

Ramparts Reveals CIA Control; Students And Government Talk

The United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was described Wednesday by Ramparts magazine, as exerting so much control over the National Student Association (NSA) "that it treated NSA as an arm of United States foreign policy."

The NSA has 1,300,000 members on 300 affiliated campuses. There has been some talk of the ASUN joining the organization but no action has been taken.

Ramparts magazine stated that for ten years the CIA had used the NSA as an organization to gather anti-Communist intelligence.

It was charged by Sam Brown, a Harvard divinity student who is chairman of the NSA's national supervisory board, that NSA officials were put under "fantastic pressures" not to reveal the association's CIA link.

However, past presidents of the NSA said Saturday that association officials were not "trapped" into working for the CIA.

One former president said "It is preposterous to say we were coerced into taking the money. Most people thought it was a good idea, because it gave us the ability to carry out the goals of the organization."

W. Dennis Shaul, president of NSA in 1962-63, said that the revulsion felt by NSA officers towards the CIA link resulted from diminished Cold War tensions.

Other factors named by Shaul were the disclosures of the CIA's secret activities and the increasing opposition of college students to the Federal government and its institutions.

CIA Discovered

In a story by the Collegiate Press Service (CPS) it was stated that the story broke as a result of a full-page advertisement for the

March issue of Ramparts magazine in Tuesday's New York Times and Washington Post.

The author of the article, which claimed to disclose CIA infiltration of student groups is Michael Wood, who was fired as an NSA staff member last September.

In a statement Tuesday afternoon, NSA confirmed a financial connection with the CIA, and the State Department admitted the two-year association at a press conference.

Ramparts magazine stated that NSA staff members would report to the CIA on international student leaders that they met abroad.

This helped the CIA in evaluating the political tendencies of prospective political leaders in critical areas of the world," according to Ramparts.

For this information, the CIA was reported to have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to the NSA and provided draft deferments for its staff members.

In the CPS release the NSA's statement regarding the relationship was:

"The relationship apparently originated because the CIA believed that a strong American national union of students acting internationally was in the national interest.

"The funds from the CIA supported a number of projects, assisting student groups abroad and partially supporting the staff necessary to maintain continuing contact with student organizations in other countries."

The statement continued, by saying that in 1965 the officers of NSA were "intolerable, and inconsistent with the ideal of an open, democratic student organization."

The statement concluded

saying: "It is distressing that the revelation will damage innocent people and make the work of the NSA difficult if not impossible. The use of private organizations by the CIA must be terminated."

The Government's explanation of the CIA involvement was that financing was needed in order to send United States student representatives to student gatherings abroad at which well supported Communist students were making inroads with their government's support.

President Johnson, Wednesday, ordered a review of any government activities "which might endanger the integrity and independence" of America's educational institutions.

In Congress, Sen. Ralph Yarborough (Dem., Tex.) presented a bill which would provide financing for travel to international youth conferences by selected students.

In addition, Yarborough's bill would call for an inquiry into CIA operations by the Senate Education subcommittee.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy (Dem., Minn.) stated that he was considering a resolution asking the Senate to appoint a special committee to probe the CIA's involvement in "domestic affairs and institutions."

As a result of the disclosure of the CIA's involvement with the NSA, an American exchange student was called out of Poland just before the involvement was made public.

Roger Pulver was attending the University of Krakow when NSA cabled him to attend an emergency meeting in London.

"If they had learned we were backed by the CIA, they would have put Roger in jail and thrown away the key," according to Roger Cutner, an NSA official.



DEDICATION . . . of the Abel-Sandoz dormitory complex featured a speech by Chanceller Clifford Hardin, tours of the dorms and a luncheon for the families of George P. Abel and Mari Sandoz on Sunday afternoon. The complex houses 1,604 University students.

Limited Enrollment . . . Pass-Fail Mistakes Due To Restrictions

Only a few students who registered for courses under the new pass-fail system have not received them with the pass-fail privileges, according to Tom Van Velson, registration systems analyst.

"If a student knows he hasn't received the class under the pass-fail system and it was marked pass-fail on his worksheet, he should come to room 111, Administration Building and see someone on the registration staff," Van Velson said.

"We will make the necessary alterations so that it's right," he said.

Although exact figures weren't available, he said the small number of errors was due to the restrictions that limit pass-fail enrollment.

Only students who have attained junior standing are eligible to take certain pass-fail courses that are not in the student's major or minor field. The class can not count toward group requirements.

If a student who signed up for the pass-fail privileges is not listed with the instructor as having those privileges, one of three items could be responsible for the error, he said.

The student could have either failed to indicate on his registration worksheet that he was taking the class under the new system or he could have failed to mark the P-F clearly on the sheet.

The error also could have occurred if the registration personnel failed to place the P-F symbol on the student's class punch card.

"Many times, the cards of students registered under the system would go to key-punch operators who failed to make a separate punch in the card indicating the student was registered with pass or fail privileges," said Irma Laase, assistant registrar.

Van Velson added that although the tuition statements would not indicate the student's pass or fail courses, the pre-registration worksheet and the classroom instructor's student roster would contain that information.

Mrs. Laase said about 50 students changed from the pass-fail system back to grades or vice-versa during the scheduled audit period at the beginning of the semester.

She concluded by saying that "anytime a new system is initiated there are bound to be errors."

Keys For Seniors Are Working Out Fine

The senior key system appears to be working out well in houses and dorms involved.

"If things continue to go as well with the system, it may be expanded to include 21 year old juniors," stated Carol Bischoff, senior key chairman.

The key committee is now in the process of compiling evaluation sheets for the chairmen, seniors involved in the program, house mothers and residence directors.

The questionnaires will probably go out in a few weeks through the House of Representatives.

Housemothers, and residence directors appear to be very much in favor of

the system. Mrs. Oda Shepard, Chi Omega housemother feels that the system is "working out just fine."

Girls are coming in at 1 or 1:15 a.m. just so they don't have to rush back, she added.

According to Mrs. Margo LeRoy, Delta Gamma housemother, the keys are an added convenience during the week.

As the doors are locked at 11 p.m., a girl won't have to sit up in order to admit a senior who has 12 midnight hours. Many girls are checking our keys expressly for this purpose.

Kappa Alpha Theta housemother, Mrs. Dwan Williams agrees that the senior key system is working out "very well." She does feel, however, that all seniors involved in the system should be 21, and is relieved that all her seniors are of age.

Mrs. Williams stated that the average time the girls are returning is between 1:30 and 2 a.m.

Mrs. Virginia Gallamore, housemother of Love Memorial Hall, feels that the senior key system is not necessary in her living unit as there are only three seniors. The system has not been abused, she added.

In general, the system does not appear to be abused in any living unit, and the girls are coming in "at a reasonable hour," added one housemother.



The new officers of East Union Program Council are: Mike Nerud, president; Tom Spiker, vice president; Georgia Stevens, secretary; and Gail Skinner, treasurer.

Petitions, Marches Protest Rising Costs of Education

Increased tuition and dormitory rates brought adverse student reaction at a number of universities as students continued to protest the rising cost of higher education.

More than 1,500 University of Colorado students signed a petition circulated by the Committee on University Tuition protesting a threatened increase in both in-state and out-of-state tuition.

The petition was circulated among both faculty and students, according to the Colorado Daily.

A representative to the state legislature had arranged to meet with the president of the Associated Students of the University of Colorado to consider the student protest.

Students at the University of Utah have asked the Utah Legislature to remove the sales tax on textbooks.

The Legislative Relations Committee formed by the student government plans to urge the legislature to amend a state law regulating tax exemptions on sales to government, religious and charitable organizations.

The student's proposed amendment is based on the principle that education should not be taxed.

Increased staff salaries

and higher food costs and need for new dormitories caused more than a 10 percent hike in dormitory rates at Iowa State, the Iowa State Daily reports.

More than 3,300 University of California students marched to the State Capitol steps to protest Governor Regan's proposed tuition for higher education.

Student arguments against increased tuition noted that college training may benefit an individual financially but it should be seen as a general social good which enables an individual to better serve all citizens economically, politically and culturally.

In addition higher education does not lead automatically to increased earning power, as in the case of a college teacher.

Furthermore, they argue, tuition would force many

families to abandon thoughts of higher education for their children.

About 50 Canadian schools have joined a national campaign to end all tuition fees and also to win government supported salaries for students.

More than 1,000 students marched on the British Columbia legislature in support of a brief that urged free tuition, student salaries and equalization grants to cover travel expenses and extra living costs for out-of-town students who attend school in an urban area.

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Tiemann To State Requests

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former Gov. Frank Morrison in December, Hardin told Morrison and Tiemann that the University "could begin to slip and slip rapidly" without significant increased support from the state.

The Chancellor also commented at the hearings that University tuition should be "kept at as low a level as possible."

When the Regents unveiled the operating budget proposals last September, Regent Benjamin Greenburg said the budget was designed to allow the University to "catch-up and keep-up" deficient programs.

The increased aid asked in the operating budget repre-

sents a 91.48 per cent increase over the 1965-67 appropriation.

The University has been forced to ask the Legislature for a supplemental appropriation to make up for low funds this biennium. The bill dealing with the request, LB440, is pending in the Unicameral.

In announcing the budget figures, Greenburg asserted the University "has reached a moment of truth and crisis."

The Regents cited burgeoning enrollments, doubled in the past seven years, increased competition for quality faculty and increased needs of the state as primary reasons for the funds asked.

Part of the University's budget proposal outlined the

development of a comprehensive engineering research center at the University.

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People To People Cuts Number Of Committees, Outlines Activities

A streamlined organization and more informal activities were among the changes formulated at the People-to-People board meeting Sunday, according to Pam Kot, the new president.

"This year we hope to incorporate more students than ever into the program," she said. "The purpose of People-to-People (PTP) is to help foreign students adjust to the university environment but we would like to see more American students involved also."

"The program cannot be effective without meaningful interrelationships between foreign and American students," she added.

"In order to make PTP more efficient we have made it more compact," Miss Kot continued. "There will only be three committees this semester—social, publicity, and student-to-student."

"Also, we've added international students to the PTP Board as co-chairmen of two committees," she added. "The co-chairman of the social committee will be Juan Bidart and the co-chairman of the Student-to-Student committee will be Robbie Manikala."

Miss Kot noted that the main event of PTP this semester will be the interna-

tional Buffet to be held April 16. "It will be similar to the one held last fall," she said.

"Sometime this semester we will begin a survey into the possibilities of housing foreign students from other countries in fraternities and sororities as guests," Miss Kot continued.

"We hope to establish a weekly coffee hour in one of the church student cen-

ters on the campus," she said. "It will have an informal atmosphere and students will be able to come and go as they please."

"This spring, the Student-to-Student committee will correspond with foreign students that plan to attend the university next fall," Miss Kot added. "They will also assist them with housing problems when they arrive."

Steen Will Speak At Unicorn Meet

Bill Steen, owner of the Heroic Bookstore, will be the featured speaker at the UNICORN meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Nebraska Union.

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