Rental discrimination charge

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Staff Writer

With all the problems students face in their search for a place to live, and with many students reportedly living out of their cars, the last thing a student needs is another stumbling block placed in his way.

There is one, however. It is called 'discrimination.'

In his suit against Harold King and his wife, Janes H. Edmondson, Jr., alleges racial discrimination by the King's concerning his attempt to rent an apartment from them.

Edmondson is a graduate student here and is a part-time employee of the Educational Opportunity Program.

Edmondson, his wife and baby are black.

According to Edmondson, on or about Aug. 28, he went to the personal office and saw the King's listing on an apartment they had to let. The apartment was listed as a three-bedroom apartment, located at 630 Mar Vista Road, Los Osos, California. Since the listing said "no children," Edmondson asked the person who answered the phone, who identified himself as King, if he would object to a two-week-old baby. King said no, that he just didn't want the noise which comes with older children.

Edmondson told King that he would take the apartment and would be out with the rent at 6 p.m. that evening.

Arriving at the appointed time, Edmondson said that he knocked at the door and King answered. When Edmondson introduced himself and told King that he had come to pay the rent, King became visibly upset and told Edmondson that his (King's) wife had already rented the apartment.

Then, alleges Edmondson, King closed the door on his face.

Edmondson contacted a white friend of his, Bob Timone, and persuaded him to call the Kings residence. A woman, alleged to be Mrs. King, answered and told Timone that the apartment, which Edmondson was told was taken, was still vacant and available.

Further, Timone saw the apartment at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 29, with Mrs. King, and she told him that he could have the apartment if he so wished.

Later, Daryl and Shirley Thornes, a black married couple, telephoned the Kings' and the woman who answered told them that they could look at the apartment if they wanted, but that Timone would have to take it immediately if he decided to take it.

Edmondson said that when the Thornes went to see the apartment, they were shown around and allowed to examine it.

Then the telephone rang, and the caller allegedly told Mrs. King that "if the Thornes were black, to tell them that the apartment was already rented."

Edmondson stated that the Kings' apartment was not actually rented until on or about Oct. 7, when the Kings called the Personnel Office and had the listing removed.

The suit has been filed because Edmondson feels that he was refused the apartment because of his race and color, and that although he was told on Aug. 28 that the apartment was already rented, it was not until Oct. 7 that the Kings took the listing off the market.

The Edmondsons are asking for $20 for travel costs and for the time and difficulty in finding a decent house; $600 because the rent on the King's apartment was $150 per month and the present tenant took rents for $100 per month and the Kings signed an eleven-month lease; and $1,000 punitive damage, a reasonable attorney fee for Edmondson's lawyer, for costs of the suit and such other costs as the Court sees fit.

Representing the Edmondsons is Harry Woolpert, former political science instructor here.

Anti-smog tool

HANFORD (UP)—A techni-

can for the Dupont Corporation

AYS his firm has devised an

economic anti-smog system

which meets 1975 federal

standards for automobiles

while still using "leaded" gasoline.

David Pastell, technical

manager for the western region

of Dupont, made the announce-

ment here Wednesday of a

lunchen, aggessred by the

Beacon Oil Company.

Dupont is a major supplier of
tetraethyl lead, an anti-knock

ingredient in the gasoline.

Pastell said the system,

which he called an exhaust

manifold thermal reactor,

would reduce hydrocarbons and

nitrogen oxide emissions to

below the federal standards set

for 1980 and easily meet the

1975 requirements for carbon

monoxide emissions.

"It would cost $100 to $800 for

the total "control system,"" said

Pastell but added, "you're paying

close to that for present anti-smog
control systems. We foresee

Detroit installing our system on
cars as they are manufactured."

Pastell said Dupont has de-

clared its three patents on the

entire anti-smog domain and the

other firms are free to produce it

without payment of royalties.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Tour-de-force petition

Editor:
Dr. Rizzo made serious allegations in the October 19th issue of the Mustang Daily in respect to the circulating petition regarding the treatment of POW's to be sent to North Vietnam.

Ordinarily one doesn't take the trouble to reply to articles of this character. Still, he is writing to an impressionable audience, and his charges shouldn't be unanswered.

Dr. Rizzo's hypothesis is that a petition to Hanoi asking that the North Vietnamese abide by the Geneva Convention regarding treatment of POW's is "shamefully hypocritical" since the U.S. is "far more guilty of breaking international agreements than the North Vietnamese." He uses the expression "moral monsters" in referring to the U.S.

In an intellectual tour-de-force Dr. Rizzo then goes on to hint darkly of subtle pressures employed by the Cal Poly Administration to encourage staff to sign the petition. When rehearsing or tenure time rolls around, he implies, the refusal to have signed the petition will not be forgotten and will influence the personnel decision. Those who were anti-war, he says, no longer are with us.

This is all very heady stuff indeed. Like the little boy in the candy store, one sees so many goodies here that the question is where to begin the reply.

As a starter, let's remember that the purpose of the Geneva Convention on POW's was to isolate the treatment of prisoners from the heat and passions of waging a war. Each side regards its cause as just in any war; each can point to broken treaties, accord, etc. It is precisely to prevent POW's from being "punished" when this can in no way affect the outcome of the struggle that the Geneva Convention on Human Treatment of POW's was created.

The U.S. treats its POW's in accordance with the Geneva Convention—not even our enemies deny this; surely it is reasonable to petition Hanoi to do the same, regard less how futile the gesture may seem. To try to equate POW treatment to questions of whether the war is just or unjust, or whether South Vietnam treats its political prisoners well or not, or whether we blew up certain structures or not in the course of the fighting, etc., is to engage in a non sequitur. Surely, for example, Dr. Rizzo wouldn't have ad vocated the harsh treatment of WWII POW's by the U.S. simply because we considered our war cause "just" and the enemy's "unjust."

As for Dr. Rizzo's allegations concerning the machinations of the Cal Poly administration in respect to the petition and to the treatment of a anti-war faculty, one wonders whether the man can possibly be serious, or whether this is all simply a put on. On the assumption that Dr. Rizzo does mean what he says, such statements can only be labeled as irresponsible; without a shadow of proof, and wholly out of place in an academic community seeking objectivity and truth.

One is forced to conclude that Dr. Rizzo is more concerned with airing his views than with the welfare of the American POW's. (One supposes that this approach would have if he was in a POW camp in North Vietnam.)

Dr. Rizzo's views on the Vietnam war, on our institutions, on our foreign policy, and indeed on the U.S. itself are beginning to come through. These views, as well as his views of the government of Saigon, stand in revealing contrast to his generosity in appraising the behavior and motives of the enlightened rulers in North Vietnam.

Dr. Howard F. Smith Department of Economics

Informal ball

This year's Homecoming dance will be an informal dance and not the traditional formal coronation Ball. This year, the Homecoming Queen's Coronation will take place during halftime of the football game.

The Homecoming Dance will be in the Men's Gym, starting at 9:00 p.m.
MORE LETTERS

Nudes in Mustang Daily?

Editor:

It's regretful that a newspaper representing a school with such high standards as Cal Poly would stoop so low as to print ads that are oppressive and degrading to women. The ad I'm referring to is the "Swinger" ad with the picture of two nude women printed in three issues last week. I was shocked and disgusted to see it.

Hopefully students will realize that there is more to life than color TV, sex, and beer. Women have been treated as slaves and related to as objects for ages on end - much too long. We are people who see, hear, feel and think. We aren't just bodies. It's time for changes, NOW. Girls are sick of being hassled everywhere. Why should we have to put up with whistles, sarcastic cracks, obscene ads, rapes, low wages, unwanted children. Why do men have to be obsessed by sex?

Anyone who scoffs at women's liberation needs to take a look that there is more to life than sex are usually disappointed as the majority of women sit back and accept it even though they don't like or approve of it. How about getting some nude male nudes? It's high time that people quit telling them how to be beautiful and look like models. Why do so many girls want to be beautiful and sexy? Because they've been taught that they're in the world to please men, and men want beautiful girls and make money selling cosmetics and the like. People who base their marriages on physical attractiveness and sex are usually disappointed as the years go by.

It's high time that people quit exploiting women's bodies while the majority of women sit back and accept it even though they don't like or approve of it. How about getting some nude male dancers? It's unfortunate that an otherwise excellent paper has to print such an unbearable ad.

Sincerely,
Sue Dedrick

EDITOR'S NOTE: Actually Sue, the two bodies are wearing one of California's "sexy" bikinis. For those of you who missed the ad this week, check next week's issues for flesh fantasies.

Bomb terror

Editor:

It is rare to find an editorial so honest in its purpose as yours was last Tuesday. I only fear that you may not accomplish your objective. That is to induce such a state of paranoia in the general public as to cause them to enact anti-gun and explosive laws.

It may be possible to eliminate guns from general ownership, and perhaps even desirable, but it is unlikely that this will much reduce the number of radicals, reactionaries and just plain nut from possessing guns. It is at least as easy to hide a pistol as it is to stash a kilo of pot. I'm sure you are aware of the amount of pot in this country. Or, as another example: During World War II it was a crime, punishable by death, for any French civilian to have a gun, it did not hamper the resistance particularly from what I've read. Or, again, note the recent raid upon a National Guard Armory.

Suppose that guns have been eliminated; not one in the country. The logical move for the terrorists is now explosives, note Algeria or even Viet Nam. Here is the problem of keeping the weapons out of the hands of terrorists is even worse.

Further you run into the problem of the do-it-yourselfer. Virtually anyone with some high school chemistry and some instructions can mix up a batch of some surprisingly cheap and powerful explosives out of such diverse materials as chemical fertilizers, tincture of lindane, fuel oil, certain plastics, etc. This is to say nothing of plain black powder. You can check Mr. Rubin, I believe he lists several explosives you can make out of materials obtained at a drug store or supermarket.

In short, if someone wants to make a bomb to blow you to hell there isn't much you can do to stop him from making that bomb.

Mike Martyn

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Early in the first quarter, Darryl Thornes fumbled a Milan pitch-out that was recovered by Fresno's Cari Smith. But no one expected a loss for the Mustangs during the first half of the game. When the Mustangs gained possession, they took the ball from their own 38 to Fresno's 12 in six plays. Thornes scrambled the remaining yards for a touchdown.

Three minutes later, Tommy Valos booted a field goal which seemed to give the Mustangs a necessary edge over the Bulldogs. There was more to come.

A Fresno punt was blocked by Mustang Cari Smith. But a moment later a Milan pass was stolen by Carl Ray Harris for Fresno. Harris had tied a single season record with the theft.

Sustained a drive all the way to Fresno's 12 in six plays. Thornes gained possession, they took the ball from their own 26 to Fresno's 12 in six plays. Thornes scrambled the remaining yards for a touchdown. The lethal team of Don Milan & Mike Amos sprang to life with just over two minutes left in the game and put in for some yardage so that Thornes could go in for the final TD. Throughout the game, players like Nigos didn't just break their tackles, they ripped away from them with determination. Joe Nigos carried the ball 30 times for a spectacular 220 yards covered. According to the statistics the Mustangs could have won. For the most part they played well, and should have won.

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