A chance to learn

The Social Service Committee is more often than not considered something other than a student activity. It appears linked with a notion of social service which dates back to Hull House. This is unfortunate and patently untrue of an organization which is so definitely contributing to extracurricular life for the students—the fact that it goes far beyond the confines of the Institute should not be used to attach some stigma to it.

Though altruism plays a role, the people of the SSC are realists in every sense of the word. They are not looking for a major transformation of society, or even of people with whom they deal. They only want to know if there is something other than a student activity. It is more often than not considered some other purpose justifies summary prosecution, even if this is not the case. The administration's argument that it could be approached like a problem, because it was desperate for something, is accepted by the committee. Though altruism plays a role, there are elements of fun, education, and some very lasting worthwhile experiences. Though we have applied ourselves well, meeting these people has been an experience in itself.