

Keeping tabs . . .

Even as this paper is being prepared, Senate is considering whether or not to double student representation in this body from three to six members. By the next issue, this should be fact, as no formal opposition is expected to the move.

The GAZETTE does not particularly wish to make a point of knocking this move, even though the representation is still a token figure. What should be considered, though, is some way that students can make these members responsible to those that elected them.

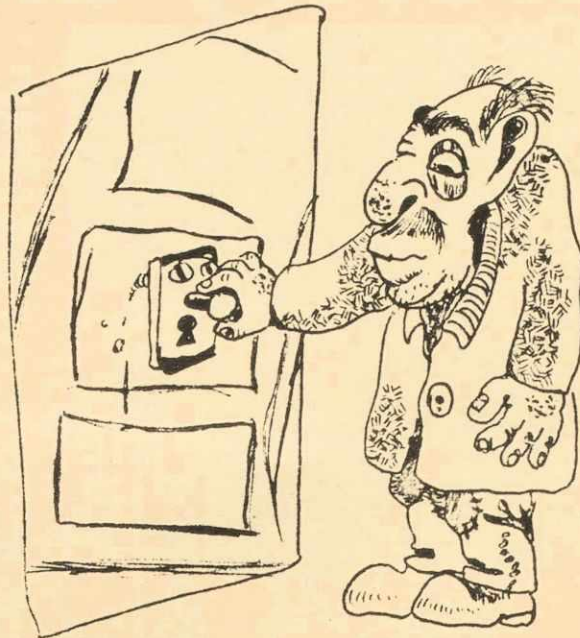
This year, only one student senator felt in any way compelled to report to Council regarding his activities. This seems incredible, especially when one considers that Peter Mason, (not the one, incidentally), one of the three present senators, when he was a Science Rep. on Council last year, continually made the same bitch that we are making now.

If the students are to get any type of representation from these students, there must be some accounting to their electorate. Indeed, there should be some sort of impeachment proceedings that the students have recourse to whenever they feel any of their elected representatives are taking liberties with the privileges given them.

We have prepared an election supplement to this issue. We have attempted to interview all candidates for all positions on Council, Senate, and the Board of Governors. Further, it is the GAZETTE's intention to endorse a slate of candidates whom we feel will NOT abuse those privileges. We ask you to consider our choices for office.

Even if you feel that our choice is wrong, the GAZETTE asks you to vote in these elections.

The GAZETTE also asks you to consider this: if you see a name on the ballot that you didn't see mentioned in our supplement, then don't vote for this candidate. If the candidate couldn't be persuaded to talk to the GAZETTE, (Council lackeys that we are), especially before the candidate is elected, we somehow doubt that he or she will be willing to account to anyone after they are in office.



and picking up the tab

By the time you read this (this seems to be the fault of the editorials this week), at least three students, Charlie Zed, co-ordinator for Jazz 'n' Suds, Stu Barry, SUB Affairs Secretary, and Brian Smith, Student Union president, will be winging their way, (along with Clem Norwood, SUB Director of Operations) towards the friendly skies of Cincinnati for a national conference on entertainment.

This isn't really that peculiar. All are reasonably connected with entertainment, either executively or by handling the actual implementation of the various programmes in the Student Union. Except... Brian Smith will be retiring from the Union presidency in two weeks. Stu Barry, too, must give up his position in about a month. Therefore, if one were to examine the situation rather closely, one could conclude that the Union will be picking up the tab for at least two people who will not be able to put their knowledge to too much use for too long.

If you follow this logic to its conclusion, you could then ask, "Why did they go?"

Would it not have been more logical to send someone who would be able to gain from the experience for a little longer period of time? Someone say such as, Lenny Edmunds, newly appointed chairman of Orientation, and the planner of the Transylvania Weekend.

Of course, this criticism may be unfounded. After all, there are plenty of positions that will become available in the Student Union after the elections are over, particularly in entertainment.

Council has streamlined the entertainment policy of the Union, so that an entertainment secretary could organize this aspect of Union involvement to its fullest potential. The new secretary would have the opportunity to choose four people to work with him, all of whom would be salaried people.

Of course, this position must be applied for, and applicants must certainly have qualifications. What better qualifications, then, than to have been a member of the Student Union executive, and you just happen to be on top of the entertainment situation, having attended the latest national conference.

All this, of course, is contingent upon getting the position. That is, if you applied in the first place. But if you did (and then you didn't), well, so what?

The students are picking up the tab, aren't they?

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