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THEORY VS. PRACTICE:

Alabama Injustice

Students at the University of Alabama are taught one thing in classrooms by University instructors, but the principles they learn, at least in one case, are not practiced by the University's administration.

This principle is one which is basic to a democracy. It is often times referred to as "Freedom of Speech."

When school started at the University of Alabama this fall, a new card was shuffled into the myriad of cards which must be filled out to complete registration. This card looked, we suppose, much like any of the other cards—but it was special. It inflicted a penalty on students which would arouse the ire of many Americans—whatever their political philosophy might be.

The statement printed on the card read:

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It is doubtful that the University could have devised a more unconstitutional, un-American regulation than it did. The constitution provides Americans with the right of complete freedom of expression on any subject, excluding none.

A student should not have to give up his constitutional rights upon entering any University. On the other hand what kind of University—an institution where the exchange of thought is basic—could have the audacity to restrict this exchange.

Another University has taken on the rich warm glow of parenthood. Universities feel it is their right to protect the students like children even to the point of restricting their constitutional rights. This quality, which is inherent in most Universities, has been labeled in *Loco Parentis* by the National Student Association, and if you think about what the University of Alabama has done, you will realize it is dangerous.

The justice department acts in behalf of Americans in filing suits concerning interstate commerce, voting practices, and civil rights. What is now evident is that the University of Alabama has acted unconstitutionally.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy should immediately initiate a suit against Alabama U to keep it from carrying out its proclamation.

Ah, but this would take time, and time is something students don't have enough of. They have to study and can't participate in law suits.

They are the University's children, and must listen, but not be heard.

GARY LACEY

EVEN MILK:

Grade A

Ever since the Senate passed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, even the milk tastes fresher.

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CAMPUS OPINION

Student Protests YR Probe

Dear Editor:

SUBJECT: University Young Republicans Announced Plans To Investigate Liberal Professors.

The argument for the necessity of a free flow of ideas in a democracy is an old one. The YR's seem to have forgotten it. Does any thinking student sincerely believe that the meager influx of liberal ideas to be had at NU is bad?—In a medieval Nebraska?—Where Medicare is Bolshevism? Perspective is necessary.

An idea should not be discarded because it is "pink" or "socialistic," but because it is a bad idea. And what methods do the YR zealots propose to use to find out just who is liberal and who is "OK" (the two seem to be opposites)? Will it come to the point where students and professors alike begin getting tightlipped, suspicious, always afraid that some student will have a tape recorder hidden in a book? The House Un-American Activities Committee and rightists everywhere have first attacked the reds, then the pinks, now are they going to attack those who are just not far enough right?

"A liberal, huh?"
"Might just as well be a

socialist, and you know what that is?"

"Sure one of them atheistic communists."

That's right, might as well be. Make you sick? If it does keep a close eye on the University's young, young Young Republicans.

Jim Steinman

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Since the announcement of the Young Republicans' intention appeared as a upi release last summer the YRs have repeatedly stated that the resolution was misquoted. The resolution, according to Charles Peek, University YR president, was intended to increase a Republican influence at the University and no mention was made of the investigation of leftist activities.

—The Editor

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"Around"
A New Breed

By Dick Weill

All the old faces are gone. Kuklin and Nolon are at Ann Arbor. Helen has left so she can finish her education to be a librarian. Burt has moved up R Street to Law School. Even "Ferg" is not with us any more. With the passing of the Old Guard, a new generation has come to fill the gap. This is the era of Christie's Crew and Pokorny's Playmates. Growing around us is a new University of Nebraska Quiz Bowl, a rejuvenated RAM organization, and a new administrator for the area of activity coordination.

In this setting, my column will be written. It will deal with all kinds of campus activities. Unlike some of its predecessors, it has as its goal to point out the positive actions which are being taken on campus by activities and individuals. This is not to say that the column will not be critical at times. However, it is my hope to congratulate those who deserve it.

Too often the newspaper is so filled with criticism of everyone from administrators to Student Council presidents that the student body gets the feeling that no one does anything right. This column will attempt to overcome some of the "yellow journalism" around us and for a change praise some of these people in the so-called public eye.

Since the editor said that I would comment on Student Council, I thought I might spend just a little space informing you about your Student Council, some of its powers and plans for the year. The whole area of activities is gaining more Student Council interest these days. Those of you in activities realize that the Student Council's budget is simply an assessment of funds in the Student Activities Fund.

Student Council powers in the area of activities.

however, extend much further. The constitution of Council provides that (Continued on page 4)

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