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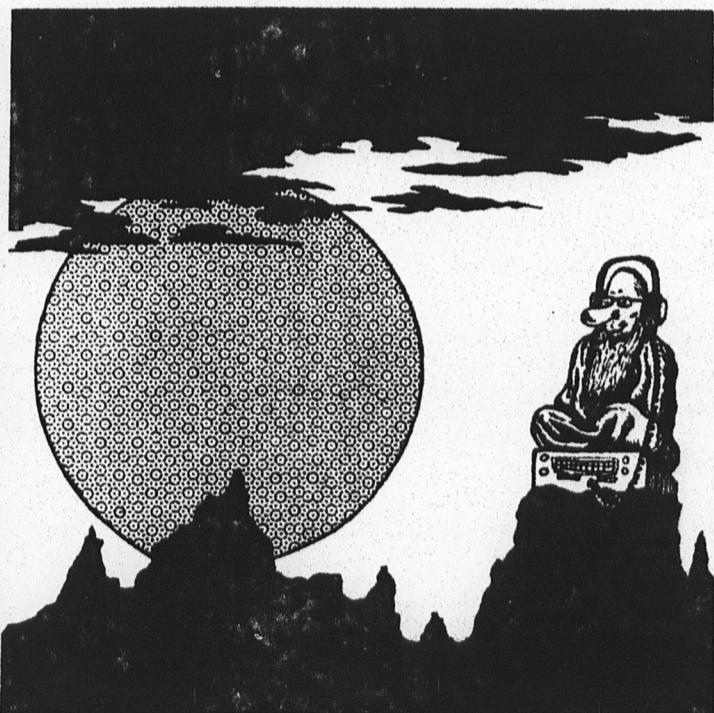
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THE CANDIDATES

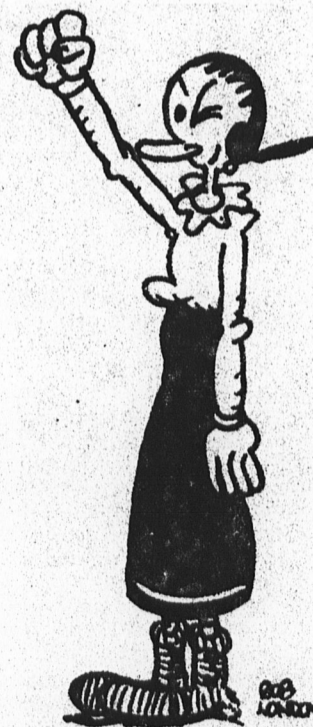
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Ques. Why should you be President of Student Government?

I feel that with the aid of a group of organized and involved students a lot can be done to make S.I.C.C. not only a scholastically high standard university but a school with a lot of really interesting extra - curricular activities.

If elected what will be the first thing you do?

I will answer that question a bit indirectly. At the present time I hold no office in the school and I am not affiliated with any organized groups. Some of the projects I am working on now are as follows: V.D. clinic set up for October 16th and October 17th (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) an educator from the Board of Health is coming to lecture on V.D. Manpower and facilities have been promised for anything health orientated. I consider the size of the child care waiting list to be indicative of immediate attention. In progress at present is the good possibility of "Special" buses coming to S.I.C.C. at certain hours of the day. The Local Chief of The T.A. is finding out what can be provided I have consulted him.

How do you feel towards the Student Body of this school?

Speaking as a member of the student body and having the same responsibilities and similar goals as many people attending school here, I feel that certain all-round improvements can be made to make this a better school. A Student Government that will represent what the students want I believe will bring about good changes.

What credentials do you bring to this office?

That is a question I hope to answer without sounding really strange. Well I'm 21 have worked in Manhattan in positions of considerable responsibility and attended college simultaneously. I've travelled around the country quite a bit and lived in California for 7 months. I consider that a credential only because I have seen other peoples way of doing things and possibly we may want to incorporate some of their ideas with ours. I am presently a nursing student and I believe that studying Yoga for 3 years helped me to realize that it would be a good field for me because I get satisfaction from helping people. The reason I decided to run for Presidential Candidate is because all of the Suggestions for school improvements I'd been given from fellow students I've looked into and they can be achieved relatively easy. I would like to spend some of my time and energy in seeing that these things get done. The most important thing now is that we organize as a student government so the funds which are rightfully ours can be allocated as we see fit. I am hoping that you all will vote for me to represent you. LOVE

Louise (Louise Jurkops)

Just a smile

A Passage way to affinity

Allowing another souls entrance

SIDNEY KITAIN

Dear Commissioner of Elections:

This is to verify that Sidney Kitain has been an outstanding citizen since he started on the program June 30, 1970.

He is in fact not an addict, but considered a person receiving legal medication. He has never violated the program by having a positive in his urine, which means that he has stopped using any form of illegal narcotic since he was accepted on the program.

Mr. Kitain did in fact start on a formal plan of reduction of his medication and has formally requested to be taken off the Methadone program as he feels he is strong enough to do without any crutch. We, at Beth Israel feel the same about Sidney.

Our staff here at Phase III wish Mr. Sidney Kitain all the best in any endeavor he seeks to attempt and feel this is just one of many successes he will have in his career.

AN OPEN LETTER TO EVERY DAY STUDENT.

FROM SIDNEY KITAIN

Dear Student,

Help me with your vote to set precedent in the United States as the first college to elect as their Student Government President, an ex-addict and one who is now on the Methodone Program.....

These two factors will set in motion the eliminating of the stigma and the elevating of thousands upon thousands of people who have had a similar problem to the status of first class citizens.

Let us tell the elders who have put this stigma on all of us, that we no longer use their value system to judge the worth of a persons past.

SID KITAIN

What do you think are the most Important issues in the Campaign?

The Day Care Center. I promise to get more space. Even if I have to reshuffle priorities because Day Care is essential. Other club members are already in College but parents with children need the center to make it possible for them to go to school and have their children adqutely cared for. The waiting list is up to hundreds, which means that possibly 100's of parents can't attend S.I.C.C.

How will you appoint people for positions if elected?

I will set a precedent in the hiring policies of all positions in Student Government by having open interviews for all applicants, including the 8 commissions which must be given to the senators- All jobs will be given on merit alone.

FRANK EHLERS

Frank Ehlers, Write-In Candidate

Ques. Why are you running for President of Student Government?

Ans. I am running because if anything is to be done around here I can't rely on anyone else to do it. If there is anything I've learned, it's to rely on my own initiative. I didn't really want to run, but after watching the election shape up, I felt that no matter who won, nothing would change because the President would still be dictator of the Student Government. As a result I missed the original ballot and consequently I am a write-in candidate.

Ques. What have you done in the past that you feel shows you responsible for, and interested in, the needs of the student?

Ans. Twice last year and once this year we had three major issues on this campus. During the budget crisis last semester a group of students, including myself, attempted to educate and mobilize the students, to unfortunately little avail. I initiated, drew up, and had the students vote on a mandate demanding that President Birenbaum humanitarianly deny access to this campus to all military recruiters. The Marines conveniently disappeared that day when 600 outraged students mobilized, and presented this mandate to the President. The power of a united student body was manifested on that day since the subsequent visits of armed forces recruitment teams were cancelled. During this very election, Bill Birenbaum, our President, arbitrarily set a grade average of 2.5 for presidential candidates and 2.0 for senators. Against this in principle, at a meeting of all candidates running for office, I again initiated a mandate duly voted upon by the candidates informing Birenbaum, at 7:30 AM last Wednesday, that if these arbitrary standards were not rescinded as of 8:00 AM that day, the majority of candidates for office would refuse to run. A grade average is not a requirement in this election.

Ques. What do you intend to do about the Day Care Center?

Ans. The Day Care Center is presently funded as a club receiving limited funds and space. It is inadequate! The faculty and staff should bare part of the financial responsibility by paying a graduated fee by income. The Student Government appropriations will fund the students increased share of this responsibility.

Ques. Why are you running as head of a coalition?

Ans. Because this coalition represents students diametrically opposed to dictatorial imposition by anyone, and any standards not democratically voted upon by the student body.

Ques. How do you feel about the prices in the cafeteria and the book store?

Ans. They're both outrageous! The cafeteria presents a very special problem which we are currently analyzing. However, we now have a solution to the problem of the bookstore. The bookstore will be purchased by Student Government funds. Books will be sold at cost, bought back and again sold at the end of the semester for 80% of their original value. The profit differential of 20% purchases the new books necessary. The following semester the same book will be rebought and resold at 80% of its cost. In essence, a ten dollar book in good condition will be sold back at eight dollars and repurchased at eight dollars at the end of the semester. At the end of the second semester, it will be repurchased and sold at six dollars. At the end of the third semester, it will be repurchased and sold for four dollars. Books no longer needed by the students will be given to needy educational facilities. Workers will be Financial Aid students.

Ques. How does the student vote for you on the write-in ballot?

Ans. Slot No. 8 on the ballot has a line labelled "Write-In" and there you write Frank Ehlers.

STEVE BARONE

Last year Jackson ran the Student Government with an attitude some what of dictator. The distribution of funds did not meet the needs of the students and various organizations. That is her denial for funds that the majority of the student body requested for a bus trip to Albany to demonstrate a proposed budget cut.

I was a senator and helped start this movement towards a trip to Albany because I understand and see the need for student involvement.

Why do you seek the position of President of Student Government?

I feel that there is a need for change, and those changes should not come about by working with dirty politics.

Some stands-

I feel the Student Government President should not place himself in a superior position above the students, but work with them to bring about togetherness and student power.

All student publications should have freedom of press without the threat of a stoppage of funds for speaking the truth.

How do you plan to deal with the administration?

In the past the administration laughed at the students internal fighting and confusion and untogetherness. Discussions should be kept private, not from the students but from the administration until a firm plan of action can be decided upon.

Also stated he would not kiss ass. (ha ha)

How do you feel about the manner in which the campaign is being conducted?

Sidney Kitain has the student body, psychologically at his advantage to react accordinally at the ballot due to his mass publicity around the campus. He began printing material three week prior to the start of school and therefore has a three week start in matters of publicity, plus his pull in the Graphics Center.

No student should vote for a name, but a candidate with a powerful platform.

STEVE BARONE

THE COALITION

COALITION PLATFORM FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Last Spring, faced with the most corrupt, dictatorial and Administration-centered Student Government at SICC in recent years, a coalition was formed. This coalition included members of several womans' groups, the Black Student Union, the Puerto Rican Student Union, Students for a Democratic Society, Day Care Center Parents, Special Admissions Students and others. We formed to win back student control of the Student Government and for the demands listed below. The Administration responded by...

- a) Having the Government simply cancel the Spring Elections
- b) Secretly seizing the Government powers over the Summer
- c) Rewriting the Student Government Constitution
- d) Rescheduling Elections for the fourth week of the Fall Semester

In this act of usurpation the Administration made it impossible for any serious opposition to organize and/or inform the new Students as to what's happening at the school, or to run for Election with any type of real challenge.

We invite all Students to join us in making the Administration feel the weight of our power. Help us make Student Government an organization that will really fight for Student interests. This Coalition makes no ridiculous promises. The sole purpose of the Coalition is to take power away from the Administration and put it back in the hands of the Students where it belongs. If the Coalition succeeds in attaining power, these are the programs which we hope to initiate.

Democracy in Student Government--Open meetings, publications of finances and all important information bi-monthly, an end to censorship and harassment of student publications and clubs, immediate recall of undesirable representatives, and public rewriting of the president's fake "student power" constitution.

Day Care on Demand--With a minimal charge for all students, faculty and staff.

Free Comprehensive Medical Care and/or Individual Medical Insurance--not a doctor who is only "allowed" to serve school team members. And a serious program to get hard drugs out of school.

A Cognizant Anti-Racism Bill--a long-range fight against racist medical care, slave-labor welfare programs, police harassment of minorities, and an end to racist texts, teachers, hiring practices and financial investments in schools, such as CUNY investments in South Africa and Rhodesia.

More Financial Aid--This year the state is more serious than ever about raising tuition and cutting the education budget, forcing students out of school and further worsening the conditions in the schools. We need a Student Government that will help fight this, not keep us in the dark and prevent us from fighting, as Student Government did last year.

Student Jobs, Housing and Related Services

Fight Sexism In the Schools--an end to special fees, pink and blue job aptitude tests, sexist tests and courses, etc.

Support For Workers and Community Groups fighting for better conditions.

No Military Recruiters on Campus--Last year 600 students forced Marine and Army recruiters to cease hiring officers on campus; we feel that this should become permanent official policy.

Make the Books Store Into a Co-Op and make the Cafeteria into a Student-Owned Concession.

THE COALITION

- Frank Ehlers - write in candidate for President
- Larian Angelo - for Senate, Dist. No. 3
- Joan Boden - for Senate, Dist. No. 14
- Ed Jagacki - for Senate, Dist. No. 16
- Steve Baronie - for Senate, Dist. No. 18
- Jeff Hunt - for Senate, Dist. No. 5
- Joe Hamill - for Senate, Dist. No. 15 Freshman
- Mary DeRosa - for Senate, Dist. No. 1
- Susan An Smith - for Senate, Dist. No. 10
- Bill Ryan - write in for Senator at Large
- Allen Walsh - write in for Senator at Large

An attempt was made to get in touch with all candidates. The ones interviewed in this special issue were the ones available.

THE EDITOR

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