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END
UNIVERSITY
COMPLICITY
WITH THE
WAR MACHINE

INCREASE
ADMISSION
OF BLACK &
WORKINGCLASS
YOUTH

ELECT

GARY WURTZEL	USG	USG President		
PETER GELLERT	USG	1st Vice	President	
JODY SMITH	USG	2nd Vice	President	
IRA SMITH	USG	Treasurer		
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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

(there is a radical alternative in the USG elections!

you can vote against war and racism and for meaningful campus action!

The Harpur Young Socialist Alliance is running candidates for United Student Government posts for the purpose of using and enlisting USG in campus struggles against racism, militarism and the sterility of university education. Our candidates do not intend to limit the struggle to USG with its parliamentary norms or to abandon USG and reduce the little effectiveness or potential it already has. Rather, we intend, if elected, to carry on the fight both within USG, and, when necessary through extraparliamentary means. We intend to use USG as a vehicle for changing the university and we will not hesitate to mobilize mass student support behind our demands.

We are running as socialists because we believe that the university, as an institution in capitalist society, serves the society and seeks to reflect, implement and advance society's goals. Military recruitment, institutionalized racism, punishment of dissenters, and irrelevent, sterile courses are not "mistakes" any more than U.S. aggression in Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Congo, Thailand, etc. or exploitation in Harlem, Watts and Birmingham is a "mistake". Our campaign is based on the premises that human rights are infinitely more important than property rights, a concept not held by the people who run this nation or university. We believe that there can only be a free university when society is free, and it is thus our job to use the university as a base to change society.

If elected, we don't promise miracles or to change the basic character of the university. But we do promise to fight hard, militantly and resolutely to advance the struggle. If you're fed up with do-nothing USG and agree with the platform below, we invite your support.

- 1) END INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM
- ---increased admission of Black, Latin and workingclass youth
- --- make the university relevant to Third World students, establish a black studies program
- --- support the black liberation movement
- 2) END UNIVERSITY COMPLICITY WITH THE WAR MACHINE
- --- no military or industrial recruitment on campus
- ---end university cooperation with the Selective Service system
- --- support and build the anti-war movement
- 3) AMNESTY FOR ANTI-MARINE RECRUITMENT DEMONSTRATORS
- ---drop "enforced leaves of absence" for Arthur Rosen, Ira Smith and Arnold Weissberg
- ---drop charges against those who are to be tried for their participation in the December 12 anti- recruitment demonstration

4) EDUCATIONAL REFORM: HOUSINGend mandatory grading, grades for those who want themend course requirementscredit for Free University coursesno final exams, give students the option of a paper or finalno triplingno tuition or room and board increases now or in the future; the state should subsidize all educational expendituresinvestigate FSA and the bookstore
5) UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCEfor a student run judicial system, abolish ORBsupport CUG and fight for its implementation
6) SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE FOR WOMENS LIBERATIONend womens curfewbirth control devices in the infirmary
7) MAKE USG AN INSTRUMENT AND ORGANIZING CENTER FOR MOBILIZING STUDENT SUPPORT BEHIND THESE DEMANDS! VDTE SOCIALIST ON APRIL 29 THERE IS A CHOICE!! (cast your ballot for the candidates listed below)
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I would like further informationI would like to help out in the election campaign
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Questions and answers about the USG Socialist campaign

Question: If you are elected, will you serve? In short, are you running a serious campaign?

Answer: If any of the socialist candidates are elected, they have every intention of serving and carrying out the mandate the students would have given them. We are running a serious campaign, around serious issues. When we run for a USG post, it is because we wish to see our ideas implemented in USG.

Question: By running aren't you only helping the conservatives by drawing away votes that would normally go to liberal candidates?

Answer: We don't see too much difference between USG liberals and USG conservatives when it comes down to what actually gets done. There is a saying that "action speaks louder then words." The liberals in USG are very good at passing resolutions and at setting up sub-committees, but it is quite a different story when the necessity for massive and militant action arises. The only thing a vote for a USG liberal will accomplish is another year of inaction on the part of USG

Question: Is it true that you're running only to convert USG into a vehicle to start strikes and riots?

Answer: Our position is very clear. If we are elected, it is because a majority of the student body favors our political orientation and election platform. When parliamentary action by USG fails, as it does on many occassions (for example, California table grapes, nature of the judicial system, tripling, war, etc.) it is our belief that a mass movement is needed to advance the struggle. We don't elevate student strikes to a political principle, its necessity or desirability is relative to objectives political conditions and circumstances. However should the occasion call for mass action, we promise militant and resolute leadership.

Question: If military recruiters are banned, doesn't that interfere with their right of free speech?

Answer: Neither YSA, SDS or any campus radical group favors denying the Marines the right of free speech. They have a right to come to the university and speak in favor of the war, the virtues of military service or anything else they want. However it's quite another thing to allow the Marines to use university facilities to advance their criminal, immoral objectives. By the same token, we'd allow the KKK to come to campus and speak on the virtues of racism, but we would not permit them to recruit people for a lynch mob.

Question: What educational reforms do you favor ?

Answer: We support the demand for abolition of mandatory grading. We feel that students who do not desire grades should have the option of pass/fail. We are also opposed to final exams, not seeing any particular educational value that they serve. We feel that students should have the option of a paper.

Course requirements should also be abolished. While we realize that it is impossible to have a free university in an unfree society, we nevertheless believe in fighting for needed educational reform

Question: Why are you running as socialists ?

Answer: Our candidates believe that it is this system which is responsible for the problems America faces--racism, war, poverty, rather then individual personalities of the psyche of one or another nationality group. We realize that if we change a personality in the administration building, the basic character of the university will remain intact. We thus feel that it is impossible to separate the problems of the university from the problems of society, and those concerned about the problems of the university should seek solutions in the basic nature of society. This concept of course shapes our political policy. Our goal is a society free from exploitation of man by man, a society free from war, racism, and poverty -- in short, we desire socialism.

Question: What will a vote for the candidates accomplish?

Answer: Even if we are not elected, a significant socialist vote will be meaningful in that it will indicate widespread feelings on the part of students that fundamental change is needed in both the university and society. A vote for the candidates of the YSA is a vote for a radical alternative in USG and a vote for a new type of politics on the Harpur campus.

IF YOU SUPPORT:

end military and industrial recruitment

increased admission of Black, Latin and workingclass youth

armesty for anti-marine recruitment demonstrators

elimination of course requirements, credit for Free University courses

no finals, end mandatory grading, no tripling

making USG a vehicle for mobilizing student support for social change

THEN SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES:

Gary Wurtzel for USG President

Peter Gellert for USG 1st Vice President

Jody Smith for USG 2nd Vice President

Arnold Weissberg for USG Advocate

Andrea Baron for USG Secretary

Ira Smith for USG Treasurer

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