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Letters to the Tech

An Open Letter to Professor Edgerton

Dear Professor Edgerton:

I concur with the sentiments you expressed in your letter posted in the bldg. 8 corridor last fall, despising any morality which condones selfishly stealing computer graphics and the historical study now on display, it is reasonable that a source of national interest (such as "compelling national interest") leave the statute open to interpretation by the prosecuting authorities, and they should not have that interpretation narrowed in the absence of some other provision.

In a concurring opinion in Branzburg vs. Hayes, Justice Lewis Powell stated that he felt the present system is fair to journalists. For complaints arising out of being subpoenaed for grand jury testimony, Justice Powell recommends "... the courts will be available to overcome under circumstances where legitimate First Amendment interests require protection." It is in this type of reasoning that would make it understandable to leave interpretation of a qualified statute up to governmental agencies such as the Justice Department.

The term "overriding national interest" has caused problems of interpretation in past legislation, with specific reference to presidential powers. Chances are that if the use of the conditions was ever challenged (which is highly probable), the Court would again be called upon to interpret such rights, defeating the purpose of the original passage of legislation.

To the Editor:

I would like to correct the article on Ashdown Dining published in The Tech, of February 16, 1973, in which I have been misquoted, and incorrect and unfair charges have been made against the Administration. Quite contrary to the alleged dispute over figures, I had told the reporter that there was no disagreement between the students and the administration over the figures, and therefore the charge of manipulation of figures is false and ridiculous. Furthermore, the statement that the expenses from Ashdown Dining would have been met by the students from vending machines and employment benefits if Ashdown House residents paid a $40.00 dining fee is also false. Last year these subsidies were adequate to cover the losses from Ashdown Dining, but to say that they would have covered the losses this year or in the future is not correct.

The alleged quotations are from a telephone call I received from the reporter, who, having been absent from the campus last fall, was trying to reach appropriate people for information on Ashdown Dining and was referred to the Committee on Student Environment and Administration for the wrong impression was communicated. A written statement was issued against the Administration.

Sincerely,
Michael Potter

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