

STUDENT POLL MAY

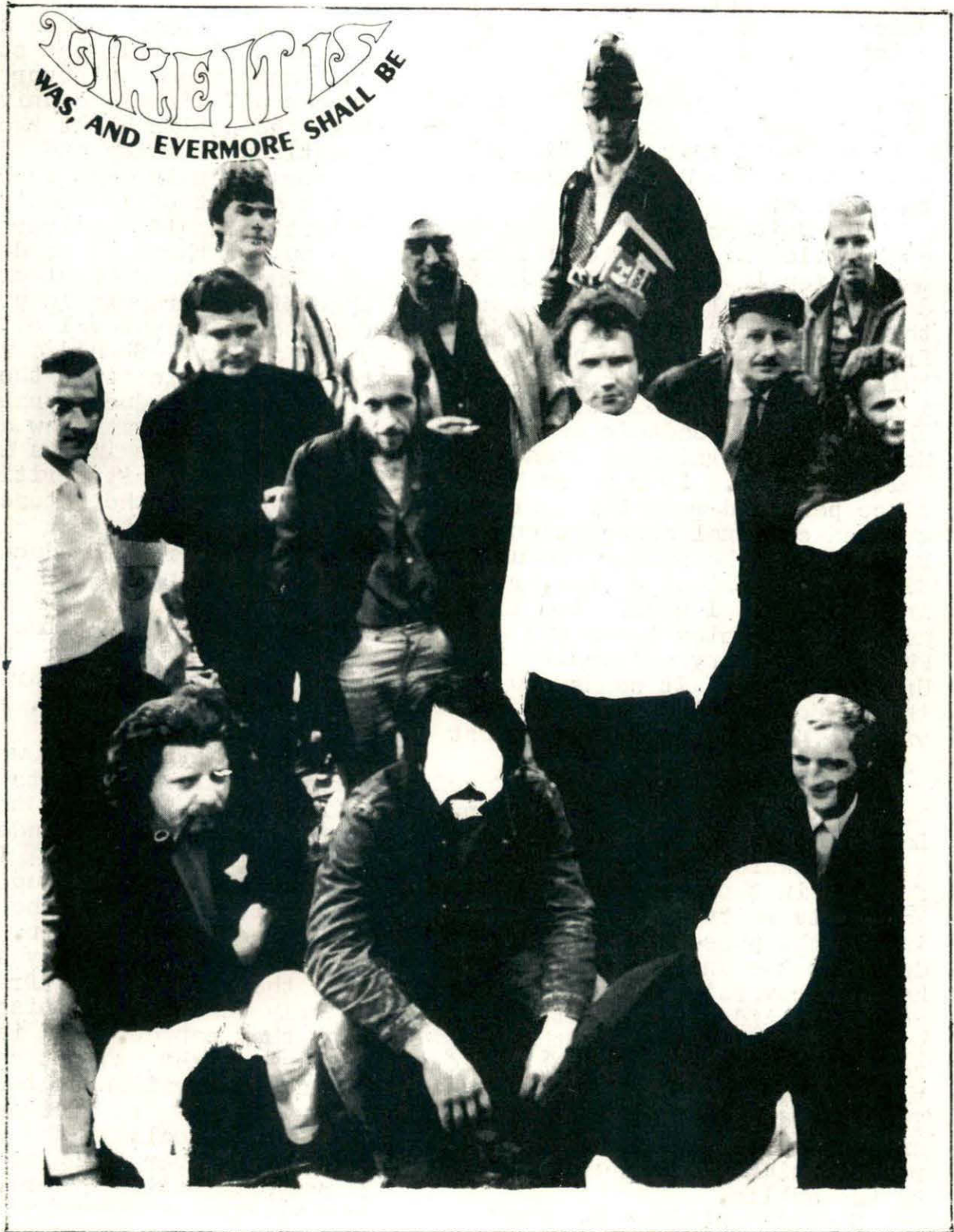


IMAGE OF A UNIVERSITY

by
Michael Embry

During the past five years, which I have a fairly good recollection of past events, universities all over the United States and abroad have met a serious crisis which has affected their individual existence. The crisis arose from the image a university tries to project to the people. The trouble started when the students and faculty realized that this "image" was deceiving and misleading to the public.

The University of California at Berkeley Administration faced opposition in 1964 when both students and faculty rebelled against the campus laws of free speech and free expression. Many people at this time considered this uprising a communist-oriented movement to undermine the academic establishment of California and even the United States. Four years have since past and recently a prestigious educational association rates Berkeley as the number one university in the United States, replacing Harvard. I would also like to add that Berkeley turns out more Ph. D's than any university in the United States. It seems now that those who attacked Berkeley previously, now holds it in highest esteem.

Other universities have faced both major and minor opposition. Last year students at Vanderbilt got permission to have beer and females in their rooms on weekends. Yale University changed their grading to the pass-fail system. Students at the University of Kentucky had controversial seminars on drugs, politics, and civil rights. These rights weren't given to them voluntarily by the administrations, they had to fight for their rights. These students believed that a university should exercise its rights which the image sets forth to the public.

Should a student be treated like an adult, or should the
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university run a paternalistic government? Should the image projected by a university to the public reveal that college students are still children or should they cover this up to deceive both incoming freshmen and the people? Should the image of a university project their approval of free speech and at the same time tell the students they must approve whoever comes on campus? Should a university tell the public about their prestigious faculty and administrators when in fact there is a great amount of inbreeding prevalent? Should a university tell the public there is academic freedom to the fullest extent and then dismiss reputable professors for their disapproval of the Viet Nam War? Should a university tell the public about their wide and expanding educational programs and then withdraw a foreign language program in its infancy? Should a university criticize professors for their teaching practices when in fact all they have is a degree in education rather than in the field they are teaching? Should a university tell the public that the students are free to live their own life then behind the iron curtain tell them to cut their hair, shave, wear socks, etc?

These are but a few of the fronts a university puts up to make a favorable image to the alumni, prospective students, and people in general. If a university can't live up to its image, it discredits the entire educational institution. This gist of this image only shows that the students are free to do only what the administration says they can do. Then in defense of their fight against opposition the administration states that the opponents are a communist front. In reality, the administration is everything of which they are labeling others.

Vote in the Student Council elections this May.

Mourn the Black Gandhi
by
Bruce Bostick

On Thursday, April 4, 1968, at 7:10 in the evening, the greatest voice for peace, brotherhood, and understanding between people was struck down by an assassin's bullet. But Martin Luther King was not killed by one short sandy-haired white man; hate, misunderstanding, and most of all, apathy killed this great man. The white middle-class American sitting in front of his T.V. set smoking his pipe and saying "some of my best friends are negroes" was just as responsible as the redneck yelling obscenities and throwing bricks in Selma, Alabama.

The future of our very nation depends upon how middle-class America will react to this great man's death. There are two roads that this nation can take: one leading to total destruction of our mighty nation from within, the other shows a nation living up to the high ideals upon which it was founded, a nation of black and white working together for peace and a better understanding among people.

Unless middle-class America begins to stop and see what Dr. Martin Luther King stood for our black brother's battle for equal rights in the United States stands a grave danger of moving from the conference table to the street. Much depends upon whether America can wake up to the demands of their minorities. If white middle-class America continues to ignore the black race, then this nation will explode from within. As Sammy Davis Jr. said, "In this time of crisis we must all extend ourselves black and white together." We must all strive to live up to the high ideals upon which this nation was founded. We must always come to the aid of our fellow man whether he is black or white.

Is it true that Wade Hold and H.H.M. was involved in the Smokey Valley Deal?

A thought from Mike Embry:
"I can't understand why America professes to be a christian nation and at the same time wage war 10,000 miles away."

Academic freedom means that, "the teacher and scholar is to be uninhibited in criticizing, and in advocating changes of accepted theories; widely held beliefs; existing social, political, and and economic institutions; the policies and programs of the educational institution at which he serves; the administration and governing board of the institution at which he serves; and uninhibited in coming to the aid of any of his colleagues whose academic freedom is in jeopardy."
(Fritz Mochlup "In Defense of Academic Tenure" AAUP Bulletin Summer, 1964), pp. 112-124.)

Is it true that Steve Hamilton of the New York Yankees chose Morehead State University because it didn't have ROTC?

Something is wong in the College of Social Sciences, its full of hics.

Rumor has it that the Clock is on Day-light Drinking time.

Vocabulary Builders
nepotism iconoclast
despotism oligarchy

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Action on Campus
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MERETRICIOUS...
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Al McSurely

"I think you suffered an instant conversion when the recruiting sergeant was about to blow his whistle," said kindly Federal Judge James Gordon, just before he threw the book at Joe Mulloy. This cute little little statement of the Judge apparently justified to him 5 years of Joe Mulloy's life in the Federal Penitentiary, a \$10,000 fine, and a \$12,000 supersedious bond, which, for all practical purposes means that Joe must remain in jail during his appeals.

Joe is a friend of mine. I spent some time with him in jail here in Pike County last August when some of the local yokel politicians decided to try to stop the anti-strip-mining fight and make some political hay with an old, unconstitutional sedition law one of them dug up. And I happen to think that Judge Gordon's meretricious sadism was out of place and, to say the least, unjustifiable.

But his little "sergeant's whistle" remark is more than that. It is symbolic of how wide the gap of understanding has grown, and how much mental and psychic effort we must all expend to try to understand what is happening in our country today.

When Joe Mulloy first worked for the Appalachian volunteers, he received an Occupational Deferment. Then,

as things began to heat up here in Pike County, this deferment was not renewed and Joe applied for a Conscientious Objector deferment. This application, coming in the wake of our sedition arrests, was, of course, turned down.

Did Joe suffer an "instant conversion"? What apparently confused the Louisville Draft Board (the clerk of the Board testified it had never given a C. O. deferment in 17 years) and the Judge knew the type of work Joe was doing. Because, it is clear to all of us who know him, that his beliefs have not altered a bit over the last few years. He believes that man's differences can only be solved non-violently, so he went to work in Eastern Kentucky. By the same token, he refuses to try to solve the problems of Southeast Asians with violence.

Judicial theorists have always held that the best way to judge what a man believes is by what he does. Joe's occupation as an organizer attests to his beliefs in man's capability to solve his problems non-violently.

The problem comes, I believe, with the rapidly changing times. In another, earlier time, say, when Judge Gorder was a young man, Joe would have been a minister, or a teacher, or a social worker, or, even a lawyer. All of these occupational titles would have been more familiar to the Draft Board and the Judge. And it would have seemed perfectly consistent for a "minister" to

Meretricious-- can't

apply for a conscientious objector classification, saying that he believed that a violent solution to man's differences was inconsistent with his beliefs in mankind.

But these are, as you may have noticed, new days. If a young person has a well-developed social consciousness, he does not go into one of the institutions (the church, school, law, social work, etc.) which have become part of the stagnant, appressing apparatus of our society. No, instead one becomes an organizer, that is, a person who believes that men and women have the right and the ability to work out their mutual problems together, without resorting to violence.

Of course, this involves occupational hazards. In Eastern Kentucky you might get jailed on a sedition charge. On certain campuses you might become persona non grata for awhile with the administration and some of the students whose minds have been tied in straight jackets by the uptight public school systems. If you organize in the black ghettos, where 40% of the young people are out of work, you are, of course, called an extremist and every other name in the book.

But these are only temporary reactions by a dying class of grasping, scared charlatans-in-power. And it is important for us to realize that these are death rattles--no matter how uncomfortable they make us at the time.

Despite this knowledge, I cannot control my anger about Joe. It all gets wrapped up into that cute little effort of the Judge to try to say something quotable, as his creaky, cumbersome institutions rolled over another body and soul.

They grind out their decisions with yesteryear's laws, words, understandings... apparently justifying them with meretricious remarks about sergeant's whistles.

PORTRAIT

With bow pertly perched
On scarecrow frame
The speaker pseudo-Southernly
Mouths interminable counters,
Empty, vacuous, inane,
Pompous, asinine,
Murdering time.
When will you catch up
With the nineteenth century?
Infatuate with bigness,
Fatuuous with egotism,
Gross with unctuousness,
Smother with oil and gall
Our defenseless ears.

Robert L. Arends

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE OF THE
POOR PEOPLES' CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 29--Rev. Ralph Abernathy and a Committee of 100 leaders of Poor People negotiate with Executive and Congressional Leaders in Washington about demands of the Campaign and how it will be conducted. (two or three of these leaders may be from Appalachia.)

May 2--Rev. Abernathy leads the first group of Poor People out of Memphis, Tennessee.

May 4--The Memphis group swings down into Mississippi.

May 5--The Memphis group combines with a group starting in Jackson, Miss.

May 7--From Jackson, the group goes to Nashville, where it picks up more supporters.

May 8--Then to Knoxville, Tennessee.

May 9--Then to Danville, Virginia.

Groups from the mountains who wished to join the "marchers" (the group will drive from one large town to the next, and probably hold demonstrations and rallies in each town) would probably link up here.

Meanwhile, a delegation begins from the Midwest on May 8.

And, on May 9, a delegation begins in New England.

May 12--the Memphis-Mississippi Mountain group arrives in Washington.

May 16--the New England and Midwest delegations arrive in D.C.

May 18--All first groups scheduled to be in Washington and "relatively settled."

May 20--First demonstration planned.

May 30--Memorial Day--Mass Demonstration Planned, with
thousands of people expected to converge on
Washington.

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CLOVER

Robert Hacke

I saw a four-leaf clover yes-
terday.

An old lady found it.
She was standing there in her
garden,
Holding its long stem
So that it stood out like a
standard.
Straight-backed, pleased,
queenly.

Garden, house, servants, pro-
perty.
It was appropriate
That she find a four-leaf clover.

I never had much luck in find-
ing them.

Only once, years ago.
I was sitting on the parade
ground
And there they were, two of
them.

Their edges clipped by the
lawn-mower.

I put them in my wallet.
And forgot them.
Eventually they were gone.

That's the only time.
Some people seem to find
them easily.
Others, never.
Long ago, I gave up trying.

I don't believe in four-leaf
clovers any more.

But-

The fields are full of three-
leaf clovers.

NEWS RELEASE: The following is my statement of purpose to be addressed before the court April 4, 1968, in relation to my trial for refusing to submit to induction. I believe it to be much more important than the mechanics of the trial and hope that you will use it in some way.

Don B. Pratt

The United States, or should I say the Administration and the Pentagon and its citizen supporters, are engaged in a war of aggression against the nation and peoples of Vietnam. Not against the nation and peoples of North Vietnam or of South Vietnam proclaimed as two different nations, for that is part of the issue for calling this war, a war of aggression. Both those people and many Americans know that that nation is not divided except by a demarcation line, twelve years past due or twelve years past "temporary."

We fight against a people divided by economic, political, religious, and social interests of a few that truly do not represent Vietnam, and often were not and are not Vietnamese. I refer to the Japanese, French, and currently the Americans who all have tried to influence and control that small nation. As to those Vietnamese that we support, they are the Diems, the Kys, the Thieus, the absentee landlords, and the corrupt officials within Vietnam that thrive on America's so called "freedom and patriotic determinations for Vietnam."

Nationalism is the force we fight in that country and it is false logic to say we are determined to stop communism. We

a people who believe in self-determination suppress such even now at home while suppressing people and their freedom even more obviously in Vietnam. We force outside assistance and their relationship to the so called enemy, communism, because of their nationalistic desires in opposition to our military presence.

This form of presence, the U.S. Armed Forces, even if in the United States, would certainly not promote freedom and local self-determination--maybe the reason for keeping down the numbers of state-side forces. But it is quite apparent that what the military presences does not do here, the politicians, the Pentagon, and industrial interest will do. But this, related to Vietnam, spells out the fact that these people thrive on war, and particularly this war.

This says nothing as to the weapons and methods of war which we use on that small, Southeast Asian nation, and those we possibly may use tomorrow. Concentration camps (called strategic hamlets or pacification villages), identification cards, defoliation, various lethal gases, napalm, . . . to name a few are things we fought against and judged others for, two decades ago. Now we must judge ourselves. We who have made the fight for democracy no different than the cries of a "Master Race." We who have made pacification no different than persecution. We who have thus made military service no different than political slavery.

I find it somewhat hypocritical that we--

Value peace, but produce war
Value life, but produce death,
Value freedom, but produce suppression and servitude,
Value democracy, but produce no choice.

Then you ask me to fight for our country here as well as abroad.

Then you tell me that I must fight or "figuratively" die in prison.

Then you interpret laws directed toward me to hypocritical beliefs.

With that I say that the "me" is not just Don B. Pratt the individual who stands in court but also the numerous realistic, idealistic youth of the United States on the one hand and yourselves on the other.

Dear Mike and Dave,

This has been a topsy-turvy vacation but I still have spent time worrying about the Student Poll.

Several of our friends got together and gave us all the paper we could ever use, plus stencils. I will bring it back after vacation.

I went to a meeting Saturday the 13th about the KUAC act (Kentucky Unamerican Act or Committee, I don't remember). Anyway Mr. Kunstler and Mr. Sedler of the American Civil Liberties Union made a couple of speeches about the implications of

this committee. There was much discussion, so I don't know which was Mr. Kunstler or Mr. Sedler's statements, or a statement from the audience. Anyway, the constitutionality of the thing is trying to be brought to court. It seems that several people on the left feel some Joe McCarthy tendencies present. It will be interesting to see what comes of it. To me it looks like Nunn is trying to fulfill at least one of his campaign promises, that is getting rid of Carl and Ann Braden.

I am in Chicago. Boy, this suburban living is for the birds. Mayor Daley, mayor of Chicago, has said that the police are to shoot to kill or disable looters or arsonists. Mayor Lindsay of New York replied that he didn't want his police killing children. I agree that these arsonists are dangerous, but I never did go along with capital punishment and especially without a trial by jury.

I have been sleeping an awful lot lately. My friends say that it is because I am trying to avoid something. It could be the fact that I feel so unable to help at a time when there is so much to be done.

Peace,

Sue

I am the sort of person my parents warned me against. Это не кал, господа.

The Mississippi Council for Christian Social Action has named Lester Maddox of Georgia as Governor of the Year.

A LETTER TO A SON IN COLLEGE:

David:

Mom is writing you today on regular paper. Please write so we can read it, maybe that's the reason for low marks. Remember you are from out of state, think what you will, but stay out of the mess that seems to be going on. You are there to learn not teach. Change the world when you have all facts. Don't let another person think for you. To soon old and too late smart. See you.

Love

Dad

Editor's note: This letter is from the state of Delaware. News sure does travel fast, doesn't it!

COMMEMORATING THE ADVENT OF COMPULSORY ROTC AT MSU

by
Fred Edling

At three o'clock in the sultry morning the sign in red neon over the gate said, not as one might expect, "Abandon all hope you who enter here," but rather, "Welcome to Camp Inferno."

The new recruits, stunned into rigidity by the GI coffee, stood motionless in the messhall obeying the injunction, "Hurry up and wait." until a passing supply sergeant noticed them and issued them their bedding. It was scarcely time to get up before the recruits had found the barracks where they were to sleep.

A few days later a platoon of new soldiers lined up as commanded in front of their barracks. They
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wore fatigues and their heads were shaved into that uniform shape of small watermelons which is so pleasing to the military eye.

"Where are we going, Jack?" asked one recruit warily.

"I dunno, Henry", whispered the other, "but I think it's to hear the chaplain make a speech."

"The chaplain? What kind of chaplain?"

"The Army chaplain, of course

"The Army chaplain! I thought that was a contradiction in terms, like military courtesy."

"Awright back there, cut out the noise!", said the sergeant, "Ten hut!" and off they went.

A quarter of an hour later the troops arrived at the bleachers which were surrounded by piles of sand and a few scraggly pine trees. At first the sergeants had a difference of opinion as to how the soldiers should be seated but a few violent temper tantrums soon set everything to rights.

"I wonder what the thing will wear, a uniform, a robe, a suit or something else?", whispered Henry. His question was answered by the appearance of the chaplain himself who was wearing a uniform.

"Render unto Caesar . . .", began Henry but was cut off by a growl from his sergeant.

The chaplain introduced himself, told a joke or two and got down to business by saying that the Army was now in loco parentis "as far as you boys are concerned." There followed a tedious explanation of the Latin expression and the chaplain ended his speech with proof by analogy that disobeying an officer was tantamount to disobeying God since God is the father of us all and the Army now stood in the place of the recruits' earthly fathers.

Henry couldn't tell what dismayed him most, the chaplain's uniform or his chop logic.

The recruits descended from their benches and stood at attention. Their sergeant drew a prodigious breath.

"KLEPFU SHWEE!", he roared.
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("Klepfu" being the command of preparation and "shwee," the command of execution.)

At these words three new soldiers took one step forward, five more stacked arms, one recruit took two steps backwards and the rest turned about face.

The resulting chaos gave the officers and sargents ample opportunity to display those talents of profanity for which they are so justly renowned.

In the end everything was straightened out, of course, but as the new soldiers marched off in the direction of the sunset, Henry could not help wondering if the Army did not have somewhere a School of Incomprehensibility where promising candidates could be sent to learn to become the leaders of men.

STATEMENT AT LAST!

One of the best publications in Morehead's history will be on campus late this week. There will be a limited number of copies, 1,500 to be exact, so you should keep a careful watch at the DSH, Combs Building, and Baird Music Hall to pick one up. The cost of this great publication is only fifty cents. By the way, the name of the publication is STATEMENT.

STUDENT POLL roving reporter Mike Embry interviewed Ron Thomas, one of the three editors of this magazine. Ron said that his co-editors are Don Taylor and Doug Wright. The magazine this year will lean more to short stories and articles with a de-emphasis on poetry. Included in Statement will be a photo essay by Martin Huffman, campus photographer.

Since this is only the second issue of Statement (first was last year) Embry asked Thomas if it will ever be possible for Statement to come out sooner. His reply was "It is my hope that Statement can

become a quarterly once Morehead State University has it's own press. Another question posed to Thomas was "has Statement faced any obstacles in printing what it desired?" He said, "No comment."

He was then asked if he thought MSU had academic freedom. "Certainly," was his reply. In referring to Statement he said that neighboring schools were pleased with what Statement printed. He also added that Morehead was probably the only university in Kentucky with a magazine of this type.

One of the main functions of Statement was it "probably brings faculty and students closer together and a feeling of faculty-student respect." He also added that a "sense of creativity for both faculty and students."

The reason for Statement being so long in being released was a shortage of money due to the budget cut and waiting for quality of magazine they desired.

Ron Thomas would like to thank people for supporting Statement through their literary contributions.

Anyone desiring to work on the next issue of Statement just slide a resume' with qualification under the door in room 402 Combs. If anyone wishes to have an article printed just submit it in a self-addressed envelope at the same location.

(Editor's note: In the last issue of Student Poll two articles submitted originally to Statement were rejected by certain faculty members after they had been originally approved by the editor. We believe that such restrictions on student publications should be withdrawn because all publications are protected in the First Amendment, therefore no outside body should restrict publication of harmless articles. (See Nietzsche letter and Stuffie rply in last issue.)

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NATIONAL AAUP INVESTIGATION TO START

At the National AAUP (AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS) meeting this past week-end, the Executive Board approved the investigation of the state of academic freedom at Morehead State University. The report of the findings will be made next year at the meeting and it is possible that MSU might be censured.

This censure will advise prospective teachers that MSU is not a desirable place to teach or live. What could evolve from this would be a loss of Ph. D's and eventual loss of accreditation of the university.

Mr. Richard Norman of the History department here at Morehead presented four cases at the meeting. The cases were those of Dr. Robert L. Arends, Mr. Kenneth Vance, Mr. Fred Edling and Mr. Richard Norman.

The Student Poll will present a fuller report of the investigation as soon as more information and details are released.

Those desiring to work of the Student Poll next year should contact Mr. David Walker in 313 Butler Hall.

THIS COPY OF THE STUDENT POLL IS DEDICATED TO THE TRAGIC DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WE HERE AT THE STUDENT POLL HOLD DR. KING IN HIGHEST ESTEEM AND WE PRAY THAT HIS GREAT WORK WILL BE AN EXAMPLE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.

GUESS WHAT?

An underground paper is being started at Western Kentucky University. We send them our best wishes in their endeavors to make Western a freer campus.