

# Commission defends campus rights

"The right to uphold, to discuss and dissent are the moral fiber of America's greatness. They are likewise the strength of a great University."  
— Board of Regents Statement of Principles.

The prestigious Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has echoed the Board of Regents Statement of Principles, calling for campuses to reform themselves and to develop their own rules and procedures to protect dissent and prevent and control disruption.

In a 62-page report, the Commission said that "organized dissent and protest activity within the law, are basic rights which must be protected on the campuses—as they should be for all citizens everywhere."

**THE REPORT** recommends that each campus:

—Adopt a bill of rights and responsibilities applying equally to faculty, students, administrators and trustees.

—Develop effective measures for consultation and contingency planning in the event of disruptive emergencies.

--Create effective judicial procedures, giving consideration to use of external panels and persons and of the general courts.

Signed by chairman Clark Kerr, a former chancellor of the University of California, and 17 other prominent educators, businessmen and professional men, the report recognizes the great turmoil on American campuses in face of the American public's limited tolerance of even legal mass protests.

**ON RELEASING** the report recently, chairman Kerr said that American campuses recently have faced "the greatest turmoil in all of their history."

He added that while American campuses have been "unexpectedly quiet" this academic year, there is no reason to believe that they will remain that way.

The Commission reported that the American public's limited tolerance for mass protests, even when they are within the bounds of law, adds a difficulty in dealing with campus unrest.

The report recommends that society react to coercion

and violence only with reference to "those specific individuals and groups who engage in them."

"A **CAMPUS** as a whole, a system as a whole, or higher education as a whole, should not be penalized."

Drawing a sharp distinction between dissent and disruption, the report states, "Dissent must be protected. Disruption must be ended."

The Commission noted that dissent occurs within the limits of the democratic processes of freedom of speech, assembly and petition.

But, according to the Commission, disruption interferes with the rights of others.

"Whereas dissent relies on persuasion, disruption is based on coercion and sometimes violence," the report states. "It must be morally condemned and met promptly by the efforts of the campus, and, when necessary, by application of the general law."

A **CAMPUS** "is not and cannot be a sanctuary from the law," the commission said. It added that violent actions should be met "immediately by enforcement of the law, using internal and external personnel to the full extent necessary."

The University of Nebraska currently summarizes its policies, rules and regulations regarding students in a pamphlet, "Expectations for University Students."

The pamphlet includes regulations affecting students: the Regents' Policy Statement on Campus Disorder, Response to Disruptive Action and Statement of Right to Public

## ROTC scholars

Seven Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets have been awarded AFOTC College Scholarships, having a potential value of \$14,000.

The scholarship recipients are James H. Cain Jr., Allan R. Cheuvront, Eugene A. Garrison, Kenneth A. Jensen, Terry W. Keeler, LeRoy D. Snyder, and William L. Wagner.

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Since the merger two years ago with the former municipal University of Omaha, there has been confusion concerning

what to call the Lincoln campuses, which previously were known as the University of Nebraska.

The College of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the University Hospital and other medical programs were designated by the Regents as the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The University of Nebraska at Omaha was reaffirmed as the title for the Omaha campus and other programs in Omaha.

## Miss E-Week finalists named

A queen for the University annual Engineers Week will be selected from 10 finalists announced by the E-Week committee.

The annual public education and entertainment program by students in the College of Engineering and Architecture

will be the week of April 26.

The 10 finalists for Miss E-Week are: Beverly Brigham, Linda Brown, Gretchen Davis, Sally Fangman, Gail Fliesbach, Holly Gibbs, Barbara Kreutz, Karen Matya, Paula Ann Redinger, Kim Samuelson.

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