

# — Letters to the Editor —

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 least had the foresight to learn what they were affiliating with. Fortunately, Mr. Alexander has selected a hypothetical case. It would be a very poor chapter or fraternity members indeed that would engage in this type of back-stabbing of the national fraternity, into which they have accepted lifetime membership.

If there was a genuine desire to improve his fraternity, he would try to get the national constitution changed from within, where it should be done. He would not attempt to publicly destroy his chapter's relations with his campus, state government, or national fraternity.

Mr. Alexander also asks how local legislation would force the members to accept non-caucasians. It couldn't. That is what makes his whole campaign so ridiculous. However, a discriminatory personal property tax against fraternities which do not have non-caucasian members would very certainly have this affect. Fortunately, it would be contrary to the United States constitution to carry out this proposal.

If Mr. Alexander's imaginary fraternity is so opposed to their national as to want to pledge non-approved persons, they would have an excellent recourse. Give up their charter, become a local independent fraternity, with or without a Greek name (such as our Campbell Club Co-op), and then re-affiliate with one of the several national fraternities which actively seek bi-racial membership.

Or, if he couldn't muster his entire chapter into rebellion against the national, he could follow Mr. Lowthian's suggestion in yesterday's Emerald and form an entirely new group with their own membership standards.

In regards to letting the "distant national throw whatever fit suited them," all that can be said is what a miserable excuse for a fraternity man anyone would be who seriously considered such an idea.

Trite as it is, the phrase, "you can't have your cake and eat it, too" certainly applies to Mr. Alexander's arguments.

Jack Marsh  
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## Emerald Editor:

In addition to complimenting Mr. Fadely for correcting the typically incompetent reporting of the Emerald regarding the Senate meeting at which Mr. Koburger's proposal was passed, I would like to comment on several other letters to the editor which appeared the same day.

I, who would undoubtedly be regarded by Mr. Marsh as one of the "noisy, nasty, rabble-rousing minority" he mentions in his letter, would like to bring forward the idea that mature discussion of the discrimination problem might be best carried in by omitting the type of phraseology which was quoted above. It is not conducive to the democratic procedure of which Mr. Marsh thinks so highly that one group taking part in the discussion, in this case "the political science graduate students" should be labelled as "rabble-rousers" and "noisy" and "nasty" ones at that, or that the term "political science graduate student" should become, as it is becoming, a dirty word. Of course, it is convenient for those who would rather not have the problem mentioned to be assured that those who are mentioning it are a sort of bunch of motley malcontents. In the event, however, that Mr. Marsh wishes to

continue to thus convince himself, I would be flattered if he would put me in the same category.

Secondly, Mr. Marsh makes the statement that discrimination "is a miserable condition whenever it is practiced publicly." This implies that it is perfectly acceptable when it is practiced privately. It might be pointed out that discrimination on the basis of race, color, or creed, is not unfortunate because it can become a public occurrence, but because it violates the private integrity of those individuals who are subject to it.

Thirdly, Mr. Marsh, as well as most other defenders of the present state of affairs has evidently not comprehended the purpose of the present discussion. This purpose is not to "force fraternity members to associate with those whom they (i.e. the rabble-rousers) think the members should associate with." May a rabble-rouser like myself be permitted to repeat, Mr. Marsh, that this purpose is to eliminate formally, constitutionally stated discriminatory clauses from fraternity and sorority charters? If this purpose is achieved, fraternities still have every right to admit whomever they please, although if their selection remains on a racial or religious basis, it will be an ironic commentary on "brotherhood" in such organizations. May I add one more bit of rabble, and inform Mr. Marsh that among his rabble-rousers is the Supreme Court of the United States?

Outside of the fact that Mr. Kesey's first two beliefs are contradictory, I would like to say the following: In regard to his claim that his own house would "let the distant national throw whatever fit suited them" in the event that a non-white "guy" was pledged, I can only say that acts are more impressive than bombast. Further, although Mr. Kesey's house may well do as he says, does he expect that all other houses will do the same? If not, how does he propose to deal with them? Secondly, in regard to our "strange back-bending policy" regarding discrimination on the

campus, I am sure that Mr. Kesey will discover another aspect of our "policy" if he attends the public hearings which are to be held. Finally, Mr. Kesey asks: "What would happen if the houses got together and said 'Lay off or we'll close up—and you big boys (presumably the administration) can house the homeless crowds the best way you can'." Forgetting for a moment the moral incompatibility of such a move with fraternal objectives, it is hoped that if this threat ever materialized the administration would not disgrace itself by succumbing to such exploitation. It would not need to do so, as has been shown at other universities, and would only do so by sacrificing principle to expediency.

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## Editor's Note:

Despite the claims of Mr. Metzger and law student Ed Fadely, it is our understanding that the legality of such discrimination has never been tested in any court, much less the Supreme Court of the United States. If this is in error, we assume these gentlemen will soon correct us. If they are right, it is quite surprising that in the whole United States someone has not broken the whole system simply by lawsuit.

## Moms' Weekend Suits Due at SU Today

Petitions for sub-chairmen for Mothers' Weekend are due today, according to Cathy Peterson and Ellen Fitzsimmons, general co-chairmen.

Committee chairmen are wanted for the following committees: breakfast, registration, trophies, awards, publicity, promotion, hospitality, coffee hour, general secretary and reservations.

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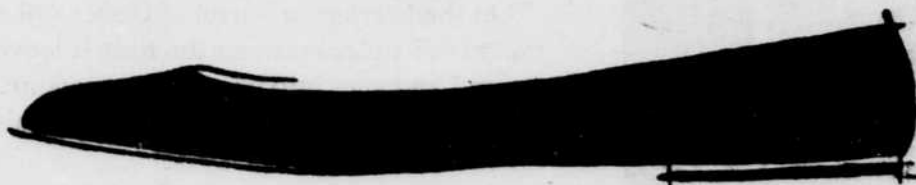
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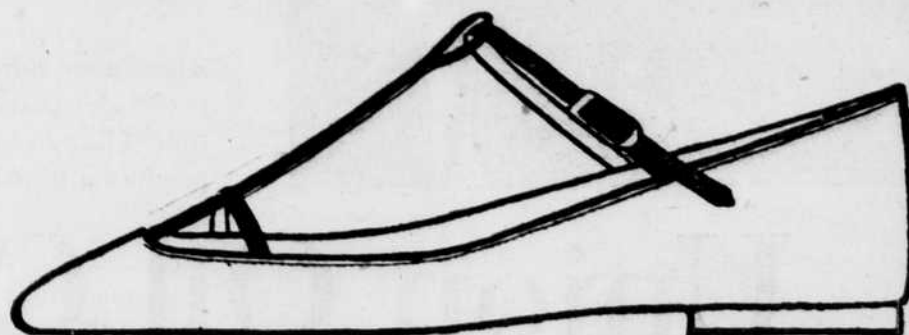


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