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## Discrimination issue major campus topic

### Half of Lincoln's landlords agree to housing stipulation

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The University Housing Office has received about 75 anti-discrimination agreements for off-campus housing unsigned, according to Wayne Blue of the Housing Office.

Blue said that of 780 statements sent to landlords this summer requiring them to sign an anti-discrimination policy to retain their University approved listing, 381 have signed the agreement.

THOUGH ONE of the agreements specifically requires the landlords to "stand ready to rent to all students and members of the University of Nebraska community regardless of race, religion, or national origin," Blue emphasized that not all of those who refused to sign can be accused of discrimination.

Of the forms returned unsigned, only one landlord admittedly refused to rent because of a discriminatory attitude.

Blue released Wednesday the names of the landlords who returned the unsigned agreements and their remarks.

"I'll be happy to take any roomers but Negroes," wrote Mrs. Otto Bentzinger whose facility is at 720 So. 31 Street.

Peter Bibikoff, who rents a facility at 909 N. 23, wrote he would like to rent to a student from Africa or India.

"But I must confess that the contents and tone of your letter scared us," Bibikoff wrote.

"WE FEEL like children who have been spanked before they did anything bad. We were afraid that our wish to help somebody will get us only in trouble," he stated.

Sixteen landlords refused to sign, all of them not listing any reasons for refusal. Blue said they were simply removed from the Housing Office's approval listings of off-campus housing.

Charles O. Lawlor, who rents a facility at 740 N. 25 Street, refused to sign the agreement, writing that "if you have some notion of turning me in to any or all of the various Human Rights commissions, think again."

"As a matter of principle I will therefore not return the forms. I see no reason to do so except to

satisfy some of your 'members' and current hysteria," Lawlor wrote.

Another Lincoln realtor refused to accept the agreement but emphasized she did not discriminate as to race, religion or national origin.

"YOU STATE that you are supporting 'personal freedom and individual dignity.' Apparently, you are not extending this freedom to realtors," Mrs. Letha Jeffrey wrote.

"We do not wish to sign a contract that requires us to rent this house to any University student or personnel. We do not discriminate as to race, religion or national origin. We do discriminate as to freshmen, financially irresponsible, etc.," Mrs. Jeffrey stated.

Fourteen who responded by not signing the agreement said they were not renting any more. Another eight said their facility had already been removed from the listing.

Thirteen were returned by the Post Office, indicating that the landlord had moved without a forwarding address or no one lived at the registered address.

Dallas Johnson, chief of the Lincoln Fire Department, responded, explaining that the Fire Department would not sign an agreement because it does not rent rooms to anyone.

"THE POLICY has been for the last 20 years to occasionally allow a student or two to occupy a bed or beds in a fire station dormitory when requested by the Athletic Department on a space available basis," Johnson wrote.

"These requests usually were the result of having insufficient funds for full athletic scholarships or for a student going to summer school in which case he would return to the University dorm in the fall," he stated.

An office member who wrote for Oswald Kreich whose facility is at 928 Charleston said that Kreich is afraid to sign the agreement and does not want to rent to just anybody.

Three forms came back unsigned because the landlords had died. Nine indicated they no longer owned the property. Another said they were improving the facility and the room was not currently available.

on any topic. The moderator reserves the right to dismiss the speaker if the session becomes disorderly or if one person monopolizes the podium. John Anaza, Biafran graduate student at the University is expected to speak on the starvation crises in Biafra.

### Rain to make...



EMPTY CAN BY DAN LADELY

...the little Buds grow

### New program includes control

Teachers College and the student advisory board are collaborating on two special projects this semester, according to board member Ed Bervin.

Project TAPP (Teachers Advisory Pilot Program) is sending 10 elementary education sophomores into the Lincoln Public Schools to work with cooperating teachers as assistants.

The current system, wherein students do not actually work in a real classroom situation until their senior year at the university, is bad," Bervin said.

IN THE experiment, the ten

sophomores will first work as teacher aids, teacher assistants, and finally work up to taking control of the class.

"In this way, students gain earlier experience and an opportunity to see if they really like teaching," Bervin said.

If the program is successful, as the advisory board feels it will be, there is a good chance it will be expanded next year, possibly to include the entire college, Bervin said.

The other special project concerns teaching exceptional children, an area which has been neglected

completely, according to Bervin.

"Teachers College students come mainly from middle-class towns and families, are taught in middle-class schools and after graduation teach middle-class children," Bervin explained.

To correct this situation, a small number of students go to Omaha for their student teaching. They work with cooperating teachers in problem-area high schools.

THE ADVISORY board conceived the idea after hearing of a similar project in the Kansas City area, Bervin said.

### Senate urges renter boycott

by Jim Pedersen  
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The ASUN Senate Wednesday unanimously passed a resolution urging University students not to rent from Lincoln landlords who have not signed the University Householders agreement.

Emphasizing the clause in the agreement which reads that landlords must rent to 'all students regardless of race, religion or national origin,' Dan Looker, chairman of the Human Rights Committee, presented the resolution.

Of the 780 agreements sent out by the housing office, 381 have been signed, 68 have refused to sign, and 331 have not returned the agreement.

THE HOUSING agreement requires that the landlords comply three rules.

-that landlords rent to all students regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

-that the facilities meet minimum standards of the University housing code.

-that the facilities will be open to inspection by the university.

First Vice-President, Mike Naeve, suggested that the landlords who have not responded to the agreement are being assumed guilty before it is proven that they are discriminating.

"We are not accusing anyone of discrimination, but the landlords who have refused to sign or respond to the agreement have retained the right to discriminate," Looker said.

The Human Rights Committee intends to circulate a petition next week among the University of Nebraska students which will read that the undersigned students refuse to rent from landlords who have not complied with the housing agreement, Looker said.

The committee will then send the petition, a list of those who signed it, and the ASUN resolution to the landlords who have not returned or refused to sign the housing agreement, Looker added.

HE STRESSED that these documents will not be sent to landlords who have given a valid reason for not signing or responding to the agreement.

Enclosed with the resolution and petition will be a copy of the householders agreement and a letter urging the landlord to reconsider his decision, Looker said.

Looker outlined the three areas in which his committee would work as housing, recruiting more black students for the University of Nebraska, and educating the white student community concerning racism in America.

Looker stressed that the keyword to the work and success of the committee is responsibility.

According to Looker, the purpose of the housing drive is to find approved non-discriminatory housing for all University students, but not to force students out of their present housing.



Sleep well, Johnny Applesseed

The root of the problem was that someone got the wrong information, went out on a limb, and before you knew it, it was in the wind that the administration wanted the trees. But they really always intended to leaf them alone. So you might say the 1,400 people who signed the petition against the sculpture garden were barking up the wrong... oh, well. Anyway the leafy giants will be around for a long time, providing a focal point for students such as Stan Hergenrader and Jane Peterson pictured above.

## Ryders bow out at Friday concert

by Lary Eckholt  
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Friday night the Three Day Ryders will give their first concert. And their last.

The popular campus folk-singing group is disbanding, according to member Wayne Stoerber, in order to let each singer "pursue his own interests."

STOEBER SAID that one member has to devote most of his time this semester to student teaching, while another will be "wrapped up in ROTC."

"And I'm just going to exist for a while," Stoerber added.

The group is composed of Stoerber, a fine arts major from Omaha, Ken Gunlicks, a music major from Grand Island and Phil Gorder, an engineering student, also from Grand Island.

The Ryders first appeared at a campus organization spring banquet in 1966. They were then known as The Sodger Ladies. The name was taken from a poem by Robert Burns.

That summer the group had a

contract to sing at a lodge in Yellowstone National Park. They stayed for less than a month and then headed for Texas.

A new name emerged from that trip, according to Stoerber.

"WE ARRIVED in Dallas after three days without food or sleep," he said. "We needed a new name and the three days of travel seemed to hold some significance."

The Three Day Ryders sang at a number of Dallas nightclubs and then broke up for the summer. Stoerber said they had become "suspicious" of their manager.

The Ryders got their first break on campus that fall when the group was chosen as a traveler's act in the Kosmet Klub Fall Review.

Since that time they have sung for numerous campus functions, including folk masses, social events and on a program with a nationally-known recording group, The Sandpipers.

Gunlicks and Gorder also found time to be in the Cornhusker Marching Band, and Stoerber appeared as Tony in the Kosmet Klub production of "West Side Story."

THE RYDERS had been offered several contracts but all were turned down because of the Selective Service.

"We decided to stay in school rather than give a command performance for Uncle Sam," Stoerber said.

The Three Day Ryders repertoire has grown with each performance, Stoerber said. "We used to concentrate on folk music," he said, "but now we do a variety of things."

They have added popular music to their list of songs, and Stoerber also does some original songwriting for the Ryders. Gunlicks and Gorder do most of the arranging of the songs.

Friday night's concert is sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a men's honorary in the music department, but Stoerber feels the music department has not sanctioned the Three Day Ryders' effort in the entertainment business.

"But we're glad that Sinfonia sponsored our concert."

TICKETS ARE available in the Union. Admission price is 75 cents.

