

Right To Recruit?

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The ultimate responsibility for our country's insane Vietnam policy does not, of course, rest with the government.

Lyndon Johnson may call up the troops; various generals may order young Americans to kill young Asians; a docile and pliable Congress may approve the appropriations for the government's criminal pursuits.

But none of this detracts from the fact that it is a subconscious coalition of institutions and individuals which permits the slaughter to continue. Nuremberg taught us that responsibility for war crimes is finally individual; that we must examine our conscience as well as the factual record of institutional complicity, and determine to what extent we can lend our minds and our bodies to such a catastrophic effort.

To bring the issue close to home, we need only cite the appearance on our campus of recruiters for the Armed Services, with the full cooperation and implied approval of the University administration.

As was the case last November — when we were visited by recruiters from Dow Chemical, producers of the napalm which melts the flesh of our presumed "enemy," — the issue raised by the presence of Marines in the Union is quite clear-cut.

The issue is: in a University community... does there exist an absolute and unfettered "right to recruit"? Are our campus facilities open to recruiters from all governmental and private agencies, regard-

less of their purposes and their conduct elsewhere?

The answer should be an emphatic NO. The Armed Forces have at their disposal one of the most sinister and sophisticated recruiting mechanisms known to "civilized" man — the Selective Service System. They do not need Boston University as well.

Boston University, moreover, associates itself in a chillingly direct manner with the activities of the military and its corporate "helpmates" when it affords these recruiters the tremendous psychological advantage of approaching students on the students' own territory.

Last autumn several institutions (among them Columbia University) banned all military recruiters from their campuses after the issuance of the notorious Hershey memorandum on drafting dissenters. After the government produced several muddled clarifications, which seemed to soften the Hershey edict, all of the institutions in question buckled under and permitted the recruiters to return.

We submit that such recruiters should not be given Administration-ordained sanctuary on this or any campus—not only because of Hershey's impetuous memorandum and what were perceived as its probable encroachments on civil liberties, but because we must not be partners in American aggression.

Letters to the Editor

What's It Going To Be?

TO THE EDITOR: After two terms at Penn State, one fact is very clear to me: students here want far more in the way of stimulating discussions, concerts, lectures, and seminars than is now available.

Nearly every "cultural" event I have attended has been packed, often with even standing room unavailable. Artists Series tickets are all issued long before the performances. I attempted to register for a CREATION seminar at East Halls, to my knowledge the only extra-curricular activity of this sort on campus. Several hundred students were trying to register, and all non-East residents were turned away.

Unfortunately, there are not nearly enough tickets, seats, seminars, or even Daily Collegians to go around. Many students' "lack of interest" may largely be due to lack of opportunity. If a student here wants to learn about something besides his major, his roommates, the Hetzel Union Building, and the nearest plastic diner, he will have to exert considerable effort to find mentally-stimulating extracurricular group activities.

Yes, Penn State is very large, and still being put together... but couldn't a little more money from Harrisburg be spent for the benefit of students today rather than on buildings and equipment for tomorrow?

Five thousand dollars in state money will buy two new trucks for the dairy or pay for at least five good lecturers, three concerts, and 12 seminars on topics of general interest. Which is the better use for "the people's money?" Who is paying the bill, and who is receiving the goods?

Larry James
Graduate

BERRY'S WORLD



"If you're going to wear boots THAT long—why bother with the miniskirt?"

Letters to the Editor

Last Chance

TO THE EDITOR: This past weekend the President's Advisory Committee on Civil Disorder issued its report. In effect, the blame for the past and the choice for the future has been placed squarely in the lap of the white community, if we weren't already aware of this situation.

Congress' reception of the report continues to exhibit the racial thinking which can only prolong the problem, but we don't have much more time. We had better begin now because the summers in the cities occur once each year with disturbing regularity, and the winters don't serve in cooling hatreds. We must act right now, and here at Penn State is the place where we must begin.

Tomorrow Undergraduate Student Government has a chance to finally prove itself composed of true student leaders by issuing a forceful statement of the white students' awareness of the problem and willingness to act. Prompt action could include a student petition to national party leaders demanding massive appropriations to eradicate slums and the establishment of a student "watch-dog" committee to keep track of how Pennsylvania congressmen vote on these appropriations and civil rights legislation. USG should demand that the University admit culturally deprived students on a special basis.

Other student groups must also begin acting now. The Class of 1968 should forget about lights for the football stadium and give their class gift to a scholarship fund for ghetto students. Fraternities should offer free housing to students admitted in the special programs and give all the money from Spring Week for this purpose and also for scholarships.

The University Senate has an equal responsibility and they better get to work right now also. We all have important jobs and the last chance to establish a truly free society is staring us in the face. Words aren't enough any more. USG, your chance comes tomorrow.

Joseph Flaherty '68

Adult Apathy

TO THE EDITOR: For all the consternation evoked by the war in Vietnam, we are appalled by the greater, overpowering apathy inherent in the U.S. population. If "grown-ups" disagree with the war, it appears that they are not willing to voice their opinions. They probably won't be drafted, and they mildly protest at the dinner table or occasionally groan at the TV news with its Vietnam casualty list. Many have sons and say, "Too bad, Johnnie, join the Air Force, it's better than the Army. Why, I remember in World War II..." Their taxes go right into big business making bombs and destruction in South Vietnam. Such apathy, it appears is typical in our democracy. But should it be typical? Are our "elders" really so comfortable to say, "Tisk, tisk, too bad about this war?"

We notice also that for all we students attempt to protest, we're dismissed as mindless, trouble-making hippies. No one can say that we aren't aware of our position—we're directly involved. We don't agree with the war and we say so. Yet we're put down. What else can we do?

Obviously, the concerned public doesn't dissent enough. Silence to LBJ is an implied yes. Only an impressive show of adult dissent can turn this silent yes into a loud, obvious no!

Therefore, we plead for parents and draft exempt people to throw off their apathy and show the government the true American spirit of dissent.

Students, get your fathers to carry your placard beside you as you protest. Let cries come from fathers, mothers, and sisters as well as from you, already labeled "College Crazy's!" Get rid of this swamping cloak of apathy if you disagree with this war. This is America, not Nazi Germany!!

Frank Kulesak '68
William Mulvihill '69
Steve Hartranft '69
Don Sarvey '68
George Reed '69
David Cable '69

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Association of Women Students, 6:30 p.m., 203 Hetzel Union Building
College of Education, 6:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB
HUB Arts Committee, 7:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Karate Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Rangers Company, 7:30 p.m., Wagner

Senior Class, 9 p.m., 213 HUB
Undergraduate Student Government College Bowl, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
USG Constitutional Revision Committee, 9:15 p.m., 214 HUB
World University Service, 7 p.m., 312 Boucke
Young Americans for Freedom, 7:30 p.m., 214-215-216 HUB

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