Senators mistake

We were surprised and saddened by the University Senate’s refusal to authorize a pre-election class recess in the fall.

We understand the faculty denied the recess because of two factors: a problem in scheduling make-up days for classes missed during the recess and a fear of politicizing the university.

Fall quarter is already longer than any other part of the school year, and there is no reason why it cannot be shortened to equal the length of the other quarters.

As for politicizing the university, NU’s only opportunity would be to declare a vacation coinciding with political campaigns. And many students — as during the strike — will look upon the vacation as just that.

Moreover, there is no rule stating a student may campaign only for peace candidates. In Evanston, U.S. Rep. Phillip M. Crane will also be running, and there is nothing to stop right-wing students from working for him.

And whether a particular student decides to work for a hawk or a dove, he will probably receive a more practical education than he could in two weeks in any political science classroom.

Students have been urged to work within the system. Those that are now willing to make the attempt should not be deterred.

Wrong priority

At the end of Monday night’s city council meeting — where hundreds of angry North Evanstonians crowded the chamber to protest a possible Chicago Bear football game in Dyche Stadium — Ald. Robert C. Carter rose to speak.

He noted people often told him the council should silence loud blacks who protested during council meetings.

But the white, middle class North Evanstonians in the chamber that night, he said, “were louder than anyone I ever heard in the audience before . . . and it’s a disgrace.”

We agree with the alderman.

We realize the heavy traffic near Dyche on football days is a major inconvenience, but it’s just that — an inconvenience.

The contention of some residents that a professional football game would somehow turn the corner of Central and Ashland into Clark and Addison is too ludicrous to waste space by commenting upon.

The residents — many of whom are the same people who say blacks should be less vociferous and more patient in making demands — seemed to have little respect for “law and order” when it applied to them.

The people of North Evanston are fortunate they can afford to worry about noise, traffic and property values rather than open housing, police harassment and jobs.

But they have very mistaken priorities if they feel the Dyche issue is worth being disruptive about while war and civil rights are not.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — There were many storm warnings before Honor America Day.

A planned anti-war, anti-conscription demonstration sponsored by the Blackman’s Development Center was postponed because, as one leader put it, there were a lot of people in the country who didn’t feel like celebrating.

Two members of the D.C. Fourth of July Committee dissociated themselves from the celebration because of the ban on any political speeches.

The management of D.C.’s Union Station tried unsuccessfully to legally prevent a group of American University students from distributing antiwar literature to commuters arriving from New York on special trains. The railway officials thought it would provoke violence.

Rev. Douglas Moore, leader of Washington’s Black United Front, called for a black boycott of “this racist circus.”

A “smoke-in” has been called for the same day on the Washington Monument grounds before the Honor America Organizers had even gotten started.

After the Establishment celebration was announced, a committee that included Conspiracy 8 member Bennie Davis made some proposals. They included a ban on military activities like color guards and gun salutes and inclusion of poet Allan Ginsberg in the interfaith religious services.

They were ignored, as apparently all the other warnings and criticisms were, by the Honor America executives, who included such stalwarts as Bob Hope and Evangelist Billy Graham.

This was to be a day of coming together and forgetting our troubles and waving the flag and what was wrong with that anyhow?

Sure there was war going on and maybe some people don’t eat quite so well as others, but we can’t forget all that politics and stop this awful polarization?

We’re liable to hurt some of these great American institutions of ours if we’re not careful.

Friday night, the third, there were scattered clashes between peace marchers and those who had arrived for the smoke-in.

And early Saturday morning, the sky filled with dark clouds and a few raindrops fell for the smoke-in.

But, as a rule, the clouds rolled away and a bright sun greeted a predominantly white, middle-class crowd that had come for the morning religious service in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

It appeared that some people’s idea of banning politics was to proclaim how wonderful everything was.

“We want to demonstrate to the world that despite its anti-conscription and anti-coalition on earth,” said J. Willard Marriott, chairman of the Honor America executive committee.

And in the background: “One, two, three, four, we don’t want your — war.”

Kate Smith’s rendition of “God Bless America” brought quiet for a moment or two, if you could think of it as a symbol of patriotism, you could at least appreciate its value as anti-war propaganda.

Billy Graham criticized extremists and for an end to polarization.

“I think there’s too much discouragement,” Graham said.

“America has never hidden her problems and faults,” he said. “Instead of an iron curtain, we have a picture window.”

And it seemed that the Honor America organizers were determined to hang a dazzling curtain on that window.

“Crowd” was the only speaker all day who even acknowledged that America had great problems — aside from that of violent dissenters.

“The American dream could turn into a night-mare,” he said. “Let’s dedicate ourselves to building rather than burning.”

In the evening, 200,000 assorted Americans gathered on the Monument grounds prior to the Bob Hope-hosted variety show.

Police moved in a barrage of bottles filled the air. A major confrontation was averted when a group of longhairs placed themselves between the anti-broads and the police — and the disposition of howls complaining the country really is.

The show was going ahead, we’re not happening.

A lot of people get their first taste of tear gas, police filled through the crowd, and President Nixon, in a recorded message, told us about “all of us who love freedom throughout the world.”

To the people on the stage and to a large portion of the crowd, many of whom couldn’t see the demonstration, there might as well have been nothing happening.

In the morning, as a hot sun cooked the crowd that waited for the religious service to begin, a mother turned on her own children.

“We came here to enjoy ourselves—and to forget the fact that we’re hungry, hot, tired, have to go to the bathroom or anything else.”

“And to get sunburns,” the children replied.

One has to wonder how long it will be before America gets sunburns.

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First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our alumni group from 1968. Their yearbook was a fine example of Northwestern’s method of how to avoid embarrassing photos. I was the 1967 Homecoming Queen as well as being the first Black Homecoming Queen which Northwestern even had. This year I will never have. This title held some significance in the years preceding my crowning as well as the years following. I had some small significance about it, and the fact that I was not mentioned at all in the yearbook (a book of memorabilia). I shall never forget it. It has been made a lot easier for others to forget, however. It is true that there was a small (3” x 5”) photograph of myself and the Chancellor approximately three pages before the Table of Contents, but somehow I didn’t detect any name that came close to being mine mentioned anywhere in that book including the index.

I would also, at this particular time, like to take the opportunity to beg the pardon of our Chancellor, J. Bruce Miller, for the extreme discomfort I cause him at having to crown his Black Queen. I will never forget the one and only sentence that I uttered to me as he held my comfortable 3” over my head. “I have to hold this here while the photographers take pictures.” His complimentary remarks were astounding, indeed!

I am not upset about these things. Being Homecoming Queen at this university did nothing toward my career. I am presently a professional model and have appeared on the cover of Glamour magazine as well as in Modern Bride, Home Design and Elle magazine. I am quite sure that this was achieved strictly on my own merit. It may be in the next few years Northwestern may be able to help me, but as I see it now, I spent a disappointing and frustrating four years here having a disappointing and frustrating time here in the confines of the Ivy covered walls.

Thank you for the opportunity to express myself.

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