

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. Etcetera. 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 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.

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—Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council and, perhaps on the other side of the issue, interested faculty spokesmen—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 realize how uptight people are about marching in the streets."

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

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FMO disagrees on 'Memory'

Last Friday the Daily published a story about Homecoming, 1967, in which Editor John Walter reported how Homecoming officials left a black student, just elected Homecoming queen, standing alone and unescorted to walk home from Friday night coronation ceremonies. Black students on campus, including members of the For Members Only club, objected to the article for several reasons; and Milt Gardner, an officer of FMO, prepared the following statement to explain why.

"Her Memories Will Return Tonight," 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 Maxwell. His story implied that he had talked to her and that the story he wrote portrayed Daphne's feelings. 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 shows the position of the black student community at NU.

"I HAVE ABOUT had it with those people on the Daily. First they talk about an overweight black lady cooking biscuits like Aunt Jemima was alive and shuffling at NU. Now they go into this thing about Daphne and how small she felt because she did not get a honky escort or an invitation to a party."

"You are right, Brother John. The jive that got me was the mess about a black girl; a nice, quiet pretty black girl, who was black but not too black. That's an insult to any black

woman. What did they mean by that anyway. Did they mean that she was light enough in skin color so the liberals could identify with her; or did they mean that she was acculturated and not like the rest of the "culturalists?" I'll tell you man, those cats are sick."

"That's true Unc. These 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 if this 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 Unc. But man did you notice the news coverage that she got? Daphne Maxwell homecoming queen at NU! 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 ever seen Daphne going to a fraternity or sorority formal with a cat in a tuxedo?"

"No man! You know better than that Unc. I have never known Daphne to be concerned with sterile orgiastic feasts that white chicks go for."

"And that boy Walter has the nerve to say she was standing there because she had no place to go. It's true that no one in a tuxedo was coming for her, but it is possible that someone in a dashiki was coming to take her to a soul set. But I guess

that Walter never considered that.

"John, I don't think 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 a lack of knowledge. Historically Black women have been strong in the face of oppression, and if Walter thinks that Daphne felt small because there was no honky escort and no honky party, then I say he is dead wrong. He is suggesting to us that Daphne lost something because she was not integrated into the white festivities for homecoming. I am saying that she saved her pure black soul by not becoming a part of that fantasy world of wild fraternity parties infested with drunken, perverted, sex-hungry honkies on the make."

"I'll agree with you John. And I will go further than that by saying that we didn't need Northwestern to legitimize Daphne's beauty. Therefore, I say that the roses never fell. The whites' queen-for-a-day mentality ended, but the Blackness of Daphne Maxwell has not been tainted."

"That's right Unc."

Milton Gardner
FMO Correlator of
Communications

The Daily regrets that members of Northwestern's black community may have interpreted the Homecoming story as any kind of an affront to Miss Maxwell or the community as a whole. If it was to "attack" anyone, it certainly was aimed at that "liberal veneer" and not at blacks.

Ed.

Letters

The Class of 1972 speaks out



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

On 'dumb-dumbs' . . .

Freshman Leadership Conference began three weeks ago. As of today it is only in the hands of a few freshmen and, apparently, a completely bored leader. The first meeting was a poor beginning. The advertised speaker couldn't make it. The meeting was accented by the subjective political opinions of 'our leader', Miss Eva Jefferson. I have opinions in regards to candidates and office holders of the U. S. Government, but they had no place in a meeting that had, as its purpose, the orientation of the freshmen to the 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 wanted by FLC. This may have been a valid point, but eventually I got the impression that we were supposed to take 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 our 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 Senators present.

If senate is going to have FLC why don't they 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 or don't waste the freshmen's and the upper classmen's time and effort. I doubt that it was the freshmen that lacked the true interest.

Gary Grindler
Speech '72

. . . On Forum foes

The Student Senate met on Halloween night, and the date was very appropriate. The senators behaved like ghouls in abdicating their responsibilities towards the student body. How senate can 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 illustrious senate.

When forum laid before you for three weeks, why did you remain silent? And why, if the senate "represents" the student body, did it reject a clear mandate for forum, and refuse to act?

The time to present all your alternative plans for forum was two weeks ago. The time to have a meeting on forum between its supporters and its detractors was also much earlier. You abdicated your responsibility by not acting sooner, and you forsook your duty on Thursday night by not acting immediately on forum. Those two actions clearly showed the need for forum. Senate no longer is representative of the wishes of the campus. Face it senators, you're not relevant to us any more. Pass forum now, before it's too late for any student government on this campus to operate.

Byron Kohl
Ed '72