

SLATE conclave finds structure accord

The SLATE convention resolved a major difference over structure. The majority proposal for a constitution was adopted but it included the key minority demands.

The majority plan set up a system of Action committees to work on projects such as international and national affairs, student welfare, and civil liberties. It also provided for a monthly General assembly which would decide SLATE policy, and established a Coordinating committee to implement these policy decisions.

The two key minority demands which provided for a caucus system within SLATE, and for minority representation on the Coordinating committee were adopted as amendments to the majority proposal.

While debate was heated on structure, the card-waving delegates were in general agreement on issues.

The last action of the convention was to elect a Coordinating committee including advocates of both the minority and majority positions. Rick White and Pat Bellamy of the minority caucus captured SLATE Rep-at-large positions, and Pat Hallinan and JoAnn Fowler of the majority caucus were elected vice-chairman and administrative officer.

The Coordinating committee met Saturday and announced that SLATE Action committee would be convened during the coming week. The meetings will be open to all interested students.

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Teacher discusses beat generation, SLATE

"The Beat Generation is no longer quite as beat—it's finally getting the sludge out of the system," declared William Friedland, Associate in Social Science.

Speaking to the SLATE banquet at Stebbins Saturday he noted that "SLATE represents the need to act and to protest."

SLATE means that students

aren't going to conform any more.

He maintained that "the striking thing about the last election was the complete vapidness of campaign programs. Except for the SLATE program there was a lack of meat. This was just what the faculty and graduate students found interesting in SLATE."

As for the proper realm of student activity he noted that "a student organization should address itself to the price of hamburgers and books, as well as worrying about H-bomb tests."

In an aside on the ASUC he ironically said: "This is the only major campus that I have been in contact with in recent years where the student store sells
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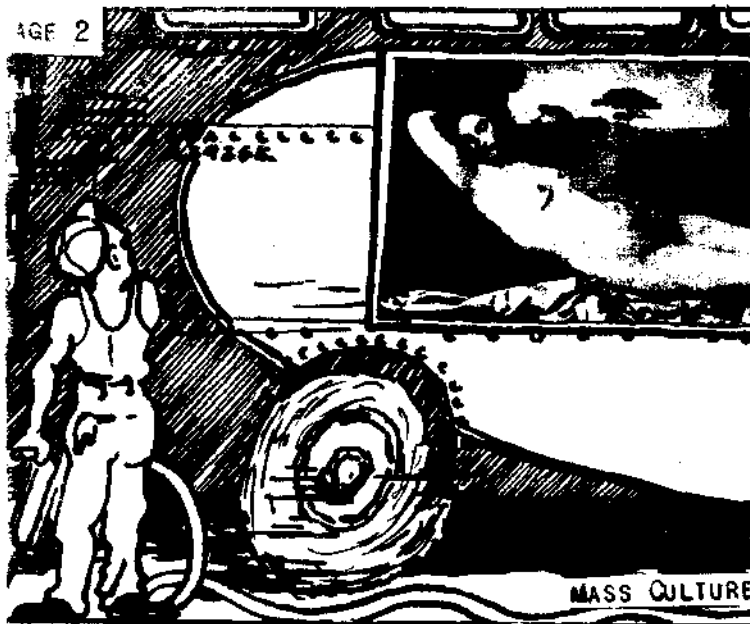
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books at list to students and gives faculty discounts.

Friedland predicted that "SLATE does not have a bright future if it can't overcome two main problems."

The first is to win a series of elections, if SLATE is to alter the composition of the ASUC bureaucracy and guarantee the correct implementation of its decisions.

The second problem, of living with the Administration was analyzed in terms of a student government that "exists at the whim of the Administration."

Friedland said, "Some Administrators are alarmed at the conformity of students and may tolerate students revolting a little bit," he also remarked, "I have never yet met an Administrator who will let any power slip away. No Administrator would be in favor of a viable, potent student government."

He concluded that if SLATE wished to make its changes effective it could "not be so radical as to call down the wrath of the University Administration."

He remarked that since students are here primarily for an education, and since University education should embody the highest values of the society than "students must be moral men."

Friedland concluded by congratulating SLATE for not "engaging in the cheap, chintzy actions of borrowing registration cards" and for taking a moral point of view.

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'Mass Culture' — pros and cons

Mass Culture: The Popular Arts in America, edited by Bernard Rosenberg and David Manning White. Three copies available in RPR. Call number E170 R67.

The millenium is with us. After a grubby beginning, Homo sapiens (the American version) has at last gained sufficient control of natural forces to fill his physical needs with a modicum of time expended; there is much leisure time for all. Thus, barring a catastrophe on the order of another Republican Depression or the Second Coming, we of America may now commence to live the Good Life. The spirit of man progresses; Everyman makes tryst with the Muse.

But, in fact, our expected spiritual evolution has been somewhat retarded. In his introduction to Mass Culture: The Popular Arts in America, a selection of forty-nine readings on the social effects of the mass media, co-editor Bernard Rosenberg says that the American people have rejected the patrician Muse and turned to her vulgar offspring, popular culture.

And the effects of this choice may well be disastrous, according to Rosenberg and the majority of authors. They feel that present-day television, advertising, radio, movies, and books of the Spillane genre are strongly conducive to such things as the loss of individual autonomy, brutalization of the senses, and the loss of canons of taste, with resulting standardization.

This, they say, is not merely an Orwellian dream of our future world; they ask us to look at America today.

However, a small minority of the writers, including co-editor David Manning White, feel that the mass media are not necessarily of negative value, and that with effort and vigilance

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Poetry . . .

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Ideals fervent,
none subservient,
sensitivity impervient,
we print the news.
Minds willing,
goals fulfilling,
but staffers killing,
we print the news.
Situs horrible,
conditions deplorable,
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