

CAMPUS OPINION

Uncle Tom's Corner

Coed Living

"Yep, everybody's got problems," Dick Gregory said. Nothing he said that day in the Nebraska Union ballroom could have been more true.

The University has the fiscal fiasco, the coeds have Snyder's snipers, the Greeks have Mohican motions, 16th Street has tunnel trouble. What of the independents, or, more specifically, what of the dormies?

They probably have the worst problems of all. Imagine a twelve-story pile of rooms, closely resembling a honeycomb, full of exuberant human beings searching for identity. This search for identity, University administrators tell us, is the motivating factor behind many student actions and trends.

The non-affiliated student has remained a self-imposed outcast from most all-student activities—part of this because most of his fellow residents were likewise outcasts and part of it because he clung to an outmoded label, "independence." Hiding behind this excuse for non-interest, these students have evolved into one large voiceless mass of humanity.

Objections to this must necessarily be qualified. It is narrow to say that University condoned student activities are the only way to supplement one's education; and it is unfairly labeling these individuals to sling the term "apathy" at them like a water balloon. But, we are sure, many of these students are uninvolved because they are not informed—oh, yes, they know what the group does and when it meets and how to join it, but they don't know what it's for, what it could do for them.

Selleck Quadrangle and its Residence Association for Men (RAM, which we hope will be changed next year when more women become part of the organization) is starting to move. The stronger house concept has injected some interest into the individuals, and the remnants of the strong executive council have been able to channel this interest into an overall stream of building enthusiasm.

Cather Hall, with its Cather Hall Association for Resident Men (CHARM, which we hope will be changed FAST, because no women are part of the organization) has a remarkably weak central organization, which we hope the residents will want to strengthen soon. CHARM is new, but while it struggles for a hall-wide campus identity the iron might cool.

Perhaps the problem is in the definition of coed living. RAM has coed living, with men and coeds working together in the same unit. We would be more inclined to say that CHARM and Pound Hall are peacefully coexisting, with coed eating at the very most. While a liaison exists permanently within RAM between all residents, it is left to the occasional and often erratic judgment of the Cather house social chairmen to find, establish and maintain a relationship with any Pound house interested.

The problem, as we see it, is not at the bottom, it is at the top. We, both personally and editorially, favor a government in Cather and Pound that corresponds to the RAM organization—in which coordinating becomes planning and coexistence becomes coed living.

• FRANK PARTSCH

Commendation For Wiley

Dear editor,
Mr. Wiley, in his letter of March 18, should be commended. It is unfortunate that others like him are

forced to remain inactive—thereby leaving the solving of this serious problem to the publicity seekers.
Liz Grosshaus

Barton View Novel

Dear editor,

The column in Friday's Daily Nebraskan presented a most novel view of social change. The critic Mr. Barton quotes seems to feel that the civil rights movement is a very naive, poorly done movement.

Why? Well it doesn't go beyond the store front. That is, it hasn't solved the social problems the South will have once the Negro is marching on the factory instead of the courthouse.

To picture Mr. Barton and his critic standing next to Patrick Henry and Sam Adams is most illuminating.

Wrenched From Rumor

Dear Stuart Wiley,

By all means, remain an inactive integrationist. Do not join PSNCC or SNCC. Do not demonstrate. Do choose people of any race or belief as your friends and fraternity brothers.

Don't understand the problems of Selma. Don't go there to find the truth, if it's there BECAUSE "To

Lost Souls' Movement

Dear editor,

In the past few years, we have seen the growth of a cross-section of students labeled colloquially as "beatniks." You know, they are the individuals who generally sit in the corner of the Crib doing everything as differently as possible.

Also in the past few years, these individuals have found a noble purpose—a way to act different toward a shining humanitarian goal. They have adopted the Movement.

Many in this Nebraska faction have identified themselves with Friends of SNCC. In fact, with few exceptions, SNCC here on campus consists mainly of these Lost Souls. Most students have spurned thoughts of participating in the Civil Rights movement because this is the sort of thing that the "kooks" can take care of.

I suspect that most Uni-

versity students would just as soon mumble their sympathies in bull sessions than associate with the beatniks, who are indeed quite strange.

Nor is this a local phenomenon. At voter registration projects, in many civil rights groups, along many pocket lines the beatniks, the kooks or the Lost Souls comprise a majority all over the country. I would imagine that beards, shabby dress, dirty fingernails, shaggy hair and the main requisite, a pseudointellectualism will become symbols of white participation in the Movement. It is too bad.

Where are all these student leaders? Where, in fact, are those concerned students as a whole? At Nebraska, it seems, they are all in a hole, a very deep hole.

It makes one wonder who are the wind ones.

H. Michael Rood

Ray A. Shepard

Tomorrow the Nebraska Unicameral will give us an example of northern bigotry. They will defer, table or defeat the Fair Housing Bill. But let us talk about something closer to home; off-campus housing for Negro students.

In the GUIDE TO STUDENT HOUSING put out by the university it says: "One of the first important decisions you will make at the University of Nebraska will be the selection of a place to live." For the Negro student it is not a question of selection but one of finding a landlord who will rent to him. That, is the most important problem he will face at this university.

Last September my wife was given a listing of apartments that were available to students. None would rent to Negroes. Last week I went to the Student Housing Office and again was given a list of places that were renting to students; none would accept Negroes.

The comments I received from the landlords were absurd. "No I don't rent to Negroes because they smell different, drink and cut each other with razors." "I don't want riots in my house." I went out to see one place (didn't tell him that I was black) and the landlord shook his head saying no. He pointed to his nice front yard and said "if I rented to you, why next week there would be thirty

Negroes out there having a bar-b-cue."

On the form listing available apartments under the remarks section, there is an asterisk; if it is circled the landlord will rent to Negroes. This is how the administration maintains the status quo.

The number of apartments in Lincoln available to Negroes are few. There is a fierce competition between Negro citizens of Lincoln, Negro Air Force personnel and Negro students. Because of this competition landlords renting to Negroes can charge more than the actual worth of the apartment. E.g. a fourroom apartment, unfurnished renting for \$90 plus utilities.


The administration speaks

of approved housing, which has the connotation of maintaining a kind of moral standards. However they have ignored a question of morality by approving off-campus housing that discriminates.

The administration has ignored its responsibilities and it is up to the student body to act. By acting I am not necessarily speaking of demonstrations. I think the Student Council, as voice of the student body, should speak first.

I understand that this afternoon such a proposal for non-discriminatory off-campus housing will be made by the Student Council. Let us hope that it does not meet the same fate the Fair Housing bill will meet tomorrow.

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