'Grievances will be aired'

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"This is the first time that the ASB has taken a stand on a group of issues. I have briefed the Chancellor on these student grievances, and he has been quite receptive," ASB president Walt Byrd told the Campus Senate last night.

Byrd was referring to a group of grievances drawn up by the ASB Interracial Action Committee as directed by the Senate. "These grievances will be heard. They will be taken seriously," Byrd said. "If the grievances pass the Senate and I sign them, they will be sent to the Chancellor. They must be either accepted or rejected by the Chancellor, there'll be no passing the buck. We may have some fireworks on some of these."

The grievances can be summarized:

1. Extension of Library hours.
2. Student-teacher evaluation conducted before the Christmas holidays.
3. Suggestions by the AWS concerning extension and partial abolition of women's hours, to be implemented by the first semester of the 1971-72 year.
5. Improvement of student recruitment.
6. A group of "black demands" concerning the recruitment of black athletes and the employment of black professors, increasing the number of scholarships given to black students, the hiring of more black counselors and dorm mothers, and increasing the number of graduate assistantships for black students.
7. Place Mississippi universities under the same laws governing beverages as those in the counties where they reside.
8. Setting up guidelines concerning the inspection of student living quarters.

The grievances on this list were referred to committees and will be taken up at a special Senate meeting next Tuesday. The Senate also passed a resolution setting up a committee to "afford a decision of policy from the University administration" concerning the "substantial modification" of women's hours. Nine other bills were sent to committee.