

UCSC Students Dissolve Their Government

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UCSC was left without a campus-wide student government Tuesday night when the Inter-College Board voted 5 to 1 to return its funds to the five colleges and the graduate division, and to undertake no further business. The resolution must be approved by the colleges and confirmed by the current members of the ICB at their first meeting in the winter quarter before it will take effect.

"By furthering something that should have been dead a long time ago, we're just creating problems for the future," commented ICB Chairman Marty Munoz. About 20 students, representing groups whose budget requests were still pending, argued for an allocation of funds before the dissolution. After several hours of stormy discussion, the ICB voted to dissolve without any more allocations.

Before dissolving, however, Inter-College Board spent \$1,000 on a concert series, and \$7500 to support four student projects, including Community Switchboard and the campus Child Care Center. Sixteen other student organizations, all seeking ICB support, were advised to seek their funds from the five colleges. Colleges receiving money from the defunct ICB will be instructed to follow ICB's guidelines for funding campus-wide organizations. Munoz reported that Howard Shontz, vice chancellor for student services, had agreed to the redistribution plan.

UCSC students will continue to pay \$1.50 per quarter in support of campus-wide student government. The fee was established by referendum in spring 1969 and approved again in spring 1970. The total compulsory quarterly fee for UCSC students is among the highest of the nine U.C. campuses — \$173 — broken down into \$150 registration and educational fee, \$8 for college membership and \$8 for student facilities, \$3.50 for transit systems, and \$3.50 for campus programs, including student government and the Educational Opportunities Program.

Inter-College Board, under almost continuous attack during its three-year existence, ended amid massive apathy. Last fall quarter its meetings were disrupted by noisy students carrying toy guns and wearing masks

to illustrate their skepticism about ICB's authority. In an effort to promote fiscal autonomy and responsibility, and to win the confidence of students, the Inter-College Board carried out extensive reforms in its funding procedures during winter and spring quarters, 1970. The board managed to win an increased control over student funds, and was approved in the same referendum that continued its fee support.

But the controversies at Berkeley over "reconstitution" of university facilities led to scrutiny of university regulations concerning student control of funds collected in the name of the Regents. So budget authorization was taken back from Inter-College Board and returned to Vice Chancellor Shontz. New ICB members arrived on campus in September to find their hard-won procedural autonomy eroded.

The crisis of the ICB this year led to the resignation of several members and the formal withdrawal from the organization by Stevenson College. In a letter signed by Stevenson Student Council Chairman Steve Raas, ICB was condemned: "ICB has abused the responsibility which the students of the university granted it," making reference to the \$1000 concert incident.

The letter continued: "We can no longer stand idly by, watching our welfare ignored and our rights usurped." Charging "gross mismanagement of its internal affairs," ICB's two Stevenson College representatives were withdrawn.

Two of ICB's most energetic members, Crown College representatives Reid Becker and Kathy Henry, agreed to dissolu-

tion with the following comments: "It has been said that the ICB was doomed to failure because of its structure. However, a structure, no matter what degree of sophistication, cannot be successful without the confidence of its constituency and the dedication of its members. Consequently, it is our feeling that the ICB should be dissolved with the hope that an organization will be created by the students when they feel a need for such an organization."

The earliest development of student government at UCSC tended away from the "associated students" style usually adopted by high schools and universities. Instead, student funds and participation were concentrated in each college. By 1968, three years after UCSC opened, the need for some campus-wide government and leadership was indicated by the proliferation of student groups with no college affiliation. To fill this vacuum, and to provide some kind of student representation akin to student body president, the Inter-College Board was created.

The primacy of the individual colleges, each sending two representatives to the campus-wide board, was always maintained. In its first year of existence, ICB depended entirely on Chancellor Dean McHenry for its meager treasury; after the first fee referendum, ICB's budget was still far less than the budgets of the colleges. This financial condition, along with its loose structure and indirect election of representatives, have been cited as reasons for its continued weakness.

Last year ICB made an attempt to provide services to

the students at UCSC by making free draft counseling available. But ICB was never able to offer the traditional "student union" facilities and services so common at universities with "associated students." During the discussion Tuesday, the suggestion of an "ASUC" for the Santa Cruz campus was made repeatedly, and some former ICB members have vowed to work for an "ASUC" to replace ICB.

The sudden dissolution has opened a chest of troubles. The status of the student representative, whose office is established by the same document that es-

tablished the ICB, is uncertain. Some ICB members pointed out that only the colleges can legally dissolve the board, according to its "Articles of Confederation", and ICB will continue to exist until the five colleges agree to the dissolution.

Unlike the noisy and colorful opposition of last year, ICB's major foes in the last 10 weeks have been a lack of self-confidence and discouraging apathy on the part of UCSC students. By voting to dissolve itself and return its treasury to the colleges, ICB has created another campus-wide vacuum and given

tremendous encouragement to the collegiate ideal of the Santa Cruz campus. The trend of decentralization and general disinterest in student politics, in the end, defeated UCSC's first efforts at campus-wide student government.

Representing Merrill College at the final meeting of ICB were Ed Escobedo and Marty Munoz, chairman, along with Kathy Henry and Reid Becker from Crown College, Jack Hornback and Janet Pollex from College V, and George Richards and Frank Zwart from Cowell College.

Inductees Quietly Depart

Nearly two dozen young men and women from the Draft Information Center and other local anti-war organizations gathered at the Greyhound Bus Terminal early this morning to demonstrate their support for five inductees who departed for the Oakland Army Terminal to begin military service.

One inductee told the anti-draft counselors that he did not intend to take the induction oath.

Each inductee was approached by anti-draft demonstrators and urged to resist induction. Gary Hunt, one of the sponsors of the action, explained, "We feel that we should go down and inform the inductees that there is draft counseling available, and that they don't have to go in the Army if they don't want to."

The demonstrators emphasized that the inductees "might never spend Christmas at home again."

Hunt said, "This is a hell of a time of year to go into the Army. It seems pretty close to Christmas to leave home. When I was in the service, Christmas meant a week off to spend in the barracks."

Only one inductee, asking to remain anonymous, agreed to resist at Oakland. He described himself as a conscientious objector, and said, "I don't want to die and I don't want to kill anybody. I don't think that this war is needed."

Another inductee, John Oncay, spoke briefly with demonstrators but turned down their advice. "I think it's fine," Oncay said, "as long as it stays quiet." Standing with his wife, mother and friends, Oncay commented

quietly: "We're ready for it, I guess."

Most of the inductees were nervous and apprehensive, but seemed resigned to induction. One young man, approached by anti-draft counselors, complained: "It's a little bit late for advice. I tried to contact you before but I couldn't find anyone."

The Oakland bus left without incident as the demonstrators grouped around their red, white and blue banner which proclaimed: "PEACE - REPEAL THE DRAFT - SANTA CRUZ." They saluted the departing bus with clenched fists and two-finger "V" - signs. One or two inductees returned the salute pleasantly as they passed.

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