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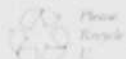
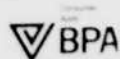
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# Forget the votes and pass the crown

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On most college campuses, the general consensus seems to be that the student government pretty much does nothing. But a subject of heated debate among representatives is deciding exactly how to go about accomplishing nothing.

For those organizations that actually are allowed some autonomy from the school administration, the most popular method is that of checks and balances. That means the president, his relatives and friends steal as much money as possible, and hope that no one checks the balances.

Once discovered, such schemes can lead to resignation and impeachment. On the down side, it's good training for those who wish to pursue a real-life career in politics.

The second most popular means of accomplishing nothing is to have an administration that ignores every student request, thereby rendering the government impotent. While not especially democratic, this system streamlines dialogue between student representatives and the administration.

Student government president: "Sir, we have passed a bill making it safer, less expensive and more fun for students to..."

Administration president: "No."  
Student government president: "Thank you for your time, sir."

The saddest tool available to student governments is the referendum. It gives the impression that since the administration won't listen, the student government needs something to take to them and say, "See? See, Daddy? I told you that's what my friends think. Why won't you listen to me?"

The referendum is also an admission of incompetence by student representatives.

Senator A: "Do you know what anyone thinks about this?"

Senator B: "About what?"

Senator A: "The issue."

Senator B: "What issue?"

**EDITOR'S MAIL**

## Sex article misleading

To the editor:

In the article, "I Want Your Sex," (Oct.), a student from Creighton U. is quoted as saying, "One day we all had to have an orgasm for class." I want to set the record straight on this point: The human sexuality class at Creighton has no such requirement.



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Senator A: "I forget. Let's get our constituents to vote on it."

Senator B: "What's a constituent?"

Every couple of elections, an "outsider" candidate enters the political picture. The goal of this person is to alter or abolish the current system of government and institute a new one founded on insanity and chaos.

These candidates usually lose, primarily because most students who vote tend to be mindless lemmings who already think student government is cool. In many places, a 20 percent turnout is considered a success.

The trick is to mobilize the other 80 percent to vote for the chaos candidate. Then the fun would begin. Imagine resolutions denouncing the school's administration or resolutions denouncing the student government itself. The possibilities are endless.

Is there one student representative anywhere in this for the good of the student body? The time has come to find a better way. Democracy is fine on a grand scale, but when placed in the hands of marble-jawed people

named "Bill" and "Muffy" who think they're still in high school, things can get out of hand.

I propose all schools adopt an elected monarchy. Whatever the top person says, goes. No more parliamentary procedure, no more bickering over rules and regulations, and no more spending entire meetings trying to remember who had the gavel last.

Each college would declare itself an independent kingdom. Instead of elected representatives, knights would be appointed by the king or queen. If it ever were discovered that the ruler was pilfering funds from the royal coffers, off with his head. New election.

But for some reason, I don't think people will take kindly to this plan. Students generally seem happy with the bastardized form of democracy that colleges have spawned or too apathetic to do anything.

I suppose we are doomed to eke out the rest of our existence, comfortably numb, led by con artists and resume paddlers.

I would join you, but I have to go get fitted for my crown.

thetical to everything the class stands for." In addition, the reporter did not seek any corroborating evidence.

The article embarrassed the university, the professor and the student.

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**October results** Readers overwhelmingly opposed the idea of mandatory drug testing for college students.  
Final vote tally: **For, 13.7%; Against, 86.3%.**

**Judging the system.**