

ACLU controversial—not un-American

In recent weeks the American Civil Liberties Union has been labelled everything from "controversial" to "communistic," and some persons, both off-campus and on campus, have criticized their being brought into the housing dispute. Controversial the ACLU is, but subversive, communistic and un-American it is not.

The ACLU's purpose is defending civil liberties, and this does not mean civil liberties for a selected few, but civil liberties of every person in the United States. This includes atheists and communists as well as protestants and democrats. The criteria for defending a case is not the classification of a person, but rather is whether he has been denied "due process" as provided by the Constitution — for everyone.

The reasoning behind this — dating back to such persons as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison — is

that if rights are denied to one person, there is no reason they will not be denied to all. This philosophy, as well as the ACLU, has been endorsed by the nation's last three Presidents, exemplified by this statement from President Johnson:

"It (the ACLU) defends the rights of even the most despised to speak, to assemble, and to petition for redress of grievances. It protects the individual's guarantees of the right to counsel, to confrontation and to due process of law."

Former President Kennedy said the ACLU "has played a significant role in defending our basic democratic freedoms."

Mr. Kennedy did not qualify basic freedoms as belonging to any one group. They do not, although some persons obviously believe they belong to the group that endorses "old line" thinking and is in the majority.

Puppets' end?

In reading the Jan. 11 edition of The University Daily I was shocked, pleasingly shocked to say the least, at the information that the Student Senate has finally taken the initiative to take positive action in the struggle for student rights. I am of course referring to the policy adopted by the Senate concerning the present controversy over student housing.

Not only did the Senate recommend an appropriately firm course of action in deciding to apply to the Civil Liberties Union but they did so in one short evening without all the usual haggle and debate and with only two dissenting votes. This in itself must indicate to the students that this is a blatant violation of student rights necessitating a break with the usual indomitable apathy that is the outstanding characteristic of the students of Texas Tech. The Senate has taken the initiative for us and we can do no less than support them to our fullest capabilities.

With further resolutions of the sort just adopted I feel that the Senate cannot fail to command the respect it deserves from a student body which now laughingly refers to it as "our representative puppets."

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Editorial page

Objects to ACLU beliefs

As a resident of Lubbock I must be concerned with our educational institutions. I am deeply concerned over the matter of "on or off campus housing" from only one standpoint. That is the decision to invite the American Civil Liberties Union to enter the matter.

Mr. Lane Arthur, in the Jan. 13 edition of The Daily, quoted Robert Mansker as saying the ACLU is controversial and most of the Senate members did not know what the ACLU represented or advocated. Why must he stop there? Why not go on? Every student and Senate member should know. These are a few of the things the ACLU stands for or opposes:

1. Opposes universal military training.
2. Opposes military officers participating in anti-communist seminars.
3. Demanded McNamara halt the threat of censorship on military newsstands of such publications as the infamous "Overseas Weekly."
4. Objects to nativity scenes on school premises and Good Friday observance in public schools.
5. Claims compulsory sa-

luting of the U.S. flag is unconstitutional.

6. Opposes investigating of Communism by government committees.

7. Believes our national motto "In God We Trust" is unconstitutional.

8. Against prayer in public schools.

9. Opposes bill to forbid passports to communists or sympathizers.

It seems to me much more thought should be put into this matter before they are invited to our city and campus for any reason. Their mere presence could have far-reaching effects on future decisions of students to enter Texas Tech.

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A good friend in Washington, who empties the President's wastebasket every night and participates in much top level decision making, called the other night with a scoop. He didn't say it, but the inference was that no one other than a student at Texas Tech would believe it.

The friend said he reported to work one night last week and found the President very depressed. His State of the Union message still fresh on his mind, he was thinking of his grand scheme of increasing low rent housing across the country, and of giving everyone the privilege of living in government approved housing.

This was fine, being a plank of the Great Society, but what was bothering him was a late phone call from some undersecretary in HEW who happened to mention that the federal housing projects located in Washington's lower North Side just weren't filling like they should. The undersecretary said times had changed and people wanted to live in their own houses, and this gave the President a bad headache.

HE KNEW HE COULDN'T HAVE vacant housing right there in his own backyard, what with more on the architect's boards and creditors at the nation's throat, mumbling about unbalanced budgets and cutting useless spending.

"What'll I do?" the President asked my friend. "No one wants to accept our guidance and good favors any more, and it's hitting right in the pocketbook. Defaulting one payment, you know, means the government will have to fold."

"You've got a problem, sir," the friend said. "How about making people live there? You know, what's good for the country is good for the individual. They may think they don't like it, but deep down they will."

"I think you've got it!" the President reportedly shouted. "We'll move the Congress in, and tell them that if they don't move in, we won't give them the oath of office. They've been pretty submissive lately, anyway, and everyone knows they relinquished all their rights when they come to Capitol Hill."

The friend began to think, though, and he could see serious objections to the plan. If it were kept up, no one would want to run for Congress anymore. Also, he thought some liberal Senator might try to rock the boat, and maybe even question the validity of the ruling. Public opinion would be bad. He reminded the President it was election year.

"WELL, WE GIVE THEM a concession as a peace offering to show we're not all bad, bigoted and brash. To make them feel better, you know."

"What d'ya have in mind?" the friend asked.
"Well maybe we could let all Congressmen born on Feb. 29 in odd numbered years who are descendents of George Washington live in their own quarters. It's not much, but it's better than nothing."

"It is?"
"Certainly! Maybe all Congressmen who drive 1947 Nashes, use the greaseless hair dressing and are married to Czechs would be better. Or maybe..."

The friend didn't catch the next compromise, because he was dashing for a pay phone to rush me the news. But he was right. No one would believe it. Ridiculous, preposterous, they said. Funny thing, so did Earl Warren.

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Jayhawkers hand Tech seventh straight loss

The Texas Tech swim team got everything wet except their record Monday night as they dropped their seventh straight duel meet of the year, falling to the University of Kansas 70-43.

It was a night for the Tech divers and the 400-yard free-style relay team as they com-

bined for the only three wins for the Raiders in the 13 event meet.

Diver Bill Jones picked up two Tech first places, sweeping both the one and three-meter diving. Tech's Larry Davis finished second in both events.

The 400-yard relay was the highlight event of the evening as

the Raider team (Jim Gray, Rob McCreary, Rich Fox and Pete Velde) nipped the Jayhawks by .6 of a second, swimming the distance in 3:24.1.

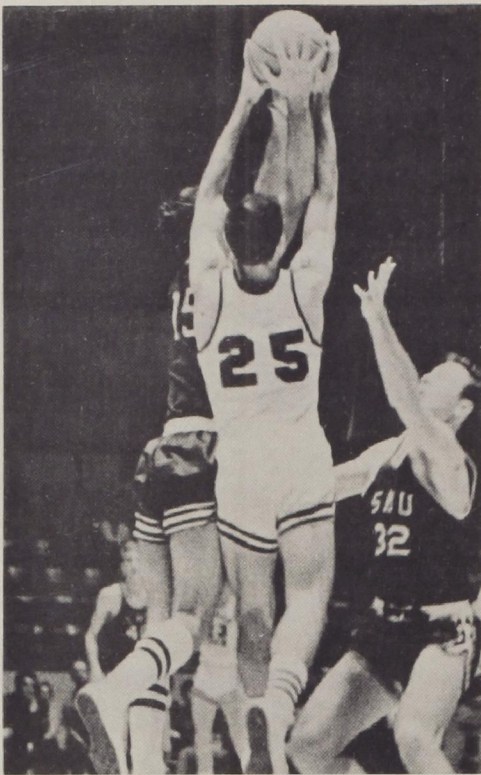
Velde was the Raiders only other dual scorer capturing third place in both the 50-yard free style and 100-yard free style.

Capturing second place spots for the Raiders were Terry Tarkington, 1000-yard freestyle; Fox 200-yard freestyle; Mark Cleveland, 200-yard backstroke; John Long, 500-yard freestyle; and Terry Brown 200-yard breaststroke.

One Meter Diving—1. Bill Jones, Texas Tech, 239.80; 2. Larry Davis, Texas Tech; 3. Tom Pettit, Kansas;

Three Meter Diving—1. Bill Jones, Texas Tech, 248.05; 2. Larry Davis, Texas Tech.

400 Free Relay—1. Texas Tech (Jim Gray, Rob McCreary, Rick Fox, Pete Velde), 3:24.1; 2. Kansas, 3:24.7.



HOW HIGH THE SKY? — Texas Tech Jerry Haggard (25) and SMU's Gary Hawkins reach high in the sky as they jump for a ball during the Raiders 86-78 win over the Mustangs Saturday night. It was the first conference win for the Raiders this season as they brought their record to 1-4. (Photo by Kyle Morse)

Raiders a new team after win over SMU

By BILL MOORE Sports Editor

Texas Tech found a lot of things in Municipal Coliseum Saturday night.

First of all it found its first conference basketball win of the season, against SMU. Secondly, it found itself to be a good basketball team after all.

"I knew we could do it. I knew we had it in us to be a great basketball team," one of the players was overheard to say, amidst the enthusiasm found in a winning dressing room.

COACH GENE GIBSON, with a grin seldom seen this season, made a belated appearance in the dressing room. The first thing he said was, "Men you looked just like a bunch of Red Raiders out there tonight."

And "a bunch of Red Raiders" they were. For the first time this season the team found that little something that turns a losing team into a winner.

"This was the best game we've played all year," said Gibson. "We got out there and hustled, scrambled and gave it everything we had."

"Every man that played did a great job. Every one of them hustled and played their best. I can't find a single fault in any of them," said Gibson.

THE WIN WAS AN important one for the Raiders. It was their second in a row and their fifth on the season, against 10 losses. Their fourth win came in an overtime game against the University of Texas Arlington last week.

What was the cause that had Gibson calling the team "a bunch of Red Raiders?"

"Certainly the win over Arlington helped us. It's always good to win a game like that where you're having a losing season," said Gibson.

"But what really helped us was that we've solved some family problems we had within the team. It's nothing I can talk about publicly, but we did have some problems and now they're all worked out," he said.

SO WITH ALL THE family problems solved and the team picking up a little winning momentum, that little spark to victory may be on the verge of lighting the Red Raiders fire.

And one of the brightest sparks to come upon the scene comes in a pair of sophomores—Steve Hardin and Lee Tynes.

Against Arlington this duo came into the game while the Raiders were barely staying with the Rebels, ignited a charge, and sent the game into an overtime, which the Raiders won by 10 points.

Saturday, against SMU, Hardin started the game, scored 10 points and brought down 6 rebounds. Tynes came into the game midway through the first half and got into early foul trouble. He fouled out during the

second half with six points and six rebounds.

VERNON PAUL PLAYED one of his better games of the season against the Mustangs, which tied against the Mustangs, scoring 24 points, which tied his season's scoring high, and taking down 15 rebounds.

Jim Nelson was second high scorer with 18 and Joe Dobbs, third with 14. Jerry Haggard, who went into the game with a 13.0 average, scored but eight points, but was credited with five assists.

As a team the Raiders shot 48.6 per cent from the field, as compared to their 40.4 percentage in previous conference play.

THE EFFECTIVENESS of the "new look" Raiders will be tested Saturday night as they host the TCU Horned Frogs in Municipal Coliseum.

The Frogs are tied for the conference lead and will be fresh from a drubbing they gave the previously undefeated (in conference play) Baylor Bears Saturday.

Maybe by this time next week everyone at Tech will be saying they have "a bunch of Red Raiders" playing basketball for them.

Tech—SMU box score

Texas Tech	FG	FT	RB	TP
Dobbs	6	2	6	14
Nelson	8	2	6	18
Paul	10	4	15	24
Hardin	4	2	6	10
Haggard	2	4	2	8
Tynes	3	0	6	6
Byington	0	1	2	1
Sherrad	1	3	1	5

SMU	FG	FT	RB	TP
Phillips	9	10	9	28
Voight	4	5	13	13
Hig'Botham	3	3	12	9
Sibley	6	4	1	16
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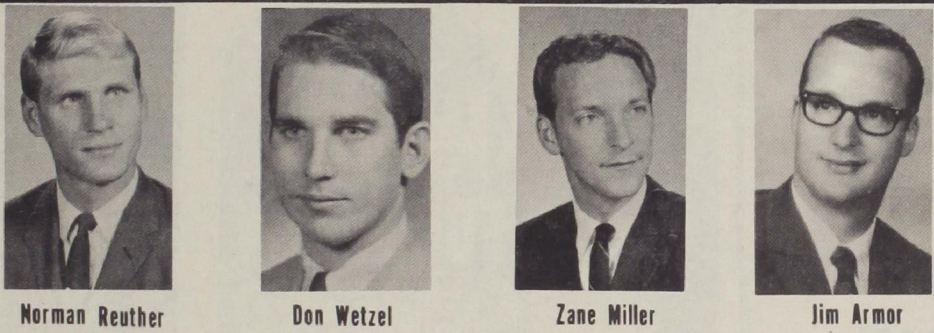
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