

ATL professor resigns in protest

To the Editor:

The offensive tone of Dean Edwin Carlin's response to the AAUP's urgent appeal for professional reappraisal of ATL departmental procedure is neither commendable nor defensible. No department with clearly defined policies and procedures for judging its faculty members' qualifications and contributions need fear the terms of the AAUP recommendations. Only those departments which, like ATL, have conducted their affairs in a manner which, at best, is bewildering to those who must submit to its results, will cry "irresponsible" and "incompetent" to the professional and humane counsel of the AAUP statement. I regret the insult offered its colleagues by University College.

My own protest against unprofessional treatment has been so strong that I have resigned from the staff of University College even though I have no assurance of employment after January 1. The dismissal of Instructors Groat, Lawless, and Fogarty, in method alone, lends distressing corroboration to my earlier charges of ill-defined procedures.

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B.T. Bungles

To the Editor:

It could have been a rather impressive article. Beverly Twitchell (B.T., not to be confused with B.L.T.) could have been a rather impressive reporter. But she wasn't.

It wasn't so much what B.T. said--it's just that she didn't know what it was all about, the General Assembly, that is.

I realize I am inviting all sorts of disaster by disagreeing with B.T. the State News ASMSU Expert. After all, B.T. is the Voice of Student Board and to question her pronouncements is almost treasonous, if not sacrilegious.

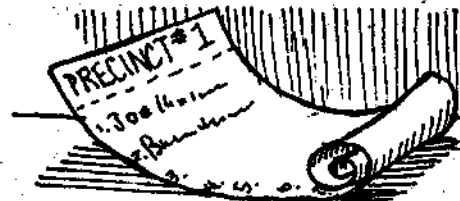
However, since I, as a G.A. representative, take B.T.'s criticisms rather personally, I think it is only right that I air my side of the story.

a representative from a Greek living unit, or a smaller residence hall, leading to an inaccurate measure of that student opinion. After all, my vote should represent the residents, not the building. Furthermore, reapportionment does not imply an increase in the total number of representatives, but merely what it says, a reapportionment of representation. Be assured, B.T., we non-Greeks do not fear a Greek uprising. After all, we are all Spartans, are we not?

Secondly, and more important, I must deal with B.T.'s assessment of the G.A. itself. True, the G.A. is not a governing body. Neither is it a rubber stamp approval of the antics of B.T.'s friends on the Student Board. There are those of us who came informed and who came prepared to check Student Board and its noble, if not somewhat Divine, aspirations. There are those of us who, feeling our small dose of power, warn the Student Board that they had better listen to the students if they wish to avoid a referendum on every campus issue. We will not accept the patronizing, condescending attitude of the Student Board members. We ask instead "What are they afraid of?" Why do they feel compelled to limit this G.A. to only two meetings a term? Are they afraid that when faced with their responsibilities, they will be unable to handle them? Accept the G.A. for what it is, a means of establishing better rapport between the students and the Student Board. It is not merely a subject for B.T.'s Feature of the Week and neither the students nor the Student Board should be misled by her assessment of it.

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P.S. Why can't all State News reporters write as informatively and interestingly as Roberta Yaffie?



for a community swimming pool. Both of these were made up almost entirely of university student population.

Three precincts approved the \$500,000 bond for a community park project. Again these were made up primarily of student voters living on campus and in married housing.

The above statements are true, but what the article didn't state was the fact that only property owners were allowed to vote on these proposals. After checking with the City Clerk's Office, I found that only eight voters in one of the above mentioned precincts and seven in another were property owners therefore making them the only qualified voters on these issues in their precincts.

What percentage of the student voters were property owners in their precincts and therefore eligible to vote on said proposals?

I also might add that the City Clerk's Office stated that several other calls had come in concerning this article and questioning its accuracy.

Linda L. Brown
Student Wife

Leader not Dictator

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to an article in the State News of October 24, which was entitled "Outcome of referendum won't affect Graham's vote." In this article Graham is quoted as stating that as the leader of the student government he must vote his conscience, "rather than simply reflect student views."

His statement brings to mind the question of just what type of government ASMSU is. From Graham's statement it appears to be dictatorial. If it is supposed to be a democratic form of government, Graham has made a serious mistake in his duties as a leader.

In a democracy the leader is entitled to his own views and his own conscience--but these views do not have to be the views that the leader abides by in his official duties. Going back to the article which declared Graham's views, how does Graham know his views are correct? What

more of their opinions. Maybe then we wouldn't hear cries about student apathy in campus government.

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