

Court denies student power

The independence of the New York State University Student Association at Albany was declared illegal, and its operations effectively shut down, in a decision rendered Sept. 17, in New York Supreme Court.

The decision may set a precedent for all state schools whose student governments operate with mandatory student activity fees.

It was the outcome of a suit brought by two Albany State students over the expenditures in 1969-70 for "political" matters such as transportation to Washington for the Vietnam Moratorium, creation of a free school, and a black cultural weekend.

The decision enjoined the University and the Student Association leaders from permitting the making of any further expenditures the incurring of any debts until the Board of Trustees had reviewed and approved the budget.

The action immediately affected every student activity at

Albany State, including intercollegiate sports, club activities, dances, concerts and the operation of the student news media. It placed the student government in the unusual position of facing complete or partial control by the Board of Trustees.

"That's an interesting development," said Bob Pfeifer, ASUN First Vice President. Nebraska is also a state university which uses student fees to fund student activities.

"But I can't believe anything like that would happen here," added Pfeifer.

"All the moratorium, strike, and Free University money spent at NU in May came from private donations," he explained. "None of it was student fee money."

Student government gets some complaints about its speakers program, but the program is well-balanced, he continued. "For every Adam

Clayton Powell there's a Bill Russell."

Pfeifer said the ASUN Legislative Liason Committee does a good deal of lobbying. But this lobbying is done mainly on items of the University budget that are in the students' interest, he explained.

"We deal in all kinds of politics," he added, "but ASUN money is being used for the student good."

However, the New York decision was widely regarded as a landmark. The decision makes it possible for any student in any state supported school to move for a restraining order against his own student government, providing the government funds itself through a mandatory activity tax.

Weightlifting meeting Tuesday

A meeting for students interested in competitive weightlifting is planned for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coliseum basement.

A group of lifters formerly known as the Lincoln Lifters, is now a student organization known as the University of Nebraska Weight-lifting team. Tryouts for the team will be held in weight divisions of 123 lbs., 132 lbs., 148 lbs., 165 lbs., 181 lbs., 198 lbs., 242 lbs. and super heavyweight for both olympic and power competition. Team members must be NU students in good standing carrying 12 or more hours.

Any interested student who cannot attend the meeting Tuesday should contact Boyd Epley of the Men's Physical Education Department.

FBI director warns students of radicals

WASHINGTON — (CPS) — FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, in an "open letter to college students" issued at the opening of the fall school year, has "pinpointed eight ploys used by radical extremists in their efforts to steer justifiable campus protest into violent and destructive channels."

Hoover listed eight ways that "extremists will try to lure you into their activities":

"They'll encourage you to lose respect for your parents and the older generation. This will be one of their first attacks, trying to cut you off from home. You'll hear much about the "failures" and "hypocrisy" of your parents and their friends.

"They'll try to convert you to the idea that your college is "irrelevant" and a "tool of the establishment". The attack against the college administration is often bitter, arrogant and unreasoning. SDSers, for example, have sought to disrupt colleges by demanding the right to select professors, determine the curriculum and set grading standards.

"They'll ask you to abandon your basic common sense. Campus extremism thrives on specious generalizations, wild accusations and unverified allegations. Complex issues of state are wrapped in slogans and cliches.

"They'll try to envelop you in a mood of negativism, pessimism, and alienation towards yourself, your school, your nation. This is one of the most insidious of New Left

poisons. SDS and its allies judge America exclusively from its flaws... I would want you to look for the deeper unifying forces in America, the moods of national character, determination and sacrifice which are working to correct these flaws.

"They'll tell you that any action is honorable and right if it is 'sincere' or 'idealistic' in motivation. Here is one of the most seductive New Left appeals — that if an arsonist's or anarchist's heart is in the right place, if he feels he is doing something for 'humanity' or a 'higher cause', then his act, even if illegal, is justifiable... Just being a student or being on campus does not automatically confer immunity or grant license to violate the law.

"They'll ask you to believe that you, as a student and citizen, are powerless by democratic means to effect change in our society... Public opinion time after time has brought new policies, goals and methods. The individual is not helpless or caught in 'bureaucracy' as these extremists claim.

"They'll encourage you to hurl bricks and stones instead of logical argument to those who disagree with your views. I remember an old saying: 'He who strikes the first blow has run out of ideas.'

"Violence is as ancient as the cave man; as up-to-date as the Weatherman. Death and injury, fear, distrust, animosity, polarization, counter-violence — these arise from violence.

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