

# More headaches

According to a proposal recently submitted by the Campus Transportation Committee, the University administration plans to regulate bicycle licensing and parking on campus. This proposal, however, could potentially create more headaches than the present unregulated system.

One provision of the plans requires that bikes be parked only in designated areas and racks and that all bikes on campus be licensed by the Campus Security. The plan would also empower Campus Security to impound all bicycles parked in unauthorized areas and all unlicensed bicycles.

It's one thing to require bicyclists to use only designated areas and another thing for the University to make sure there are enough authorized facilities for bicyclists. Until the University is willing to spend the funds necessary for providing enough bike racks in convenient locations it is in no position to penalize riders for using substitutes such as telephone poles and sign posts.

Secondly, the idea of licensing all bicycles on campus and impounding the ones that are unlicensed is ridiculous. How could security determine which unlicensed bicycles belonged to University people and which belonged to townspeople? The University has no more right to require licensing of bicycles than it does to require that cars parked on public streets crossing campus be registered on campus.

The inconvenience caused by a few bicycle riders parking their bikes in inappropriate places does not justify the committee's drastic proposal. This is one plan that should definitely go back to the drawing board.

## Letters — Points affirmed

We have noted the recent seizures and threats of seizure of property by the Internal Revenue Service. In response to these actions, War Tax Resisters of Eugene have united to support persons threatened by such seizures. We affirm the following points.

We hold no contempt or hatred in our hearts for any person working for the IRS. Our attitude is nonviolent and peaceful, but our resolve is strong.

We are part of a nation seeking to give credence to its birthright: the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and must therefore come in conflict with a government which spends most of its revenues in war preparations, thus depriving its citizens and citizens of other countries around the globe of these rights.

When an individual feels that his or her money is being taken by a government which cares little for his or her needs or opinions and is used for purposes which he or she

feels is immoral, the only appropriate word for the action is theft. We accuse the IRS of theft in connection with the abovementioned seizures and call upon the citizens of the country and the employees of the IRS to resist these thefts with us.

The American Revolution began with tax resistance against a militaristic government. We have resisted before and we shall resist again. When war tax resisters are threatened by the IRS, we plan to take action to support their struggle against seizures.

**War Tax Resisters of Eugene  
Lynne Coates and  
15 co-signers**

## Notice

In the interest of fairness to its readers, the Emerald wishes to point out the ad on page six of this issue for Carlo Rossi wines advertises a wine that is bottled in Modesto, Calif. These wines are currently being boycotted by both the United Farm Workers and the Eugene Friends of the Farm Workers.



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## opinion

# No quibbling over words

Have you ever thought you would like to see marijuana legalized? The Pot People's Party does not quibble over words like "decriminalization" or "reform;" we intend to see marijuana legalized like alcohol. But we need your help.

Today, the situation exists in which legalization of marijuana can become an accomplished fact. Thirty to 50 million citizens of the United States have tried or are using marijuana at this time. These citizens along with those citizens who respect individual liberty and justice can wield the power of the majority. In this way the alcohol using segment of our society triumphed over a prohibition imposed by that minority of American citizens who would control every aspect of a free person's life if allowed.

There are two paths that can lead to marijuana legalization: the Supreme Court can rule marijuana laws unconstitutional, or the state and national laws can be rescinded by the appropriate legislatures.

Movement is underway toward redress through the courts, but until the Pot People's Party came along no organization has presented a realistic approach capable of creating national political influence which could result in marijuana legalization.

The so-called National Organization for Marijuana Reform has

submitted no program designed to work for marijuana legalization on a national scale. Their programs are directed toward local and state action that even when successful has little effect on the national marijuana problem.

The national government instigated the marijuana laws and the national government must be the target of a unified political attack if the marijuana laws are to be changed. For this purpose the Pot People's Party has been formed.

The Pot People's Party was formed at the Democratic Convention in 1972 to impress the Democratic Party with the need to address itself to the injustice created by laws prohibiting marijuana. The Democratic Party chose to ignore the Pot People's Party position and as a result lost a great deal of the anticipated student support for their presidential candidate.

In 1972, when the voting age requirements were changed to include all persons 18 and over, students for the first time were numerically strong enough to exercise national political influence if they chose to cast their ballots together. That student political power was recognized as a reality by McGovern when he based a

large part of his presidential hopes on anticipated student support. The support never materialized but the point was made: College students potentially comprise the

most powerful single voting block in the nation.

In order to be certain that national political parties understand the issues that affect students today, the Pot People's Party will attempt to accumulate the number of students across the nation who are willing to support a presidential candidate who pledges to remove the injustice caused by laws prohibiting marijuana.

The method of accumulating the exact number of students who support the marijuana issue is simple. Special referenda will be called on participating college campuses across the nation. Students will be allowed to exercise the secret ballot process as a way to express their collective opinion on the marijuana issue.

Based on projections from a test referendum from the University of Georgia (no liberal stronghold) where 78 per cent of the voters supported decriminalization, we can expect to accumulate millions of supporters for marijuana legalization if the victims of the marijuana laws are willing to use the political process to defeat those perpetuating marijuana prohibition.

The results of individual referenda on college campuses will be used by the Pot People's Party to form a splinter political party. Splinter parties are a well known part of the American political scene. Splinter groups usually form around one issue or personality. Then the splinter group traditionally merges with a major political party when that party adopts the issue or personality sponsored by the splinter group. The marijuana problem can be solved by a splinter political party with your help.

The Pot People's Party recognizes that millions of college students are affected by the marijuana problem. These students need a method to make their opinions heard. We are looking for individuals on college campuses who will assume responsibility for initiating a referendum on their campus.

If you are interested in helping solve the marijuana problem, please write to us.

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