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WHY UAP???

Formed in 1973 by a group of concerned students, the Union of the American People (UAP) is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in University of Georgia student politics. Although a young group -- and untested in political elections to date -- the UAP has a driving spirit and a "will to power" which sets it off from any other organization.

Let's just take a brief look at the campus political scene as it looks today. Our view of this scene should answer the question "why UAP?"

*PSA-- The "Pathetic Student Alliance." Beaten in the 1973 student government elections, PSA has sparked little interest on campus and has shown almost no opposition to Coalition proposals in the student senate.

*ONWARD-- (known by some as "Awkward.") This is a loose coalition (excuse the term) of disgruntled Coalition members and a few people who don't know any better and who loiter around Memorial Hall.

*COALITION -- The current party in power. A grand coalition ranging from starry-eyed idealists all the way to homosexuals and political left-winders.

Then, of course, there's US! The UAP. We like to think that we're the only sane moderate to conservative political party on campus today. We also, through our platform, are the only party with real principles which speak to the average student. Some people say we're controversial -- yet out of controversy can come concrete action to improve student government and University life in general.

Many students were sickened when (m) Coalition and the SGA donated a total of \$300 to radicals Jane Fonda and Tom Guth/ Hayden from SGA funds last year.

CUT SGA STRINGS!

The UAP was the only party to speak out against this. Treasurer Steve Letzsch recommended this gift for approval to the Allocations Committee and it was passed without

a quorumis outrageous example alone is reason enough to see that the strings are cut to Coalition and the SGA!

KEY UAP PLATFORM PLANKS

* HOUSING-- The UAP will always strive for progressive, studentoriented housing programs. In this context, we intend to work for the removal of the freshman residency requirement on campus.

* ACADEMICS-- The UAP proposes that the present letter grade system be changed to number grades at .5 intervals. With such a system, instructors could give only these number grades: 0, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0. We oppose the special interests who would level incentive in particular, and the academy in general, and who advocate the ill-advised pass-fail system.

*DORM LIFE-- We have long felt that a student's happiness is connected with his freedom of choice. In this context, we feel that a roomate should be able to move out at any time and that the University's two-week requirement be dropped.

*VETERANS-- We strongly believe that veterans of our armed forces attending the University of Georgia be allowed to defer tuition payment due to the nature of payments under the GI Bill.

*H.E.W.-- The UAP vigorously opposes the entrance of the Federal bureaucracy, especially the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, into the affairs of the Georgia University System. We also oppose any attempt by these agencies to lower educational standards in deference to any special interest group.

*OUT OF STATE TUITION-- The UAP believes that residency requirements for in-state tuition should be the same as voter residency requirements.

*TRANSPORTATION-- We have always supported a cooperative effort on the part of the University and the Athens' community to solve the problems of parking and transportation. We advocate the establishment of a bus route on Gaines School Road, where a bus

could stop every 30 minutes, to help alleviate a problem in that section. Also, the addition of one more bus on the Milledge Ave. route is a top priority.

*<u>MARRIED STUDENTS</u>-- The UAP pledges its support to the Married Student Council. We further believe that rent in married housing units should be stabilized at the earliest opportunity.

*STUDENT GOVERNMENT-- The current SGA administration has done a grave disservice to students through its constant lobbying efforts on behalf of controversial and radical programs at the state and national levels. The SGA post of Minister of Information should be abolished, and we further advocate that a committee of the student senate be formed to investigate other needless executive posts. The UAP pledges that the SGA will never join the National Student Association (NSA) or the National Student Lobby-- groups which fail to represent all the various viewpoints on campus. The UAP pledges to abolish all SGA executive position salaries and to work for a strong, independent SGA.

*ATHLETICS-- The UAP will work to see more money advocated to women's intercollegiate sports. We further feel that it is a disgrace that there is no scoreboard or timer for the women's P.E. gym. The UAP advocates that money be allocated to correct this imbalance quickly.

*SOUTHERN CULTURE-- The UAP believes that the suppression of our regional traditions and history help to create a rootless individual. We will re-institute the playing of "Dixie" at sporting events. Further, we will urge band director Roger Dancz to seek meaningful employment elsewhere. Lastly, the name of the band will be returned to the DIXIE RED COAT BAND.

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