ACLU Calls for Denial of Grades To Draft Boards

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The American Civil Liberties Union recommended on May 14 that draft boards "cease, on their own, to make available to Selective Service information about the student's rank in class." The Union, in a statement issued by the ACLU's Academic Freedom Committee, cited a six-month study indicating that the civil liberties impact of academic policies in higher education are far-reaching. The Committee's chairman is Professor Sumner S. Spaulding of the Political Science Department of the City College of New York.

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In a five-point statement, the Union said that students' civil liberties are violated every time an institution of higher learning decides as a matter of educational policy to cease calculating a student's class rank, or to do so and not report such data to the Selective Service. The decision not to cooperate with Selective Service, the Union said, is not an institution's right to make educational decisions intimately affecting the academic process, the ACLU said.

Ranking

The civil liberties group's statement was issued amidst a growing concern of colleges and universities throughout the country that have been questioned about the soundness of using class rank to select students to sign "amnesty" or "exoneration" agreements.

Leading institutions that have recently announced that they are discontinuing the practice of ranking students include Columbia University, Waynes State University, Haverford College, and Reed College.

In a related area, the Union took cognizance of the fact that selective service boards have recently made unilateral decisions to give all their students A's or no grades in protest against their institution's policy of ranking students to sign Selective Service agreements. Commenting on this development, the ACLU maintained that, if an institution has a known policy of granting grades only on an academic and not on military grounds, it is in clear terms of employment, and if a teacher decides on his own not to give grades for reasons other than military, then it is not a matter of civil liberties concern.

While recognizing, therefore, that a teacher's action in refusing to give grades is not a violation of his right to remain on moral grounds and analogous to an act of civil disobedience, Hendel said that it would not vitiate the university's authority to make and enforce its regulations.

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The recent change in the on-campus housing policy has pro-
voked storms of criticism. House members are mad. Their rage is not entirely directed at the balanced-budget administrators, though they condemn the Interhouse Committee for never in-
formally discussing the air-pollution and traffic problems before coming to an agreement. Moreover, this plan would re-
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The ASCIT Board of Directors feels that the recent recommen-
dation of the Interhouse Committee for creating a temporary House on Undergraduate Houses to make their second year a full year agreement has not given sufficient if any regard to the Student Houses need to three years. This makes them a ser-
ies of ideas against student life, not directed toward a posi-
tive goal.

This change will have an undesirable effect on House life by encouraging many of the students to stay within the House to move off. Perhaps the most unfortunatE' of the above-mentioned measure was directed by Dick Neu, was very accom-
plished a significant faux pas. At any rate, this move has created an air of intellectual dishonesty which is unfortunate that a student group has crowded in a commendable way.

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