

CAMPUS OPINION

Uncle Tom's Corner

The Power Of The Times

Any examination of the policy statements released today by IFC and Pan-Hellenic must necessarily begin "Well, they surely don't say too much." One of our English teachers holds that effective criticism means the justifying of weak links, and, as part of this criticism, we think we can justify a few of the obvious weak links found in these statements.

The times—not the Daily Nebraskan, nor Administration, nor the Friends of SNCC—have dictated that discrimination in the Greek system is to die. Realizing this during the last two or three years, Greek leaders have held countless discussions over what the role of the individual chapters, the nationals, the administration and the Greek coordinating bodies should be in ushering out this discrimination. With an eye toward the conflagration caused at universities where the administration was forced to act because of Greek disinterest, and with another eye toward the easily-ignited alum tempers, the Greek leaders here have produced these statements. Any weakness here can be found in their haste to extinguish both fires without getting burned themselves.

By themselves, these two statements are worthless. Their potential value lies in (1) the fact that they show a legitimate concern for the problems they face and (2) the fact that they have admitted their need for help and have asked for it. When

long range work can be used to eliminate discrimination in these groups, this is the best way. When the times decree that sudden action is necessary, help is needed.

And, implicitly woven between the human rights cliches is a request for help. The buck has risen to the top, where the responsibility has rested from the beginning. The delegation of authority has been sterilized by the times, and the first stringers have to be called into the game to stave off the rally.

Now, the statements, themselves, IFC will work for the support of the Board of Regents to implement civil liberties "within member groups." PanHell wants to support the Board in implementing civil liberties at the University. Here we have a glaring difference, one which reflects on the composition, freedom and initiative of the groups involved.

There is no real cause for concern, here. Both groups were given a chance to say what they wanted, and both took advantage of it. We assume that the Regents will read the two the same, for both are vague enough to be either strong or weak.

We await results, not statements. For what these are worth, we commend them. For what they can do, we await eagerly and prayerfully.

FRANK PARTSCH

Withholding Information

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter in regard to the article written by Miss Smithberger in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan. I am more disturbed by the journalism practice than by the issue involved.

The purpose of a good newspaper is to inform. It should enlighten the public rather than confusing it. To be specific, I believe that a good newspaper should pub-

lish all the information concerning an issue, not part of it. Withholding the essential information, as Miss Smithberger did, inevitably leaves the readers lost and confused.

No doubt Miss Smithberger wrote her article with good intentions, but I do believe that it is only fair and good journalism practice to let the readers know what the whole issue was about.

Victor Tseng

Worst Discrimination

Dear editor,

Every time we turn around we hear cries again—discrimination. Selma, etc. Now the budget committee is proposing one of the worst kinds of discrimination, that of discrimination according to wealth.

The proposed increase in tuition will not hurt Edward Jackson's car-owning, Honda-owning students (Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan) for they could afford a much larger increase than that proposed. The student who is hurt by this increase is the student who has to save and scrimp to buy his books, or whose folks are scrimping to get him through college.

For the student who has a financial struggle to just attend college, this could be the straw that breaks the

camel's back. This is an extreme and cruel form of discrimination, for it is depriving someone of an education, of a chance to improve his lot in life.

Mr. Jackson and State Senators—you might be able to afford this increase! Some people CAN'T. Is it your right to deprive these people of an education? I think not!

Larry Toothaker
P.S. Write your state senator!

Editor's note: Mr. Toothaker informs us that he has written approximately the same letter to his state senator. We would like to note that, as a member of the varsity track team and as a senior, Mr. Toothaker would have nothing to lose if a raise were enacted, and think that he should be commended for his concern.

Shindig More Important

Dear editor:

I don't know how many people knew President Johnson was to give a major address Wednesday night at Johns Hopkins University, but it was well publicized for several days. This was one of the most important policy statements on our position in South Vietnam that the President has made to date.

Assuming a large number of students would be crowding the TV area in Cather Hall, I went down a few minutes before the President was to go on the air to assure myself of a seat. Nearly all the seats were filled when I arrived. As I stood and waited a few moments during the closing of the preceding program, I was appalled at the sight I saw. As Shindig ended there was certainly no doubt about finding a seat as full-

ly half of the students left as President Johnson came on the air.

Don't students realize we are fighting a major war in South Vietnam? Don't they realize that hundreds of men (including many Americans) have been killed there in the past few months, not to mention the past several years? Are people so wrapped up in themselves that they think only of how they will be affected if tuition goes up a few dollars? How many students realize how the United States will be affected if we lose the war in South Vietnam?

Is Shindig really more important than the President's statement of our policies, aims, and intentions in South Vietnam, or have I misjudged the importance of this world crisis???

Gary W. Lentz

Bad Seed IV

I haven't signed the Petition yet, and I really have no desire to follow the mad Carpenter from Terrytown through the streets to watch pigeons splatter the statue of William Jennings Bryan at the Capitol, but I am compassionate by nature.

This morning is one such case. I was winding my way to class, having unusual difficulty staying on the sidewalk due to gross wining and dining last night, when The Spirit hit me.

'Twas then I decided to colonize a chapter of Camp Fire Girls at the University of Nebraska.

I used to be a CF girl. We had rumbles with the local Girl Scouts, and our favorite lark was to crumble

a trail of brownies which lead into a dark alley where we waited with official Camp Fire Girl hatchets. Not cookie brownies, you understand, little girl brownies. We were a tough group.

The best thing about having a CF chapter at NU is that everyone could spot the activity gunners. Just count the red, blue, yellow, green, purple, or brown beads on her vest. No more of those nickle and dime dodads that hang on sorority pins to mark the favored few.

And the hikes! Ah, a loaf of bread, a jug of beer, and we were off. Fifteen rosy-cheeked maidens stalking the countryside for a good spot to dig a modest latrine and burn five acres of pine for a campsite. Think of the

green beads a girl could earn in college at a wood-sie.

When we weren't out in the bushes practicing karate chops on each other, we were assembled around a small inferno of logs, mud-rolled potatoes, and saddle shoes, blazing a dark red, similar to the red beads one earned for cooking a mother sow in a pressure cooker with an apple in her mouth.)

At any rate, the University could use the Camp Fire Girls. Next week I will be in the Union with a petition which I would appreciate everyone signing so we can bring the organization on campus. If I can get Terry's support, we have it made.

N.S. (J)

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