New Liberal Campus Party Is Organized

By George Miles

A group of Ohio State students met and formed an organization Saturday called the Students for Liberal Action in order to "contribute to effective social reform" and constructive progressive change in international, national and campus affairs.

It will seek recognition from Student Senate Thursday night.

A TWO AND one half page statement read by group president Dave Brown said SLA is "liberal" in that it advocates "those conditions of personal freedom and social justice which alone can foster the creative development of every individual, regardless of class, race or religion."

The organization is headed by a seven member executive committee composed of four elected officers and three appointed commissioners. Besides president Brown, Jerry Holiday was elected vice president, Mrs. Joyce Weiss, secretary, and Loyd Lee, treasurer. Commissioners are Bill Dingeldein, international affairs; Phil Luce, national affairs, and Harlan Randolph, campus affairs. Faculty advisor is Dr. Harvey Goldberg.

THE STATEMENT said SLA will seek action by means of "meetings, rallies, petitions, and other such legal and orderly means." The group's statement also outlined (Continued on page 7)
SLA Attacks Procedures In Housing Plan

By L. A. L. Aug. 11, 1960

Students for Liberal Action, at their final meeting of the quarter, Aug. 4, criticized the University's plan for implementing its off-campus housing policy.

In a preliminary committee report, the procedure for handling discrimination complaints was described as "not clearly defined."

SLA asked clarification of five points regarding the new policy:

1. What is the relative influence of moral considerations in the new legal position taken by the University?
2. Why was it necessary to restrict the University policy to houses with city licenses?
3. What standards make housing "adequate"?
4. What, specifically, will be the procedure used to investigate student complaints?
5. What specifically will be the effect of this policy on a landlord who is shown to be discriminatory in selecting his roomers?

Following the meeting, Dave Brown, Grad, president of SLA, told the LANTERN that this was not a reversal of SLA opinion about the policy but only a criticism of its implementation. (The LANTERN of July 21 quoted Brown as saying that the University housing policy "...represents a major step toward complete elimination of discrimination at the University."

Elsewhere in the preliminary report, SLA said, "It is our belief that the new policy of the University must be made known to all students and the responsibility for acquainting students with their housing rights falls to the agency which administers this housing program."

"SECONDLY, we propose that the board reviewing the cases of 'alleged' discrimination include persons in addition to the Deans of Men and Women. It is our belief that only a board with faculty and student representation acting in public session meets with the standards of democratic action."

Brown said SLA would continue to combat discrimination in off-campus housing until it is eliminated. "We have one thing in our favor — in three or four years there will be more University housing, but now individuals are being injured," said Brown.

Of SLA objectives for the Autumn Quarter, Brown said that while continuing its interest in housing, SLA would soon begin an active campaign against discrimination in off-campus business establishments.

During the Autumn Quarter, SLA will share permanent office spaces in the Ohio Union with the NAACP and the Dissent Forum.
SLA Will Try To Reschedule Three Controversial Figures

Students for Liberal Action will attempt to reschedule the three speakers who were recently locked out by President Novice G. Fawcett, according to Douglas Beverine, A-2, past president, who addressed SLA at a meeting Tuesday night.

Beverine suggested that the rally be scheduled next September, "after the controversy has been resolved."

He urged SLA members to aid the Student Free Speech Committee, which has been distributing the "Free Speech" newspapers and the "Free Speech Now" buttons.

"Beverine, who attended his last meeting as president, emphasized the need for future SLA recruitment. He stated that the group had a noted increase, but more members were wanted. "We need more people, only as a mass organization," he added.

There was unanimous expression of confidence in the actions of SLA's officers during the current "free speech" controversy.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They included Gage Bower, A-4; president; Dean Turges, A-3, vice president; and Toby Emmer, A-1, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the all-campus faculty meeting which is to be held May 14.

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SLA Advisor Quiet About Affidavit

Dr. Alvin Sodel, faculty advisor to the Students for Liberal Action at Ohio State University, declined to comment Thursday on a request to obtain a sworn statement from Frank Wilkinson concerning any past and present Communist Party membership.

The SLA had requested that Wilkinson, executive director of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, be permitted to speak on campus. Dr. Sodel said he will not discuss the affidavit until after he talks with President Novice G. Fawcett.

A meeting with the president had been arranged for Monday but was re-scheduled for Wednesday, Dr. Sodel said Thursday.
Seeks Statement By Wilkinson On Ties with Reds

Ohio State University President Novice G. Fawcett has requested the faculty adviser for the Students for Liberal Action to seek a sworn, signed affidavit from prospective guest speaker Frank Wilkinson about past and present Communist party membership.

Fawcett also directed the adviser, Dr. Alvin Scodel, to begin the consultation process under which he talks out the matter with administrators.

SLA planned to invite the critic of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) several weeks ago, but was refused facilities under a new rule which establishes a two-week notification deadline.

LATER, THE student group announced plans to re-invite Wilkinson.

Fawcett stepped in because, as he pointed out in a letter to Scodel, "it appears to me that... there is grave doubt as to whether or not Mr. Wilkinson meets the university's requirements for guest speakers..."

Fawcett referred to the speakers rule and questioned whether the appearance of Wilkinson, who served a jail term for contempt of Congress in refusing to answer questions before HCUA, would be in the best interests of the university.

Fawcett mentioned Wilkinson's record before HCUA and said the question is not if the students have a right to hear a speaker who qualifies under the rules, but is about the speaker himself.

The president said there are congressmen, recognized speaker because of his affiliation with academics, and perhaps limitations or associations alone...

Fawcett Bars Wilkinson Talk

Frank Wilkinson, executive director of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), will not be permitted to speak on the Ohio State campus.

President Novice G. Fawcett said that after consultations, he had concluded that an appearance by Wilkinson would not be in the best interest of the University, and that Wilkinson therefore could not be permitted to speak.

President Fawcett acted in the case under the terms of the University Speakers Rule. This vests in the president final authority to determine whether a speaker's appearance will serve the University's interests, and to grant or withhold permission for a speaker to appear.

Wilkinson had been invited to speak here by the Students for Liberal Action. During the Autumn Quarter, President Fawcett wrote to Dr. Alvin Scodel, faculty adviser to the SLA, advising him to obtain a "signed, sworn affidavit concerning the past and present Communist party membership" of Wilkinson.

Scodel said he had not asked Wilkinson for the affidavit. He said he received a letter shortly after the end of Autumn Quarter finals week advising him of the president's decision not to grant permission for Wilkinson's appearance.

Wilkinson served nine months in prison for contempt of Congress. His conviction resulted from his refusal to answer questions at a HUAC hearing.

President Fawcett said he met twice with Dr. Scodel. He said he also asked Vice President Frederic W. Heimberger and Donald P. Cotrell, dean of the College of Education for, memoranda of conferences they held with the SLA adviser.
Marxists, Socialist Invade OSU Campus

10-9-64 DISPATCH

Two avowed Marxist-Leninists and a Socialist invaded the Ohio State University campus Thursday, selling literature promoting their beliefs, according to The Lantern, the campus newspaper.

Their action violates a campus rule which requires anyone selling or soliciting on campus first to obtain permission from the office of special services. The trio did not, officials said.

THE LANTERN identified them as Mike Houser, a former OSU student in the Arts College and a Socialist; and Paul Lodico and Thaddeus Beebe, both self-described Marxist-Leninists.

They were allegedly seeking support for the Midwest Student Conference on Independent Political Action to be held at Wayne State University in Detroit Oct. 24 and 25.

Houser, at least, also spoke at a Students for Liberal Action meeting Thursday night in the Law School Auditorium. He told The Lantern he was a member of SLA until he resigned Thursday night.

Houser and SLA fell out over the refusal of SLA to sponsor an off-campus meeting featuring Edward Shaw, vice presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party.

EXECUTIVE DEAN John T. Bonner said Friday his office is investigating the possible violation of the campus rule, but said such an infraction is not of major disciplinary character.

The investigation is not because they were handing out Socialist literature, Bonner said. The rule applies to all soliciting and selling.

SLA Adviser Won't Resign

By MARILYN COOL

Dr. David G. McConnell, absentee adviser to the Students for Liberal Action, will not resign his position, according to Ann Mayer, president of SLA.

A ruling by the Council of Student Affairs to prevent advisers for campus organizations from being off-campus will go into effect as soon as student organizations are notified.

"No one is exactly sure when notifications will be completed," Miss Mayer said. "It is my understanding that an organization with an absentee adviser would have to suspend activities until a new adviser could take over. In that case a new faculty adviser would be available for SLA."

She said that Dr. McConnell, who is a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, has been off-campus since last January and that the administration must have known of his absence long before a letter from him, with a Wisconsin postmark, was brought to the attention of CSA.

The letter from Dr. McConnell was to President Novice G. Fawcett requesting permission for Edward Shaw, vice presidential candidate for the Socialist Workers Party, to speak on campus.

James Curran, vice president of SLA, said that the CSA came up with the adviser ruling only after SLA tried to raise some controversial issues.

"We can only conclude that the University has come up with this ruling to hinder our actions," Curran said.

SLA has requested permission for Mrs. Anne Braden, author of "HUAC: Bulwark of Segregation," to be allowed to speak at the next meeting on campus, Nov. 11.
Local Anti-Communist Disrupts SLA Meeting With Screams, Taunts

2-18-65 BY MAUSI HILT

A screaming Vivienne Suarez, chairman of the Franklin County Anti-Communist Study Group, last night interrupted the introduction of Russ Nixon and delayed his speech by half an hour in the Law College Auditorium.

"He's a Communist! He's here in the state of Ohio and he's a Communist! Our boys are dying in Vietnam. That man is a Communist!" she screamed.

Nixon, under investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee, and some 80 persons who had come to hear him speak remained calm as Mrs. Suarez continued her outburst.

Invited to Leave
"If you are unhappy and don't want to hear him, then we invite you to leave," Ann Mayer, president of Students for Liberal Action, the sponsoring organization, told her.

Nixon's presence on campus was authorized by the administration, Miss Mayer said.

But this did not satisfy Mrs. Suarez.
"I say a Communist has no right on campus," she yelled. She continued to yell and scream and seemed to lose control of herself. Most of what she said could not be understood.

Someone shouted, "Call the cops!"

Policeman Enters
Subsequently, a campus policeman came into the auditorium, walked up to Mrs. Suarez, lifted her out of her seat, and pulled her into the aisle.

"Are you going to shut up?" he asked.
"I'm gonna stay here," she screamed.
"Then sit down," he said.

"I'll sit down, but I'll get up again," she yelled.

Mrs. Suarez sat down. Miss Mayer continued with the introduction. As she finished and Nixon came forward to speak, Mrs. Suarez jumped to her feet and held up a large envelope.

"It says here . . . he has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by three former Communists," she screamed.

Audience Jeers
The audience began to jeer her, and some yelled, "Why don't you leave?" Mrs. Suarez retorted: "I help pay for your education, kid, don't you forget it! If half of your mothers knew you were here they'd be ashamed of you."

The policeman returned and forcibly removed Mrs. Suarez, who was still screaming. She did not return.

Her husband, Julio, sat silently beside her in the auditorium and held her arm as the policeman escorted her outside.

Once outside she continued to hold forth before a small group. "Ohio State should hang its head in shame," she said.

Speech Finally Begins
Back in the auditorium, Nixon finally began his speech.
"I'm very glad to be here," he said. "This is all part of the lesson of education . . . It's better not to say much about her.

"The University is following the practice of free inquiry . . . listening to all points of view . . . in a rational, courteous, serious fashion."

During his 45-minute speech, he touched on civil rights, Vietnam policy and along the way, strongly urged the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC).

Nixon stressed the idea that Americans are afraid to speak out for what they believe. He strongly criticized the silence of the press against HUAC.

"It (HUAC) has done much to create this whole atmosphere where people are frightened to talk, people are frightened to think. Students are scared. The smart student is the one who keeps his mouth shut and isn't concerned about controversial questions and yet today, not to be concerned, is like being dead."

Students for Liberal Action members yesterday described the appearance of Nixon as "significant" in the battle to bring controversial speakers to campus.

President Mayer said this was the first time in three years the group has been able to get someone "like Nixon" here.

Ohio State's controversial "Speakers' Rule," which has undergone a number of changes since then, was approved in 1961. It gives the president of state-supported institutions final authority as to the acceptability of speakers for campus audiences. The rule has been upheld as constitutional.

Nixon, who has been subpoenaed six times since 1958 by HUAC, is presently charged with contempt of Congress and will go on trial March 18, 1965.

He is general manager of the National Guardian a weekly newspaper in New York City.
State Finds OSU Talk Was Legal

A spokesman for the office of Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe said Friday it can take no action about the speaking appearance of Russell Arthur Nixon on the Ohio State University campus Wednesday.

THE SPOKESMAN, relying to a written request by Mrs. Vivienne Suarez, 44, of 1215 Fisherling-road, said there were no violations of state law.

Mrs. Suarez, chairman of the Franklin County Anti-Communist Study Group, was ejected from Nixon's appearance before the Students for Liberal Action (SLA) at the OSU Law School after interrupting the session and accusing Nixon of being a Communist.

Nixon, general manager of the National Guardian, a New York weekly, advocates abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC).

AFTER HER ejection, Mrs. Suarez requested U.S. Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio), a HUAC member, to investigate Communist activities in Columbus. Ashbrook refused, saying the committee had no proof that Nixon was a Communist.

SLA Plans To Break Leaflet Rule

The Students for Liberal Action Club will ask the University to justify paying operating costs for last quarter's campus "bleed-in" and has announced it plans to break the University pamphlet-leaflet rule early this quarter.

In their first meeting of the quarter, held last night in Page Hall, SLA members considered various programs for the coming quarter. SLA President Dennis Knepley put the "bleed-in" dispute at the top of the list.

He said Executive Dean of Student Relations John T. Bonner, Jr. was paying for rental of the ballroom for the "bleed-in", in which Ohio State students gave blood for the soldiers serving in Vietnam.

Knepley said he had talked to Bonner, and that Bonner had explained that University funds were being used because every organization in the Ohio Union offices was in favor of the "bleed-in." Knepley asked that SLA members make a motion to officially question the University's actions. The motion was made and approved.

Knepley also raised the question of the students' right to distribute pamphlets and leaflets on campus. Although no formal vote was taken, it was generally agreed that some action should be taken.

"We are going to break the leaflet-pamphlet rule," Knepley told the Lantern. "It's a ridiculous rule."

He questioned the reasoning behind the rule, which states that no pamphlets or leaflets may be distributed on campus.

SLA to Test Leaflet Ban On Campus

The Students for Liberal Action voted last night to print a leaflet questioning the University leaflet rule and to distribute the leaflet on campus as a test case.

The University rule states that leaflets may not be distributed on campus. Dennis Knepley, SLA president, called the rule unconstitutional.

Knepley said SLA's leaflet will be distributed within the week. It will contain a quotation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States—which guarantees the freedom of speech and press—and will explain SLA's stand on the leaflet rule. It will also contain a penalty-for-littering statement.

Knepley said SLA will enlist the support of other student organizations and will have them co-sign the pamphlet. He said the Free Student Federation is definitely in support and the campus branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee are expected to follow.

The Lantern asked Executive Dean for Student Relations John T. Bonner Jr. what action the University might be expected to take. He said that University officials could do nothing until the rule was actually broken. If a violation occurs, it is then up to the students' college offices to initiate disciplinary action, he said.

SLA also formed a commission to investigate the plausibility of abolishing student fees and raising admission requirements. Knepley said the club's general aim is to have admission to Ohio State restricted to the upper percentage of high school students. The upper percentage figure ranged from 10 to 30 in discussions.

The commission, when formed, will talk with University and state officials about adopting the proposals, Knepley said.
SLA Proposes New Group for Student Employees

By GEORGE BECKER
4-2-66, Lantern Staff Writer

The president of Students for Liberal Action last night called for the formation of a student labor federation to raise wage levels for student employees of the University.

Dennis Knepley said he hopes the idea will generate enough interest among students to bring about a wage increase to the federal minimum standard of $1.25 an hour.

He said the existing University wage standard is below this. Knepley cited hourly wages paid to workers such as dormitory telephone operators ($1.75 cents); Main Library book pages ($1); Pomerene Hall cafeteria employees (90 cents); and Ohio Union Busboys ($1.30).

"It's immoral for the University to exploit the 'student labor pool' because of the size of the work force," Knepley said.

"We hope to raise the issue publicly so that the University will have to make a moral judgment. The University is the leader; setting examples for others to follow," Knepley said.

SLA formed a committee to plan meetings with University finance officials and Columbus labor leaders.

Knepley said he hopes the federation eventually will be independent of SLA and that the group will represent a cross-section of students.

Charles E. McCombs, assistant director of the Student Financial Aid, said last night that a revised student pay scale is under consideration. The proposed scale would offer a minimum wage increase of 10 percent for each student job.

McCombs said the new scale would require approval of Dean Bonner and other University personnel.

SLA Publication Due Next Quarter

3-3-67

The Students for Liberal Action announced plans last night to start publication of a bi-weekly newspaper Spring Quarter.

The newspaper, "Comment," will emphasize the role University students can take in off-campus community activities, said William Parker, president of SLA and a junior in Arts.

Roger Wilkins, a junior in Arts and editor of the paper, said the goals of "Comment" include:

- The elucidation and substantiation of problems faced by students.
- The provision of pertinent information which other news media neglect.
- The exploration of viable solutions.

SLA plans to publish 2500 copies bi-weekly next quarter, Parker said.

In other action, SLA set up a committee to organize the Near Northside community to solve specific community problems. SLA plans to help VISTA workers and ministers in the area to encourage residents to attend Welfare Rights Organization meetings.

SLA is also going to form a draft union to provide organized opposition to the selective service.

The group also considered a proposal to work in settlement houses organizing social activities for children and tutoring them.

Besides educational activities, SLA also will consider the relationship of the University to the surrounding poor resident areas, Parker said. SLA will look into the business activities of the University concerning such things as urban renewal projects.

The University is involved in non-academic pursuits and therefore students should also be concerned, particularly for the people living in such areas, Parker said.

"We want to get out of the confined environment of the University," Parker added.

Protest on Oval

10-11-68

Follows 'Drama'

The Administration Building was again the scene of a student demonstration Thursday as almost 300 people gathered on the front steps shouting, "Let the people in."

Before the march on the building, about 500 people gathered on the Oval about 11:30 a.m. to watch the Students for Liberal Action mock the University's alleged racial attitudes with a "Guerilla theater."

After the theater presentation, which featured students wearing black and white macabre facial makeup, the students marched on the Administration Building, led by an unidentified student carrying a red flag bearing a portrait of Cuban revolutionary Ernesto"