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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
ON
THE QUESTION OF
IMMEDIATE ADMISSION FOR NEGROES
THURSDAY MARCH 31
12 NOON - BROWN 100

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Student Committee for the Admission of Negroes
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All Campus Graduate Schools To Accept Negro Applicants

By JIM DEAKIN

Negroes will be admitted to the graduate schools of all divisions of the main campus of W.U., effective with the fall term, Chancellor Arthur H. Compton announced today.

The new ruling extends admission of qualified Negro students to the graduate division of the School of Business and Public Administration, the School of Business and Technology, and the School of Law. Previously, Negroes were admitted to the Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences and Social Work.

Negroes are at present admitted to the School of Medicine but not to the Schools of Dentistry or Nursing. The new policy makes no change in the set-up in these schools.

A blow which presaged general admission of Negro students on the undergraduate level and whether such an additional move was contemplated at this time, Chancellor Compton told "Student Life": "After (general admission) has been discussed, but there are no plans for changing our administrative policies at the present time."

The policies which dictated the expansion of facilities open to Negroes were explained by the Chancellor in a statement to "Student Life": "When it is demonstrated that there is a need for the admission of Negroes, because of their difficulty in obtaining courses elsewhere in the vicinity which we offer here, we feel an obligation to provide them with the opportunity to attend, unless that definitely interferes with some other aspect of our program.

Approximately twelve Negro students are enrolled at present in graduate divisions of the University, principally in the Graduate School of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. One Negro is enrolled in the Med School.

The same qualifications that apply to white graduate students will apply to Negro applicants, an administration spokesman said.

Negroes first applied for admission to W.U. in December, 1947, after the Board of Directors of the Corporation voted in favor of admission of Negroes to the Graduate School of Social Work. Two Negro students were enrolled in the school in February, 1948. Previously, Negroes were admitted to the Med School in July, 1947.

STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADMISSION OF NEGROES

I am interested in supporting SCAN in its efforts to secure for Negroes the right of admission to Washington University in all of its departments, graduate and undergraduate.

Name: 
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SCAN
DR. MORDECAI JOHNSON

PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY
DISTINGUISHED NEGRO EDUCATOR

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THE NEGRO IN THE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

COME TO BROWN 100
AT 12 NOON
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1949

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SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AREA OF THE "Y"
Don't Vote!

For the first time that we can remember, Student Life urges WU students not to vote on a campus issue—the admission of Negroes to the undergraduate divisions. We favor the admission of Negroes and urge you to vote "no" on the ballot sponsored by the Student Committee for the Admission of Negroes. But at the same time a "yes" vote will hurt students and University alike and help defeat its own purpose.

We ask you, then, to abstain from voting, in order to remove completely any harmful significance the poll might have.

Student Life believes that the ballot as worded is loaded and fails to take into account the multitude of factors involved in opening the undergraduate divisions to Negroes. Next Tuesday we will more fully explain some of these factors. We further believe that SCAN's tactics in advocating immediate admission have been hasty and unwise.

Had the University Administration evinced no interest in Negro admission, had it turned a deaf ear to student demands, then SCAN would be more justified in its requests.

Such is not the case. We believe the University is sincere in its desire to admit Negroes. The facts speak for themselves: Negroes have steadily and quietly, without fuss, been admitted, and a definite trend has been established. But WU must move slowly and wisely, and SCAN, or any other agency, has not the right to assume that it will not continue to do so.

No one can know better than the Administration the important questions involved in admission; it is necessarily close to the situation. SCAN, it appears, is not, and has made little attempt to be. For this, perhaps, SCAN cannot be entirely blamed. The difficulties involved in knowing the total outlook are apparent—but SCAN must recognize that the difficulties exist and allow for them. This they have not done.

In arbitrarily setting a date for admission—September, 1950—SCAN displays a disregard for facts. This date may or may not be the time that the Administration needs to iron out the problems.

In asking students to vote on the admission of Negroes in 1950, SCAN, a non-representative group, does not give anyone the whole picture. Students are asked to favor a plan without knowing the entire story. Voting "yes," as we think most students would do, will accomplish nothing but harm, hampering the efforts of men in the Administration whom we know to be sincere.

This is an attempt to force the Administration's hand. It is uninitiating and unfair to do so.

SCAN's methods can only give WU a bad name.

Their tactics, an attempt to prod the Administration unduly, have been of a spite nature, resulting in giving WU a "black eye" and in effect cancelling out all the good work that has gone before. One wonders why, if they are sincere, they thus defeat their purpose.

Negroes can be admitted to the undergraduate schools without hurting WU and WU students—and they will be so admitted. But SCAN's way is not the right way. A loaded poll, a hasty decision, unfair methods—there are poor tactics.

Don't vote!

First Student Life editorial,
April 29, 1949

Note incorrect wording of ballot.
WASHINGTON U. SOUTHERN STUDENTS

Vote 2 to 1 for Admitting Negroes

A poll of Washington University students from Southern states taken by John K. Kendefer, public relations director, indicated that they favor the admission of Negroes to the undergraduate school. The poll, which was conducted by Student Life, the campus newspaper, showed that 98 of 500 students favor admission of Negroes. About 250 Southern students voted in the poll.

Tomorrow the Student Committee for the Admission of Negroes will announce its decision. The committee, which has been working on this problem for several months, has examined the records of Negro students from Southern states and found them satisfactory. The committee has also consulted with Southern leaders and has received their approval of the decision to admit Negroes.

DEMOCRACY AT WASHINGTON U.

Washington University is a lively place this week as everyone talks about the admission of Negroes. Students are divided on the issue, with some favoring it and others opposing it. The Student Senate has condemned the decision and has called for a referendum on the issue.

The Student Senate has also called for a rally to be held on the campus tomorrow evening. The rally will be held in support of the admission of Negroes and to show solidarity with the Southern students. The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. All students are invited to attend.

STUDENT PARADE WITHOUT MUSIC

DUE TO UNION RULE

Only 18 in March to Stir Interest in Washington U.

Poll on Negroes

The Student Senate has decided not to have a march on the campus tomorrow in support of the admission of Negroes. The students had planned a parade with music and speakers, but the union has denied permission for the event.

The parade, which was expected to be a major event, has been canceled due to the union’s rules. The students were disappointed but said they would continue to support the admission of Negroes in other ways.

Editorial note: The students are planning a rally tomorrow evening to show their support for the admission of Negroes. All students are invited to attend.

WASHINGTON
U. PARADE FOR NEGROES

A parade and rally of Washington University students to arouse sentiment for admission of Negroes to undergraduate divisions was held on the campus yesterday under auspices of SCAN, the Student Committee for Admission of Negroes. A poll of students is planned to be held today, tomorrow and Friday, but the student newspaper, Student Life, has urged it be postponed.

W. U. Paper Urges Postponement of Vote on Negro Issue

A sharp division of student sentiment at Washington University on the question of admitting Negroes to undergraduate courses began yesterday.

While the SCAN—Student Committee for Admission of Negroes—was rallying students to vote for September admission of Negroes, the student newspaper, Student Life, came out with a front page editorial urging postponement of the question.

Student Life pointed out that a majority favor continued admission of Negroes to the undergraduate division. However, it insisted, the student vote, to be taken today, tomorrow and Friday, gives students only the choice of voting against admission or for admission in September. Student Life favored a ballot which would give Negroes the opportunity to vote for admission and Negroes the opportunity to vote against admission or for admission at all.

The SCAN members marched in a campus parade, bearing posters urging students to vote for Negro admission in the fall, and attended a rally on the lawn of the Graham Chapel. Eugene Buder, attorney and secretary of the St. Louis Branch of the American Civil Liberties Committee, urged the students to disregard the editorial and vote for early admission of Negroes.

Negroes are already admitted to graduate schools at the university.

The parade fell short of its sponsors' plans when Negro musicians who were to have played march music for the paraders declined to participate because under union rules they are entertainment musicians and forbidden to play in parades.

EUGENE BUDER, attorney and secretary of the St. Louis Branch, American Civil Liberties Committee, urged all students to vote.

—Globe-Democrat Photo

May 4, 1949
A MOVE to get the opinion of Washington University students on admission of Negroes as undergraduates was the center of campus interest last week. A campaign for such admission next fall had been started by a campus group, the Student Committee for Admission of Negroes. Last Tuesday the committee held a campus rally. On Wednesday school-wide balloting on student sentiment began, under sponsorship of the committee.

Differences in student opinion on the election itself aroused a minor campus controversy. Officers of the student committee—known on the campus as SCAN—and voting was intended merely to show school authorities how the student body stood. But Student Life, the undergraduate newspaper, asserted the election, in effect, was designed to force the school administration's hand. The ballot called for a yes or no answer on whether the students favored admission of Negroes in September, 1949. Student Life, in a front-page editorial, declared a negative vote would seem to oppose Negro admission, a yes vote would imply criticism of school authorities. It proposed either delay in voting, or a change in ballot wording for a broader expression of view.

Washington University already admits Negroes to all but two graduate schools. Student Life asserted the school administration "is clearly committed to a policy of Negro admission." A recent independent poll of some 220 students from the South was reported to indicate they favor opening undergraduate classes to Negroes. A similar poll put faculty sentiment at 75 per cent in favor of it.

The Washington University discussion is part of an increasing trend in Missouri toward removing educational bars on Negroes. The Missouri House of Representatives has passed a bill permitting Negroes to attend the University of Missouri and other tax-supported institutions of higher learning. A recent court order directed the St. Louis Board of Education to admit a Negro student to Harris Teachers College.

Photos by JACK GOULD of the PICTURES Staff
A Confederate flag adorns front of sandwich poster carried by Judy Saul "to show that students from the South are for admission of Negroes." Miss Saul, a freshman from Memphis, handled publicity for the campaign. The clasped Negro and white hands were used on a majority of campaign posters.

The election gets under way, with students casting their votes between classes at one of nine polling places. This one is at the entrance to Brookings Hall. Voting was scheduled for three days. Although Student Life called for a boycott of the elections, 49 faculty members signed a petition urging students to vote, the campus Y.M.C.A. asked its members to participate.

Part of a full page of pictures in the rotogravure section of the Post Dispatch, Sunday, May 8, 1949.
(See the next pages)
Joan Siegel of Davenport, Iowa, a liberal arts freshman and advocate of admitting Negroes as undergraduates, stands before one of the campus posters calling for prompt admission. Posters and placards used in the campaign were painted by art students.

Students are urged to cast their ballots in a brief talk by Norman Golden of Boston, the rally chairman, and vice-chairman of SCAN. Purpose of rally was to get out the vote, and only the placards which were carried by paraders sought to influence the building itself.

Students gather around an improvised speakers' stand on the lawn near Graham Memorial Chapel during the rally. A musical group, one of two which donated their time to SCAN for the occasion, played popular music. About 200 students were on hand for start of rally; number grew to nearly 400 as classes let out for noon period.

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BY WESTERN UNION

AN OPEN LETTER TO CHANCELLOR COMPTON

Dear Dr. Compton,

In the largest student vote ever recorded on our campus, Washington University students have expressed their opinion. Over 77% of these students favor the admission of qualified Negroes to the undergraduate schools in the fall semester of this year.

There is no longer any doubt that by more than 3 to 1 Washington University students urge rapid action on this matter. The students feel that the university is a part of the community and as such should serve the whole community.

The results we have indicated above should be used in an immediate reformation of university admissions policy.

In the light of this student expression of opinion, we invite you, as chancellor of the university, to inform the student body of the attitude of the administration toward immediate admission of Negroes.

Very respectfully yours,

Jack P. Davidson, Jr.
Chairman, Student Committee for the Admission of Negroes
Campus "Y"

A branch of the St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association

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W. U. Students Vote 2 To 1
For Ending Racial Barrier

Jack Davidson Jr., chairman of Washington University's Student Committee for the Admission of Negroes, stated that his organization was pleased with the results of its poll which showed a better than 2 to 1 majority of the student body in favor of the admission of Negroes in the fall of 1948. Chancellor Compton, in an address to the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, expressed pleasure over the results of the Student poll. However, according to a member of SCAN's Executive Committee, the organization is now marking time, while waiting to see what concrete steps the administration will take in response to the overwhelming student response.

SCAN, is an off-shoot of the Campus "F," and was formed last January, following an address by Walter White. Since its formation, its two hundred members have been actively campaigning for the admission of Negroes to the undergraduate college. This campaign approached fruition with the polling which sparked local interest.

THE AFFAIR AT WASHINGTON U.

Unfortunately, both the colored people who benefited from the shining victory of Washington University students in their efforts to break prejudice at the school, as well as the defeated and the indifferent have overlooked a vital factor in this affair. Yet, this is the factor which holds great significance for the nation's destiny.

The leaders of the student movement were exclusively science majors. This is a fact of great significance in our time when the atom bomb has thrust the scientist into the powerful councils of all nations.

For many years, this nation suffered with the notion that a scientist was an individual removed in by the walls of his laboratory, occasionally turning over valuable inventions to a world which he disregarded. This concept of a compartmented existence, was not entirely false, for the scientists as well as other specialists have notoriously shown an ignorance and even a disdain for society.

But the atom bomb made it plain that when the scientist handed this weapon to the politician, he also handed him the power to destroy civilization. No longer could the scientist pretend indifference for his own survival is at stake.

Shortly after Hiroshima, a group of New York atomic scientists formed an organization to inform the people of the dangers and promise of their most spectacular contributions to mankind's forward march.

It has come to this: the politician is to the atom bomb, a nitro-cleverine is to the monkey. Both may play with their respective toys, but there is no assurance that suffering will not result.

The action of the physics students in spearheading the battle against bias at Washington University, gives some hope that at least, the younger scientists are prepared to take in the responsibilities of citizenship along with their professions. Certainly, this must become the general, rather than be remarkable, if this nation is to survive the present awesome partnership of the weapons of knowledge and the control of ignorance.
1767 Pro, 516 Con, In SCAN’s Poll On Fall Negro Entrance

Committee Heads Urge Chancellor To Use Results
In Reformulating University Admissions Policy

Seventeen hundred sixty-seven students, 77.4 per cent of all valid ballots cast, voted for the admission of Negroes to WU in the fall semester of 1949, and 516, 22.6 per cent of all valid ballots, voted against, in the recent SCAN election, it has been announced.

A total of 2,072 votes were cast in the three-day all-school election. Of these, 590 were invalidated, 61 being duplicates and 276 being uncheckable with IBM and Chimes Directory lists. Thus, 1,483 votes were considered valid.

SCAN officials sent a telegram to Chancellor Compton immediately after the official count was in, saying that the results of the poll “to be used in an immediate reformulation of university admission policy.”

Vote Not One-Day Record

The SCAN vote is probably a record for an all-school election of more than one day’s duration at WU. However, it fails to qualify as a record vote if taken on a daily basis. The average vote per day was 761. Frank Jaeger, chairman of the Student Senate election committee, told Student Life that although no exact figures are available, the record one-day vote on campus this year was about 2,000, cast at the preliminary election for Homecoming Queen.

The highest number of votes cast in the SCAN election on a single day was 1,711, the result of the first day’s balloting.

Ballots were checked and counted by SCAN members at the Campus Y on Friday night. Several watch- ers were present at various times, including Audrey Kaplan, member of the Campus League of Women Voters, Russ Karp, Virginia Lewis, Jim Dickson, and Manuel Shehburger, all of the Student Life editorial staff, and Mrs. Eleanor Wurth, executive director of the Campus Y, who took part in the counting.

SCAN executives contacted MSA, IWA, Pan-Hel, and EVP, asking them to send representatives as watchers. However, no watchers showed up as official representatives of these groups.

An appeal was made to Student Life by Norman Golden, SCAN vice-chairman, to try to secure per-
Biased Position

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to protest the editorial policies which have been practiced by Student Life. Recently, this writer recognized the right of Student Life to editorial freedom, and the necessity of resisting free enterprise from a great mass of material, but when a matter has been decided to be important and considers the editorial space devoted to it, editorial freedom entails certain responsibilities. The editors have the privilege of expressing views which they choose to ignore—but they should certainly give opposing views an opportunity to be expressed to the students. Before the issue at hand has been settled.

This is especially important at Washington University, as Student Life is partially financed from student funds.

On Friday, April 29, Student Life editorially urged the students not to vote in the SCAN election so May 4, 5, and 6. Many thought that position unmindful, and Student Life's editorial to be unsupplied in both logic and facts. A letter to the editor was written stating why the students should vote. This letter was the product of considerable thought—it is short and could have been condensed. I understand that several other letters expressing similar views were submitted to the editor.

Student Life ignored these letters. Instead, on Tuesday, May 3, they reiterated their opinions in a front-page editorial. Student Life acknowledged the importance of the issue by the space and position of their editorial, yet they included all space after the election to all opposing views. It is interesting to note that again on Friday the letter was not printed; and when they were given greatest notice this Tuesday, the election was over.

To argue, as has been done, that the values expressed by Student Life, balanced the editorial reverberations. News stories are supposed to be unbiased; it takes the argument of opposing views at a reasonable length to balance editorial views, as Student Life should know.

That the letters which Student Life ignored did not represent a "closed mind" opinion was shown by the results of the election in spite of Student Life's opposition.

This notion of Student Life is clearly an attempt unfairly to destroy student opinion. The editors have the right to express their views on key issues—but not the right to suppress contrary views properly submitted to the paper. As the sole student newspaper, supported partly by student funds, it is obligated to operate impartially.

I am writing this letter with no axe to grind, and am not a member of SCAN or any other interested group other than the student body.

Jack L. Pierson

Poor Writing

Dear Editor:

"SCAN's Nothingness" is the poor piece of editorial writing I have ever read.

This editorial is poor in three counts.

First, the editorial allows no effect on part of the writer to authors in fact. Despite the fact that SCAN had the "I" explained that the object of the poll to the writer, but he persisted in a futile attempt to maintain his weak and inconsistent views.

SCAN specifically explained that the admission in September, 1949, was imperative, for this reason: a ballot

without a date would give the administration no indication of student's desire to accept Negroes into immediate campus life. (I feel that one is either in favor of Negro admission or not in favor of it at all.)

SCAN further explained the necessity for this writing. (1) The GI bill came out in 1949 and the Negroes do not have the privilege of entering the university before that date, the majority could not enter at all because of lack of funds. (2) Each year that the administration postpones admission, the number of Negroes who are able to take advantage of the GI bill dwindles because of increasing marriage obligations and growing families.

It certainly would have been true if one of the reasons for not admitting Negroes to WD at any early date was because the administration felt that the students could not accept the change when actually they were willing and truly to do so.

The writer chose to ignore these explanations.

Secondly, facts are completely absent in backing such statements as "lively ..." and "pressure methods." The only fact that actually appeared in the editorial was "TST voted yea.

Third, the writer tries to primarily analyze the effects of the poll. The "accomplishments" of the poll cannot be judged now, simply because the results need time to prove. The reaction time of any social term is slow and deliberate—unlike the writer's editorial policy.

The editorial of last Tuesday's issue of Student Life was the epitome of "nothingness" on absolutely nothing.
SCAN LOSES SPONSORSHIP OF ‘Y’; ‘INSISTED ON GOING OWN WAY’

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Text Of ‘Y’ Statement And Excerpts From SCAN Withdrawal Declaration

Following is the statement issued by Catherine Leonard and David Richmond, co-chairmen of the Campus YMCA, on the SCAN and the new inter-racial policy of the ‘Y’.

“The Inter-racial Commission of the Campus Y, headed by Ronald Valem, is now in the process of formulating a new program of campus-wide support.”

“The Y College Area feels that their program is much broader than the same Student Committee for Admission of Negroes (SCAN) implies. “An extensive program of education and constructive action is planned, involving consultation with interested faculty members and Y with key students.”

“The commission wants to take positive action that will be inclusive of the major problems which the Negro encountered on the university campus.”

“While SCAN was a public Affairs program last spring, some of its leaders were not willing to work out a program supported by the ‘Y’ membership and insisted on going their own way. It has been impossible to develop policy and action representative of the Campus Y membership with the SCAN leadership.”

“Therefore all connection with the SCAN program has been completely severed.”

From SCAN Declaration

SCAN’s declaration issued last week and circulated among the membership, cites three reasons for withdrawal from the ‘Y’.

1. SCAN is too large to be a subcommittee of the ‘Y’.
2. The ‘Y’ is a segregated organization. It is inconceivable for SCAN to be part of a national system which Canonized to Jim Crow.
3. SCAN cannot continue to be effective unless it is free to choose its own policy. It is evident that the ‘Y’ will not allow SCAN this right.

Under this decision, SCAN became a new organization which the Y College Area will support.”

The text of the ‘Y’ statement is printed in its entirety next to this article. The statement cites the insistence of SCAN leaders on “going their own way.” For that reason it continues, “it is impossible to develop policy and action representative of the Campus Y membership with the SCAN leadership.”

“We want to reaffirm that decision and direct efforts for the coming year.”

The resolution presented to the SCAN membership characterized SCAN as an acting group, not a permanent group, and decided that the ‘Y’ was not to interfere with SCAN’s activities. The SCAN ballot, the statement continues, results in a 17 to 16 vote in favor of the resolution of the student body to the administration of Negroes to the undergraduate division of Washington University in the fall semester of 1949.”

The ballot, taken over a three-day period, is claimed by SCAN to have been “largest in the school’s history.”

Because of the administration’s refusal to issue a statement on the results of the poll and the fact that they have taken no action as yet, the statement continues, although “formally notified of the results of the ballot,” SCAN’s campaign “must become even more militant and determined.”

The Student Committee for Ad-

(Continued on Page Two)
Again The Negro

We have a few thoughts on Negro admission which might be appropriately brought up at this time. SCAN and the Campus Y have graciously provided the opportunity.

From conversations with representatives of the Campus Y, we would judge that the organization which has moved into the place vacated by SCAN will do a great deal of what is called "educational work." That is to say it will sponsor events including round tables, speeches and films all on the subject of racial equality. Action of a very noisy sort is promised also, though in all fairness the "Y" has had little time to draw a more concrete program as far as action is concerned.

SCAN up until now has said only that it wants more militant and determined action than it had last year. What that means is only open to conjecture. Perhaps another poll is on the fire, an armed attack on North Brookings is too far-fetched.

But whatever either of these organizations do, the results will mean little or nothing toward speeding the acceptance of Negroes into all parts of the school. SCAN we are convinced can only do harm if it follows last year's tact.

We even wonder if the "Y" program can be of any use in preparing the student body for admission when it eventually comes. The approach, by its very nature and not by lack of planning, seems too superficial. Racism is a very deep seated evil. People who feel superior are not very likely to be toppled from their ivory throne by a panel discussion on the equality of man in the "Y" meeting room—even if they could be lured to such a meeting. Neither will films or lectures turn the trick.

It seems to us that prejudice will not be overcome until a few years after the University has quietly announced that Negroes will be accepted into all divisions. Then most problems will have been solved as far as they can be solved by the people most able to do so. The last problem, prejudice, will most assuredly be overcome when the student body realizes that their Negro classmates are scared by finals, worried about grades—are the same intelligent, sensitive human beings as themselves. No amount of persuasion will replace the unquestionability of personal experience.

Certainly we do not condemn the "Y" for planning its work in "educating" the student body. Perhaps their work at least in a positive direction will counteract the harm SCAN is leaving behind by its negative approach. It is even possible that the "Y" program will overcome 15 or 20 years of prejudice through a one hour open forum. The chance though slim, is worth the effort.

The lines of action are not yet drawn up. The new organization which has taken SCAN's place in the Campus Y can be of some value to the campus and the cause if it does not try SCAN's approach to the problem. SCAN, which shows little likelihood of a change, will probably remain the campus's biggest hindrance to Negro admission.

SCANLOSES

(Continued from Page One)

mission of Negroes was the outgrowth of a visit last January to the WC campus of Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A group of students led by David Kenyon, a 21 year old graduate student working on his doctorate in Physics, and Norman J. Golden, also 21 and a graduate student in Physics, formed the SCAN committee, which became a part of the Public Affairs Area of the "Y." Other leaders in the early development of SCAN included Julius Hecht, Saul廉政, Jim New, Bonnie Margolis and Mary Naas. These seven constituted the SCAN executive committee.

Subsequently Margolis and Naas were dropped from the Executive Committee, continuing as SCAN members.

The SCAN program consisted of publicity designed to stir up interest in the all-school vote held last May. It early became apparent that SCAN was a "run away" committee. A feeling of urgency and of a need for immediacy of action has been noted as a SCAN quality in the "Y" report prepared on the situation. The same report criticized SCAN's attitude that "it was not with us is against us" and the slurring of SCAN leaders of the work of previous years. "Y" leaders complained that SCAN presented both the "Y" and its own membership with false plans which both were forced to accept. A basic difference of opinion over the party of the "Y" members urged the need for a total approach, one calculated to interest all the students and to work with the administration in solving all problems regarding Negro admission first.

SCAN has now petitioned the University for recognition as a separate campus organization. Its petition, arrival of March 10, "Division Life," is being processed. The "Y" has withdrawn all claim to the name, settling a point expected to be one of disagree-
LETTERS

An Outraged SCAN

Dear Editor:

We of SCAN do not feel that a modern prototype of Emil Zola's letter "J'accuse" is timely. The initiative, the brutality of the editorial slanting of some stories, the outright uncouthness in the Student Life story on SCAN will not go unanswered. We assure that Student Life has its own unpleasant motive for this.

But we would like to state our positive and (with no apologies) militant intentions for this semester. We feel that point out to the Washington University student body that SCAN will remain active. The differences of opinion between the "X" and SCAN and between the "X" and SCAN and between the "X" and SCAN and between the "X" and SCAN is all based on our having been active on the campus.

The students of Washington University who want to do something about undemocratic segregation will join us in our efforts to do something. No excuse is necessary for fighting for justice. No apologies required for doing something about what one believes.

We ask all students to whom Jim Crow is distasteful to join us, to help us fulfill the right to living democracy to our school. If in the present we are forced to unmask hypocrites, abandon weak-kneed compromises, we can do it with easy conscience since basically if that we are fighting.

Respectfully,

NRTN K. YOUNGDAHL
(REALLY?....ED)

ST. NAMEPLATE

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, the new name plate for Student Life is lacking.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Siegel