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The meeting was called to order by John Murphy, commissioner, at 7:10 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Murphy reported on the 24-hour visitation conflict in Brantly and Knowles Halls. Present at the meeting were the presidents from the various dorms: Frank Welsh, Miller Hall; Jim Smedsrud, Craig; Matt Tennis, Elrod-Duniway; Keith Maristuen, Corbin; Kathy McCartney, Knowles; Cathie Derzay, Aber; and a representative from Brantly. Murphy said that Brantly's election on 24-hour visitation resulted in 107 for and 47 against. He said he talked to President Pantzer about it, and President Pantzer cited the right of the minority. Murphy said Student Facilities was set up by President Pantzer and Central Board to air problems and make recommendations, but we have dorm presidents, Student Facilities, subcommittees, etc. to tend with. Murphy felt we go through a lot of bureaucracy we don't have to go through. He suggested that we go ahead with the same procedure that was used with Aber last year, but felt we should have a plan where we could justify placing the minority in certain places--the option should be there for them to move. Maristuen from Corbin said they had an election, and the results were 89 for and 13 against. In Knowles' election, only half of the dorm voted, but the results were overwhelmingly in favor of the 24-hour visitation, but Kathy McCartney, president, said that those against were stubbornly opposed. Smedsrud said an election was held in Craig and 70% voted, but the results were torn down. Murphy asked him to talk to Ron Brunell, Head HR; Campana; and President Pantzer about setting up another election. Murphy asked all the dorms to have another elections and report the results by next week.

RA Selection--Murphy said he talked to Tom Hayes who said he was in full accord with letting each dorm have one representative, either the dorm president or a student at large, be on the committee. Murphy said he was asked to be on it. He felt there should be some staff on it, but not a majority. Welsh, Miller Hall, suggested an internship period for RAs, but the Board felt the orientation program in use now was sufficient.

Murphy said the Van Buren Street bridge was finished and ready to be painted. The Board decided it would be best to leave the bridge its natural color rather than have it painted.

NEW BUSINESS

Murphy opened to discussion. Any problems the dorm presidents might have. Cathie Derzay from Aber said a meeting was held last Wednesday, and they wanted to do something with their social funds other than having a social function. They had thought about organizing all the dorms to challenge a storelike Buttreys and then giving the money to a good cause. Murphy asked how much each dorm had: Aber \$800/qtr.; Miller \$600; Craig \$750; Elrod \$725; and Knowles \$550. He suggested that the dorms could give the money to the library for the book fund.

Tennis from Elrod-Duniway said the main problem he had was with the vending machines. Murphy said the contracts were in and that we should have a new vendor on campus by December 1st.

Murphy brought up the fact that the Student Recreation Committee needed three more members. He said this committee is going to tell the City Council in two weeks that the University is here for the University, and not for the city. Keith Maristuen, Kathy McCartney, Tom Foor, Margaret Warden,

and Steve Sorensen volunteered to be members. Murphy said he would confirm their membership after Christensen and Central Board approved.

Murphy reported on having a pub on campus. He said he talked to the Attorney General and to a law firm who interpreted the statute two years ago, and who would stick by the same interpretation: Dorms are public state-owned property, and beer or any other liquor are completely prohibited.

Murphy named Deedie Thomas, Blake Johnson, and Gary Geigermeir to be on the Campus Development Committee.

Welsh, Miller Hall, said one of the problems he had was with parking. He said students complained about having to buy a decal but the finding no place to park and having to use lots with parking meters. Murphy said he would check on the parking meters, but felt they were there permanently.

Murphy asked the dorm presidents to keep in contact with him and to bring any problems they have to him and the Board.

Murphy changed the hour of the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday nights due to conflicts of certain board members.

SORENSEN MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, WILLIAMS SECONDED IT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bessie Wong

Bessie Wong
ASUM Secretary

ATTENDANCE: MURPHY, JOLIECUR, CAMPANA, WILLIAMS, MOZER, THOMAS, POOR, LOCKE, SORENSEN, TIFT.

EXCUSED: NELSON and KNUDSEN.

REPLY TO ROD LUCK'S EDITORIAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 1971

It has been brought to my attention that I am a leader of a vocal minority of the University of Montana campus. That vocal minority has been clamoring for a reduction in the cost of Intercollegiate Athletics. Radio, television and the press have jumped on the issue to muck rake a little yellow journalism.

The time has come to quit playing politics. First, as the leader of a very conscientious student body, I represent the majority view of the campus. As early as last January, in a completely random sample poll, nearly 52% of the student body polled wanted a 12% cut in the athletic budget. We are not vindictive and I personally have nothing against Jack Swarthout. He believes in his program and I believe in mine. I am a firm believer in the democratic process. It was Jack Swarthout and not John Christensen who unethically and illegally became involved in that democratic process; that is the student elections, and consequently turned the students against athletics even more.

I am not anti-athletics and I should not be billed as such because I question handing over carte blanche \$170,000.00 of the student funds each year to the athletic department. Just think what could be done with the \$170,000.00 That amount alone could finance a consumer protection agency for the state of Montana. You and I both know that we badly need one. Am I wrong to question the cost of a student funded program anymore than a local towns person is wrong in questioning the use of sewage treatment funds to build a new city hall? Where have our democratic ideals eroded to?

Let me remind you that it was President Nixon's economic policy that caused the deficit not the students. After the 12% cut, we granted coach Swarthout a right to charge students at football and basketball games which would nearly make up the 12% cut made by the students. We did not feel, at that time, that we should have to make up the amount that was cut by the state legislature. Also, the fact that the students desire cooperation rather than competition should be viewed as

something sinister is absolutely ridiculous. No one can convince me that \$12,000.00 spent in an Environmental Studies Program does not do more good for the university community and Missoula community than six football scholarships.

But we are not arbitrary. Last year I conducted a poll, and this fall again we will run a poll during pre-registration to ascertain true student body opinion. Does this mean that we are vindictive and are trying to destroy a program? Absolutely not! I am not trying to destroy anything. I am sincerely trying to build a better University. We are an academic institution, not a farm club for sports.

As far as other finances are concerned, Century Club has control over their money and they may withdraw it at any time. The University can do nothing legally about it. Besides, Century Club only contributes about one-third the amount that we do. By the same token, the state legislature can cut off funds when they feel like it. But when the students become involved with their own measly \$15.00 per quarter activity fee, we are immediately branded as a "bunch of radicals always stirring up trouble" and naturally a "vocal minority".

In conclusion, I can only ask a fair hearing regarding our views on athletics. I am more than willing to speak to any group or club, and to voice defense of my program on radio or TV. I have nothing to hide and no ego to build. By the same token, it is time that others quit building their egos at my expense and the University's expense.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

TO: Carol Kenny, ASUM Accountant
FROM: Bob Sorenson, ASUM Business Manager
RE: Check request

This check request is for a portion of the MSPA (Montana Student President Association) dues. The dues for the year are \$125.00. This is the first payment. The allocation was okayed by Central Board on October 13, 1971.

November 8, 1971

To: The Legislative Council

It has been brought to my attention that a study is under way concerning welfare reform. I hope that I am not out of place in presenting a few remarks as a representative of one of the largest low income groups in Missoula - the University of Montana students.

First, I would ask that reform be made in the general welfare program and specifically in the areas of food stamps, rent allowances and medical coverage. In the area of food stamps, I realize it is a federally funded program; however, I believe that the state can have a definite effect if pressure is placed in the right places. The recent decision not to grant food stamps to unmarried persons living in the same dwelling is basically absurd. The immediate questions which come to mind are "who does the program serve" and "how can one justify blatant discrimination against such a large low income group". If the purpose of the program is to serve society, then I sincerely believe such restrictions seriously cripple the original intent of the program. I feel that the legislature should take a strong stand in returning to the original program.

Secondly, I feel that rent allowances in a city such as Missoula are grossly underpaid. Realizing that the cost of living in Missoula is one of the highest in the nation for a city of its size, and taking into consideration that there is a 96% occupancy rate here, I feel that the rent allowances must be increased in order that we may live in a humane environment. Let us not forget the fact that the housing in Missoula is at a critical level and 41% of all rental housing is substandard. You and I both know who resides in the unsafe, dirty, cold, substandard housing. Further problems are complicated by the fact that a fifteen dollar extra winter allowance is more than usurped by the lack of installation and generally, poorly constructed housing. I cannot emphasize enough the extent that it hurts University of Montana students because of the lack of a fair welfare program and the serious housing shortage in Missoula.

Another major concern should include medical reform, though not as important to the University of Montana students because of our Health Service. I feel the program is lacking in reasonable coverage for welfare recipients. We should cover basic medical costs along with provisions for major operations. For instance, if a person went to a hospital to have his appendix removed and the cost was around \$500.00, the county commissioners may grant \$100.00 of the cost. Where does the welfare recipient pick up the rest of the cost?

In conclusion, I feel that the past programs have been a step in the right direction, but in order to improve society, reform is needed. I thank you for the time to voice my views as Student Body President and as a representative of a large low income group of students.

Sincerely,

John R. Christensen
ASUM President

JRC/rb

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LJB SORENSON • Business Manager / GREG BECK • Vice President / JOHN CHRISTENSEN • President

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

TO: MEMBERS OF PARITY BOARD

FROM: JOHN CHRISTENSEN, ASUM PRESIDENT

RE: PROPOSED PRICE HIKE BY MONTANA POWER COMPANY

Recently I read the functions of Parity Board as they were presented to Central Board. Under Section III, paragraph 4, it states in essence that the Board may initiate investigations on its own. The problem which I would like investigated, I believe is a grave problem facing the University. The problem which I refer to of course, is the proposed rate hike by Montana Power. From statistics presented by Ed Nelson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, it would cost the University of Montana at least \$70,000 if the hike is granted. This, of course, is not counting the personal increases in the homes of students, faculty, and administration.

What I would like is to have Parity Board representing the University of Montana faculty, students and administration by preparing a statement or a position on the proposed increase to be presented November 16 at the hearing in Missoula. I would be more than willing to meet with you and help all that I can with this project. We have Montana Power testimony and with the help of the Business School we could put together a well-thought out position.

I realize the time is short and I should have moved sooner, but I hope that we can work something out next week.

Nov. 5, 1971



November 8, 1971

Dear Student Body Presidents:

I thought that I would drop each of you a short note confirming the proposed Big Sky Student Body President's meeting of November 30, 1971, in Boise, Idaho.

I have spoken with Pat Ebright of Boise State College and he would prefer that I chair the meeting and he would handle the other arrangements. His address is Patrick Ebright, c/o Student Government Office, Boise State College, Boise, Idaho 83707. His office telephone number is (208) 385-1440 and his home number is (208) 345-4219. He can have a room reserved for you at a local hotel or if finances are tight, bring a sleeping bag and he can find you a room. All meals, etc. will be on the individual presidents but Pat said he would take care of a couple of coffee breaks.

I will be in Boise on Monday, November 29 along with my Business Manager to discuss common problems on our campuses regarding Athletics. The first organized meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday and we will go from there.

I hope that each of you can make it to the meeting. As I have stressed before, we should play (hut 1, hut 2) a part in determining the future of the athletic conference since we do generally finance it. If you can not make it, perhaps you could send a representative.

If problems should arise before then, my phone number is (406) 243-2352.

I am still in the process of trying to confirm a joint meeting with the University Presidents.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Christensen
ASUM President

JRC/rfb

Division IV
of the
ASUM By-laws

Publications

Article I
The Montana Kaimin

Sec. 1. This publication shall be an ASUM funded newspaper, to be published four times each week during the academic year.

Sec. 2. The editor, business manager, and managing editor of this publication shall be chosen at least two weeks prior to the end of winter quarter by Central Board upon the recommendations of Publications Commission. These persons shall serve until the expiration of their term or until they resign or are dismissed by ASUM. The Commission shall recommend persons for these positions on the basis of application and interview. It shall give notice that applications are being received in four consecutive issues of the Kaimin prior to the date on which interviews will be conducted.

Sec. 3. All other staff members shall be selected or dismissed by Publications Commission with recommendations from the editor. The recommendations of the editor shall be reported to Publications Commission at least one week prior to the end of winter quarter, and the recommendations of Publications Commission shall be subject to the approval of Central Board.

Sec. 4. The editor and all other staff members appointed by Central Board shall receive a monthly salary to be paid for a two-month period to begin April 1 and for a six-month period to begin October 1.

Sec. 5. This publication shall have a faculty advisor. He shall be appointed by publications commission. The advisor shall not have the authority to make any policy decisions. He shall not be paid out of ASUM and/or Kaimin funds. The advisor shall be appointed by Publications Commission with the recommendation of the dean of the Journalism school.

Sec. 6. The editor shall be authorized to employ an assistant or assistants to the staff for special issues or columns, at a rate to be decided by the business manager, not to exceed \$20. The assistant shall be reimbursed for expenditures on necessary supplies.

Sec. 7. The business manager shall be authorized to employ such help, at the prevailing student employment rate, as is necessary to insure the distribution of this publication.

Sec. 8. All compensations or salaries, and all other anticipated revenues and expenses shall be precisely outlined in an annual budget which must be approved by Publications commission each Spring Quarter.

Sec. 9. The advisor to the Kaimin shall serve as a mediator in all differences of opinion with the Kaimin staff. Any disputes that cannot be resolved in this manner shall be resolved by Publications Commission.

Sec. 10. The editor and the business manager shall meet with the Publications Commission at least once during each quarter to discuss Kaimin policy.

ARTICLE II
The Book

Sec. 1. This publication shall be an ASUM faculty evaluation handbook to be ready for distribution during orientation week of each fall quarter. A complete book shall be published every two years, with a supplement published every other year.

Sec. 2. The editor and business manager of this publication shall be chosen by Central Board upon the recommendation of Publications Commission during each Spring Quarter and shall serve until The Book is published. Publications Commission shall recommend persons for these positions on the basis of application and interview. It shall give notice that applications are being received in four consecutive issues of the Kaimin prior to the date of which interviews will be conducted.

Sec. 3. The editor shall appoint eight(8) associate editors, and report his appointments to Publications Commission during Fall Quarter of the following academic year.

Sec. 4. The editor, associate editors, and business manager shall be paid at the end of each quarter for three quarters. The editor shall also be paid for the three summer months prior to publication, on alternate years when the complete book is being published.

Sec. 5. The advisor shall be chosen by the editor and reported to Publications Commission. The advisor shall not have the authority to make any policy decisions. He shall not be paid out of ASUM and/or The Book funds.

Sec. 6. All compensations or salaries, and all other anticipated revenues and expenses shall be precisely outlined in an annual budget which must be approved by Publications Commission each Fall Quarter.

Sec. 7. The editor and business manager shall meet with Publications Commission at least once during each quarter to discuss the Book policy.

ARTICLE III
The Sentinel

Sec. 1. The director of the Sentinel shall be appointed by Central Board upon the recommendation of Publications Commission. He shall be hired under a yearly contract.

Sec. 2. The director shall recommend to Publications Commissioner, the hiring of all Sentinel staff members and be responsible for all activities of the publication.

Sec. 3. The salary of the director shall be \$2,500 yearly.

Sec. 4. The director of the Sentinel shall be ultimately responsible to ASUM and shall present a financial and policy report at least once a year to Publications Commission. ASUM reserves the right to hire or fire a director of the Sentinel at any time.

ARTICLE IV
Garret

Sec. 1. This publications shall be an ASUM funded literary magazine.

Sec. 2. The editor and business manager of this publication shall be chosen at least two weeks prior to the end of Spring Quarter by Central Board upon the recommendation of Publications Commission. The Commission shall recommend persons for these positions on the basis of application and interview. It shall give notice that applications are being received in four consecutive issues of the Kaimin prior to the date on which interviews will be conducted.

Sec. 3. The editor and business manager shall receive a monthly salary to be paid for in eight(8) month period to begin October 1.

Sect. 4 This publication shall have a faculty advisor. He shall be appointed by Publications Commission. The advisor shall not have the authority to make any policy decisions. He shall not be paid out of ASUM and/or Garret-funds.

Sec. 5. All compensations or salaries, and all other anticipated revenues and expenses shall be precisely outlined in an annual budget which must be approved by Publications Commission each fall quarter.

Sec. 6. The editor and business manager shall meet with Publications Commission at least once during each quarter to discuss Garret Policy.

In speaking on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, I am here to voice our opposition to the proposed 17% rate hike in electricity and the 34% rate hike on gas. It seems imperative at this time that I discuss the reasons I cannot support Montana Power in this endeavor.

I represent an extremely large low income group of which are not eligible for most welfare benefits. Only recently, the majority of them were cut from the Food Stamp Program. Another problem with the students is that the majority of them are on fixed incomes; that is, loans, grants, and summer jobs that they can pick up. If you ^{remember} ✓ last spring, due to peculiar insight of our congressmen, most students were not given summer work study until late in the summer. Thus, coupled with the increase in tuition and the general raking over by land lords in Missoula, students have become one of the most disadvantaged groups in Montana.

These factors lead up to a simple but discouraging state of affairs. The University is operating on a minimum budget and we must remember that all increases in costs will probably be past on to the student body. According to the figures released by the Physical Plant at the University, the proposed rate increases would cost the University \$77,000.00 per year. If that amount is anywhere close to accurate and the cost was passed on to the students, it would amount to nearly \$10.00 per year per student so that Montana Power can live in the style to which it has become accustomed.

Along with this increase the students, faculty and staff have to bear the cost of the added increases in their homes. For a moment let's create a hypothetical situation. Assume that I am an average student and my wife and I spend an average of \$7.00 per month for electricity, thus \$3.50 each. \$3.50 per month multiplied by nine months is \$31.50.

A 17% increase on this amount would be \$5.35 per year. Now if there were 6500 students living off-campus, as there are now, and if I was an average student, the total amount would be \$34,775.00 (6500 X 5.35)

The increase in gas would produce the same result. Assume that again I am an average student paying an average of \$2.00 per month with a little compensation we would find that \$2.00 X 9 months would be \$18.00. \$18.00 X 34% would be \$6.12. 6500 students X \$6.12 would be a total increase of \$39,780.00 per year.

The total increases could amount to a conservative estimate of \$ 74,555.00 (39,780 + 34,775) I can see no way that the students at the University of Montana can pick up a tab of this size. As I said before, this is probably a conservative estimate. It is not the fact that the students are not willing to work for the good of the state, if in fact, it will benefit the state, but due to a financial squeeze we simply can't afford it.

Thus, in conclusion, I plead on behalf of the student body to this powerful out of state corporation to curtail increasing the cash out-flow of our state at the expense of the students. I hope that the benevolent monarch, Mr. Corette, will see that Montana is a highly taxed, low income state and we the people simply cannot afford to continually build any monopoly at our expense. It is not that we're not appreciative of the power provided by Montana Power at the present time, but we feel that profits on net income of 22 percent and an effective return of 10 percent is sufficient to run the monopoly.

SPORTS BY-LINE FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1971.....

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I FIGURE IT'S ABOUT TIME TO TAKE AN OTHER ~~SHOT~~ SHOT AT THE REJOICER WHEN EVERYTHING'S GOING GOOD, THE COMPLAINER WHEN ALL ISN'T SO PEACHY, THE STUDENT PAN.....IT SEEMS THAT THE STUDENTS OF ~~THE~~ TODAY PACK MORE WEIGHT IN ALL AREA'S THEN THEY DID ONLY 4-YEARS AGO.....IF THE STUDENTS WANT SOMETHING BAD ENOUGH THEY WILL GET IT, WHETHER IT BE GOOD OR BAD FOR THEM.. THIS ISN'T GOOD, BUT WHO AM I TO GUAGE THIS?? I'M SUPPOSEDLY JUST A "STUFF-SHIRTED, WHITE COLLAR WORKER," A NAME TABBED ON THOSE OF US WHO WEAR A TIE TO WORK AND SHOWER DAILY, I GUESS ~~KNOWLEDGE~~ AT LEAST THIS IS HOW THOSE OF US WERE ~~THE~~ LABELED RECENTLY BY PROMINENT STUDENT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA CAMPUS.....I GUESS MY REASON FOR THIS BY-line STEMS FROM WHAT I CALL "THE STUDENT REBELLION." STUDENTS IN GENERAL ARE OPEN-MINDED, LEARNERS OF TODAY, LEADERS OF TOMORROW, PLAGUED USUALLY BY ONLY ONE DISCREPENCY, ONE WANTINOMESS TO BE HEARD.... WHAT I'M POINTING AT IS THE WAY VARSITY ATHLETICS IS BEING TREATED, AND MOSTLY ABUSED BY A SMALL MINORITY THAT SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO SWAY THE SILENT MAJORITY INTO BELIEVING ~~THE~~ WHAT THEY WANT BELEIVED.....IT'S A FORM OF ~~STUDENT~~ COMMUNISM, RADICAL REDNECKING.....

Start Film
WHILE IN BOZEMAN OVER THE WEEKEND FOR THE BOBCAT-GRIZZLY FOOTBALL GAME I SENSED THIS LEFTIST MINORITY AT WORK.....IN THE BARS, THE CHEERING SECTIONS, AND THE STREET CORNERS ~~THE~~ PRE- CEDING THE BALL GAME, THE FEVER WAS THERE, THE TALK WAS FOOTBALL.....IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THE FINAL GUN HAD SOUNDED THAT THE ~~THE~~ CHEERING AND BOASTING ~~THE~~ DEVIATED TO ONCE AGAIN LOOKING FOR SOMEONE OR SOMEBODY TO VERBALLY ~~THE~~ CRUCIFY.....I COULD HEAR THOSE WHOSE VOICES WERE FLUSHED WITH VICTORY, BUT THEN THERE WERE THOSE WHO ONCE AGAIN BEGAN ~~THE~~

more by-line.....

THEIR DRIVE TOWARD BURYING THE COACHES, RIDICULING THE RESPECTIVE TEAMS AND THOSE THAT HAVE MADE IT WHAT IT IS, PLAYERS, STUDENTS, AND COACHES ALINE.....I REALIZE THOSE THAT MAKE THE WAVES ARE ONLY A SMALL MINORITY.....I LIKE TO COMPARE THE ~~MINORITY~~ MINORITY TO A SMALL WOUND.....NOT BIG ENOUGH ~~TO KILL YOU~~ KEEP YOU DOWN, BUT LARGE ENOUGH TO CAUSE UNNEEDED DISCOMFORT AND MISERY.....^{and film} THERE IS ONE WAY TO HEAL A WOUND, ~~HEAL IT~~ AND IN THIS CASE AN OPEN ONE.... THE PROPER MEDICATION AND REST....[LETS USE LOGICAL, SANE REASONING] ~~WHICH~~ AS OUR MEDICATION, AND FOR REST, WE CAN ALL HELP ~~HEAL IT~~ MUZZLE AND STRIKE BACK AT THOSE THAT ARE HERE TO MAKE THE WAVES, THE YET TILL NOW, UNCONTROLLABLE FEW THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPEARHEADING THE ANTI-ATHLETIC DRIVE IN OUR TWO MAJOR STATE UNIVER SITIES.....WAKE UP AND AWAKEN TO A MAJOR PROBLEM THAT TIME CANNOT RECTIFY, THAT HAS TO BE STOPPED NOW.....LET'S FOLLOW THE WORDS OF VINCE LOMBARDI: ".....CHARACTER RATHER THAN EDUCATION IS MAN'S NEED AND MAN'S GREATEST SAFEGUARD. I BELIEVE THAT CHARACTER IS HIGHER THAN INTELLECT AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEN IS CERTAINLY IN ENERGY, IN INVINCIBLE DETERMINATION, IN THE STRONG WILL: BUT LEADERSHIP IS IN SACRIFICE, IN SELF-DENIAL, IN LOVE AND FEARLESSNESS AND IN HUMILITY AND DISCIPLINED WILL."

EMERGENCY CONFERENCE FOR NEW VOTERS

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November 6, 1971

come to chicago!

Brothers and sisters,

As we are all aware, the deceit concerning government policy both at home and abroad has seen no let up, and may in fact have increased, since the elections of 1968. The American people sent a man to the White House with the certain impression that he somehow possessed a "secret plan" for ending our involvement in Southeast Asia. Not a secret plan to reduce ground forces while escalating the air war, not a secret plan to kill more Asians at the cost of fewer whites, not a secret plan to end the war in four years--just a plan to end the war and end it quickly.

Now that same man is organizing to ensure his renomination in the Republican Party and the Democrats have maneuvered to nominate his mirror image. A great many observers--too many--have hailed the twenty-sixth amendment as the mechanism by which this kind of travesty can be prevented. They have focused on the new young voters and the McGovern Commission reforms to lead us to believe that at least the Democratic Party would be open to more popular control. In fact, it is possible that those reforms will only serve as a further deception of the American people.

No one is more genuinely enthusiastic about the McGovern Commission reforms than Mayor Daley himself. He now pledges to friends and associates to have the "youngest, blackest, most female delegation at the Democratic convention"--and they will all vote just as they are told.

Nothing could make the twenty-sixth amendment more meaningless than for the young and the poor to be forced by the major parties to "choose" between tweedledee and tweedledum. To combat this move, 100 Student Body Presidents have called an Emergency Conference to meet in Chicago, December 3-5 for the purpose of forming a youth caucus which in co-operation with the already formed black and women's caucuses will co-ordinate national efforts to select enough delegates to the nominating conventions to see that a candidate acceptable to the young and poor of America is nominated.

Only by immediate and concentrated organization can we hope to match the influence of the bosses who run our political parties. We are asking you to send representatives to Chicago and to encourage those with whom you come in contact to join us in this effort. If we move quickly, we can still affect the outcome of the conventions but time is not on our side. Call us. We need your help.

In peace,

Duane Draper

Duane Draper
Chairman

*This letter sent to
other groups which
should be interested*