REMINDER

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