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THE SLATE'S CIVIL LIBERTIES PROGRAM

FREE SPEECH: Why did Ex Com co-sponsor the National Chairman of the Republican Party on campus and refuse to co-sponsor the National Chairman of the Independent Socialist League? THE SLATE believes Ex Com was right in sponsoring a Republican speaker. Ex Com should encourage the free expression of ideas on campus. THE SLATE believes Ex Com was wrong in not sponsoring a Socialist speaker, because by doing this they have limited the free expression of ideas on campus. THE SLATE condemns Ex Com for the political partisanship this episode reveals. THE SLATE believes Ex Com should encourage free speech by impartially presenting speakers representing all points of view.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: THE SLATE believes Ex Com should petition the Regents to exempt conscientious objectors from ROTC. Both the draft and half of the Land Grant colleges recognize the right of conscientious objection. This basic religious freedom should also be recognized on this campus.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM: THE SLATE proposes that an "Academic Freedom Committee" similar to the Faculty Committee on Academic Freedom be established. This body would make inquiries on such matters as the existence of security dossiers on students, publish reports, and stimulate action on academic freedom.

THE SLATE proposes an expanded Academic Freedom Week program. The ASUC would present a number of partisan speakers on social and political topics. Professors would speak on the barriers to intellectual freedom. Student panels would comment on the fears and insecurities that restrict their academic freedom.

FREEDOM FROM FEAR: THE SLATE proposes that the ASUC investigate the nature and extent of faculty and administration cooperation with the FBI in clearing former students for government jobs. THE SLATE believes that Ex Com should propose that the student-faculty relationship be made "privileged". It would thus become private, like a doctor-patient or a lawyer-client relationship.

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT & ASSOCIATION: THE SLATE congratulates Ex Com for passing the Miller resolution against loyalty oaths for university employees.

THE SLATE believes that this program for civil liberties on campus is essential to create the intellectual climate in which a full and free marketplace of ideas can exist. Of all areas in society, the University should be this marketplace. Students must take an active responsibility in maintaining and extending it.

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