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Note: The following letter was written to President Varner by ASUN executives in response to the Poorhouse Coalition's requests published in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan.

On Aug. 9, 1971, low income citizens from the Lincoln community occupied University property to dramatize the critical housing needs that have been aggravated and perpetuated by University policies. At that time, students once again expressed their concern with University inaction and failure to accept its responsibility to students and the Lincoln community.

As the University is well aware, the tight housing market in the city has been furthered by University expansion, student dissatisfaction with dormitory regulations and the grossly inadequate number of married-student housing units it provides. Although this problem has been recognized for many years and has been studied by many committees, no action has been taken. In September of 1971, another committee was established

by the Regents to try to deal with this problem. This committee has never met.

On Dec. 8, 1971, a coalition of citizens occupied the Housing Office to once more ask to meet with you and ask for a commitment from you as President of the University. We think it deplorable that you have been unwilling to meet with these people and have waited so long in meeting their request to discuss Lincoln's critical housing shortage. We feel that signing the Poorhouse's proposed Declaration of Responsibility is a sound and sensible first step for the University to take. We urge all appropriate University officials to sign this document. A University should not ignore the needs of the community it is to serve.

Steve Fowler
Michelle Coyle
Rod Hernandez

Dear editor:

Many misconceptions are masked by the terms political pragmatism and political realism. One example is the editorial written by Barry Pilger (Daily Nebraskan, editor-in-chief) in the Jan. 24 issue of the paper.

Political pragmatism and academic freedom present themselves as the two central issues concerning the World in Revolution Conference. I interpret Pilger's editorial as a statement that academic freedom is not politically

feasible at this time. This statement may be true, in fact I don't know whether academic freedom is ever politically feasible.

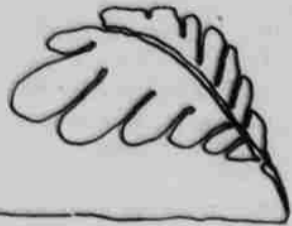
However, a more important question arises from the discussion. Should political pragmatism limit or restrict academic freedom?

In some recent decisions students, faculty members and administrators at the University of Nebraska have followed the road of political expediency. Michael Davis, Steve Rozman and the "Birth Control Handbook" exemplify cases of political pragmatism and feasibility.

In these instances the proverbial inch was given in order to gain a foot at a later date. We've now lost a yard or maybe even two or three due to our political pragmatism.

I would like to ask the editor of the Daily Nebraskan if he would discontinue publication of the Daily Nebraskan if a legislator or an administrator told him that it would be politically feasible to do so? I hope that Pilger would reply that the request would be a restriction upon the freedom of the press. Pilger's statement concerning the World in Revolution Conference is a similar request. I believe that academic freedom may terminate if we continue to postpone it for reasons of political pragmatism.

Chris Harper.



to the
editor



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In addition, he is actively a Rocket, when they exist, and the author of this clever little blurb about himself.

First off, let me jump briefly into the World in Revolution/use of fees/freedom of speech hassle. It seems to me that exercising our rights is like taking candy from a baby in this instance. Candy that belongs to us.

But more prudent politicians than myself seem to be advocating that we jerk the baby's diapers down around its knees and plant a kiss everytime we want the candy. And that kind of hors d'oeuvre takes a lot of the sweet out of the sugar.

Another timely topic is the visitation poll recently sent to parents and students.

The problem is that students have been polled before and overwhelmingly favor a relaxation of the visitation policy.

But a statement by NU President D.B. Varner at the November Regents meeting indicated that the students' opinions would not be a consideration in development of a new policy. Varner said that if 50 per cent of the parents approve the modification, "it would be my hope that the Regents would adopt a new plan."

So you see, kids, you can't always get what you want—you need good ol' mom and dad on your side. Remember, they pay the taxes, you just live here.

Personally, considering the way the rules governing visitation read, I don't know why anybody's complaining. The rules include that the door to a dorm must be open during visitation hours and that a faculty sponsor be present during open hours.

Ideal. Dorm residents need to find enough horny faculty to allow one faculty member for each dorm floor on campus. It's easy action from there on out—as long as all the doors are kept open.

And it solves another problem. The controversial birth control handbooks can be tossed into the rooms—not slid under the door or tuck into a mailbox. And the books are gonna be needed.

The decision by Dr. Samuel I. Fuenning, director of the Student Health Center to prescribe contraceptives only to

coeds who are married or are "to be married" has provoked some consternation among campus folks.

Although the Student Health Center will continue to dispense contraceptives to women already receiving them, they will not allow them to be distributed to any "new applicants."

The move seems remarkably irresponsible but, as Fuenning noted, "we can't remove ourselves from the public eye."

At any rate, if you're a young woman needing contraceptives and can't bring yourself to fib to the Student Health Center about your upcoming marriage, let me add a touch of responsibility to the discussion.

Contraceptives and birth control information can be obtained from Family Planning Service, 3830 Adams, with no rings attached.

When you get all those problems straightened out and get back to work, keep this in mind. Unit, an art and architecture supply store has opened at 1031 "Q" to provide students with supplies at the lowest prices in town. End of plug.

And lastly, I ran across this last week and present it as proof positive the Daily Nebraskan isn't just fun, it's educational, too.

"In Western Europe, geese are force-fed noodles to enlarge their livers from which the delicacy, pate de foie gras, is produced."

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Football and Freud.

Now what possible connection could football and Freud have? As you know, Sigmund Freud is the great psychologist who discovered that we aren't what we are and that we don't even know what we aren't. Football is, of course, the American version of the Christians vs. the Lions; the American version being, of course, more civilized. Not as many people get killed.

This brings us to the great paradox. If one agrees with Freud in the assumption that nearly all of life's energy is sexual, that all productive efforts of society (including football) are the result of rechanneled sexual energy, therefore football is sexual in a serendipity way. But why do Nebraskans seem to love football and hate sex?

I need not go into Nebraska's love of football. After seeing the Unicameral and Gov. J. James Exon make fools of themselves (Exon didn't have to try harder, he was already No. 1) praising

Coach Bob Devaney, Nebraskans' love for football is only too evident.

Now I assume that most adults in the State of Nebraska have indulged in some sort of sexual activity. At any rate, those Nebraskans with children at the University have obviously made some effort. Why, then, the horror when their children are exposed to something sexual. Perhaps I should document this horror.

Uproar followed the Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality and the distribution of the birth control book in the dormitories. Co-ed visitation has always been controversial.

Parents seem concerned that their children would catch some sexual perversion during the Time-Out Conference, as if sex were contagious—God forbid. Parents seemed to think that their children—who can vote get drafted, and commit sex (as some parents might put it), might find out something about birth control from those booklets. Instead of looking at the

booklets from this point of view, I think parents should censor grade schools for teaching their children how to read.

Interim Executive President Chancellor Magrath even instructed the University's legal counsel to determine if certain pictures in the booklet were legally pornographic. All I have to say is that I've seen myself nude and don't consider myself pornographic. And yes, I've seen some nude females also, and they didn't strike me as being pornographic.

Co-ed visitation in dormitories is when members of the opposite sex can be in the same room unchaperoned. I guess parents, after having been in the same room together unchaperoned for many years, don't want their children to go through that same experience.

I must confess I am stumped. I can't see why football and sex can't be No. 1. Oh Freud, where are you when we need you? Coach Devaney can only do so much.