

## **The Use of Amplified Sound on Campus Agreement**

In what follows, we have sought to avoid creating policy where not absolutely required but to achieve the desired ends by agreement on practice, through agreement among the parties affected by the issue.

Specifically, the University seeks (1) to protect organized instructional and learning activities, consonant with its mission, from serious interference while (2) also permitting student programming activities to take place during classroom hours, including in high student traffic areas around classroom buildings.

Therefore, the University Union and the office of Student Life (for concerts sponsored by clubs) agree to keep the amplified sound at events sponsored or authorized by them at a reasonable sound level (established at 60 decibels within classroom buildings), so that the amplified sound does not seriously interfere with the instructors' ability to teach and the students' ability to study.

The University Union and the office of Student Life will monitor and regulate the level of sound at their own events, testing the sound level inside the nearest classroom buildings. They have tested and found that a level of 60 decibels seems a desirable maximum level.

If continued complaints are raised, the issue of amplified sound around classroom buildings will be reexamined in the Student Affairs Advisory Committee, which is composed of equal numbers of faculty and students, nominated by the Academic Senate and the ASI president respectively.

Any change in practice recommended by the Student Affairs Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Academic Senate, Student Senate and University Union Board of Directors for their review and endorsement as well.

We ask the Academic Senate's, the Student Senate's, and the University Union Board of Directors' endorsement of this practice as a reasonable and humane solution to the concern. **1/AS/97/SAAC Approved September 9, 1997**