New Anti-Bias Rules

Suggested

By JOHN BRECHER

Columbia may be forced to keep

records on the religion and

national origin of all faculty

and every applicant for a position in the university if a new directive

proposed by Prof. Dr. Michael

James Hodgson becomes effective

next month, according to Vice

President Dr. Bernard S. Friedman.

The directive, which would be

strengthened to meet the

requirements of Executive Order

11246, would end the ban on

race, color, religion, sex, or national

origin. The university is currently

facing a delay of all new federal

contracts unless it complies with the

order's directives concerning women and minorities.

Dr. Goodell predicted that "the

reaction of the faculty to asking

these questions (religion and

national origin) would be very

strong."

This could blow the lid off as far

as universities are concerned," he

commented.

In the Federal Register of Dec.

22, Mr. Hodgson said that strict

enforcement of the national origin

and religion clauses of the order

had begun. The university

department learned that Jews,

Catholics, and people from various

countries, especially Eastern

European nations—Italy,

History Department Proposes

3 Candidates for Urban Chair

By LINDA WEINSTEIN

The history department

yesterday submitted the names

of three candidates for the vacant

Ford Chair Urban to the Dean of

the School of Arts and Sciences.

The history department is the

first to submit its recommenda-

tions of the seven depart-

ments asked last fall to compre-

hend nominees. Before Christmas, the

departments of economics,

geography, political science, and

psychology submitted their lists of

candidates to the dean.

Sociology and anthropology have

not yet completed their searches,

according to Bernard Friedman,

assistant dean of the graduate

school.

Professor Eugene Rice, chair-

man of the history department,

indicated that two of the can-

didates are black and the other is

a Latin. One of the black candidates

is a woman, he added.

Dr. Rice stated that only one of the

recommendations is for a full

professorship. A second nominee

was recommended as associate

professor, while the third was

proposed for a junior-level

position.

Professor Robert Murphy, chair-

man of the department, commented, "We're still searching around for

names."

He said that the department will

submit its list of names as soon as

possible, but added, "I don't know

when."

The anthropology professor

noted that finding suitable can-

didates "takes an awful lot of

searching."

Nominees must be specialists in urban fields and be

good to deal with diversity within the union and that he was being asked to do these tasks as a "reliefing" device for support.

According to Dean Soavern, Matthew Guinan, present president of the union, does not have much power.

The union is fairly unified and Guinan has the sub-

stantial support of the union membership.

Discussing his position as a new member of the

mediating panel, the dean of the Law School related his approach to the discussions, "You listen a lot. This is why stratified negotiations are so helpful to me. I can learn where the troublesome areas are and begin to get some idea of where agreements may be possible."

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The pace of academic reform in the College, which just a year ago seemed to be picking up considerably, has now apparently slowed nearly to a halt. The Committee on Instruction, the major body which considers academic innovations, has done little recently but continue a rather petty controversy over the Contemporary Civilization A course, which has not been the source of any major impetus for curriculum re-evaluation or change.

Like so many other processes in the university, academic reform has been represented, reported and observed more than it has been acted upon. The issue has begun to recede from the public consciousness, and apathy towards educational issues has set in.

Just over a year ago, the last of a series of faculty meetings completed action on the recommendations of the old Committee on Educational Policy, chaired by Professor Robert Belknap. While not as sweeping as it might have been, the curricular reforms of 1970-71 included such major steps as the transformation of freshman English and the reduction of the science requirement. The issue of requirements in general became the focus of discussion among students and faculty members. Although no drastic revolution was accomplished, at least the spirit of innovation was in the air.

Now that spirit appears to be gone. The highly innovative "institute" taught last spring by Professor of Political Science Alan Westin has not been repeated this year, nor has any other professor decided to employ the "institute" format in a course. The pass-fail grading, instituted two years ago in art and music humanities courses, has not been extended; the whole subject of grading policies has not been an issue for some time. Requirements, reduced last year, have not received further attention.

It is about time for the Committee on Instruction, as well as all interested students and professors, to begin anew the process of evaluating the educational policies of the College. Unexamined traditions tend to gain unquestioned acceptance; inaction now may lead to complacency in the future.

The uncertainty caused by Dean Hovde's announced intention to resign may, of course, distract attention from academic reform, and may lead many in the College to believe that the problems of the concerns of the new dean, whenever he is named. But it is clear that whoever the new dean will be, he will want to see signs of involvement by the Committee on Instruction and the College in general before he can take action on academic issues. Some serious discussions this spring could lead to meaningful change next fall, when the College takes new directions under new leadership.

Letters to the Editor

Open Recruiting

To the Editor:

The controversy surrounding the Central Intelligence Agency's planned visit to the campus to interview candidates for its employment opportunities raises an issue that has been explored a number of times in recent years. The university policy of open recruiting was endorsed in 1967 through a student referendum conducted by Columbia College and Engineering students. In 1967-68, the Committee on Recruitment by Outside Agencies, a Columbia College faculty committee investigated the matter and recommended the continued of the existing policy of open recruiting. In 1969, the President of the University appointed a committee of faculty, students and an administrator with a mandate to consider and recommend whether current policy and practice of long standing should be modified or reaffirmed. It was the conclusion of this committee that "the fundamental principles to which the university must be committed preclude a policy in which the university, though it permits recruiting by some organizations, prohibits recruiting by others.

Finally, in the fall of 1969, the University Senate adopted a resolution endorsing a university-wide policy of open recruiting, ensuring equal access to the campus for all groups and agencies, government or private, military or civilian, to present opportunities for employment or service to members of the university.

For any individual group of individuals to deny other members of the university the right to freedom of choice is intolerable. The Office of University Placement and Career Services is not involved in "clandestine activities with the CIA or any other organization.

Yours truly,

Athena P. Constantine
Director of Office of University Placement and Career Services

Dec. 17, 1971

Revolution

To the Editor:

Had Mr. Yost's letter of December 14 been written four years ago none of us, to our ignorance, might have thought it worthy of sympathetic consideration. However, today, in the wake of, among other horrors, the Indochinese slaughter, the rising tide of domestic political repression, the exposure of industrial-military-university complicity in international violence, and the demise of the morally bankrupt liberalism of the '60s, the only appropriate response to Mr. Yost's letter is revolution.

Mr. Yost states that "one of the most telling criticisms directed at the United States government in recent years was that it was too aggressive, too uncompromising, too much a closed elite, too little open to public opinion."

As a former representative of American genocide at the United Nations, Mr. Yost certainly knows what it is like to be a member of a closed elite; the tragedy is that it is the Vietnamese and 40,000 dead Americans, not Mr. Yost, who have had to suffer the consequences of that "editation."

Furthermore, Mr. Yost merely emphasizes the isolated nature of government operations when he suggests that there has been a lack of communication. This is typical response. When the chips are down, the friendly yet deeply threatened conservative diagnostician, in the face of the response of millions of people in this country has been overwhelming. There have been riots in every major U.S. city, serious revolts on campuses, in high schools, and in the Army, native-wise demonstrations against the war against Vietnam and institutionalised racism, and the exodus of 100,000 political refugees to Canada. In fact, in order to maintain its increasingly tenuous credibility even the elite had to do some "spring cleaning."

Finally, the post-war economic "rehabilitation" of Vietnam has absolutely nothing to do with "care packages." That such an analogy should be made by a man associated with a government that has brought so much death and destruction to Southeast Asia is simply obscene. That Columbia University and the Dean of S.I.A. should be involved in such an obscenity is criminal.

Faris Boubaf
Labor Department Proposes New Rules on Discrimination

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The document further charges that Professor Peter Kenen—now on leave from a tenured chair at Princeton University—was chosen as department chairman because the disputing power blocs in the economics department recognized that the department had "to be revitalized so that it could successfully compete with other elite schools for status, research grants, students, and faculty."

When Professor Kenen was appointed university provost during the summer following the campus disturbances of 1968, Professor Harold Barger, who had served as department chairman earlier in the decade, and who is labelled as member of "the old guard" by the document, was appointed acting chairman for a one-year term.

Since the appointment of former Dean Lancaster as chairman in 1969, according the the radicals' document, the department has experienced many other controversies. The radicals stated that the inclusion of students and junior faculty members on faculty hiring committees and on the department committees on instruction for the College and the School of General Studies, as well as attempts to replace the executive committee of the department—consisting of all tenured professors—with a more representative body have all been examples of "exercises in futility."

The statement, "On the Current Situation in the Columbia Economics Department..." ends by observing that students have been left out of all these developments, and that these developments have not been considered by the faculty members making the decisions.

Professor Lancaster stated yesterday that he had read the document, and although he had his own opinions on developments within the department, did not feel it would be appropriate, as department chairman, to comment.

Professor C. Lowell Harrison, contacted last night, said that "much of what is in the document is not factually accurate" and added that he felt it was better to ignore statements that are composed mostly of "subjective reactions and evaluations of people that 'don't take into account the realities of the situations.'"

None Expected to Be Drafted In First Three Months of '72

Because of a Congressional cutback of the size of the Army, the Selective Service System will probably not draft any men with lottery numbers over seventy this year, according to the Columbia Draft Collective.

In addition, because of the cutback, almost no members of last year's graduating class will be subject to the draft. Because they dropped their 2-S deferments during the year, the graduates were placed in an "Extended Deferred" category. This means that they would be considered for induction during the first three months of this year, thus extending their year of eligibility.

Therefore, graduates with lotter number below 125—last year's cut-off point—ordinarily would be subject to the draft when the Selective Service System went back and "picked them up" during the first three months of the year.

Last month, however, the Pentagon reported that there is a strong likelihood that no men would be drafted during the first three months of this year, leaving the 1971 graduates free from the draft.

Some students with very low lottery numbers, finding out about this at the end of December, dropped their deferments. Since no men will be drafted for the first three months of the year, however, their term of eligibility will have been extended. They will then be reclassified 1-H, along with other people who have either served their term of eligibility or who have high lottery numbers.

Although other sources have said that the Selective Service System will probably not call drafty fifty this year, the spokesman at the Collective said that, to be safe, they are advising students that a high of seventy is more likely. He added, however, that changes in draft laws are possible, and national emergencies could make this number rise much higher.

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Sovern Recalls Role in Mediation

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He stated that the actual discussions "went much according to plan. There were rough patterns that were followed both in the past and now." He also stated that, although he expected an agreement all along, he was not sure until the very end of the year what would be arrived at. Dean Sovern disclosed that a settlement was expected before midnight on New Year's Eve, and that a major problem arose that postponed the settlement until 3 a.m. New Year's Day, two hours before the union's strike deadline. Dean Sovern said that the Wage-Price Board agreed upon was finally designed to suit the Wage-Price Board's guidelines. According to the dean, the final settlement that both parties agreed upon was a package of an increased pension benefit and an increase in the shift differential. The additional pay given to those workers working on the night-shifts will be spread out over three years, with a per cent per increase each year. An experienced mediator in labor disputes, Dean Sovern said that while he has not always been happy with other settlements, he has been pleased with this settlement. Recent developments indicate, however, that union membership may not share his pleasure. The settlement has not been agreed upon by the laborers yet and there is a possibility that they might reject it.

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