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Is the basic text of the Aztec How to Lie With Statistics?

A little arithmetic applied to Bob Melton's article on the A.S. budget meeting adds up to spell: racist and sexist.

Buried in the middle of the article, and omitted from his calculations, is the fact that over 40% of AS funds goes to Athletics. Nowhere does he reveal that the "fifth" allocated to those 5 minority programs is one-fifth of less than one-half the entire budget, after Athletics, Student Union, etc.

Those 5 programs actually got less than one-tenth of the funds.

Melton chose a racist/sexist slant for his article, lumping together the blacks, chicanos, and women. Not content with citing five such groups, he threatened that other "blacks and Chicanos also got indirect access to \$20,000" through a work-study augmentation. God forbid! Did Melton realize that blacks, chicanos, and women also use the Student Union, the parking lots, and the campus rest rooms?

Here are the realities, based on the entire AS budget: \$434,000

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>% of AS FUNDS</u>	<u>COST / FULL TIME STUDENT PER SEMESTER</u>
Athletics	\$167,200	40.7%	\$ 3.86
Mecha	\$ 23,215	5.3%	50¢
Black Students' Council	\$ 7,514	1.7%	16¢
Women s Liberation	\$ 730	.1½%	1½¢
Center for Women	\$ 2,700	.6%	5½¢
Tuesday 9th	\$ 1,030	x8% .2½%	2¼¢
EOP Work-study	\$ 20,000	4.5%	43¢
Financial Aid	\$ 8,580	1.9% +	19¢
(etc. see attached page for entire budget)			
Unallocated funds	\$ 99,274	22.8%	\$2.17

(Mecha, BSC, Center for
Women)

So under the Reign of Marshmallow Terror, the oppressed ~~minorities~~ managed to "coerce" 8% of the money. The Council was "forced" to fork (CIB, Tuesday 9th, Fin. Aid) (Tues. 9th, E.C., Depts.) over 7 1/2 % to the poor. With 5 1/2% going to education, that leaves a pure and undefiled 80% for fun and games.

I am sorry the Council was so intimidated. I've never been struck by a flying marshmallow, but it must be pretty painful or terribly sticky to evoke such terror.

More likely they were intimidated by their own paranoid feelings. A group of minority race faces always gives the shudders to the divide-and-conquer crowd.

But that is my opinion. Your readers need a chance to draw their own conclusions. Attached is an accurate picture of the entire AS budget--- as accurate, that is, as the figures you have scattered through 2 issues and which I have gathered together. You owe it to your readers to print this complete list of AS funds, this time leaving in the immense portion that goes to Athletics.

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