**The greener grass**

**Students vote to end class ranking**

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U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor—Faced with a university ban on a proposed sit-in, the Student Government Council of the University of Michigan has formally declared its independence from the Office of Student Affairs “in order to best act as the representative of the student body.”

SGC president Ed Robinson explained the action as follows: “Our aim must be to work with the faculty and administration to develop structures which let all the members of the University cooperate in making decisions.”

He asserted that the break was a “positive move” to establish closer contact with the University community by crossing “the artificial barriers that may now exist between the segments of that community.”

The object of the controversial sit-in was a refusal by University officials to cease compilation of student ranking for use by local draft boards.

In its statement the administration called the ranking issue a “matter of controversy” but added that “if the policy of compiling class ranks were to be changed, the University would have a serious problem concerning its obligations to more than 6,000 students” who have asked ranks to be sent in.

In the same statement, the University recognized the fact that when 10,000 students express their views, as they did in a SGC referendum on the compilation of class ranking, serious consideration must be given. The students voted an end to rankings by a 2:1 margin.

**SUPERFRAGILISTIC SILICONE**

U. of Texas, Austin—According to an article in that renowned scientific journal, the Daily Texan, strange and remarkable experiments in the field of superconductivity are to be discussed at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York.

For the experiments, wafers of “silicone and germanium,” the same materials used in making transistors (obviously a different type of silicone from the nightclub variety) are immersed in liquid helium to reduce their temperature to almost absolute zero.

At such low temperatures, (Rice researchers carefully note!) strange things begin to happen! Even ordinary materials, such as lead, become gloriously superconducting so that electric currents will flow forever and forever. (Well, almost)