

“Asian Caucus Says Social Work School is Racist,” Bettye Wells, May 8, 1973

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An article in the Daily Trojan from May 8, 1973 relayed how the Asian American Social Work Student Caucus released a statement criticizing the School of Social Work on its complicity in institutional racism. A major concern of these students was the lack of course content related to ethnic minorities. Students from minority groups felt exploited because they had to bring up their own experiences in class as a substitute for faculty engagement with these topics. The Caucus and other cultural organizations on campus had recently boycotted a series of optional seminars on minority populations because they felt these subjects should instead be covered inside course curriculums. The statement also charged some professors of racist behavior. The dean of the Social Work School, Maurice Hamovich, denied any charges of racism within the school and rejected the notion that students were being exploited. He responded that he hadn't heard specific complaints from students before this statement and asked students to be more specific about which professors' had been racist and how.

Two days later, on May 10, 1973 the Daily Trojan published that the Asian American Social Work Student Caucus retracted their charges of racism against the department. Caucus member Mariko Yamada contacted Dean Hamovich and relayed this information. Hamovich told the Daily Trojan that he had offered to speak with the caucus about these charges, an offer which they declined. He and other faculty members such as lecturer Herman Fogata argued against the notion that the Social Work School had a lack of course content on ethnic minorities. While the caucus' statement attributed any progress on the amount of minority related coursework to student activities, Hamovich credited the school's faculty for pushing for these changes. He also stated that he wished the students had come to the administration before releasing a public statement.

People today continue to push for the diversification of course content. Rather than setting aside discussions of race and ethnicity to outside events, students and faculty urge administrators to include this content within the classroom. When this doesn't happen, however, students from minority groups feel as though they must use their own lived experiences to bring minority-related subject matter into their courses. This article explores the feelings of student exploitation that can arise from this situation. Furthermore, it examines the different ways students can air their grievances about university policies, whether that's through a public statement or a private discussion with an administrator.



Asian caucus says social work school is racist

By Bettye Wells
associate editor

The School of Social Work is guilty of institutional racism and not incorporating ethnic content into the curriculum, representatives of the Asian American Social Work Student Caucus charged in a statement released Monday.

The statement also charged that what ethnic material that has been incorporated into the courses was presented by minority students, not their professors and that the students were being exploited as a result.

"The Asian American Social Work Student Caucus believes that while the onus of responsibility for ethnic content does not rest solely upon the faculty, the exploitation of the minority student as expert on his indigenous community is unethical and leaves the most important issue of competence in social work practice for minority group communities to chance," the statement said.

One spokesman for the

caucus, who asked to remain anonymous, said that minority students in social work face the dilemma of trying to make up for curriculum inadequacies by making some input into the class or refusing to do so and putting an end to what they say is exploitation.

According to the spokesman, minority students began requesting, then demanding, that ethnic material be included in the school's curriculum four years ago.

But Maurice Hamovitch, dean of the School of Social Work, said that no such demands were made. He said the changes had been instituted, but were the result of faculty initiative and not student pressure.

Hamovitch denied charges that the students were being exploited in the classroom. "Their complaint last year was that they weren't used enough and were being exploited," he said.

He added that all graduate students in social work are

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PEAS, CORN ... ANYONE? — When Marnie Jeffries, a former art student, set up a table to sell seeds outside the Commons Restaurant, Campus Security asked her to leave because she wasn't sponsored by a campus organization. Jeffries turned to the Law Students Assn. who decided to sponsor her. DT photo by Michael Sedano.

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Controversy arises over \$60,000 in past student programming fees

By Kari Granville
staff writer

The vote to initiate the Voluntary Student Association has given rise to a new controversy concerning \$60,000 that has been collected over the years through student programming fees.

At a student assembly meeting held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Student Activities Center to start planning the future government, arguments over the distribution of the money reigned.

Only nine students showed up at the meeting, making the decision to immediately freeze all student body funds and to have a complete auditing of all the books.

At the start of the meeting, Voluntary Student Association supporters called for a plan to give the money to the new student government so it could recruit members and start programs in the fall.

But members of the opposition proposed that the money be put into a general student

body fund to be used by student aid and other such programs.

Keith Keener, elections commissioner and chairman of the meeting, opposed the Voluntary Student Association supporters plan. He said, "In effect you would be taking money that was collected by all the students and giving it to a smaller group of students that is not representative of all the students."

As of now there is no indication as to when the new student government will be officially formed or when it will go into effect.

Keener pointed out, "Nobody is a member of VSA right now. Its supporters may not even join. And who knows, only three people may decide to pay the fees."

Keener also said he thinks that if the money is given to the Voluntary Student Association, certain elements on campus will challenge the allocation.

But he also stressed, "The Student Assembly had such a pitiful turnout. No one who had contested VSA during the election showed up."

Residence halls, Greeks split Songfest awards; 3,500 attend

By Mike Runzler
staff writer

Many months of work for hundreds of students came to an end Saturday evening as the 20th annual Songfest, "Can You Imagine," had its one-night-stand at the Greek Theater.

The audience of about 3,500 tried to imagine being warm in the cool night air, as 12 groups, 9 of them from the Row, performed onstage.

The Sweepstakes Award the top award of them all, went to Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Tau Lappa Epsilon fraternity, for their performance of "A World Without Love." Their production began as a mechanized, computeristic society, but transformed, amidst shouts from the cast, into a world of love. This group also won first place of choral division.

The winners list was dotted with entries from the dorms. A group from Men's and Women's Halls Association

took first place in the production division, while another group from the residence halls, Instant Heat, won second place honors in the small group division.

The Men's and Women's Halls Association sang and danced to "The Hobbit," with the men wearing tattered smocks and knickers of green and brown, and the girls wearing hooped smocks and tights of various shades of green.

Instant Heat performed to soul music, and radiated warmth to the audience.

Kappa Sigma fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority won second place in the choral division for their performance of "Sing Brotherly Love." They sang a three-song medley of original music that expressed brotherly love.

Second place in the production division went to Kappa Kappa Sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fratern-

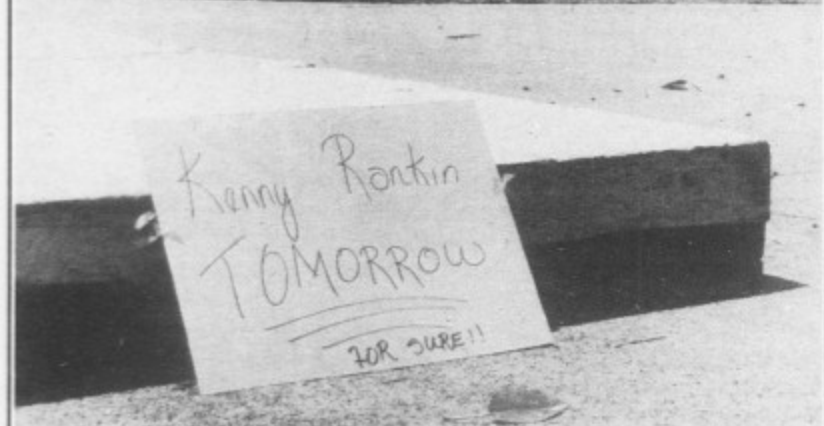
nity for "Prepare The Way," a number in which they celebrated God. Their director, Tom Wilson, received best director award for his work.

"Alive!" a production by Delta Delta Delta sorority and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity warned the audience that the pharmacist, with all his pills is not your friend. There is something better. After graphically showing the audience that beer will solve most anything, they were awarded third place in the production division.

John McKay, as emcee, began the evening and told humorous stories between the acts, as the stage crew quickly hustled sets.

But for hundreds of students, Songfest began many months ago. For just six minutes Saturday night, each group tried to prove to the audience that it was the best.

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Guitarist to perform

Kenny Rankin, a pop-music artist who was to perform on Monday, will be in the Student Activities Center Patio today at noon.

Rankin, a vocalist and guitarist, has recorded several singles and two albums.

Sandy Denny, a female folk singer, will perform Wednesday at noon in the Student Activities Center Patio.

Denny was voted Britain's number one female singer in the famed "Melody Maker" readers' poll in 1970 and 1971. She has recorded two albums bringing her total to seven, counting her ensemble work with Fairport Convention, Fotheringay and The Bunch.

Carol Kristy, a female vocalist, will be featured tonight through Saturday at the Bitter Ashtray located in the Grill.

Admission is \$1 for USC students with all performances beginning at 8 p.m.

Kristy recently completed a concert tour as the featured attraction with Rick Nelson. DT photo by Michael Sedano.

School of Education's dean to retire, but will continue teaching

Irving R. Melbo will retire as dean of the School of Education June 30, after 20 years in that position, but will teach an educational administration course next fall. He joined the education faculty in 1939.

Educare, the support group for the School of Education, honored Melbo at a dinner May 4 at the Ambassador Hotel, and the Education Alumni Assn. is raising funds to establish a chair in his honor at the School of Education.

"He has placed the university on the map," said Ruth Farrar, a former graduate degree advisor and secretary of Phi Delta Kappa, an educational fraternity.

"When he gives a speech," she said, "it is quoted throughout the nation." She said he doesn't make public speeches often, but when he does, he'll spend days preparing it, researching it and redrafting it.

Farrar said Melbo is a shy, intelligent man with far-ranging vision and has been an innovator in education. He has developed numerous programs, including those in teacher training, international education, special education and vocational rehabilitation counseling.

Two of his latest projects are an early childhood education center that is under construction and a learning resources center to contain the latest computerized and microfilmed information systems.

Melbo authored *Our America*, a text used in public schools and a two-volume set on the national parks.

A new dean will be named to replace Melbo when the selection process by the School of Education and university is completed.

Doheny staff to dim lights, protest cut of federal library funds

Doheny Library will be lit by candlelight today at noon for several minutes as the library staff protests the elimination of federal library appropriations.

The dim-out, to be staged only at the entrance to the library, will be part of a nationwide demonstration organized by the American Library Association, said Robert Haro, assistant librarian for public service.

Federal funding of libraries is now \$140 million. President Nixon wants the appropriation cut out altogether.

Almost \$60 million of the current appropriation goes to college libraries. Haro admitted that USC now receives no federal library aid, so the move is solely in sympathy for other libraries.

"It would cut out bookmobiles, programs for the aged ... it goes on and on," said Haro. "It particularly hurts the inner-city residents." He said that other campus libraries would not participate in the dim out because their lighting systems are not as easy to modify as Doheny's.

The dim-out will not extend beyond the library's entrance because of safety considerations.

Haro said the dim-out will not last beyond 12:15 p.m.

Asian student caucus charges School of Social Work with institutional racist policy

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required to present several papers and many of the topics chosen deal with ethnic problems.

"I can state categorically that one of the students have been

forced to present ethnic material in the class," he said.

Part of the conflict revolves around the issue of the variety of institutes that were held this spring to acquaint the faculty and students of the school with

many minority backgrounds, including Blacks, Chicanos, Jews and women.

Members of the Chicano and Asian-American caucuses boycotted them, claiming that such sessions, which were not compulsive, should not have been held in place of class discussions.

The spokesman also charged that some professors were racist or only gave lip-service to their commitment to introduce and discuss minority backgrounds in the classroom.

"Part of this (complaint) is just rhetoric. Hamovitch said. "They haven't been to see me about this at all."

He added that he has asked the students to be more specific in their accusations that some faculty members are racists.

Registration begins today

Registration for the fall, 1973, semester begins today. Students who have already received their registration packets from the registrar may pick up H cards from all departments.

Students who failed to request their packets by mail will be able to pick up their packets at the Registrar's Office beginning Wednesday.

On Thursday, all students will be able to begin returning materials to the registrar for the pulling of R cards.

Two former POW's will speak about experiences

Two former POWs will speak in Edison Auditorium in Hoffman Hall today at 4 p.m.

Lt. Colonel Robert W. Barnett and Captain John H. Nasmyth will talk about their experiences.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

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Captain Eugene W. Bricker, Commandant of Cadets, contacted Captain Nasmyth personally through George Putnam. Nasmyth has appeared many times on George Putnam's *Talkback* program on television.

Lt. Colonel Barnett came to AFROTC of his own accord and volunteered to speak. Barnett, a 1953 USC graduate, was a POW for more than five years. He was shot down in October, 1967.

Captain Nasmyth, from the University of Ohio, was shot down in September, 1966.

Service group seeks students

Sword and Shield, a sophomore women's organization, is sponsoring a membership drive through Saturday. Applications are available at Birnkrant, College, EVK and Student Activities Center desks.

The Bitter Ashtray (Coffeehouse in the Grill)

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RAY BRADBURY

DT photo by Roselle Vellis

Science fiction author suggests new concepts in urban planning

"We travel for surprise, we travel to be lost—make a city like that," said Ray Bradbury, the science fiction author, to a crowd of architecture majors on the east patio of Harris Plaza on Wednesday.

Los Angeles, said Bradbury, has no surprises. There are not enough parks, benches, trees, fountains and outdoor restaurants.

"We need places where we can pick each other up," said Bradbury. Hollywood Boulevard is a place people go but cannot meet each other, he said. He urged designing more facilities that employing bipedal transportation rather than automobiles.

Walt Disney was a great city-builder, said Bradbury. Disneyland is a city that moves 40,000 people with an efficient system of walkways and monorails. He also praised Disney's city in Florida.

Bradbury predicted that by the year 2,000,

there would be a major movement back to small towns.

He sees small cities of 35,000 people being rebuilt to include movies, theaters, culture centers and places for people to meet. Disneyworld in Florida will prove to be economically feasible and will set trends for other small cities, he said.

Bradbury is dismayed at the large number of buildings with no open windows or breezeways. Small windows necessitate more lights, which necessitate air conditioning, he said.

Bradbury grew up in a colder climate in the East. He is disappointed that many of the buildings in temperate downtown Los Angeles look cold and black with little or no windows.

"I am inventing a large robot dog to piss on these buildings," Bradbury said.

Letters announcing refund to be sent to 1971 football ticket holders

A letter will be sent to 1971 football season ticket holders in the near future saying that they will receive a refund of 50 cents.

The letter was drafted by Leonard Wines, executive

director of University Relations.

The university increased the price of the tickets by 50 cents after the Wage and Price Control freeze went into effect in August of 1971.

The increase was in violation of the freeze.

There are about 30,000 season ticket holders who will receive a letter. Those who bought their tickets at the gate will not receive a refund unless they saved their ticket stubs for two years and can present them.

After the letter was drafted it was sent to the Department of Justice for approval.

The Justice Department returned the letter with a few minor changes and suggestions. University attorneys redrafted it, made the necessary corrections and sent it out to the Justice Department once more for approval.

The letter is now in Washington and has not been returned.

Because of the costs involved in producing such a letter along with reply cards informing receivers that the refund may be donated to the university.

Racism charges retracted by Asian students

By Loren Ledin
associate editor

Charges of racist policy by the School of Social Work against minorities have been retracted, said Maurice Hamovich, the school's dean.

Hamovich reported Wednesday that Mariko Yamada, a member of the Asian Caucus of the School of Social Work, came into his office Tuesday after an article appeared in the *Daily Trojan* that said the Asian Caucus charged his school with racism.

"I asked her about it and she said the group did not want to make charges of racism. She was appalled, at least that is what she told me," said Hamovich.

He said the statement released by the Asian group to the *Daily Trojan* accusing the school of Social Work of leaving ethnic content out of the curriculum and some faculty members of racism, was available to all in his school in the form of a hand-out.

"I asked the group before if they wanted to come to my office and talk about their statement, but they said they would rather not," he said.

Asked why the statement appeared in the *Daily Trojan*, Hamovich said, "I think they wanted to publicize it."

Hamovich said he was disturbed that the statement would charge the school with not incorporating ethnic content into the curriculum. "There has been progress

made and it has been made by the faculty," he said.

The Asian Caucus said that students have been responsible for the progress.

Herman Fogata, a lecturer with the School of Social Work, said he was glad the students are concerned about racism, but disappointed at the specific charges.

"Charges that there is no ethnic content isn't true. There is ethnic content brought out into the classes. I know that this is something that the faculty is very concerned about," he said.

Part of the school's troubles stems from a series of caucuses held this spring.

Hamovich said the caucuses, a group of presentations given by separate ethnic groups, were the idea of students who wanted a change from the discussions held by faculty members in the fall.

Yet the Asian students boycotted the caucuses, saying they should not have been held in place of class discussions.

A large boycotting of the caucuses last Monday by Asian students apparently led to the drafting of a statement against the School of Social Work.

Fogata was surprised that the Asian students went to the *Daily Trojan* with their statement.

"I was surprised that they brought it out this way," he said. "They should have come to the administration."

Renaissance Faire will feature arts, crafts today

The Renaissance Faire, featuring strolling minstrels, homemade food and arts and crafts, begins at 10:30 a.m. today.

The fair gives people a chance to relax and enjoy the food, entertainment, sun and festive atmosphere that will prevail.

Craftsmen selling jewelry, ceramics and leatherwork will be present, along with a glassblower and girls selling halter blouses and dresses at lower prices than stores.

One person will be selling stringed instruments and flutes that he made himself.

Another person will be attaching rhinestones to clothes and selling clothes with rhinestones already on them.

There will be about 40 exhibit and food tables.

Three strolling minstrels will wander through Alumni Park playing chamber music.

The Padoor Denning Duo, a guitarist and flute player, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. the Teleman Trio, which includes a flute, mandolin and harpsichord, will play on the stage set up for the performers.



NOON CONCERT—Sandy Denny, a popular British singer and songwriter, performed for a large crowd in the Student Activities Patio on Wednesday. She was later joined by Fairport Convention, a group she used to perform with. DT photo by Dale Komai.