# Admissions Conflict Erupts Again

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By JEFF LYON (Associate Editor)

A motion that President Miller and the vice presidents delegate a committee of administration officials to investigate past or present discrimination in Northwestern admissions was passed unanimously by Student Senate last night.

The proposal, made by Human Relations Council Co-chairmen Betsy Livingston and Chuck Scott, also asked that a Senate member and a General Faculty Committee member be on the committee.

The Senate also unanimously passed a proposal for a test freshman-upperclass dormitory program.

**New Letter** 

The Senate move was, in part, precipitated by a letter from a former admissions office clerk who claimed that "red checks" were placed on applications from Jews and Negroes.

The letter, from Mrs. Prudence J. Scarritt, who worked in the office from Sept. 1959 to

Oct. 1961, said "I know for a fact that at that time, it was noted which applicants were Jewish."

"We are not charging discrimination. But something was fishy and I think an investiga-tion ought to be made," Miss Livingston said in proposing an administration investigation

Mrs. Scarritt said "you can tell from the responses to questions on the application if an applicant is Jewish. (The photographs were obvious ways to determine if a person were Negro) . . . after this was determined a red check was placed on one of the pages of the application."

Checks, Numbers

"In addition to this check on the actual application, there was a note made on the corresponding file card . . . On these printed cards was a row of numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4. equalled Protestant, 2 equalled Catholic, equalled Jewish, 4 equalled Negro. If the applicant were either of the last two numbers, they were circled," Mrs. Scarritt said.

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employed, . . . present . . . and future university policy prohibits any such practice." —A university spokesman.

By AL FROM and T. CRAIG MARTIN

Records of the religion and race of applicants to Northwestern were kept by the admissions office until a few years ago, the Daily Northwestern learned Thursday.

The Daily was informed that the admissions office stopped designating the race and religion of applicants within the last four years, apparently on a direct order from University President James Roscoe Miller.

The procedure by which the admissions office gathered that information from applications of prospective students was outlined in a telephone conversation with the Daily and in a letter to the Human Relations Committee of the Student Senate by Mrs. Prudence J. Scarritt, a former employee of the office

The Daily has learned that Director of Admissions C. William Reiley had denied that the information was ever used for discrim-

Reiley apparently admitted using the information for purposes of identification, the Daily was informed. Reiley was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Commenting on the letter and telephone conversation with Mrs. Scarritt, a university spokesman categorically and emphatically denied that "there is any system, method, or device for the

selection of students on the basis

of race, color, creed, or ethnic background."

The spokesman continued: "Whatever method of identification by such categories may have been employed some years ago, present, and I assure you future, university policy strictly and unreservedly prohibits any such practice.

The spokesman said that he had "no doubt but that the administration would act affirmatively upon the recent recommendation by the director of admissions that the General Faculty Committee inquire into his

Applications for admission to Northwestern have not asked the applicant's religion since 1956. At that time questions concerning the religion and nationality of students were deleted.

The Daily has learned the practice of designating religion and race on an applicant's record was apparently designed in the admissions office without the authorization of university administrators or the Board of Trustees.

Reiley denied that Northwestern uses religious quotas in its admissions policy last January. At that time he invited a Daily Northwestern reporter to examine his records.

However, when the reporter asked to see the records Feb. 11, Reiley said he did not have time to see the reporter and threatened his scholarship.

In his apology to the Daily reporter Feb. 18, Reiley urged that a faculty committee investigate his office, "including records and files, and report their findings."

This is the last issue of the Daily for winter quarter. Publication will resume on

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## Mrs. Mueller Expands on Statement

ident's Orientation Committee who asked for School of Journalism "guidance" Daily Northwestern editorial policy yesterday declined to indicate specific articles she thought too "critical."

Mrs. Herbert E. Mueller, rep-

### **Professor** Heller Speech Planned

Erich Heller, Northwestern German professor, will speak on "The Artist's Journey into the Interior; a Hegelian Prophecy and its Fulfillment," at the sec-ond Alumni Fund lecture of the year, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Tech auditorium.

Heller proposes to show the relevance of Hegel's theory of romantic art to the understand- ment. ing of modern literature and its problems.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Heller holds doctorates from Charles University in Prague and the University of Cam-bridge. He came to Northwestern in 1960

The Alumni Fund lectures are sponsored by alumni contribu-Four speakers are sponsored each year.

organization of sorority house must preserve the right of all chairman or the person involved board representatives) said she had seen enough issues of the paper and talked to enough people to decide that the newspaper is "too negative."

"The tone of the paper is bad," she said. "I think they should print things that point up the greatness of the university and that tell how fine it is that students have the opportunity to go

She said, however, that the Daily should be able to make criticisms if they are "logical and well founded."

"It should be possible for the Daily to make a good complaint when it has one," she said.

She said she agreed entirely with a statement made to the Daily regarding her statements by Franklin Kreml, vice president for planning and develop-

The statement reads:

"While reluctant to comment upon an unsigned and unaddressed statement, I feel bound to observe that this university as

"Scandinavian Night" will be the theme of the last International Open House of winter quarter to be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Chi Omega House.

members of the community to with the information." have a viewpoint and to express

She said that she was very upset and surprised that her statement had been revealed to the Daily.

"I made these recommenda-

A member of the Pres-, resentative from Quadrangle (an | a community of scholars has and should be released only by the

She said she knew the committee chairman had not divulged the information but that she had a "good idea" who did.

"Printing my statements bears out what I've said all along about the Daily," she said. "To print tions in the strictest confidence statements without prior approvto the committee," she said. "In-formation from the committee responsible."

### of M Slates Rockwell Talk

the University of Minnesota affairs.
despite objection by a campus Rabb Jewish leader.

The Nazi party head was invited by the Young Democrats club and the Board of Governors of the student union at Minne-

Rabbi Louis Milgrom, director of Hillel Foundation at Minnesota, objected to Rockwell, who he said deals, in "verbal pornography" which is "an assult on people's senses.

Calls Officials

The Rabbi, according to the Minnesota Daily, called various university officials in an effort to block Rockwell's appearance. Among those called were the

Nazi leader George Lincoln the chairman of the university Rockwell will speak Friday at senate's committee on student

> Rabbi Milgrom told a Minnesota Daily reporter that all the officials agreed that Rockwell is objectionable, but that the university has taken a stand advocating free speech.

Right to Hear

In announcing the Rockwell talk, the Young Democrats said: "We think people have a right to hear people of all beliefs, no matter how radical or unacceptable, and make up their own minds about them. Anything short of that is censorship.

Rockwell will speak in the main ballroom at the student union, which has a capacity of 1,200. Security precautions will include plainclothes police in the student activities bureau, and audience, according to the paper.

(Assistant Managing Editor)

Before Ara Parseghian ducked out for the green ivy of Notre Dame last December, the upcoming winter quarter looked to be as dull as the midwinter landscape of Northwestern's campus.

But with Ara out and Alex Agase in as football coach, the news began to roll; and in the lexicon of a sarcastic little television show, the quarter turned out to be "one that was."

For most of the ten weeks news vacillated from the INS to the OUTS, leaning mostly to the outs. . .

In and Out Deans

Assistant Dean Robert Baker was slated to come in as dean of the Graduate School next year to replace outgoing Moody Prior.

The Book Co-op, two year old child of the Senate, slipped on financial ice, couldn't deliver books, and seemed near death.

Rhinoceros, the play that the administration had ruled out, made it in on schedule at the annual Symposium in January

Student Rights Debate

IN THE FRAY was student Senator Chip Chapman and his Student Bill of Rights. The bill passed the Senate twice, was rejected once by the Council on Undergraduate Life for being "unpolished."

The second time around CUL rejected the format of a Bill of Rights and decided that if it approved the bill in principle, its ideas would be incorporated in the Student Handbook.

Reiley Flap

Also doing battle was Northwestern's Security Force, which nabbed a total of three prowlers during the quarter. Administrators apologized for an incident when a watchman gave a rude greeting to two University of Minnesota coeds who were touring the campus on Christmas eve.

C. William Reiley, director of admissions, declared Northwestern has no admissions quotas and blasted a Daily reporter for his skepticism. He later apologized for his "intemperate" lan-

And the athletic department scored a K-O against Northwestern's Youth for Goldwater by blocking a proposed speech by the Arizona senator at McGaw Hall.

An Evanston alderman and usher later stood in the way of another Goldwater, Barry Jr., to keep reporters and publicity men from taking his picture at a Northwestern basketball game.

### **Under Fire**

The Daily came under fire from administrators, fraternity men, student senators, and a good many conscientious letter writers for its coverage of just about everything.

IN THE NEW ENGLISH ATMOSPHERE of Greek houses, frats were accused by the Daily of sending pledges to swipe a mannequin, to collect street signs from state highways, and to sit on cakes of ice. Inter-Fraternity Council convicted one and slapped the wrists of three others. One was acquitted.

### Student Senate Motion Senate Urges **Continues CUL Fight**

By DICK CHEVERTON (Editor)

Student Senate continued its fight for a Student Bill of Rights last night—but held out a possibility of compromise wih the Council on Undergraduate Life.

By a near-unanimous vote the Senate moved that:

"The CUL accept or reject the Bill of Rights at its April 13 meeting. We request that those rights which are accepted be enumerated in the Student Handbook under the heading, 'Student Bill of Rights.' If it is felt necessary, these rights may also be placed under the appropriate categories in the Student Hand-

The key word is "also."

Had Turned Down Idea For the CUL two weeks ago ing's minutes."

turned down the idea that the bill should be in separate listing in the handbook.

In effect, the Senate action asks CUL to repeal its actions. But the measure holds out the compromise that CUL can list the rights (as it originally wanted to) among the general and academic regulations of the handbook.

Senate President Terry Rose led the attack on the CUL decision, saying that "CUL is procrastinating on the Bill of Rights. My feeling is that the form of the bill is imperative if you want to focus attention on the rights."

Regulation a Right? "What are they (CUL) afraid of?" he asked.

Rose also attacked CUL's action in moving the rights to the regulations section of the hand-

"Can a regulation be a right?" he asked. "I don't think it can." And, he added, there are no rights in the bill that can properly be put under the academic regulations section of the hand-

The bill's sponsor, Chip Chapman, hit CUL's "delaying tac-

tics" in opposing the Senate measure. "I think we ought to stand firmly behind the idea of the bill until we're given a valid reason for its defeat."

**Both Critical** 

Chapman and Rose both criticized CUL secrecy (meetings are "CUL," said Rose, "doesn't

take a courageous stand. Not one member of CUL-except Dean or Students James C. McLeodis quoted by name in the meet-

In response to a remark from Senator Marki Morgan that CUL student member Ron DeHaan asked that the language of the bill be put in "noble, uplifting language," Rose charged that "all I want is understandable language.'

No Telling

"No one ever told us what the words 'proper wording' and 'polish' meant, though," he said. (DeHaan has charged several times that the bill lacks "polish.")

Chapman also joined the criticism, saying that the official minutes of the meeting stated that "a CUL member said that students already had the rights requested in the bill. A member of the council later told me that one of the members asked Dean McLeod (who reportedly made the statement) where in the handbook they were. Dean Mc-Leod couldn't point them out."

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# Investigation

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"I do not know how this information was used," Mrs. Scarritt wrote. "Of course, I think that since such an obvious effort was made to get this information, it must have been used. Since I was a clerk, I have no proof of that."

"The procedures may have changed since that time (when she worked there)," Mrs. Scarritt noted.

Scott revealed figures that he obtained from the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith giving statistics on the number of Jewish students on campus from 1947 until 1957, in 1961-1962, and the current school

The figures for that period ranged between 7.0 per cent of the total student body and 12.2 percent, with gradual rise in the percentage.

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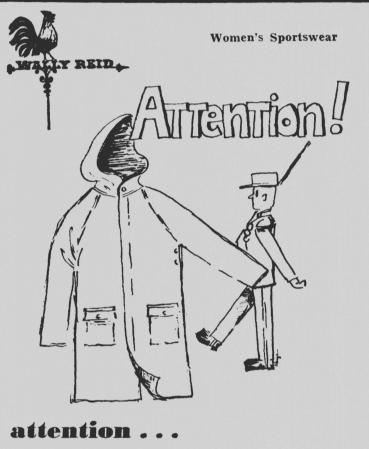
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