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## ACLU Losing In Draft Board Policy

by Mike Werenski

The American Civil Liberties Union's efforts to find legal recourse against a recent directive on college freshman by State Selective Service Director Colonel Arthur Holmes may fail for lack of grounds.

An article in Wayne State University's *Daily Collegian* reports that the ACLU is "looking into possible legal actions against... the new ruling by Michigan Selective Service Director Holmes requiring local boards to classify all entering freshmen 1-A..."

Their action is based on the contention "It seems to be against the basic laws of the national selective service system for the state director to be taking on such powers as Col. Holmes has in ordering the recent directive." (Attributed to Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors attorney Ernest Goodman).

To check this report, the *Observer* called the Selective Service in Pontiac and inquired about the controversial directive. We discovered Holmes did indeed issue it, but it only recommends

that freshmen be classified 1-A.

However, most Michigan draft boards are following the recommendation.

Moreover, since the local boards are still free to act on the directive as they desire, they remain as autonomous as ever. Therefore, the ACLU's case seems groundless.

None of this is very reassuring to the 1-A freshman. If his number is called, what is he to do?

He can appeal for a 1-S-C classification, which will enable him to finish the school year. At that time he can have the school send his grades to his draft board who will then consider a deferment.

A talk with Oakland Registrar Thomas Atkinson clarified his office's role. Within thirty days of the term's inception, he will send to draft boards the class standings and cumulative grade point average of any student who so requests. Once the information is sent out, the matter no longer involves his office, but remains entirely between the student and his draft board.

Atkinson emphasized the student's responsibility. For deferments, the Selective Service demands either the results of its College Qualification Test or class standing and grade information. If the student elects not to take the test, he must come to

## Student Table Makes Storm

by Marc White

Open letter to the University Community.

On Monday, October 3, Students for a Democratic Society put out a literature table in the main hall of the Oakland Center. They were presenting alternatives to the military programs being offered by a Naval Aviation recruiting team.

The main purpose of this table was the dissemination of material pertaining to conscientious objection and pacifism. Sounds simple, doesn't it. It really was. But a few people seemed to get quite upset about the fact that a group of students who attend this university wanted to present a different point of view.

Administrators were afraid of possible violence between the dissenting groups and factions of students. They tried to convince the students involved to move their table to the opposite end of the hall, by the public cafeteria.

the registrar's office and fill out a form, giving his Selective Service number and other pertinent information.

This form is used by Atkinson's staff in corresponding with the draft board, and no record is kept of its contents. Thus it is assured that there be no accidental or non-student-authorized correspondence. But a student must fill out the form again when it comes time for renewing the deferment.



Naval Aviation representative examines conscientious objection literature that greeted his recruiting campaign last week.

They stated that two tables in one end of the hall would clog the area, especially during the noon rush hour. This was a lie. The students involved knew it, and ignored it. At no time during the one and a half days the table was manned was there disruption of traffic or food lines.

As far as the table went, there was never the slightest hint of trouble. A number of professors complimented the students on their good taste and effectiveness. There was never any shouting or antagonism between the military personnel and the SDS members. Both respected each other's views and even joked about the fact that neither was doing too much business.

The problem seems to be that there is a false image of liberalism at this university. It is expounded on every page of admissions and public relations material, but is not true. The right to dissent is the cornerstone of American democracy.

When administrators thwart that right, under false pretenses, of a group of students who don't believe that men who teach how

to kill should be allowed to recruit on a university campus, where we are supposedly being taught how to live, there is something very seriously wrong.

To prevent further occurrences such as this, the administration has decided not to let military recruiters use the hallways of the Oakland Center, but will rent them rooms. Sounds like a victory. In a way it's not. It is nothing but a way of isolating them from protest. It will also be most interesting if the state legislature ever finds out that a state institution is charging the armed forces for recruiting (Who knows? Maybe they will work out a commission deal per man?)

Dissenting radicals are needed in society. They point out the tumors that abound, and engage in the dialectic. They are the force that moves the present power structure into reform. Without them, our society would be static and dead.

The fact is that this university is attempting to deter dissent. Well, mighty administrators, a few concerned students are not going to let you get away with it.

They are going to present different views on the debacle in Vietnam. They are going to talk about the relevance of modern education, and they are going to attempt to improve it. They are going to talk about the inequality that exists in this nation, and about the rats and the filth and disease in the urban inner city. They are going to attempt to present the truth. And every time you try to suppress them they are going to be more determined. And they will not give up. They will insist on their rights, and in the end you, not the dissenting students, will be the benefactors.

They don't insist on your liking it, listening to it, or reading about it. What they do insist is that in the tradition of American free speech and democracy, they have their guaranteed right to present it.

## Oriental Semester Open to University

by Tricia Finan

Messrs. Rosemont and Howes, faculty members of philosophy and history departments, are announcing plans for a semester of travel and study oriented around China.

Hopes are of going in fall 1967 with approximately 44 students; a semester with credit for 12-16 hours will be spent on location. The group will travel first to Seattle, Washington for a provisional itinerary, and then on to a week in Tokyo and Kyoto, followed by 11-12 weeks in Hong Kong. From there the group plans to spend a short time in Manila and return via San Francisco with a few days there.

The trip is open to anyone not on probation and with at least a sophomore standing by next fall. Students from all majors are welcomed. The courses offered during the trip will deal entirely with China, its background, philosophy and language, giving even the uninitiated a basis for what they see.

The cost for the four-month venture is set at \$1,700. For those who need aid to meet this amount, loans may be made for up to \$500, and any student scholarships will be good for the trip.

For further information, contact either Mr. Howes or Rosemont, at ext. 2395 and 2944 respectively.

## MSU Student Challenges the Courts on Parking Violation

Mississippi (CPS) Millions of university-issued parking tickets across the country may now be worthless. In a precedent-setting case, the prosecution of a Mississippi State University student for refusing to pay his campus tickets has been dismissed.

Leslie C. Cohen, a political science student at MSU, balked when the academic institution imposed \$20 in parking fines without a hearing.

When the University threatened him with dismissal and state court action unless fines were paid, Cohen went to the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The LCDC secured a restraining order to prevent MSU officials from impeding Cohen's efforts to gain admission to a Canadian law school. Cohen feared that the University would delay sending his records, would note the parking violations on his record, or would not allow him to take a necessary summer session course at Mississippi State.

The LCDC subsequently challenged the constitutionality of the

Mississippi statute under which the University justified its regulations. The statute granted to the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning the power to create regulations which are municipal in effect, the LCDC charged.

While the case was before the U.S. District Court, the State Attorney General, representing the University, conceded that the regulations which were promulgated by MSU and their manner of enforcement were null and void.

The University dropped its charges against Cohen and the Mississippi statute came under the consideration of a three-judge federal court.

Although the law was eventually ruled constitutional, LCDC chief counsel Alvin Bronstein said that this does not affect the due process precedent that has been raided over the tickets themselves.

Bronstein said he has already received requests for particulars on the case from legal departments of several universities.

## US Sec. of HEW John W. Gardner Will Speak Oct. 18

John W. Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare will be at Oakland Oct. 18. The Secretary is scheduled to land by helicopter on campus at 3:15 p.m. Following his speech, there will be a reception in the OC before he returns to Washington.

Gardner will be talking about the use of federal money for college institutions of higher learning -- from student loans to the building of dorms. His visit will give administrators an opportunity to ask questions about the awarding of grants, new legislation and using federal money to best advantage in Michigan.

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Test Week Shows Parking Problems

"The Parking Committee has decided to designate this week as a test week in the enforcement of automobile registration and parking regulations." Alas, the light has filtered through from the heavens. Truth is born, and we are all told that the Parking Committee wasn't really serious about the parking regulations, because they knew they wouldn't work anyway, but that the program was being tested.

Look again, gang, the problems have only begun to become evident. Re-establishment of the regulations yesterday will only, in time, make evident all of those thousand other small details your fabulous committee has overlooked. Why? Because there never was a Parking Committee, that's why. Sure, a group of select people met and discussed some of the details of the program, but in reality they were merely acting as an official stamp to a program that was outlined over a year ago by C. Corona himself.

I contend that the committee violated all those procedures an earnest committee should perform. Namely, did anyone on the committee seriously question the existence of the committee in the first

place, i.e., is a parking program necessary now? How many of the small details such as, is there enough space on campus for paid registrants to park? (Last week's rescission obviously answers this question.) What about this winter when the parking spaces will be greatly reduced by piled snow? Did they consider where the 100-125 cars that are now parked in the weeds north of the Belgian Barns are going to park when this area becomes inaccessible? Or perhaps even a more basic question, is a traffic ticket issued by a University legal?

There are many more questions that could be asked, but I think you get the point. The parking committee has flushed the whole thing right down the drain. I do not think students should be subjected to such bureaucratic ineptness, and I would strongly suggest and recommend that the Parking Committee hold an open discussion concerning the parking regulations so that all students might be able to question the committee's reasoning, if indeed there is any. An open meeting at a convenient time could prove many things. Like what the hell's going on.

Comment on Issues of Interest to the University Community

To the Editor:

Recently there has been a big fuss about the parking problem on campus. There are more cars registered than there are parking spaces.

The University administration is trying to solve this problem in the time-honored method of having all cars registered for a fee, apportioning all parking spaces, and ticketing all illegally parked cars.

This solution has never worked and shows no sign of working now. The parking problem will become worse and worse. There are already 340 cars owned by dorm students on campus, and the number is bound to go up. Already they take up more than half an acre in parking space, and if the university grows like it says it will, in ten years a little under one quarter of the university will be parking lot. This university cannot grow larger gracefully if it is continually tripping over illegally parked cars.

We need to think about this problem. The ordinary solutions will not work. We need an extraordinary solution. We need to forget the prejudice built into us by being raised in the car capital of the world.

We must ban the automobile from the OU campus. Give the campus back to the people. What are the advantages of having a car on campus anyhow? They keep you dry in wet weather... including that mad rush from the parking lot? They are faster.. including the time wasted trying to find a parking spot on the already overcrowded lots?

What about the commuters? We can leave one lot by the science wing for the commuters and those dorm students who think they need a car on weekends.

If we do this, we will gain much. The weekend desertion of

the campus by dorm students, so deplored by the administration, will slow to a trickle. The commuters will be even more strongly persuaded to stay on campus, when it's easier to stay on campus than to go home for lunch. The campus will become cleaner, quieter, and the pace will slow to the point where we once again recognize our fellow students as people, and not merely rivals for the next parking spot.

This experiment will not gain us a paragraph in the history books, but it will give us the rare opportunity of having subdued the incessant demands of the automobile on our lives for four years. I submit that every person on this campus give this some serious consideration.

Michael Joseph Cuba

To the Editor:

The objective of this message is to inform the University community that Dorm Council is now a living and productive organization. The Council members are expressing a sincere desire to actuate resident student leadership in everyday University life, realizing the dorm community's increasing influence and importance in student affairs.

Students are concerned with all phases of the University -- from the financial and administrative end to the educational and productive end. Moreover, the affairs of the resident student present a larger scope of concerns. The resident halls provide centers for social and cultural growth on a more personalized basis. Modern educators are coming to realize that "dorm life" is a necessary complement to the well-rounded college education. The feeling among students is that our futures will depend greatly upon the success

of Oakland University as an individual educational institution. The administrators have much at stake here, but the students are placing their futures on the line.

With all this in mind, the Dorm Council has begun to raise its voice in all facets of University life. DC is also an active member in the National Association of College and University Resident Halls and a vital member in our Mid-Western Region of NACURH.

The officers of DC are Chuck Eagen (Pres.), Frank Loomis (1st V.P.), Bob Cogan (2nd V.P.), Vaughn Derderian (Treas.), and Carol Juth (Sec.).

This Saturday DC will meet with Commuter Council, SACC, and school administrators at Haven Hill.

Dorm Council is out to make Oakland University a better place to live. Give us support. The meetings are Monday's at 6:30 p.m. on the ground level of Vandenberg Hall and are open to all.

Respectfully,  
Dave Yennior

To the Editor:

The civil disobedience here has reached epidemic proportions. Already I have received traffic ticket #1104. Just imagine, 1104 violations in only three days. Do the University cars have parking stickers?

Why, I can remember back to 1967. Due to the school's rapid growth, some measure of common regulation became necessary for the general welfare. Therefore, the library became "reserved for faculty and staff." Penalty for first student infraction was loss of parking privileges -- at Hudson's Northland.

Now, I can't understand all this talk about an expanded Student-Faculty-Staff Ad Hoc Policy

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POLITICO

by Ron Kladder

California's Ronald Reagan, the gubernatorial candidate, is not radically different from Ronald Reagan the matinee idol. Still trying to wear the "white hat of purity," he has so far in his campaign expressed support of God (God seems to be getting a lot of support these days,) motherhood, morals and country and has indicated disapproval of pushy Negroes, decadent college students (noteable of the Berkely variety), Democrats, specifically his opponent, incumbent governor Pat Brown.

The Calif. contest is similar to any election anywhere. The issues are so hopelessly confused however that it appears that the candidates themselves don't know their own positions. Reagan recently a Goldwater man, once a radical liberal, now claims to be a moderate but gleefully accepts the support of the John Birch Society. Pat Brown, once a Republican now a Democrat, claims to be slightly left of middle, but accepts support from anyone who will give it to him.

The issues, if there are any in this campaign, are the Rum-

Regan vs. Pat Brown

ford Act and the clean literature proposition. The Rumford Act is an unpopular open-occupancy law supported by the Democrats and spurned by the Republicans. The Clean Literature law is actually a referendum which, if adopted this fall, would forbid anyone under 21 from buying or reading "dirty books."

Both issues are fraught with difficulties for the candidates. To oppose "Clean Literature" is to be a "dirty man" an unfortunate stigma for any politician. In the same vein to support the Rumford Act is to "oppose" precious property rights. Needless to say, Ronald Reagan is a "clean man" who supports property rights, while Pat Brown is the "other kind."

Recent polls show Reagan losing his early lead over Gov. Brown. Pat Brown has always been a slow starter but has in the past defeated two of the strongest Republicans in the state, William Knowland and Richard Nixon. The effect of Reagan's "morals" campaign is difficult to predict, but if Pat Brown is able to communicate with the voters as he has in the past, there is no reason to suppose that the voters will reject a competent incumbent for an unpredictable actor.

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Mike Honey

# "Black Power" and "White Backlash"

In this fall of 1966, the nation is suffering from a war abroad and a war at home. The war abroad seems to be the result of an American virility complex. The war at home is the result of years of frustration and degradation for the American Negro.

The major cities of the United States are aflame with race conflicts. While the South continues its quiet war to keep the Negro "in his place," the north pursues a like policy, but with less success. At the same time, the Negro continues to become more violent, less "satisfied," and harder to control.

The result of this happy scene, at least around election time, takes the form of the "white backlash." This euphemism for the "I'm fed up" attitude of American Whites first became popular in 1964. Then the Goldwaterites were arguing that the Negro was pressing too hard to become a part of White America.

In 1966, "backlash" is even more popular, but for a slightly different reason. Now it is felt that the Negro isn't pressing hard enough to become a part of White America. Instead, he is advocating "black power." He is no longer asking to become a part of the White Community. He is demanding his rights as a Negro.

Americans are frightened and angry because of this turn of events. Many Whites feel they have been betrayed by the Civil Rights Movement. Yet "black power" is what the Movement is and has been about.

The Negro American has not had any significant power in Society. Thus he has never been able to help himself, to "pull himself up by his bootstraps" as we so often bid him to do. What is "black power?" Any fourth-grader knows what black means. It boils down to the fact that Negroes have not had any power, political or otherwise. They want some.

America has promised much to the Negro but has given him little. As a child his textbooks teach him that this is a free society where all men are equal. The press spouts praise for our "democratic ideals." Our President mouths great utterances of

## "Let There Be Light"

"What we need," said the oldtime philosopher, "is a clean, well-lighted place."

What was he referring to? And is it valid for us today?

The lights of our grill burn hourly, and during the day, great streams of light pour in and light up everything.

Another philosopher said:

humanitarianism and love for our "fellow men." But these ideals have no relation to the reality of the ghettos of the North or the tenant farms of the South.

Negro Americans are disillusioned and bitter. Despite our supposed "progress" in the '60's things remain basically the same. Whether we admit it or not, the Negro is still a second, if not third-class citizen. He still cannot walk the streets of Mississippi in safety. He still cannot extricate himself from the slums. In most cases, he still cannot buy a decent home.

We saw the results of Negro frustration this summer. We will see more in the future, for rather than uncover the causes of this summer's riots, the White Community has reacted in kind with viciousness and hate. The "backlash" is taking over. Reason and

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

The floors of our grill. . . .

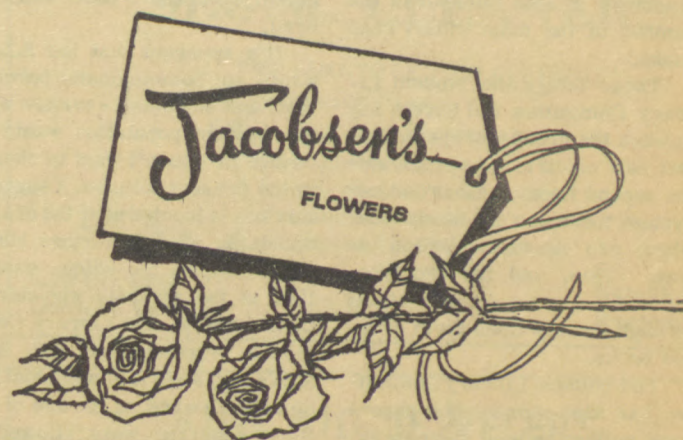
"I could probably love you more if the damn lights weren't so bright. . . ."

Let's build one dark, quiet place with no windows where time can pass us by and we can't see the flies on the tables.

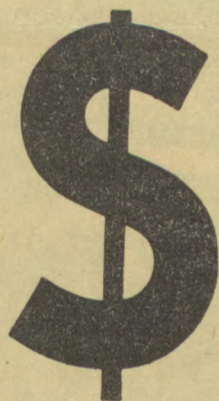
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