

CJP: a mighty Tall Tale

The Campus Judicial Panel (CJP) is a totalitarian, unrepresentative mockery of every basic principle of law. Our arguments:

I. BACKGROUND

Where did the CJP come from?

The old judicial system, the SJC, was set up in 1968 after a student sit-in for judicial rights. Last March, the ASSU Senate refused to appoint students to the committee which selects students to serve on the SJC, thus leaving student positions on the SJC vacant. Lyman then established the CJP.

Why did the Senate refuse to cooperate with the SJC?

The Senate believes that the following three reforms, all of which were approved in a student referendum in April of last year by a vote of 1929 to 1186, are needed to make the SJC a fair system:

1) The SJC should be able to try faculty as well as students, or the SJC should consist entirely of students, trying only student cases. The CJP, with three students and four faculty, and the SJC, with four students and five faculty, violate a fundamental precept of the American legal system: right to a jury of your peers.

2) "No proceedings (shall) be undertaken which contravene in any way the guarantee of individual rights contained in the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California." (from referendum)
Student judicial bodies have often tried students who are already involved in legal proceedings outside