

# ELECTION ISSUE

# STUDENT SOCIALIST

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## MARTINSON FOR REP-AT-LARGE

### HIS PROGRAM

#### FOR CAMPUS DEMOCRACY!

1. REVOKE THE OATH - No political tests for the faculty
2. ABOLISH RULE 17 - Extend academic freedom; let dissidents be heard too
3. VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL STUDENTS - Remove the \$12.50 ASUC card poll-tax
4. EXPAND ASUC EX-COMMITTEE - For a larger, more representative Ex-Committee
5. ASUC GOVERNMENT BY STUDENTS - Voice but no vote for non-student reps on Ex-Committee
6. EQUAL RIGHTS FOR GRAD STUDENTS - For an equal right of all students to run for ASUC office
7. ABOLISH COMPULSORY ROTC - Make RO an elective course

Bob Martinson, a graduate student in the Dept. of Sociology, is a democratic Socialist. He has been fighting vigorously for student democracy and academic freedom for many years and, as his past record shows, cannot be swayed by hysteria or pressure from defending basic student rights.

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### STREET MEETING

TODAY NOON - SATHER GATE

Bob Martinson, candidate for the ASUC post of Grad Rep-at-Large, will speak on the issues in this campaign and will characterize the other students running in the election. The other candidates have been invited to speak at this meeting and answer the criticisms made of them.

## WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND?

Many students consider the ASUC elections somehow more "honest" than the "dirty" politics which go on outside the sacred arena bounded by Rule 17.

For anyone acquainted with the type of advanced political action which goes on at such schools as the Univ. of Chicago and New York Univ., however, our elections are more than vaguely reminiscent of the most juvenile high school popularity contest. The average student is incredibly ignorant of the issues facing the ASUC, of the political nature of most of the candidates, and is usually obliged to vote on the basis of the good looks or "qualifications" of those running.

A campus politico, in order to gather "qualifications" is supposed to go around joining things -- social clubs, councils, etc. This, however, is just another measure of popularity. It is, besides, a way of hiding real political ideas behind the facade of a "civic" spirit.

Only the people "on the in" know where the candidates really stand. Do they represent the fraternities? Are they liberals? It is difficult to discover the facts since the candidates are protected from criticism by the asinine rules of the elections council. According to this council of wide-eyed innocents, you cannot "tear down" another candidate; you must just "build up" yourself. By prohibiting real political criticism they perpetuate the disgraceful and hypocritical situation that now exists. They help make the ASUC elections a farce and thereby add to student apathy.

To this tradition of silence and know-

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AUTUMN CLASS SERIES

The Communist Manifest Today	Oct.19
Socialism, Utopian & Scientific	Oct.26
The Paris Commune	Nov. 2
State & Revolution	Nov. 9
Marxism & Anthropology	Nov.16
Religion & the Rise of Capitalism	Nov.30
The Evolution of Stalinism	Dec. 7

Thursday evenings - 8 p.m.

466 - 10th St., room 218, Oakland  
( $\frac{1}{2}$  block west of Broadway)

Each session is based on some particular book as a point of departure. As has been past practice in SYL classes, a good portion of class time will be devoted to discussion from the group.

Anyone who is interested and who lives in the campus area can secure transportation to the classes by phoning Th 3-9489.

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL

The New International, the bi-monthly organ of revolutionary Marxism published by the Independent Socialist League, is again available in the campus area. The magazine can be obtained at the "UC Corner" on the south west corner of Telegraph and Durant Aves.

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nothingness the STUDENT SOCIALIST stands opposed. The students have a right to know who is running for ASUC rep-at-large. They deserve an answer to the question: Where do the candidates stand?

Hardly a word need be said of Carney Campion. He is part and parcel of the old Coehle machine and is the fraternity candidate pure and simple. He has no program and no ideas and this probably insures him a considerable vote.

Bill Zion's position is a little more difficult to define. He is a liberal attempting to grab some of the fraternity vote. He is better equipped intellectually than Campion, but his lack of a real program and his pandoring to conservative elements indicates a future weakness in defending academic freedom and student rights.

On the basis of his program and nomination speech, Bob O'Brien is being presented to the student body as a liberal. In line with this strategy his qualifications include activity in the Unitarian Church, United Action Committee for Academic Freedom (UACAF), Graduate Students Association, etc.

O'Brien is a "liberal" to be sure, but of a type well known in this country. His activities in UACAF and the Codornices Housing Council leave no doubt that he is what Schlesinger calls "a doughface" -- a weak character being used by the Stalinists in their front organizations. O'Brien expends his fuzzy-minded liberalism in helping to establish and extend the influence of Stalinism on the campus; and although he does not clearly understand his own role, he must be held responsible before the students for omitting this from his program.

Martinson is the only candidate who clearly and openly states where he stands. He is a socialist, a democrat, and an opponent of Stalinism and all types of "totalitarian liberalism." His program of defending and expanding functioning student democracy is based on the present needs and interests of the student body; and his determination to carry out this program is proven by his past actions.

The students must, then, choose between Campion, the fraternity candidate, Bill Zion, the right-wing liberal, Bob O'Brien, the Stalinoid, and Martinson, the socialist. The STUDENT SOCIALIST believes that on the basis of the evidence the students should place Bob Martinson in the position of graduate rep-at-large. Vote for Martinson. ###