Editorial

Two issues

It is almost mid-November and if there is any pattern that is already becoming clear about this quarter it is this: things are not much different than before. There are things that have to get done at this university and they are not getting done, and in certain areas we have progressed not much beyond where we were last November.

Not that student autonomy isn't a major step—it is and it has been instituted in the past year. But there are still other outstanding issues from last year, and two cases in point are the Student Bill of Rights and the matter of deferred rush.

The Student Bill of Rights, we warned last spring, was about to vanish into never-never land over the summer. That, in effect, has happened.

The Council on Undergraduate Life is still going to discuss the matter—someday. And then someday, in the undefined future the matter goes before some members of the faculty for some kind of discussion, and then probably before some members of the administration. Excetera. There was another Bill of Rights, not too many years ago, and the same kind of thing happened. It eventually strangled to death in delays and was never heard from again.

Same thing for deferred rush. The arguments have been voiced, if not documented, and now the matter lies in suspension until some day Dean of Students Roland J. Hinz is somehow going to have to mystically come up with a solution. And then all the fraternities and sororities will be shocked, and mad, if the decision is for deferment.

So we urge a concentrated campaign here to get some things done.

For the Bill of Rights, we urge student members of the Council on Undergraduate Life to take action on the matter immediately: to help Dean Hinz organize it through CUL, to take it before the proper faculty groups, to discuss it with administration members. Northwestern students have indicated they want a Bill of Rights; CUL student members could have no finer goal this year than to see it accomplished.

For deferred rush, we urge the parties most involved—Pan-Bellaecnic Association, Interfraternity Council and, perhaps on the other side of the issue, interested faculty spokesman—to meet with Dean Hinz. They should clarify where things stand now, and what more information is needed and where we go from here.

There are a lot of committees at Northwestern. They do a lot of studying and a lot of reporting. But it all goes to waste if the hours of effort, as on such worthwhile subjects as a Bill of Rights and deferred rush, end up in limbo.

OF PROTEST, 1968

"This demonstration made students realize they can march in the streets. It's important that we represent the upright people who are about marching in the streets."

—Roger Friedman, in march to Evanton's Fountain Square, Nov. 4, 1968

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FMO disagrees on 'Memory'

"Last Friday the Daily published a story about Homoecoming, The DIT, in which Editor John Walter reported how Homecoming officials left a black student, just elected homecoming queen, standing alone and unwelcomed to seek help from Friday night'S coronation ceremonies. Black students on campus, including members of the FOM Members Only Club, objected to the article for several reasons: and Walter's article, an opinion piece in FMO, prepared the following statement to replace ours:"

"Memories Will Return To-night," a story written by John Walter, represented an affront to Daphne Maxwell and to the Northwestern Black Community. Walter did not take the time to talk to Miss M. M. well. His story implied that he had talked to her and that the story he wrote was accurate. The story was simply the creation of a guilt-ridden liberal.

The best way to explain what Blacks feel about the story is to let you hear them. I think the dialogue below gives some positions of the black student community at Northwestern University:"n
I HAVE ABOUT it with those people on the Daily. First they talk about an over-weight black lady cooking bacon in the wrong way and then alive and shuffling at NU. Now they go into this thing that they say how small she felt because she did not get a homey escort or an invitation to a party."n
"You are right, Brother John. The jive that got me was the mess about a black, not a man, quite pretty black girl, who was black but not too black. That's an insult to any black woman. What did they mean by that exactly? I don't know. Did they mean she was light enough in skin color so the libeals could identify with her? Or did they mean that she was acculturated and not like the rest of the "culled"? I'll tell you, those are sick."

"That's true. Those cats act like they don't know that Daphne was the most beautiful one of those chicks. We can't help it if the liberals voted for her to show their liberalism. What I am saying is that there were a free and open society. Daphne would have been elected as a beautiful black woman and not as a "not too black girl." There would have been no need to consider the political implications of the matter. Walter's article ignores this fact."

"The fact that President Miller did not kiss didn't shock me at all, John. He was just being honest about his feelings for a little 'colored girl.'"

"That's right. But man did you notice the news coverage that she got? Daphne Maxwell homecoming queen at northwest? You see here, things are changing. She did it, others can do it too. How do you tell people that you are not a symbol of progress for Black people in America?"

"JOHN, HAVE YOU even seen Daphne going to a fraternity or sorority formal with a cat in a tuxedo?"

"No man! You know better. I am not saying that that one of us have never known Daphne to be concerned with sterile orgiastic feasts that white gentility feed on."

"And that boy Walter has the nerve to say she was standing in the school because she had no place to go. It's true that in no case was coming for her, but it is possible that someone in a dashiki was coming to take her to a soul rebel. But I guess that Walter never considered that."

"JOHN, my point was that Walter could ever know how Daphne felt that night. Any cat who talks about a sister standing there and getting or being made smaller by the moment because there was no one to speak to is sick."

"YOU'RE RIGHT UNC. That definitely shows how late is the hour. Historically Black women have been strong and strong. Walter thinks that Daphne felt small because there was no homey escort and no homey party. He is suggesting to us that Northwestern is not a part of the free world. Northwestern women was not integrated into the white festivities for homecoming. I am saying that Northwestern is becoming a part of that fantasy world that has become by not becoming a part of that fantasy and by not being integrated into the white festivities for Northwestern."

"That's right Unc."

Letters

The Class of 1972 speaks out

On "dumb-dumbs"

Freshman Leadership Conference began two weeks ago. As of today it is only in the hands of a few freshmen and, apparently, a completely bored staff. The meeting was an empty exercise, the results a public insult to freshmen's leadership and organizational possibilities on campus. Also at this meeting, Miss Jefferson, brought out that if there were any freshmen "know-it-alls" they weren't part of FLC. This may have been a valid point, but eventually I got the impression that the freshmen were playing the "dumb-dumb" roles on campus.

We had another meeting last Tuesday, Dean Hinz spoke. It actually consisted of a question and answer period. Miss Jefferson told us that this would probably be the last FLC meeting because of the lack of interest. Many of the freshmen had questions to ask of Dean Hinz, but the majority of the time was taken by the Student Senates present.

If Senate is going to have a "Here's FLC why they don't make it worthwhile; make it organized; and keep the interested freshmen there with stimulating and provocative agendas that are well carried out. Have a leader that leads and shows a true interest for don't waste the freshmen's and the upperclassmen's time and effort. I doubt that it was the freshmen that lacked the true leaders."

Gary Griderl

"Make Your Vote Count in 72!"

"On Forum foes"

The Student Senate met on Halloween night and the date was very appropriate. The students believed that the ghosts in obliterating their responsibilities towards the student body. How can Senate refuse to recognize the mandate given Oct. 30 is beyond my comprehension.

I am a candidate for senate from the freshman class and a member of the Hoover Commission and would like to pose a few questions for our incoming senate.

When forum laid before us for three weeks, why did you remain silent? Any cat who talks about the "reps" the student body, did it reject a clear mandate for forum, and reform?"

The time to present all your alternative plans for forum was two weeks ago. The time for a meaningful forum between its supporters and its in the face of pressure, and if you advocated your responsibility by not acting sooner, and you forsook your duty on Thursday, then you are dead immediately on forum. Those two ac-Daphne got snorting because she um, Senate no longer is representative of the wishes of the campus. Face it that you saved her generation soul by more. Pass forum now, before its too late. We need a proper government on this campus to operate."

Byron Kidd

Random Thoughts

VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM: Was the Forum cry a cry in the wilderness?

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