

# letters

## UAB

A while ago the powers that be hounded us to double our donation to the U of A's athletic program. So we did.

What did the students, in general, get for their money? According to the latest UAB budget, the answer would seem to be "just short of poop-all". I read the budget last week and did a few calculations (quick ones, mind you) and - lo and behold - the entire intramural budget is a whopping 6½% of the total expenses.

This got me thinking so I checked a bit. In 1973-74 there were 4305 participants in men's intramurals alone. I don't know about women's or co-rec but I wouldn't be surprised if you couldn't tack on another 2000 or so to that figure.

How many people participate in intervarsity I ask? No more than 375. It doesn't take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure out that about 40% of the student population is getting 6-10% of the funds while a very small minority accounts for 90-

95% of the money. Now, that's one hell of a way to run a railroad!

Mr. Walker's letter (not meaning to put the finger on anyone in particular, mind you) of last week said that he and the UAB were "in a position to help that money be expended in a manner most beneficial to the students." Those students he spoke of certainly couldn't include myself and the rest of the unwashed masses whose \$15 put the money in the UAB's coffers. Not the way I read the budget, anyways. Why don't they help US??

Why the various inter-collegiate programs have to be given a blank cheque and a smile, while the intramurals program gets nothing but crumbs is beyond me. Not that this letter is going to make any difference. After all, why should the UAB listen to one concerned student. They've been screwing the whole University population for so long. I must seem like the mouse who tried to crawl up the elephant's leg.

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P.S. Why does the UAB budget always come out in the middle of the SU Election, like a thief stealing away in the confusion?

## Strawberry chemicals

I have for you a few more horrible chemicals that turn up in the ice cream (of your story of February 4, 1975.) For example, 4-O-B-D galactopyranosyl-D-glucopyranose is a disaccharide commonly used in fireworks, for silvering mirrors, or as a polishing agent in toothpaste. It is also known as milk sugar or lactose and constitutes about 7% of human milk and 5% of cow's milk. Another group of chemicals summarily called proteins is also found in ice-cream. This group includes a, B and k-caseins, often used for paper-coating, in glues and in leather finishing. On the contrary lactalbumin, lactoglobulin and some other whey proteins are not used for much else but are often found in sewage systems where the whey from cheese-making is normally dumped.

From the group of lipids, ice-cream contains various triglycerides, glycolipids, phospholipids; also carotene, lycopene (both vitamin components) and cholesterol. Of course, all these above mentioned chemicals are not cheap artificial substitutes but were present in the ice-cream even



when it "used to be one of the most nutritious foods you could buy". From your story one might infer that this is no longer true, although all these chemicals nutrients are still present in the same amount as before, i.e. in the percent range. (Just for clarification most of the substitute flavorings are usually present in the parts-per-thousand, or parts-per-million range.)

The whole story of yours is a typical example of misinformed, biased sensation-journalism and would not be worthy of comment except for the last sentence which typifies the current dilemma: these artificial

flavorings are indeed used "because they are cheaper and prolong the shelf life", and the ice-cream lovers should be grateful for that. Without these cheaper materials the ice-cream would be priced out of existence (at least for the lower and middle income families) very soon. And as the prices of sugar and milk keep going up, we better start looking for some cheaper substitutes for protein, sucrose and butterfat if we would like to keep buying ice-cream at reasonable prices.

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## You ain't seen sheeit

While looking through a current edition of the Gateway, (Tuesday, February 4) we noticed that in the King Louis beer drinking contest, the winning team had a time of 38 seconds for 12 draft. Had this been 12 bottles, we might consider this some kind of feat. We would strongly request space in the

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