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'Structure is safe'-Ahlert

by Richard Katz
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A new dimension was added to the already complicated controversy over Sanders Hall late last week when the Building Commissioner of Cincinnati, William Ahlert said, "the structure will be safe."

Ahlert, the city's top official in the building area directly contradicted statements by Edmund Buxton, the senior engineer in the building division. Buxton had previously criticized

the new structure, particularly its non-openable windows, its stairways and its exits. Ahlert said these items meet or exceed all safety provisions of the Cincinnati and Ohio building codes.

"They are safe," he added, saying that he would have no misgivings in allowing his son to live in the residence hall.

Initially, part of the controversy arose over reports that the new dorm's fixtures were in violation of the Cincinnati building code.

In regard to the building code, a 1968 City Council Ordinance,

recommended to Council by Commissioner Ahlert after consultation with the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, officials of the Fire Department, and after hearings by the Council's Law Committee and Urban Development, Housing and Zoning Committee, spells out a number of points which seem to dispel rumors that Sanders actually does conflict with the building code.

The 1968 ordinance reads in part:

"Whereas, the University desires

to use windows that are fixed and unopenable and had provided an adequate form of forced ventilation providing fresh air to each room; and

"Whereas, the opening of windows in the structure would present a safety hazard in a building of such height and would interfere with and defeat the operation of the ventilating system; and

"Whereas, each bedroom... is pressurized and sealed so that no smoke can get into the bedroom from another room and the pressurized system will cause smoke and flame to travel away from the habitable rooms...; and

"Whereas, the opening of the window could cause drafts that would draw fire and smoke into the room and toward the window; and

"Whereas, the ventilating system will not re-circulate air or smoke through the rooms but will always circulate fresh air into all habitable areas from outside the building, will be under 24-hour supervision and maintenance and is equipped with a standby emergency power supply to provide for constant operation; and

"Whereas, openable windows will not provide any substantial safety or health factor for the building but will cost substantial amounts of money and may create drafts in the case of fire and interfere with the ventilating system; and

"Whereas, legislation has been referred to Council proposing modification of the provisions of the Cincinnati-Ohio Building Code to eliminate the requirement for openable windows in certain dwelling units where adequate and safe means of mechanical ventilation have been provided, now, therefore

"Be it ordained... That the Commissioner of Buildings is hereby authorized and directed to issue a building permit to the University of Cincinnati for the construction of the Sanders Residence Complex..."

Thus Council, on the advice of some of the city's best experts on the subject, not only approved the construction design of Sanders Hall but also agreed to change the

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SDS seeks national affiliation

by Terry Duffy
NR Staff Reporter

Cincinnati's Students for a Democratic Society, presently seeking affiliation with the national SDS Weathermen, have declared "we advocate the violent overthrow of the government of the United States."

In an organizational meeting in the University Center last Monday, SDS produced a charter that states its purpose as discussing "relevant social issues."

SDS leaders said that the three basic issues to be dealt with at U.C. are military defense-oriented research projects being conducted here, the reasons for University expansion into Corryville, and police institutes at the University. Several co-chairmen did not note the specific details related to the issue.

They stated that "there are several professors here at the University who are not antagonistic toward our cause," and who are willing to aid in investigations into the University's military research. The professors were not identified.

Speaking on University expansion into Corryville, they said that U.C. was manifesting capitalistic racism. They added, however, that SDS is not going to take an active role in fighting the expansion because "the black people do not want us fighting their battles with them."

One of the co-chairmen took the floor to state that the largest problem facing SDS is the fact that capitalists control power. Under capitalism, he said, labor has been exploited, the environment poisoned, and the "most racist society in the history of the world" has been brought about. A goal of SDS is to right these conditions at the university level, he said.

One prospective member took the floor and said "we can talk about these problems for the rest of our lives, but unless we take action, the talking is a waste of time. What sort of action do you, or leaders of this group, think ought to be taken?"

He was, in return, asked what

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"KILL PIGS," was as natural as snow on the U.C. campus the past few weeks. The art work has been displayed on various edifices around the area, including this design downstairs in the Tangeman University Center.

(NR photo by Bill Heckle)

Conference examines drug laws

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"I noticed a tremendous influx of heroin addiction as of this past summer. You can also check and find that there were quite a few raids on marijuana transport. So therefore in search of something better many of these kids started shooting up with heroin," said Dr. C. Eric Johnston, Psychiatrist.

Dr. Johnson was one of the panelists at the conference, "Drug use on the campus" held in Columbus on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1970. This program was sponsored by John D. Herbert, Treasurer of the State.

Others on the panel were: State Representative George E. Mastics, State Senator Paul E. Gillmor, Judge James A. Pearson of the Franklin County Municipal Court, Dr. Edward B. Truitt Jr. and

Albert D. Cook, present Chief of Narcotics in Ohio.

Present at the program were about 100 students representing the student governments and publications from the universities throughout Ohio.

WFIB starts new program

"Call me," a new show of campus radio station WFIB (800 AM) will feature University President Walter C. Langsam as its first guest next Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 4.

Hosted by sophomore Rob Sherman, the program will broadcast live the comments of guest personalities from the University and city in response to questions telephoned in to the station. Calls can be made between four and five o'clock every Wednesday afternoon while the show is in progress.

Tomorrow afternoon WFIB will accept questions addressed to Dr. Langsam which the U.C. President will then answer next week. Thereafter the first show the scheduled guest will directly answer questions as they are called in.

Jim Meltzer, WFIB President, stated that the purpose of the new show is to bring campus leaders, U.C. personnel and other important people closer to the students and give the listeners an opportunity to ask questions.

"Hopefully the show will be a success and demonstrate the need for closer communication between the different groups on campus," he said.

Mr. Cook, in reference to the university students, said, "It would appear that some 15% are involved in the overall group that are lumped in as users (constant drug users)." He advised those attending not to be members of the silent majority but to stand up and let the world know they are not part of the drug problem.

Mr. Cook added that he was not asking the students to become informers, but then went on to say "put a dime on it and write the name (of a professor who advocates drug use, or users) on a slip of paper and drop it in the mailbox."

Senator Gillmor commented on "the need that we have for a really complete revision in our narcotic statutes and a really complete change in our approach to the problem."

He went on to add "What impresses me is how little real knowledge, even in the scientific community, we have as to the effects of LSD and marijuana."

"The laws that we have on the books now are inadequate to deal with the problem of drug abuse. Most of the penalties are extremely harsh and out of touch with the realities of the situation."

All those on the panel and the persons attending that voiced their opinion, agreed that the laws concerning marijuana are too harsh.

At present a first offender can get 2 to 15 years in prison for illegal possession of marijuana and also for transport of marijuana, if it is in one's car.

Giving a drug to someone else carries a 10 to 20 year

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JOHN DENVER, folk composer of "Leaving on a Jet Plane" received a standing ovation last Friday night as he led off the start of U.C. Residence Hall Week.

(NR photo by Jim Healy)

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OSU situation 'impossible' at UC, difference in construction cited

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City Building Code to allow the same type of construction in other similar buildings.

In addition, the Cincinnati Building Commission has petitioned the state to amend its code—which previously allowed unopenable windows in residence buildings,—to include the additional safeguards in the Cincinnati regulations.

Ahlert pointed out, as did Woodie Garber, architect for the Sander complex, that today most high rise office buildings are constructed with non-operative windows. Among local examples are the Kroger Building and the Provident and DuBois Towers. The first several floors of the Terrace Hilton Building were constructed entirely without windows.

Buxton, who is challenging in court Ahlert's appointment as commissioner without a civil

service examination, is quoted as saying his concern arose from a 1968 fire in an Ohio State University residence hall, which claimed the lives of two coeds.

In O.S.U.'s Lincoln Tower, where the two coeds died, the windows were not openable except with a special tool for window washing purposes. The two who succumbed to smoke inhalation reportedly left the door of their bedroom open. Others in the same suite who survived had closed their bedroom doors. Some of the survivors had broken their windows; some had not.

The National Fire Protection Association subsequently recommended that the Lincoln Tower windows be remodeled so as to be openable. However, Cincinnati Fire Chief Bert A. Lugannani, when consulted concerning the proposed Sander plans, wrote that he had questioned the State Fire Marshall's office about the Ohio State fire and had been informed that the windows "were not a deciding factor."

Garber says that the difference in the design, layout, and construction make it impossible for a situation of the kind that occurred in Lincoln Tower to take place in Sanders Hall.

In Lincoln the air conditioning system was designed so that a major part of the air could be recirculated, thus making it possible to force smoke, if present, back into the bedrooms.

In Sanders, however according to the architects, each room has its own forced air supply, with individually controlled temperature and humidity, bringing in the fresh air directly from the outside. With the door shut, the room is sealed. Only if a fire were in that room could smoke enter.

In addition to heat detectors to warn of fire, the air exhaust of each room is fitted with a smoke detector which automatically actuates the alarm system should smoke precede the presence of heat.

Smoke in Lincoln, according to Garber, could pass into the exit corridors through the living room door if it were open. In Sanders all doors opening into the exit corridors are fire-labeled and furnished with automatic closers.

Emergency lighting, separate from all other electric connections in Sanders Hall, is provided for all exit signs and in exitways and stairs leading to the exterior of the building.

In the event of local or area-wide power failure, an emergency generating plant is provided in the building which will light the exits and exit signs, power and fire alarm system, and provide the all-important air supply to student rooms.

In addition, there is to be a around-the-clock surveillance, by qualified University personnel, of all safety and precautionary equipment and procedures. Not stated in the ordinance but specifically agreed between the University and the Fire Department was a program of joint instruction of the occupants as to the proper emergency procedures.

"The motives of all concerned with the design of Sanders Hall were to provide the best and safest facility using the latest and best technological skills available," Garber said. "Safety was never compromised by consideration of cost."

He added that in his opinion and to his knowledge, Sanders provides more safety to the occupant than any other residence facility anywhere.

SDS draws crowd at TUC meeting

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sort of actions he considered desirable. He answered, "non-violent," drawing laughs from several co-chairmen and SDS members. One of the co-chairmen then cited a number of successful violent social revolutions, noting primarily the success of Lenin in the Soviet Union.

When questioned about Lenin's actions, he answered, "Lenin really freaked out a couple of times and killed a couple million people. That's too bad, but it's one of those things that happens."

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'Fight as women, not as men'

by Linda Meyer
Managing Editor

"We will fight not as men but as women, and we will define what it means to be a woman in the process," proclaimed a Boston member of the Women's Liberation Movement at a meeting of the movement's Cincinnati chapter Wednesday night in Clifton.

"We wouldn't need to have a movement if women had their rights," stated a member of the panel of four 22-26 year old women from Boston who gave the presentation.

Addressing an audience of close to 100, comprised 1/3 of males and 2/3 of females, the "sisters" from Boston concentrated on the disregard society has evolved for female potential and individuality, and spoke of "widespread social political schizophrenia among women."

"As children," the first speaker said, "women learn early that they exist to serve others. Women are part of a 'hostess syndrome'—regardless of their feelings, women must make everyone feel welcome and try to understand...and helping people in a way that denies the self is bad."

"If you are only responsive to the needs of others," a panel member warned the female segment of the audience, "you may lose sight of the fact that you have your own."

Female passivity was another facet of the "schizophrenia" which the panel dealt with, pointing out that, "women are not taught to be forces in society. They are taught to be stupid and to lack ambition."

The panel also discussed the economic importance of the female, noting how she is

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