

'Invisibility' Is Main Problem Facing Negroes at NU

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"Race is not a problem at Northwestern, because the Negro doesn't exist here," said Vernon Ford, speech school sophomore.

Literally, this is not true. Including Ford there are approximately 26 American Negro undergraduate students at Northwestern University.

They face problems characteristic to all undergraduates, but these problems are compounded by the pigmentation of their skin. Ironically their most appreciable problem is their invisibility. Rather than facing overt discrimination Northwestern Negroes find they are forgotten and ignored.

"I get so many phoney smiles, and then when I walk past somebody on campus they suddenly look away," said Woody Campbell, arts and science junior, citing what other Negroes said was a common occurrence.

"I think people want to speak," Campbell said, "But they get hung up."

"Maybe it's because so few have known Negroes," said Bob Tubbs, education school junior. Maybe they feel we don't want to know them. Maybe it's a fear of rejection."

Whatever the reasons, Negroes find themselves for the most part ignored by other undergraduates. And the university itself has not provided for any of the Negroes' social needs. The lack of facilities for independents makes it particularly hard.

All this forces the Negroes into a double life split between on-campus academics and off-campus social activities.

It's a case of "no place to go and nothing to do," said Dick Smith, education school senior, who also pointed out most of NU's Negro students are on scholarship.

This article is the first in a series on Negro students at Northwestern University.

and cannot afford much of the entertainment in Chicago.

Most of the Negro students interviewed said they thought a student center would be a start toward alleviating these problems.

But the Negro men also face another disadvantage — a scarcity of Negro women. There are four on campus.

"You can meet a lot of girls going back to Chicago or Evanston," said Jim Pitts, arts and sciences senior. "But the emphasis is on going back, that you have to leave the university for your social life."

"And after a few years of college," Pitts continued, "You get choosy for a 'normal' life — you want a girl with a college education."

And the Negro women are also at a disadvantage. "This looks like a little paradise," said Eleanor Steele, CAS sophomore, "But it is hard to get 20 guys together to go with four girls."

"And if you date one Negro fellow for too long, you might as well hang it up," she said. The other Negroes would consider her going with him, and nobody else would take her out.

To have any kind of on-campus social life, then, the Negroes must face the problems of inter-racial dating.

"I would never allow myself to fall in love with a white girl because of all the troubles involved," said Mike Buckner, education school senior. "But why can't we be friends? If we have things in common, I'd like to get to know her."

"But then you have to face tension from

the white students, and comments like 'you just want to marry her,' or 'that girl must be just trash.'"

"I have considered inter-racial dating only on a speculative level, and even then with horror," said Pitts. "But if a girl attracts me, why shouldn't I date her—as long as it doesn't entail any chameleon changes where she has to act differently around me from when she's with her white friends."

In the class room, the question in discrimination is more complex. Some Negro students feel they had, at times, received lower grades because of their race, others felt they sometimes had received higher grades because of a professor's over-compensation towards Negroes.

But Jeff Buckner, education freshmen, cited how race compounded the problem of approaching a professor outside of class.

"I may need help in a course," he said. "But I hesitate asking for it because I don't want to increase the professor's feelings towards the stereotype of the Uncle-Tomming Negro."

Next we'll discuss Evanstonian "Doc" Glass, who provides a home away from home for Northwestern's Negroes.



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New Equality Group To Hold First Meet

Greeks Against Discrimination, a campus group formed to halt discrimination and prejudice at Northwestern, will hold its first meeting March 28.

The organization, formed last month, will "bring into the open the prejudice, if not the discrimination, which exists in sororities and fraternities and in Northwestern's admissions policy," said Patricia Popkin, organizer of the group.



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Roland J. Hinz, NU director of admissions, said he will plan to support the organization and help it on campus.

Hinz said, "I'm just as concerned

Four Students Set For March Trials On Drunk Arrests

Four Northwestern students who were arrested for public intoxication will be brought to trial later this month.

The four, who were arrested Saturday night, are members of the Triangle fraternity. They are: Donald Russell, junior; Ronald J. Root, pre-senior; Paul S. Newey, senior, and Charles G. Filstead III, sophomore. All gave their addresses as 1936 Sheridan Road.

Police arrested the quartet as they were leaving a party in off campus housing.

Filstead was also charged with disorderly conduct when police found him clad only in his underwear. He will go to court on March 14. The other three youths will appear in court March 21.

Richard Pflederer, president of their fraternity, said Dean of Men Otis Walter will refer the matter to the disciplinary committee of Triangle. He did not say what fraternity action would be taken.

as they are about discrimination, if and where it exists."

The Office of Admissions has recommended a healthy increase in scholarship funds to promote the recruitment of students from diversified backgrounds.

Hinz said he would cooperate with Greeks Against Discrimination "in every way" and has told Miss Popkin he would be pleased to speak to the organization about admissions policy at Northwestern.

All Dormitories Join Its Group

A constitutional amendment requiring all men's dormitories to become members of the Men's Residence Halls Association was proposed at the group's meeting Tuesday night.

The amendment will be voted on at the next MRHA Council of Presidents meeting spring quarter. It requires a two-thirds vote to pass, and then will go to the Student Senate for approval.

"We've proved how we have utilized our potential," MRHA

Four Houses to Face Charges For Failing to Register Party

Four Northwestern fraternities will appear before the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board Monday for failing to register a party with the office of student affairs, according to Charles Balciulus, assistant dean of men.

The fraternities, Acacia, Chi Psi, Sigma Nu, and Tau Delta Phi, violated two sections of the Student Handbook, according to Mrs. Melba Peterson, calendar secretary.

MRHA Proposes

President Butch Yochum said in proposing the amendment.

Fall quarter he had asked that a similar amendment be tabled so MRHA could show the men's dormitories what it could accomplish.

Yochum said he felt the organization had now proved its worth. He pointed to the MRHA proposal for combined class dormitories, the MRHA-sponsored Saturday night movies, and the help MRHA gave Foster

The group failed to register an event attended by persons outside of their group, and failed to register an all-university event.

"The failure to register was an administrative mistake of the fraternities," said Gary Bang, Chi Psi social chairman. "But the party was quite obviously not held as a secret party."

Three houses originally planned the party, which featured the Tur-

tles, a nationally known vocal group. "The fourth house was asked to co-sponsor the party at the last minute because there were some extra tickets," said Balciulus.

The fraternities left it up to one house to register the party with the student activities office, he said. "But all of the houses were supposed to sign the application anyway."

The party was "definitely not" intended as a money-making enterprise, Balciulus said.

Approximately 225 couples attended the party, Bang said. "Most of the men were from the four fraternities. Our house (Chi Psi) sold eight tickets to other people."

The fraternities ran a color ad in the *Daily Northwestern*.

Dean of Men Otis L. Walter referred the case to IFC, Greg Campbell, IFC president said.

CUL Asks Senate's Recommendation on Student Standards

The Council on Undergraduate Life asked the Student Senate Tuesday for the senate's version of what regulations should be in Section 4 of the Student Handbook.

Section 4 covers General Regulations from activity advisors to questionnaires.

A CUL sub-committee headed by Richard Hartenberg is currently making a thorough study of the Handbook to be finished late spring quarter.

Miss Charlotte Lee, a member of the subcommittee, asked Senate President Joe Bean for senate's idea of what the section should cover during a longer general discussion by eight CUL members of the role of student government, its responsibilities, and the specific problems existing at Northwestern.

Wildcat To Aid in Recruiting Freshmen

Over spring vacation Wildcat Council members will contact 200 high school seniors who have been selected to enter Northwestern this fall, the group decided Tuesday.

Council members will write or visit the students, who are divided into six regional groups.

The list of students was provided by the Office of Admissions.

Council President Tom Buess said the group also will visit area high schools during spring quarter to encourage high school juniors to apply to Northwestern.

Wildcat Council visited area high schools during fall quarter to speak with college-bound seniors.

Buess announced that a magazine, still unnamed, will be published by Wildcat Council at the beginning of spring quarter.

\$4.00 per couple will be charged for the all-university dance April 29 at the Aragon Ballroom, its sponsors, the sophomore and junior class councils, decided Tuesday night. Profits from the dance will be used for a big-name entertainment fund.

Junior class president Dave Mack originally suggested the dance be free or low-cost and financed by living units.

The publication, to run about 20 pages, will include articles on Chicago as a cultural center, athletics at Northwestern, upcoming campus events, and faculty members.

Funds for the magazine—about \$1,000—have come entirely from contributors, according to Buess.

He said although he hopes the magazine will be published at least once each quarter next year, that will depend on "how the magazine is received."

Dave Anderson, council member and business school junior, is editor, will be free, and about 5,000 copies will be distributed.