

## Tower List Criticized

# Prof Attacks 'List'; Charges 'Fraud'

"The Tower List is a fraud," charged Professor of economics Owen M. Broyles yesterday just as he did last year when the List first appeared.

He said "as a means of choos-

## New Council Holds Initial Meeting Today

Newly elected Student Council members will participate in their first meeting today at 2:45 p.m. in the College Union, 315 S. Ninth St.

Presiding over council's first session will be Jerry Spolter, ASB vice president.

Agenda items include several appointments by John Hendricks, ASB president and approval of the present rules of procedure for the legislative body.

Committee appointments and election of chairmen of council's Campus Policy Committee Finance Committee will also be on tap.

Graduate representatives to council are Patty Givens and Richard Epstein.

Katherine (J.J.) Fraser, Gil Lowry, Dick Miner, and Ann Lauderback are senior representatives to the student legislature.

Serving as junior representatives are Bill Clark, John Bruckman, Jack Groban and Margaret Davis.

The four sophomore representatives on the new council are Tina Newton, Jim Lambrinos, Victor Lee and Dona Kennedy.

Freshmen representatives will be elected early next semester to bring council to 18 members.

The new representatives were issued their oath of office at last weekend's transition retreat at Asilomar on the Monterey Peninsula.

ing the best courses and professors, it is untrustworthy and harmful."

Broyles cited several objections to the current List:

"The Tower List has ratings on less than 400 professors out of about 850. If 15,000 full-time students are supposed to have five different classes each, then 75,000 ratings should have been filed a semester, or 150,000 a year. Instead, less than 8,000 cards were filed."

He stated that the identities, competence, and motivations of the raters are not known and "why shouldn't each rater sign his name if Tau Delta Phi holds the cards?"

### NO DIFFERENTIATION

Broyles objected that there is no differentiation in the ratings between lower division, upper division and graduate courses.

"There is no measure of what the students are required to do or the grade of the student rater and the grade distribution of the professor," he pointed out.

"Ratings could be made by students who had never taken a class from the professor rated. Cards could have been made out for non-academic reasons such as leftist or rightist sentiment. Cards could be made out to suit purposes of Tau Delta Phi members," he asserted.

### WRITER COMPETENCE

Criticizing the written commentary, he stated, "The competence of the writer of the descriptions or the criteria used are not shown."

Broyle's final charge was that the "purpose of Tau Delta Phi is to 'make money' from the Tower List and public good is not important. Considering the harm that is done to professors, to the college, and thus to students, the Tower List is not only a fraud, but is an evil."

# 'List' Profits To Reactivate Research Aid

'Tower List' profits have made possible the reactivation of the Work Aid for Scholars (WAFS) program by Tau Delta Phi, men's honorary scholastic fraternity, according to Les Herold, chairman of the chapter's Academic Activities Committee.

WAFS will be offered again this fall. The program was one of the projects the fraternity temporarily suspended when it lost its meeting place when Tower Hall was shut down in April, 1963 by the Board of Trustees.

"We want to re-invest the money we made from the sale of the List into the campus and students," Herold explained. "The WAFS program enables individuals to do special research that would otherwise be impossible because of lack of funds."

Letters applying for work aid will be accepted beginning today through July. Selection of the recipients will be made in August and announced in September.

Interested persons may submit a letter stating the nature, purpose, method, and expenses of the proposed research project, plus the signature of the applicant and a faculty sponsor.

All applications should be submitted to Tau Delta Phi, Box "T", College Union Building, SJS, attention: Academic Activities Committee.

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# 'Tower List' Called Inept by Student

Editor:

But with one reservation, I commend the brothers of Tau Delta Phi for their colorful and often humorous criticism of those profs most deserving of condemnation, and of those meriting thoughtful praise. One reprimand, however: There is no excuse for inaccuracy in any derogatory judgment, particularly in print, as in at least one instance in the tower list—which prompted me to write this letter. This kind of misinformation could jeopardize the career of a fine professor.

I feel (the law does too) that someone (or some group) should be willing to accept the responsibility for damage. Is Tau Delta Phi itself willing? NO. This responsibility has been passed on down to the anonymous student who turned in an evaluation card. Tower's admission of this kind of fallibility means that The List is ready to print criticism in full knowledge that its "evidence" is inadequate. Tower feels itself in the right, because it regards itself as a conveyor of information and does not editorialize. But I argue that Tower is responsible for the effects of what it purveys. The printed word has an apt of veracity that stays on the mind and has its effect so long as it remains on the bookshelves. This letter to the Spartan Daily has a one-day life span. The List lives for at least a year.

The List is as far removed from "due process" as is a lynching from a legalized execution. It opens the way for condemnation by hearsay and bias. The intent of the List is laudable. Its ineptness can be disastrous.

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these days is to call people names; mainly those people whose views, are different from your own.

Wednesday Phil Whitten, president of SEE, opened the meeting of his organization with a vicious attack on the character of several persons who were not even present to defend themselves. Next Terry Wheeler, vice president of SEE, continued the attack on the same people, who include Richard Brakefield, former treasurer of SEE, Richard Reeb, former parliamentarian for SEE, and Armand Hernandez, founder of the "Faith in the Faculty Fund."

Next, Whitten read a prepared statement from Ira Meltzer which also attacked Reeb's character and views, which Meltzer can not tolerate since they are not the same as his, and "Richard Reeb's dupe, the Spartan Daily" because it ran an article exposing Meltzer's questionable handling of SEE funds. Meltzer, apparently anticipating that Reeb would be present at the meeting, and not wanting to face the person he was attacking, was not there to read his own statement.

If SEE can do nothing more constructive than name calling, if it cannot defend its policies from criticism by means other than attempting to smear its critics, if it cannot tolerate views other than those espoused by its leaders and its many members from the radical left (Young Socialist Alliance, Students for a Democratic Society, TASC), if it cannot conduct itself in a more responsible manner and begin striving for its stated goal, excellence in education, then I have no desire to be connected with SEE in any manner. And I am sure many more students will begin to see SEE for what it really is and withdraw their support.

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## Professor Applauds Tau Delta Phi 'List'

Editor:

This letter is written in response to the front page article of Wednesday, May 19, titled "Tower List Criticized."

I enthusiastically applaud the "Tower List." Certainly it is not perfect. But it is a good long

step in the right direction.

Our students in engineering are very mature, hard working and thoughtful. I respect their judgment. One of the young men who was very active in producing the "Tower List" has been one of my students. I feel honored to have associated with such a fine man. The "Tower List" is in good hands. It provides a much needed service.

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## Professor Deplores 'List' Inadequacies

Editor:

The idea of the Tower List is basically a good one, but I deplore and denounce the many inadequacies of the recent issue put out by Tau Delta Phi. The fact that so many evaluations are based on so few samples makes these evaluations a farce. Basing an evaluation of a professor on only 10 to 20 evaluations is extremely unfair and unreliable.

In order to arrive at any degree of reliability it is essential to poll at least 25 or 30 per cent of all the students a professor teaches. Furthermore, a cross section of the students should be polled, which means a proper proportion of A, B, C and D students. Disgruntled students, because of poor grades in a class, can unfairly take it out on the professor in a biased evaluation.

The inside cover of the Tower List states under (2) that the question concerning the difficulty of grading was dropped. This is not true, since in some cases the question is brought up. Who, may I ask, wrote the generalizations concerning the professors? It appears that in some cases the statements represent the opinion of one or two disgruntled students. Many of the statements made do not reflect a majority opinion of the students polled. Some of the comments made I know positively are half truths, total inaccuracies and even libelous—an indication of the poor judgment and poor taste of those who made them.

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# Homeless Fraternity, 'Heartless' SJS'

## Anxious for Tower Hall Restoration

By VICKI REED

When state authorities stripped the heart from California's oldest state college, by boarding-up and fencing-off Tower Hall, they also inadvertently evicted Tau Delta Phi, the nearly-50-year-old men's honorary scholastic fraternity, from its home.

"Heartless" SJS leaves the fraternity, that has been given exclusive meeting rights to the tower in 1927, "homeless."

The fraternity has met in one place and then another since the ivy-covered symbol of the Spartan campus was barred from use in April, 1963. The California State Board of Trustees declared it unsafe, by modern standards, in case of an earthquake.

The "nomad" Greeks now alternate between the cafeteria and home economics building, while their fraternity's fate re-

mains in the hands of State College administrators, who will decide the extent to which Tower Hall may be used and by whom it may be occupied, following restoration efforts.

### SCHOLARSHIP

The fraternity is the only organization that bases membership exclusively on scholarship, requiring a 3.0 grade point average in 15 units at SJS for transfer students and in 30 units for students who began as freshmen. Membership is for life.

President Thomas W. MacQuarrie designated the Tower for the scholarship fraternity's "home" in 1927 as a symbol of scholarship's position at the heart of the San Jose State grounds, according to Dr. Charles Smith, associate professor of psychology and one of two advisers to Tau Delta Phi.

Recently - retired President Walquist indicated he felt the

Tower, when it is finally restored to use, should be used for storage. Newly-installed Pres. Robert D. Clark has told the fraternity "he will do his best" to bring things to an agreeable decision, according to Dr. Smith.

### DIM PROSPECTS

Though the prospects looked dim for a while, the fraternity hopes to take their traditional "residence" when it is again open, sometime next year.

Dr. Smith says he feels the dislocation of the fraternity has affected its rate of membership growth. Fraternity president Joe Andrade, known as Grand Magistrate in the hierarchy of Tau Delta Phi, agrees to some extent. "We are of course hoping to again be a part of the Tower, but we are leaving it in the hands of Dr. Clark," Andrade said.

"There are some 500 members on campus now, including graduate students," Andrade said. Despite the "orphan" state of the fraternity, it boasts a 48-member pledge class this spring and an active membership of 50 to 150 various actives throughout the year.

### OPEN END

Tau Delta Phi's first purpose is to promote scholarship. Putting this into action has led the organization to sponsorship of Open End forum, a regular student-faculty discussion exploring various political, economic and social issues of the day. Free

and open to the public, the forum often draws full-house audiences debating issues running from military and foreign policy to population problems and abortion.

"Tower List" is an innovation of Tau Delta Phi and is in its second year of publication, listing a ranking of SJS faculty members by students. Though the publication met many obstacles, including three threatened libel suits (now dismissed), it has also won the applause of a significant number of the Spartan campus. Twice the number of rating cards submitted last year, came in this year from SJS students. Nearly 8,000 ranking cards came in, rating nearly 700 professors, almost a third of the faculty.

### AID FOR SCHOLARS

A pet project of the fraternity is called the "Aid for Scholars" program and includes grants to students who need funds to do research.

Following a request submitted by the fraternity, the trustees recently passed a resolution that Tower Hall be numbered and registered as a California State Historical Point of Interest.

When renovation activities are complete, the Tower will include a 50-foot telegram filled with the names of 3,648 people. The telegram was the request sent legislators to save the Tower and the Tower Hall complex from demolition activities.

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