TO: Robert Fedore, Dean of Students
FROM: Matt Tennis, ASUM Central Board Delegate
RE: Authorization of alcohol consumption and possession in the dormitory facilities.
DATE: June 8, 1972

This is to inform you that the Council of Dormitory Presidents has voted unanimously in favor of the issue on the legalization of alcohol in the on-campus living facilities. When we voted on this issue we considered the following points:

1. The newly drafted constitution gives 18 year olds the right of majority. Nearly all new freshmen are 18 or older when they enter the university.

2. There has been an increasing enforcement problem in the dorms this year following the approval of the 19 year old majority age.

3. Student dormitory rooms are private; they are the responsibility of the student who lives there.

4. Alcohol would not be consumed in the lobbies or other public areas in the dorms.

I understand that you must receive permission from Montana Board of Regents to change the past policy on alcohol. I want to encourage you in that endeavor and wish you the best of luck.

If you have any questions or further need of help from me in this matter, I will be more than glad to oblige. Please feel free to call me any time this summer. Thank you.

cc: Tom Hayes
    Del Brown
    Bob Sorenson
June 12, 1972

Ms. Bess Myerson  
Commissioner of Consumer Affairs  
New York City Department of Consumer Affairs  
80 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York 10013

Dear Bess:

The work you and the team out of your New York office has performed demonstrates an ability to deal effectively with consumer affairs. We the students at the University of Montana are beginning to seed a program that may, hopefully, be as successful.

In order to avoid the rough and unbreakable ground as much as possible when starting a consumer affairs program, I ask and seek your advice. We are interested in instituting a program modeled after yours because of its success or one suitably appropriate for our situation. However, we do hope to deal with problems in a larger community than our immediate one.

If you would direct us with some suggestions as to what might be done to achieve progressively, by assuming a posture against the obvious problems that have been neglected for one reason or another, we would be grateful.

Also any materials you feel are vital or would lend assistance, we would appreciate knowing about. Moreover, any information out of your office we hope will help us plug into the national struggle to better protect our lives.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Collier  
ASUM Vice President

CC/rb
June 14, 1972

Professor J. D. Williams
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Professor Williams:

The National Democratic Committee has just recently avowed you a primary resource who has some information aiding the newly franchised voters on university campuses. Our situation has been very much the same as a number of campuses backing the potential registration of these new voters along with insubstantial turnouts of registered voters.

It seems the most obvious reasons for this problematic situation bears upon a lack of interest, but even this observation presents no immediate solutions.

I would be very grateful if you can assist us in any way possible. If there are programs, suggestions, or advice you would lend us it would help our present painstaking situation.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Collier
ASUM Vice President

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June 14, 1972

Mr. Philip M. Seib
Democratic National Committee
2600 Virginia Avenue
Washington D. C. 20037

Dear Mr. Seib:

The recently new franchised voters on university campuses have not been turning out very substantially in numbers, consequently failing to be a very effective political force. Because there seems to be no obvious solution to such a problem, I'm interested in knowing what has been done on the national level as well as a program in which your office would know of being implemented on other university campuses.

Any information your office can provide would be of immense appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Collier
ASUM Vice President

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