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NAACP:

Poor Start

The lack of leadership has nearly condemned the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to death before it got off its feet.

Approximately 40 students from the University of Nebraska and Wesleyan University convened at the Malone Center last Friday night to consider the establishment of a college NAACP chapter which would be composed of interested students from three colleges—the University, Wesleyan University and Union College.

Many of the students there went as observers with no intention of joining the group. And those who went to join went away with doubts in their minds.

Certainly the first sign the observer would recognize as a reason for not affiliating with the group was the lack of colored people in attendance. There was about one Negro for every three white people. If Negroes are not interested in the problems they face, then why should white people bother to help them, even if they are interested?

In the evening's proceedings one Negro commented on the poor Negro showing saying that he was embarrassed, and that more Negroes should be encouraged to attend. Of course, many NU Negroes were playing football in Missouri that weekend. This, again, is evidence of poor planning and leadership.

The adult sponsors did little to generate interest among the people who were there. One lady read a portion of an NAACP manual of organization, but this could hardly arouse much interest. If anything her dissertation ended on a humorous note, for one of the objectives she read from the book called for the elimination of discrimination in college athletics. Nothing could be farther from the truth at the University.

The manual also calls for members of the NAACP to eliminate discriminatory clauses in fraternity and sorority constitutions. If this is what the group would like to accomplish, then they should organize themselves as a student activity at the University and pressure the Student Council to act on such a measure.

It is not presumptuous to say, that the NAACP would have trouble getting the Council to discuss the problem.

If this "class elimination" is the goal, at least in part, of the NAACP, then they should organize as a University group with University sanction, and forget about the organization of a group which would encompass three campuses.

GARY LACEY

Our Sacred Cows

By JIM MOORE

That the administrators of this fair University take a rather asinine view of the student body need hardly be debated—if we look at the motivations and inferences that can be drawn from recent actions.

An illustrious Red Hood stopped me on the street a few days ago and with great flailing of his arms expounded his view that I was an insipid rabble rouser and that student-administrator relationships "had never been better."

But I don't really feel that student-administrator relationships even exist.

Things just come down from On High.

There are several incidents which reflect this attitude of indifference to student opinion. Attitudes that point out that student maturity is hardly even considered in University policy-making circles. Attitudes that reflect administrators' views that their student body lacks responsibility and self-control.

In short, attitudes that show that the Student Affairs Deans feel that the student body, if permitted any semblance of freedom, would automatically act like naughty children.

First, let's look at College Nights.

Last fall, after he had sponsored the first College Night of the season, Jeff Pokorny was summoned into The Presence and sublimely told that if he continued in sponsoring College Nights he "might not be around long."

For nearly a month this fall Jeff attempted to work with administration to conclude a compromise. But Dean Ross consistently refused to discuss terms for possible agreement.

An obvious example of the close workings of students and administrators.

Another example that shows the peculiar kinds of contempt that administrators hold toward the student body was a singularly insipid letter sent out by

Deans Snyder and Hallgren last fall concerning sorority participation in College Nights.

In the usual administrative gobbledey-gook, these two deans reminded the sororities that the custom of mandatory attendance at a party "which does not meet University standards" was terribly naughty and "gave new students the wrong impression of University life."

Once again, we had to be saved from ourselves.

The tone of the letter was that of a grade-school principal reprimanding a second-grader for wanting to go to the bathroom when he knew that "potty time" wasn't for another 15 minutes.

Either the Administration was scared of the self-contamination we students were about to reap upon ourselves or they felt they had to save us from reality.

If college students are not mature enough to accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions or if they are not morally stable enough to venture forth into reality, we might question what the function of the University really is.

When talking with Dean Ross last week, he himself pointed out that the University imposes extra-legal restrictions on its students concerning liquor.

Did you know that even if a student is 21, and is with a group of students who are all 21 or over, if that group represents an organized house or living unit according to University regulations that group is subject to punishment?

This grain of wisdom came down from the Board of Regents.

To question the Regents is nearly akin to questioning God—but what could they have been thinking of? Certainly not the student. Evidently we sign away the rights of citizenship and the protection of the laws when we register each semester.

I could continue with examples of University action on such things as 1) the Union Board of Managers,

2) the parking situation and mandatory use of the inter-campus bus, 3) Student Tribunal decisions, 4) sign-carrying at Pep Rallies, 5) Sigma Chi Derby Day, 6) the dorm rate increase, 7) football tickets, 8) Migration, 9) women's hours for co-ed's over 21, etc.

But it's plain to see that the University administrators really don't give a damn about student opinion.

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Just Reporting News

Dear Editor:

Last week in this spot a letter declared that, in essence, it was not the Daily Nebraskan's job to "create issues."

I would just like to say that it is a newspaper's job to report the news. If that news happens to be an issue, then that issue should be reported. Just because it is the first time it is presented doesn't mean that the paper is creating an issue.

Furthermore, that issue should be brought up again and again as many times as there are new developments—not just once and then tactically avoided.

It is my feeling that the letter was referring to the recent articles on our racial problems. I can't believe that the Nebraskan was "creating" an issue since the issue has been going on quietly for over one hundred years and explosively for over three years.

I say "our" racial problem because this issue concerns every one of us immediately and directly. Just because we are north of the Line doesn't mean we are free from those terrible prejudiced attitudes of our Southern neighbors.

We have problems in our own back yard and I say "Congratulations" to the Daily Nebraskan for standing up and making us aware of it. That's what a newspaper is for—to inform

the people. Not just of nice events or events far away, but we must recognize our problems if we hope to solve them.

It seems to me that it is the men and women in college now that are going to have to deal with this problem. Our parents have brought the matter out from the night into the daylight.

They started it. But we will have to finish it. So, although I don't agree with the closed-mind attitude in the recent letter, I am glad to see some response to the issue.

Cuz Guenzel

"MAN YOUR OAR!"

On Other Campuses:

Was Christine Keeler A Liberal?

Kansas State Collegian, Kansas State University, Manhattan, has a London correspondent, Chris Bigsby, a K-State graduate student from England, reports:

Christine Keeler is a good thing, although I don't think "thing" is the right word because I remember someone telling me that "thing" is neuter and that doesn't remind me of her.

The year 1963 was Christine Keeler year, and I will always remember it because this was the first time Dad said we weren't old enough to listen to the news.

The whole trouble, as far as I could see, was that Christine had dated a member of government. That wasn't so bad, I don't think, but she wasn't a Conservative. Maybe she was a Liberal because I do remember someone calling her that. She was very pretty and everyone loved her—even the Russians (and they're very particular).

Anyhow, she went out with the war minister (he arranged wars with the Germans every 20 years or so) but I don't think he liked her very much because when they asked him about her, he couldn't remember her.

Somehow or other this all had a great effect on the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is very important and exists for the mutual benefit of Britain. Everyone in it recognizes the

Queen, even in poor light.

I like Christine. I want to meet her and ask her to wait for me to grow up, only I've heard she is going back to Modeling (I think he is Chancellor of the Exchequer).

A man named Denning has written a book about Christine, and I have purchased it. It is published by the government by arrangement with Christine, who, by the way, has been jailed for not telling the truth. I can't understand that. Mr. Profumo said he hadn't told the truth and they haven't put him in prison. But perhaps they have only one cell—and you know how people would talk.

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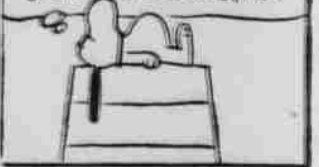
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