

Editorials

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Commentary

Discrimination policy improved

The University announced two new policies this week which represent some of the most progressive action yet to promote and aid minority groups on campus.

One policy statement comes from the Housing Office and represents the firmest stand it has taken regarding the practices of landlords of approved University Housing.

The letter or informal contract which will be sent to these landlords comes very close to being a threat for discriminatory renters.

A landlord who is faced with losing students or incurring the anger of the mayor's civil rights committees may discontinue his policy of telling Negroes or foreign students there's no room in the inn.

As in the past enforcement of this policy will be difficult. Telling a student he must move out of an apartment rented by a landlord the University knows to be discriminatory will not be a pleasant task.

But from appearances the Housing Office seems to be more determined enforce its housing policy than it has been during the past year. Just the fact that the office has redefined and strengthened its stand is a promising sign about the office's future actions.

The most impressive action the University took this week, however, was to make possible tuition waivers for 20 needy and underprivileged freshmen next fall.

This procedure coupled with a vigorous recruiting program could make college educations possible for many students especially those from minority groups who could not otherwise consider college because of their financial situations.

Now that the University has made very apparent its position in the area of minority groups on campus much of the success of these programs will depend on students.

Earlier this year the Student Senate passed resolutions calling for an investigation of the University's housing policies and the Administration has complied rather quickly.

But what would be a student's reaction next fall when the University asks him to leave his apartment because his landlord is a racist. Unless a student is willing to submit to a higher principle and refuse to rent from a discriminatory landlord the Housing Office's job would become even more burdensome.

While the Housing Office will increase its surveillance over this aspect of housing policy the Student Senate should continue a close watch on the Housing Office. Although the Administration should tighten discriminatory regulations it can not be allowed to take this opportunity to also restrict, rather than liberalize, other student housing policies.

Cheryl Triff

Al Spangler

Illegal but not immoral

You say you're going to graduate, and you've already received a notice to report for a pre-induction physical? Is that what's bringing you up-tight, brother? Well, don't tell anyone you "have to go," because you don't.

Whenever the subject of "draft dodging" comes up for discussion, someone invariably invokes the



Strange Days

argument that "the law is sacred; draft dodging is illegal; therefore, no one ought to attempt to avoid conscription."

None of these claims is true. It can certainly be maintained that, in a democratic society, citizens have a prima facie duty to obey the law. But this does not mean that it is always wrong to break the law: order is certainly important, but not more important than considerations of justice and morality.

Also, not all cases of draft dodging are illegal. A potential draftee can leave the country, lose enough weight to flunk the physical, or employ countless other legal means to escape service.

He can also confront the draft laws and the Selective Service System directly, by refusing induction. This latter course of action is, needless to say, most illegal. But it is not, under the present circumstances, immoral. Indeed, in the eyes of many people who oppose the war and the draft, is praiseworthy.

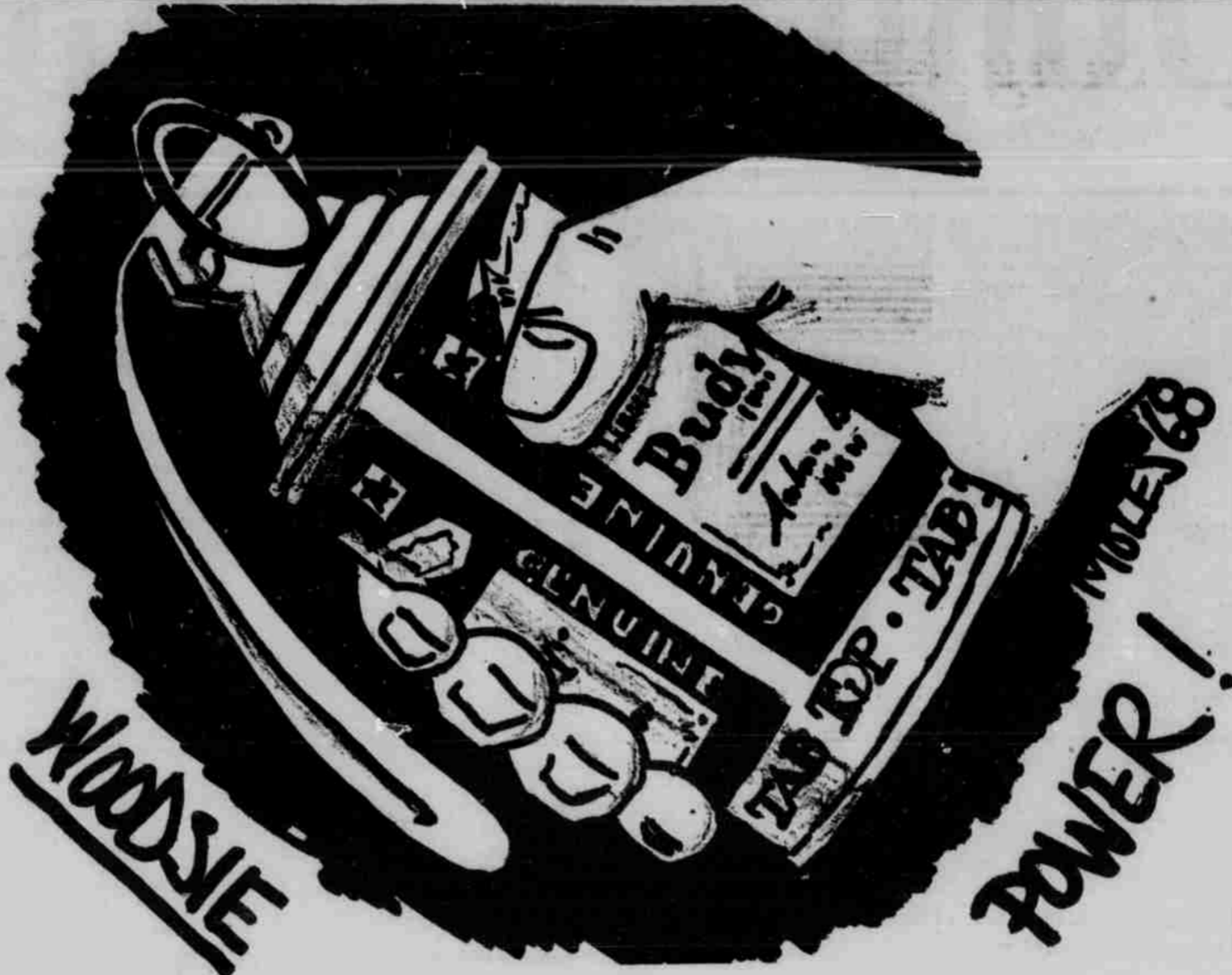
Last October 19, Steve Abbott, a 1966 University of Nebraska graduate, refused to take the induction oath into the U.S. Army. That day marked the end of a two-year struggle by Steve to obtain Conscientious Objector status from Lancaster county Draft Board No. 58.

For refusing to serve, Steve has been indicted by a grand jury and his case is pending in Federal District Court in Lincoln. Possible punishment includes a five-year jail sentence or \$10,000 fine.

Steve sought conscientious objector status based upon his religious training and belief as a Catholic. His views on war were well-known by his contemporaries here, and he has received the endorsement of the Daily Nebraskan and the Student Senate.

Steve's action is clearly praiseworthy, and those who would praise him are being asked to contribute to a defense fund of \$600 to defer costs which Steve cannot meet. All of us who oppose conscription owe Steve a debt of gratitude.

Donations may be sent in care of the Steve Abbott Defense Fund, Newman Center, 320 North 16th, Lincoln, Nebraska. Do your thing.



William F. Buckley

Columbia University— island unrest

They say that Dean Coleman, of Columbia University in New York, is a very calm man, which is fortunate in one way. It takes a great deal of calmness to put up with what he has been putting up with, indeed it is just possible that he is too calm.

Perhaps one day Ralph Hochhuth will write a play, "Dean Coleman's Calmness," suggesting that calmness is not altogether appropriate in a situation that requires rather energetic, even passionate action. The old-timers in New York recall the response of the late President Frederick B. Robinson, president of City College, who in May 1933 en route to review a parade of ROTC students, found his way barred by pacifist students.

Without calling a single faculty meeting, or telephoning to the NAACP, or even con-

sulting the National Conference of Christians and Jews, President Robinson lifted up his umbrella and struck out to his right and to his left, and eventually made his way through to the parade ground. His comment on the incident was that it had been "trivial but annoying."

Alas, even if the authorities of Columbia had Mr. Robinson's sangfroid, they could not likely get away with calling the present mess trivial, or merely annoying. Columbia University is for all intents and purposes shut down. Classes are suspended, the campus is in anarchy, student rioters control a half-dozen buildings; and (at this writing), still the police are not called in.

It was resolved by the president, Dr. Grayson Kirk, to call them on Thursday. But his own faculty, or parts of

it, raised such a storm of protest, that he flinched. Why should the faculty object to calling the police in order to release imprisoned university personnel, and permit students free access to university buildings? Because the faculty, or rather a significant part of the faculty, at Columbia as elsewhere, is irresponsible.

These are the people who sign manifestoes in favor of Dr. Benjamin Speck and the Reverend William Sloan Coffin when they break the law. Professor Richard Greenman, of the French department announced, in the accents of Charlotte Corday, that "there can be no education and no thought that is divorced from action." The trouble with that statement is, a) it isn't true, and, b) even if it were, it is no justification for what the

authorities of Columbia have been tolerating.

Although the strikers have four objectives, two of them calculated to serve their own personal interests (they do not wish to suffer any punishment for what they are doing, rather like a graduating class of West Point asking for unconditional guarantees that they will never be scratched in action).

The most inflammatory issue has had to do with the proposed construction of athletic facilities on a public park adjacent to Columbia. The park in question is a nice stretch of green, dividing the Columbia campus from Harlem, which however is about as safe to traverse as the DMZ. It is the principal outdoor training ground for apprentice muggers, thieves and rapists.

Southern students plan more action

Atlanta (CPS)—Black student leaders on many white campuses in the South are planning to increase their demands on white students and administrators in the near future.

So far, black students at predominately white colleges and universities in the South have been relatively quiet, especially when compared to students on black campuses and black students on white campuses in the North. Many white administrators frequently have pointed to the inactivity of the black students on their campuses as evidence that they do not have racial problems.

Black student leaders, however, say they do have problems, and they plan to become more militant in press-

ing their grievances. If they carry out their promises, white administrators at both public and private institutions may have more headaches than anyone else. The public institutions have to bargain with conservative state legislators for financial support, and most private institutions have conservative governing boards and depend on conservative donors.

The black students say they have been inactive in the past primarily because of their small numbers. In most cases, blacks compose less than one per cent of the total student enrollment. But they now realize they do not need massive armies to carry out active protests.

Within the last year black student organizations have

been started on numerous white campuses in the South. In a few cases, the black students already have been successful in getting administrations to meet certain demands. But they have not yet gone as far as the black students on some campuses on the North.

Among the demands already made by black students in the South:

—At the University of Georgia, the Black Student Union has demonstrated for desegregation of the restrooms for employees and more courses about the Negro. They have demanded that black students be included in the honors program and that campus jobs be made available to blacks. The students recently held a "stand-

in" in the snack bar to protest the segregated restrooms. The "white" and "colored" signs on the restroom doors were painted out during the day.

—A new Afro-American Association formed last month at the University of Alabama is demanding that the university hire black professors and black campus policemen. They also have demanded that the athletic teams be integrated.

—The Black Student Union at the University of Kentucky has spent most of the year demanding that black-oriented courses be added to the curriculum. After months of laborious petitioning and discussions, the Administration agreed to add a new course next fall entitled "Afro-American life and culture."

Campus Opinion

Dear Editor:

Unlike their elders, who have become tone deaf from decades of listening to political double-talk students can tune in at once to the quiet voice of honesty of a unique political candidate, Eugene J. McCarthy. We of his home state so admire the McCarthy character, ability and style, that in 1964 we returned his to the Senate with our largest vote ever given a Democrat, and we work for him now, despite the Humphrey machine which has been in control for many years.

The critical question now (for all the American people) is how we can give him the largest vote for the nomination when his opponents flash those two familiar weapons — big money and big political pull.

The cynics, even among his admirers, sit down and say it can't be done. They lack the faith that Thomas Jefferson, the great intellectual, had in the political good sense of the common man.

It was interesting to see McCarthy showing that same kind of faith as he stood up, absolutely alone, to take the issue directly to the people.

When he saw that it was safe, Candidate Me-too Kennedy leaped into the race with a \$500 million family fortune to buy advertising gimmicks like the hiring of two brass bands to impress Mexican-Americans, a glamorous sister-in-law to parade, etc. and now Candidate Humphrey with a happy-warrior smile tightens the screws in his vast machine.

But McCarthy has only his qualifications, his insight and his integrity — and his volunteers. This will be enough only (if) there are enough volunteers to personally reach the "willfully illiterate" who won't take the trouble to read and ponder the issues. Instead of dying patriotically in Vietnam, start living patriotically in America. Volunteer for McCarthy.

Norah O'Leary Soren
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Dear Editor:

The initials A. L. might signify American Legion, American League, or possibly Airborne Legions. Tuesday afternoon, however, they belonged to Americus Liberator, fearless foe of evil, a candidate for those who have no candidate, champion of the non-thinker.

Americus Liberator is in the vanguard of at least one contemporary political movement—the demi-feminist challenge. He is the only Presidential candidate that has a woman (his wife) for a campaign manager. That, however, is about as far as his coeval political mares enable him to go.

Prior to the initiation of his campaign rhetoric, Liberator stated that he would read his prepared text to preclude the possibility of being misquoted, apparently assuming the presentation he was about to offer was worthy of eminent consideration by all within the confines of the premises.

While the majority of those in the audience undoubtedly patronized the performance out of a desire to communicate with their curiosity, many departed realizing that far from a Midwestern Medicine Man, Liberator possesses a political perspective, the depth and magnitude of which is difficult to penetrate.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to suggest that some of the state's political charlatans return to a home where candidates roam, where sons of the soil return to the earth, where a liberation of political dialogue is quite possibly in the embryonic stages of development.

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