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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Well, gang, if you haven't got executive-length socks, you're out, according to one of our engineer-loving staffers. Anyway our slaves this issue are Jan Sims, Pearl Christensen, Gloria Skuba, Marcia Reed, Andy Rodger, Marion Conybeare, Shirley Neuman, Bill Beard, Jackie Foord, Lorraine Minich, Mary Lou Taylor, Sergeant Rock, and yours truly Harvey Thomgirt.

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you've disobeyed the deans...

A group of anarchistic pacifists have decided to ignore a ruling from the Deans' Council, and continue to sell material relating to the war in Vietnam from a stronghold in a teaching building.

By doing so, they are showing utter disregard for a decision made by persons who are in a position of authority at this university. They are, in effect, ignoring a rule simply because they do not agree with it.

The Student Union for Peace Action has suddenly decided to martyr itself on this campus, by refusing to accept a decision which is not appealable. In the turmoil, the group's position on Vietnam has been relegated to a secondary role, with the object of publicity coming to the fore.

In SUPA's favor, there is the point that communication channels with the administration have been maintained to a certain extent; and both sides now know precisely where the other stands. This campus is not

yet a Berkeley, where open hostility replaced discussion and negotiations; however, SUPA has apparently decided to put on a publicity campaign to tell the world how unfairly treated their organization has been.

SUPA definitely has been treated unfairly—we must emphasize this point. The organization did not make an unreasonable request when it asked for permission to put up a booth in a teaching building until mid-December, particularly when so many other organizations are permitted to carry on their "soliciting" activities in much the same way.

The Deans' Council could have treated SUPA's request in the same way it usually treats a request from the World University Service, for example. SUPA'S reputation as an "agitation agency" may have had something to do with the council's decision.

But surely, SUPA should be aware of the fact there are other, more effective ways of changing the world than disregarding rules and decisions, however silly those rules and decisions might be.

now, change the 'silly' rules

The university has a silly rule against "canvassing and soliciting"—a rule which has been wrongly enforced against the Student Union for Peace Action when it should not apply.

Dispensing materials on the war in Vietnam is definitely not "canvassing and soliciting" in the sense of the rule. The regulation was passed in an effort to prevent off-campus business concerns from peddling their wares in teaching buildings. It was not put into effect in an effort to prevent freedom of thought and expression.

SUPA, and any other organization should have a perfect right to "waylay" students in corridors on this campus. Students should be allowed to decide for themselves what they wish to buy, without having these non-commercial "wares" screened by the Deans' Council before they can be sold. A university is not a place for peddlars to sell their goods, but it is a place for

ideas to be openly bought, sold and exchanged.

The no-canvassing, no-soliciting rule should be changed so that there is a distinction made between ideas and commercial goods. No one would argue, surely, that ideas cannot be brandished about the halls and corridors of an academic institution. If ideas, however wrongly-based they might be, are excluded from discussion on a university campus; then there can be no university.

SUPA, as the most recent victim of this ridiculous rule, should now embark upon a responsible campaign to have it amended. The Students' Union president, Richard Price, has already indicated he favors a complete investigation of the rule's "appropriateness," and this is the type of action which is required here. Perhaps SUPA could join such a campaign, as soon as its members decide to stop pushing their well-meant but ill-conceived plan to change the rule.

Inappropriate, outdated rules can exist for a long time after their usefulness comes under question. The case at hand may well be the first recognition of the no-canvassing, no-soliciting rule as such a statute.



Drever

all the world loves a blood donor.

ornithologically speaking

by bruce ferrier

FERRIER'S GUIDE TO U OF A FAUNA

ABSTRACT. Description, characteristics and nesting habits of typical U of A beasts, with references and annotations.

MANY-VOICED GABBER. Habitat: back-row seats of classrooms. (Often found in large groups. Disappears when approached.)

Usually seen with lunchbag containing celery, crunchy cookies, bubble gum, etc.

Species being hunted down, soon may be extinct. No steps being taken to preserve it.

BLUENOSED FREEZER. Found in large classrooms in Math-Physics and Ag buildings. Abundant plumage consisting of long underwear, three sweaters, coat, and portable stove.

Occasionally seen running from building to building with bucket of live coals. Bred by ill-functioning heating system, multiplying rapidly.

GIGGLE Y NOTEPASSER. A strange species, having only one sex: female. Found in every classroom and in flocks in SUB Cafe.

Given to drawing doodles on lab notes, staring fixedly at acoustic tile, and other odd mannerisms.

Superior survival characteristics, persists as a species past university and re-appears in Voice of Women.

PURPLE GROPER. Found in every class, but fortunately not in flocks. Identified by persistent call, "But, on the other hand, if we take into consideration the fact that . . ."

(A curious finding: though this bird always is making a noise, research shows that it says absolutely nothing.)

SCHOLASTICUS FANTASTICUS. (Formerly called Purple Groper. Now recognized as separate species.)

This bird is often seen in company with professors, who are usually running rapidly in the other direction.

Peculiar mating habits make the

bird over-concerned with matters such as Black and Blue imagery in Wordsworth's "To a Daisy", behaviour of mimesons in a non-Euclidian framework. Never seen in company of other birds.

FRATUS VULGARIS. Extremely large, brightly-colored bird. Both sexes given to preening feathers, attracting attention of other birds.

Forage among bushes, consume large quantities of fermented berries and grains. (Peculiar actions said to have to do with habit of taking pills of all varieties, before, during, and after test weeks and breeding season.)

Congregate in large numbers over weekends and at Students' Council meetings.

IN BIRD. Seen at certain times and certain places with certain other birds—never elsewhere. Believed to spend most of its time buried in deep hole.

Never known to mix with other birds.

(Note: some birds of this species spend so much time with other In Birds there is much inbreeding. Offspring sometimes defective—certain Out Bird (which see) characteristics appear. Birds are then known as Inside-Out. Very unpleasant.)

OUT BIRD. Except to the trained observer (and In Birds), this species looks very much like the In Bird.

Out Birds may be distinguished by their drab plumage, usually plain black with white markings, distinctive call (a piercing DUHHHHH), and jerky movements.

(There is some disagreement. Birds which look like Out Birds—unkempt, greasy plumage, low averages—have been found in association with In Birds.)

(Also, flocks of Out Birds will band together and associate only with one another, thus becoming In Birds. Considerable research is needed in this area.)