SCPIRG pollutes fees system

EDITOR:

Many of you have probably asked yourselves: "Why is Young Americans for Freedom so strongly opposed to SCPIRG?"

First and foremost, we oppose SCPIRG because it is an infringement upon student liberty. SCPIRG would haul in tens of thousands of dollars through forced taxation. The SCPIRG tax is not voluntary, it is mandatory and is morally wrong. If SCPIRG is, as it claims, voluntary, why not allow students wishing to join to do so - but on a dues paying basis? Let them finance their own operation instead of forcing those of us wanting no part of SCPIRG to finance this vested interest group? Because SCPIRG could not survive through voluntary funding? Instead, it prefers to crucify students upon a cross of forced taxation. State money (the money of many not wanting to support SCPIRG) would be used to finance this vested interest group. Wann’t it Madame Roland who said: "Ah, liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name."

Secondly, we oppose SCPIRG on its own merits. SCPIRG has yet to state when, where, how, and in what amount refunds will be given.

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"Quickly, conveniently, easily, and (perhaps) fully" are hardly answers. Then there are other questions which cannot be discussed in the scope of this letter, such as local autonomy, constitutional structure, law students’ domination, political involvement, and bureaucratic control.

We will continue our fight against SCPIRG’s attempt to further pollute USC’s student activity fees system.

We may not have the money, the Nader organization, the slick public relations, of SCPIRG, but we do have an ideal: the ideal of the free man in a free society. We will implement that ideal on the campus of the University of South Carolina.

CHARLES R. WYNN
CHAIRMAN,
S.C. YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

Thought I’d seen it before

EDITOR:

I took great interest in the GAMECOCK’s recent picture of a scene in spring registration, where “shorter lines and new packet distribution method made spring registration less hectic than last fall.”

Oddly enough, the same photo was run in the September 8 issue, with the caption, “This was just one of the long lines in a crowded room during registration.” Is this indicative of the GAMECOCK’s inclusive news coverage to come? As usual, the GAMECOCK sees events the way it wants to see them.

DAVID L. COVINGTON

SCPIRG thanks student body

EDITOR:

On behalf of the one hundred and fifty SCPIRG volunteers who helped in the registration phase of the SCPIRG petition drive, we want to thank the entire USC student body for their support of SCPIRG - and for their patience and courtesy in listening to the SCPIRG proposal.

Those students whom we approached to “sign for SCPIRG” listened to what we had to say, asked questions, and, in the overwhelming majority of cases, signed the SCPIRG petition. Those who disagreed, or who wanted to find out more about SCPIRG, were also patient and courteous.

We thank the entire USC student body for its reaction to SCPIRG and hope, as the petition drive continues, that we can present the SCPIRG idea as courteously as it was received.

CONNIE KAYNARD
SUSAN PENDARVIS
(CO-CHAIRMEN OF SCPIRG PETITION DRIVE)

Pssss, were you hassled

EDITOR:

This is an open letter to the students of the University of South Carolina asking that any student who was hassled by SCPIRG petitioners or saw petitioners in the time lines at the exit or in the coliseum please contact me via a short note. Please just drop it in Box U-5608. All names will be kept confidential.

MICHAEL TRINKLEY

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