

# STUDENT POLI

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE  
BY  
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UNITED STUDENTS  
BY  
Michael Embry

The primary purpose of this newspaper is to bring forth intellectual thought on problems facing the MSU student. Also to strive for recognition of the student by the Administration of Morehead State University.

We intend to report objectively student opinions, campus issues, and all phases of life which affects the university student. We are looking forward to helping any student who feels that an injustice has befallen them or one of their fellow students.

Those who desire to have any of their material printed in the Student Poll on any of the topics stated above or wish to have a poem published will find that no censorship is prevalent since we wholeheartedly believe in free expression. We sincerely hope that this publication will be useful to the MSU student in their endeavors for free expression and free speech on campus.

Sincerely,

Sue Easterling  
Michael Embry  
Rox Probus  
David Walker

## HATS OFF TO THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Our staff would like to send special thanks to Darrell Rice and the Kentucky Kernel for the article, "Morehead Faces Freedom Issue." It appeared in the Monday evening February 19, 1968 issue of the Kernel. It has had a big impact on the Morehead campus and has been given a good WELCOME!  
The Editors

There is always a time in the growth of a university as we have here at Morehead where feelings and beliefs of the student are heard only by his roommate and a few intimate friends. Some of the ideas are significant enough to be heard by the student body but a fear to let them be known exist in the student and therefore no action evolves.

I propose that an independent branch of interested students unite in order to solve some of the existing problems encountered by the university student. This organization which I shall refer as US (United Students) would be open to all students who are concerned with the conditions of the University. An open forum type of assembly would discuss Administration policy-making and would give full support if they felt the Administrative policy was right and would propose changes to the Administration if they felt some injustice was befalling the students at Morehead State.

The US would act as an independent branch of the school and wouldn't be bothered by Administrative pressures which the Student Council now faces. A more fruitful relation would evolve between the two generations: the Administration and the students. I realize that the Administration would still have the power to veto US proposals, but possibly I think the US would propose rational ideas which the Administration would have to take serious consideration.

Give careful consideration to the proposition as to organizing  
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APATHY OVERTHROWN  
BY

Michael Embry

Intellectual enlightenment on campuses throughout the nation is solely dependent on the endeavors of the students to bring about changes brought about by stringent administrative policy. Here at the Morehead State University campus such a problem exist in the Administration whereas student participation in relevant areas concerning the students are totally prohibited.

Numerous students on Morehead's campus desire to bring competent speakers on campus to discuss controversial but vital issues which have a direct effect on them or issues which they will encounter after graduation from Morehead. We have yet to hear a debate or discussion on the war which the American government is engaging in Viet Nam. We have yet to discuss Hershey's war with the students over the draft. We are concerned with the use of drugs but yet no discussion about the subject has been heard on our campus by a bona fide speaker.

I will have to admit that the Administration has had some political friends speak to us on student in areas of poverty and education but this doesn't mean much since Joe Podunk can say the same in fewer words and with more common sense. Only the students here at Morehead can bring about this issue by speaking their viewpoints relating to campus speakers and what topic they desire to hear. The Student Poll will back any student's plea to the Administration on campus speakers and will also help propagate his ideas to the student body.

Another issue which the students should consider is that of complete submission to the police at Morehead State. The police here has the Administration's right to search you or any of your possessions while enrolled at the University. We at the Student Poll believe that this is infringing

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on the rights of an individual as stated in Article V of the Constitution of the United States. We believe that in certain instances such a right to search is valid if a search warrant is present or if there is substantial proof as to the guiltiness of the party involved in the search. The Administration, we believe, should amend this campus ordinance to meet the requirements stated in Article V.

One minor point I would like to present is that of the quality and price of the food which is being served in the two cafeterias on campus. We encourage all the students here at Morehead to speak out against this "distasteful" problem. I will not elaborate on this issue for I believe students understand what I mean!

I plead to you, the Morehead State University student, to take a stand on the encroachment of your rights instead of being apathetic which at the present is prevalent on the campus. Borrow from the movie Cool Hand Luke I must say, "What we've got here is a failure to communicate."

HOW GOOD IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL  
BY

David Walker

With the latest happenings on campus, has the Student Council taken a back seat in student affairs? But do they have the power to do anything in the first place? When Art Dayton was voted in last Spring was it because of his platform or his popularity?

When he was running for office he said that he would revise the Constitution and so far this has not been done. The latest thing I think the Student Council should have had was a voice in the ROTC program that is to go into effect next fall. Yet no one asked a member of the Student Council to sit on the board when the decision was made. Is it because the Student Council isn't important as far as the Administration is concerned? If the answer is "yes", let us the student body change

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that "yes" to a "no." Then it  
would be a growing concern of the  
Administration and that's the way  
it should be.

HATE!  
BY  
Michael Embry

Amidst the conflict across the sea  
I think of the regrets that soon  
will be.  
The starving children and wounded  
men  
Reflect my thoughts of this immoral  
sin.

Must man destroy the fruits of love  
To inflict the mercy from above?  
Must man burn out the torch of time  
Without the enjoyment of eternal  
wine?

My mind dissects the motives of men  
And realizes ignorance prevails  
over them.  
Love will never on Earth abound  
For the rumble of guns will always  
sound.

LOVE IS AN UPHILL JOURNEY  
BY  
Rex Probus

Slowly, he climbs the grassy knoll.  
Halfway he hears her call.  
Seeing, hearing, wondering, want-  
ing, believing,  
He goes to her, he asks, hoping.  
Yes, together they can continue up  
the hill.  
They travel not the path,  
For it is not for those who live,  
Treading the grass, he learns to  
laugh,  
And she, to give.  
They stumble on many a stone,  
Drawing a bruise here, a scar there;  
These sharpen their love, serving  
only to hone.  
Their hearts float together through  
the air!  
They reach the top,  
For a while they stop.  
Then, they know and together they  
leap.

To the next stage of their life-  
long ascent.

When they reach the top of the  
heap

They will know the answer to their  
prayers  
Was heaven-sent.

THE MARKET PLACE  
BY  
Dr. Robert L. Arends

I saw a mart, a blood-red market  
place,  
And souls of boys and men are  
bartered there  
A thousand here, five hundred,  
fifty there.

"How many must I give," the seller  
asks, "to gain this bridgehead?"

"Four hundred more or less."

"How many then to turn that factory  
into a rubbish-heap?"

"Fifteen, but fifteen strong and  
clean,

All forward-looking, sensitive--  
In this one violin music trembling  
in his fingertips,  
In that a brain aglow with chemistry  
and industry's advance."

"How many need to sink that battle-  
ship?"

And so eternally the seller drones.  
The buyer, cold, impersonal, calls  
forth his price as if pronouncing  
doom.

And doom it is for Richard Smith,  
and Henry Brown, and Thomas Cook  
and Philip Jones....

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tury, March 14, 1942)

"O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"  
BY

Dr. Robert L. Arends

She stands deserted by the jungle  
door,  
Her eyes stark full of  
fear;

She sees the crater, a malignant  
sore,

Gape skyward, yet without a tear  
Or gasp or cry of horror or appeal

For mercy to the angry air above,  
She cannot pray; she scarce might  
bow or kneel

To ask Lord Buddha for a gift of



("O Beautiful for Spacious Skys"  
Cont.)

love.

The arms protruding ghastly from  
a mound;  
The fotid stench of powder and  
raw blood;  
The boom of distant jets; machine-  
gun sound  
Of pellets ploughing up the pat-  
ient muc --

© Western Culture, Praise its  
conquest mild:  
A frightened, orphaned Oriental  
child.

Robert L. Arends

CLASSIFY THE CLASS OFFICERS

By  
David Walker

With the present situation ~~pm~~ on  
what has your class officer done to  
represent you in student affairs.  
You do realize that you voted for  
them as those who are most popular  
in your class regardless of what you  
that of their leadership.

We think that the class officers  
should either represent the students  
or propose a law which would abolish  
class officers.

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the US. If enough interest is  
aroused by the students, I will in-  
dicate in the next issue what steps will  
be taken in order for this to become  
a reality.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL IT

Sue Easterling

A young friend of mine wrote me  
a letter a couple of months ago. He  
explained that he was making plans to  
attend college in the fall of '68' and  
he wanted to know what I thought about  
Morehead as a possible place for him.  
My first thoughts raced back to the boy

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and what I knew he wanted for the  
future. I knew that the boy had really  
great potential. He was intelligent  
and had a great deal of creativity.  
He would be an asset to any college  
in the country. You see, this guy is  
from the hills of Eastern Kentucky  
and he never learned about other schools  
in the United States and besides he  
really wants to stay within a few  
hundred miles of home. I knew that he  
would choose one of the Universities  
in this general area.

I tried to write him a letter to  
tell him about Morehead. I got really  
sick. Sure, Morehead is really an im-  
pressive looking campus and President  
Doran keeps telling us how much prestige  
our university has all over the world.  
I haven't seen a whole lot of the world  
but I have covered the Eastern coast  
of the United States pretty well. Most  
of what I have seen has been on other  
campuses, and I know that the front  
that Morehead puts up is pretty sick  
looking. The pretty buildings and  
words are only a facade for the things  
that go on here. It makes my blood  
run cold when I know that most of the  
trachers and students live under constant  
fear. Most of them are even afraid  
to exercise their constitutional right  
to petition the University administration  
against compulsory ROTC. These people  
at Morehead are even afraid and distrust-  
ful of each other. Two professors get  
fired for going to a Peace Conference  
and working with students and probably  
not very many people will ever know  
about it. Why is it that people are  
afraid to exercise their constitutional  
rights? How can a few men who put their  
pants on like any other man have complete  
control over six thousand american  
citizens. It is weird. I wonder how  
Many men would just like to talk to a  
draft counselor? How many of you are  
interested in the real problems of the  
poor? How much do you know about  
Black Power or even the present Civil  
Rights problems? What is happening  
in our country or even in our own  
communities? Are the slums going to  
have problems with mass riots this  
summer? Who is going to be the next  
president of the United States of  
America.



OPEN LETTER TO EVERYONE, AND;

A PLEA FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF IDEALS

By Rex Probus

Dear M.S.U. protesters, marchers, placard-carriers, free speech crusaders, and all etc.s;

This is a plea from an involved, concerned segment of the student body: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR IDEALS DEGENERATE INTO A PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THIS UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Doran does not deserve that kind of thanks for the fourteen years he has spent making Morehead what it is today. Right, wrong, or anywhere in the middle; Dr. Doran deserves credit for giving Morehead at least the physical qualities of University.

Where there is a wrong to be corrected, he certainly cannot be blamed for the entirety of the misdeed, nor can he deny at least some responsibility for the error. This university is not an autocratic institution, although there are some minor administrators who strive to make it so.

Men in the Ad. building continually do things which they feel will put them in good favor with the president. In many cases this is not so, the policies that the deans put forth seemingly are many times, far from the thinkings of the president on the problem.

This has been evidenced many times over to the Council of Presidents. On occasions in the past Deans Wilson and Crager have had to make substantial changes in some of their policies when problems concerning these have been brought to the president.

This university has a good president; he likes to see things done the way he feels is best for the entire university. The man makes mistakes, and his underlings make mistakes in his name. Some of these wrongs are major, some minor; all can be corrected.

President Doran is human, he puts his pants on the same as any other man. And as long as the loyal opposition remains knowledgeable, responsible, courteous  
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group they have thus far shown themselves to be, these problems can be solved with due satisfaction to all.

TO CUT OR NOT TO CUT:  
THAT'S A HELL OF A QUESTION

Thus far this year the student council has made one intelligent move toward the betterment of the students lot. Alan Osbourne introduced a motion, recommending to President Doran that students enrolled in 300 or 400 classes be given unlimited cuts in those classes. The motion was carried and sent to President Doran for action. As of press time action has yet to come. But, the president is a busy man.

However, the complaint we wish to lodge is with the student council; they didn't go far enough! The measure should have included all classes and all students.

There are many knowledgeable men at this university who can not teach. They have the knowledge themselves, but are not endowed with the power to give it to others. Students are practically forced into drug addiction in order to stay awake in some mandatory attendance classes, when the sleep would do them much more good than the lecture. One student reports he has a personal health class under the newly acquired football coach from Florida. The student says the coach obviously knows about as much about personal health as Little Orphan Annie. The class has been designated as mandatory attendance by the coach.

Currently, the most respected diplomas issued by a Kentucky school come from Transylvania and Centre colleges. Both of these schools have a system of unlimited cuts, both are also reputed to have extensive student drinking problems. We have the one; its high time we woke up and got the other.



(The following is my position statement, drawn up to explain to fellow inductees, induction officials, and particularly fellow citizens, my actions of refusing to submit to induction into the US Army on Friday, January 26, 1968.

----- Don B. Pratt

At a time when our nation is physically and particularly, emotionally involved in an aggressive war against the peoples of Vietnam, it is most hard for my most-immediate fellowman to understand why I say "no" to the rules and laws he, and those preceeding him, have established. At a time when a friend is threatened with physical death it is not easy to say "no" that I will not kill the men that threaten him. But on the other hand, it is most necessary that I say "no" at this point because of the policy pursued by those who sent my immediate neighbors and because of the threat that this policy has on the peoples of Vietnam over which it is enforced, who are also my neighbors.

It would be easy at this point to find an escape to avoid one of two conflicts, war or refusal of war, that the draft and its system is enforcing on the other draftees and myself today. Easy maybe for me but definitely not easy for those not mentally, physically, economically, socially, politically, religiously, or culturally able to escape into some "out" or deferment position. But the personal question should be secondary to the moral question of responsibility to all our fellowmen.

Not only is this a responsibility of the draftees who may or may not submit today but also of the induction personnel. Not only the responsibility of the voter but the elected. Not only the responsibility of the leaders but of the followers. Not only the responsibility of I, but of you. At the point when voters, officials, leaders, their followers, and the nation as a whole does not take, or is unable to take responsible action in stopping an aggressive war, it becomes the responsibility of the individual within his own range of feelings and abilities to stand opposed to the nation in that war. Vietnam is such a war. I therefore appeal to your rationale, I appeal for your action.

It would be appropriate at this time to debate the issues of the Vietnam War, such as the legitimacy of our support of the Thieu-Ky government's battling of the National Liberation Front and the North Vietnamese government, the issue of not fighting communism but nationalism, the question "do we really believe in economic, social, and political freedom for the Vietnamese people, the debate on treaty obligation versus pre-fabricated legal foundations, and many more relevant questions. But if any here has not questioned for himself these issues, then they should recognize themselves as puppets not people, and victims not victors.

But disregarding those that show willingness to be used, those that have debated for themselves the issues of Vietnam should and must take a firm stand. I take that stand as I believe that my body, my mental ability, my spiritual presence, or any other factor that might be used in the Vietnam War, or free another man for usage in this war, would not represent my conviction that the Vietnam War is wrong!

----- Don B. Pratt, Lexington

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THIS PAPER WILL CONTINUE IF INTEREST AND SUPPORT WILL BE SHOWN BY THE MSU STUDENT BODY. WE HOPE TO HAVE OUR NEXT ISSUE DISTRIBUTED WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES OF THIS PAPER, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PASS YOUR COPY TO A FRIEND.

----- THE EDITORS