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THE LAST WORD ON OBSENIITY...

President Kerr and the Board of Regents are trying to use the bogus issue of obscenity to deprive students and faculty of those freedoms for which we all sacrificed so much last semester. Sadly, campus autonomy may well be lost in the bargain. President Kerr has issued a theatrical resignation which even the press has refused to take seriously. He has gratuitously heaped insult upon shameless slander in yet another crude attempt to undermine the independence of a fine and spirited faculty and student body. Kerr is attempting to regain power and prestige among members of the University community and throughout the state. It seems likely that he expects an overwhelming popular mandate to return, totally vindicated, and with license to exercise virtually unlimited control over the University - control effectively unchallenged by the so-called right-wing Regents whom he tirelessly claims to have battled. We must not forget what that control meant last semester: the curtailment of our civil liberties, the opening of the campus to hundreds of police, and, then as now, the slandering of the Free Speech Movement. The students cannot beg him to return.

The Governor, members of the Legislature, members of the Board of Regents, and President Kerr have joined in interfering with and trying to control the internal affairs of this campus. We call upon the faculty and responsible members of the local administration to oppose all such attempts by outsiders to deprive the Berkeley community of its rightful independence.

The administration has insisted on discussing obscenity, but the students who fought so long for their political freedoms have more urgent matters before them. Political and social injustices in our community, the nation, and abroad still demand our thought, speech, and action. We hope the administration will soon end its tiresome and dangerous games so that students and faculty may once again be free to pursue the serious business of education and political action.

Although the FSM holds the recent four-letter-word rallies to have been irresponsible, it upholds the rights of all students and faculty members to due process both on and off the campus. Presently, this matter is before the courts; however, the students involved may shortly be summoned before a University disciplinary committee. The FSM insists that the following guarantees are the minimum required to protect the rights of the students and to safeguard the December 8th Resolutions of the Academic Senate.

1. Students may incur University discipline through speech or through conduct other than speech. Any disciplinary committee must make it clear whether its jurisdiction in a given case is over speech or conduct other than speech or both.
2. The administration and any disciplinary committee must make it clear that they will not regulate the content of speech.
3. Any complaints against students must cite specific and sufficiently narrow regulations which existed prior to the alleged offense.
4. If a student contends that a regulation he is said to have violated is (a) not sufficiently narrow or (b) a regulation of the content of speech or (c) a regulation of the form of speech more restrictive than the minimum necessary to protect the normal educational function of the University, then it must be incumbent upon any disciplinary committee to admit evidence in support of such a contention.
5. Any disciplinary committee must provide full guarantees to due process, including the right to counsel of the student's choice.

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