

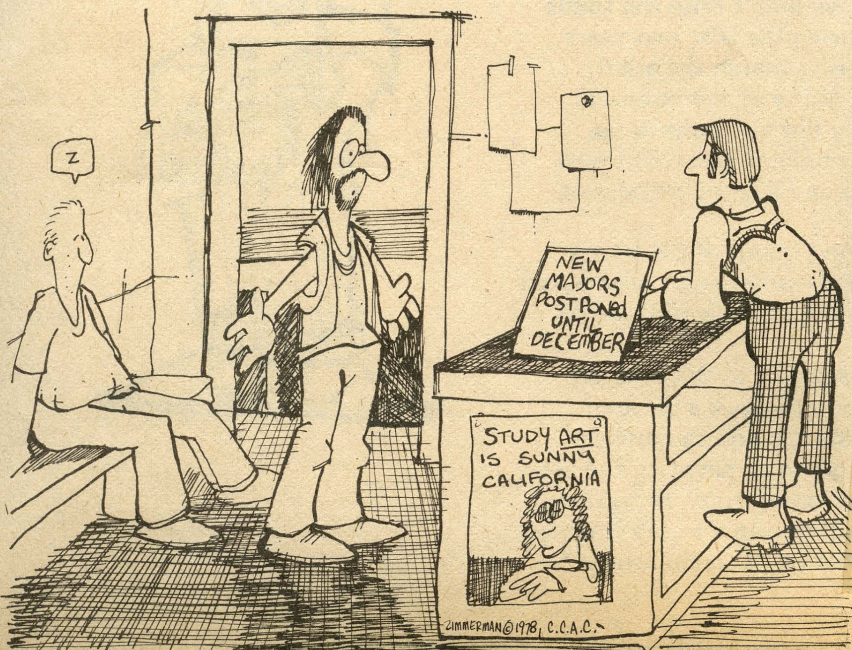
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To: President Ford, Bob Forth, John Streetz  
Fr: Michael Wright  
Re: The Spectrum

I have repeatedly asked the editor of the Spectrum (i/e. Ken Davids) to insure that articles, features, and cartoons in The Spectrum maintain a decent level of journalistic integrity. I even offered and met with the whole staff in order to answer questions about Ethnic Studies, and to soften attitudes on these issues. In turn, there has yet to be a news story on Ethnic Studies, the requirements debate, etc which has been devoid of factual inaccuracies--not to mention the anti-ethnic studies bias in most. I feel that I/we are being harrassed by The Spectrum. In my view there are racist students on The Staff of The Spectrum, and I believe that it is Ken Davids job (if no other's) to edit misleading and distorted material out of the paper--especially when it victimizes the only program addressing the interest and point-of-view of the ethnic groups in our culture.

In my view there has not been an issue of the Spectrum since I made the Ethnic Studies requirement motion in the AC which has not had some half-informed, smart-assed, and divisive story, editorial, or cartoon in it relating to Ethnic Studies, the E/S requirement, or the debate that it engendered. This last issue contained a cartoon which prejudicial against ethnic studies (no one has to wait in order to major in ethnic studies since we have recognized a major for several years. Of course, now some might get the impression that they have to wait--thanks to The Spectrum).

I have obviously been unsuccessful in my attempts to convince Ken Davids or the staff of The Spectrum to give us fair treatment. Perhaps one of you might have a word with him/them. To start with I would like a correction of the unfavorable and inaccurate inference made in the last issue (i.e., the cartoon). Secondly I would like for The Spectrum to cease printing any stories or cartoons relating to ethnic studies at all for the remainder of the trimester. Six straight issues of distortion and bias is enough in my view.



*This is the cartoon.*

YOU MEAN I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM NEW YORK TO MAJOR IN ETHNIC STUDIES AND YOU TELL ME I HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!