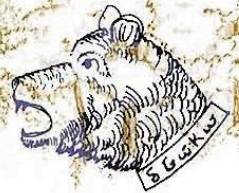


# Order of the Golden Bear



The discussion tonight dealt with the relationship between the Berkeley Campus of the University of California and the City of Berkeley. To begin, various Fellows commented on the perceived weaknesses in the relationship between the University and the City, as well as untapped potential for student involvement in city affairs. Many openings in city commissions were referred to, and Fellows urged students of the University to take advantage of such opportunities for involvement.

In citing the problems impeding a stronger relationship between the two entities, many Fellows pointed to both the relative transience of students, and the city's perception of the University and its property not affording revenue for the city (in particular in terms of property tax). However, many Fellows brought up the large and not insignificant indirect sources of revenue that the University and its students provide to the City, including institutional purchasing, student rent, support of local business, student public service, and the large influx of money with athletic events and philanthropy coming in from around the country and world. Some Fellows even suggested that many City residents are more likely to remember the negatives brought by the University and the students more than the positives, leading to a warped perspective of California's impact on the city of the Berkeley.

Other Fellows brought up the points of tension that still exist, including problems of traffic, especially on football game days, student move-out days and the resulting street-dumping, and the alcohol-related emergency calls during Welcome Week in the Fall which ties up the city's emergency services. However, Fellows then focused on methods of cooperation and of bridging the two parties. The current Student District issue was discussed to some length, with some Fellows suggesting the positives offered by the possibility of a student representative. Other Fellows feared that one committed student district councilmember will lead to other council members not having to take student concerns into account, as opposed to the present, where the student population is divided amongst districts and then are as a whole represented by a number of councilmembers.

As the discussion was coming to a close, several Fellows drew parallels between the similar mission of both the University and the City, in the notion of accessibility in their policies and in their democratic processes, and stressed the importance of each keeping true to their shared missions, and also holding each other accountable when able to their missions. Fellows cited the need for fair, affordable housing for students in the

City as central to the mission of accessibility for students. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned in the usual manner.