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## IN MAGAZINE



### Entertainment

River Phoenix is interviewed, Cape Fear is playing in theaters, Steve Martin stars in a movie, U2's latest release is available in stores, our college radio chart is included and Nirvana is just plain insane. It's all in there, and it's inside. Page 7

## DOLLARS AND SENSE

### The Write Stuff

Students are hitting the books, but not in the way you might think. They're letting the creative juices flow and creating characters, plots and even illustrations. Page 17

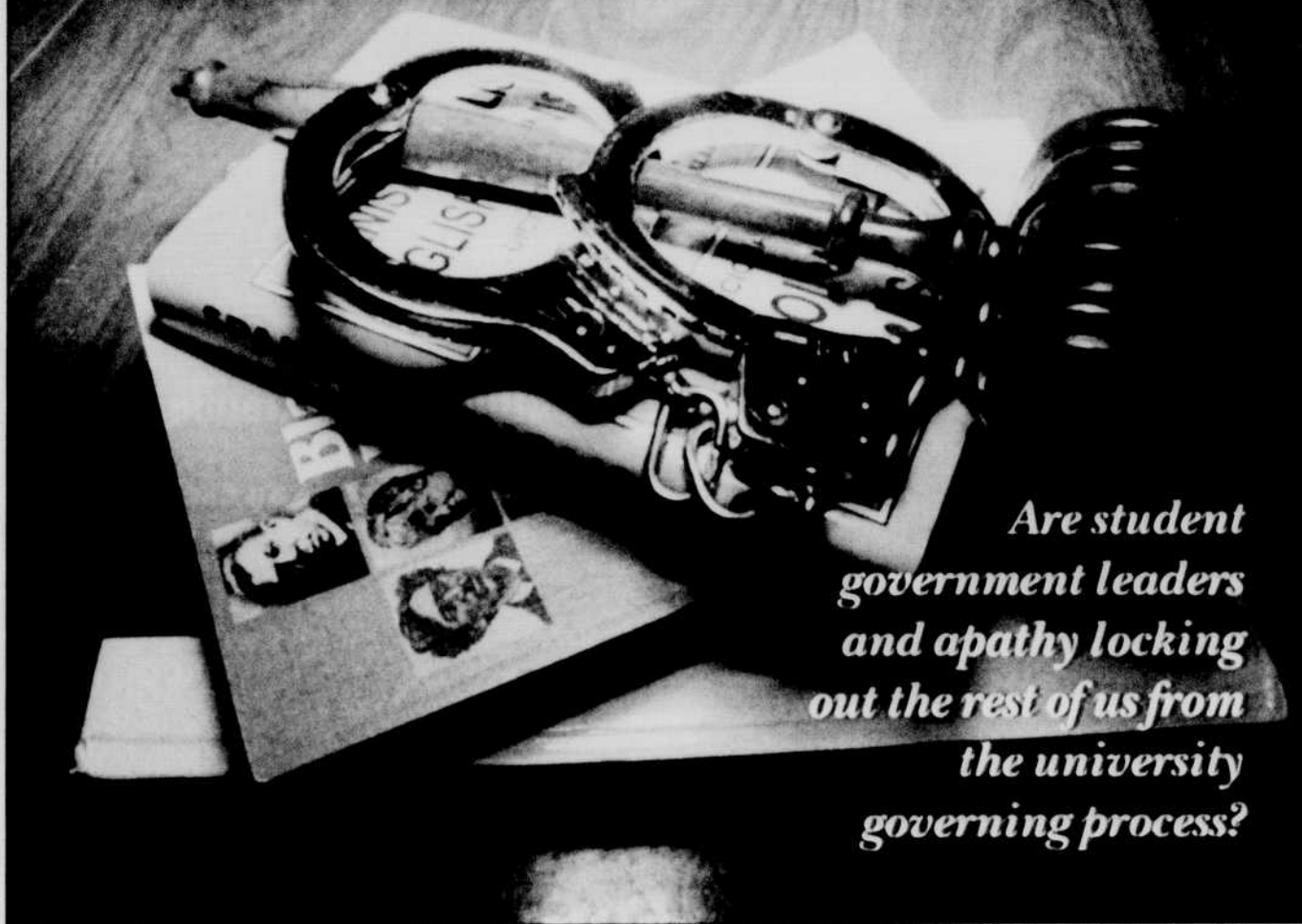
## THE STUDENT BODY



### Allies in Sport

Foreign athletes are coming from all corners of the world to play their respective sports in the United States. And coaches across the country are recruiting more of them than ever before. Page 18

# The Select Elect



*Are student government leaders and apathy locking out the rest of us from the university governing process?*

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## Questions surround student governments

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Is student government a forum for public service or a self-serving forum?

Critics of the student government system point fingers at elected officials who they call unsupervised and ineffective, while student officials cite their accomplishments and say some of their plans are hindered by apathetic student bodies and administrative red tape.

Who's right? Or, to some extent, are both sides?

"There is some apathy and plus there is some personal gain and

'what will it do for my resume' type thing, but there is just too much work to put it all on that," said Dr. Kurt Keppler, commission chair of student development of the National Association for Campus Activities, which oversees student governments.

### At the ballot box

Many of the problems trace back to election day, where low voter turnout spotlights students' lack of interest in the candidates and issues. In turn, this often leads to student officials not truly representing the student body as a whole.

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