

Student Activism Grows More Mature

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A decade or so ago it might have led to a demonstration, or worse. But in the style of today's campus activism, when the president of the University of Florida re-allocated fees that the Student Government Association assumed were under its jurisdiction, the student leaders sued the president instead of occupying his office. And in a remarkable display of chutzpah, they requested his signature on a voucher allowing them to hire a lawyer to press their legal suit. He refused.

The incident illustrates the degree to which today's collegians believe they are entitled to roles in campus governance, in addition to their willingness to operate within the system to achieve their objectives. College students in the 1970s evolved into a new mode, moving from strident confrontation to relatively peaceful cooperation. The warcry of H. Rap Brown to "burn it down" has been eschewed in favor of the sage advice of the late Sam Rayburn that "to go

along is to get along."

The maturation of student activism reflects student acceptance of fresh realities. Gone are searing issues, such as the Vietnam War and the struggle for civil rights, that so effectively galvanized students in years past. Instead, students today concentrate their energies on preparation for careers, and getting into professional schools, rather than on expanding their political influence on campus. While students in some schools, UNC-A being one, sit on boards of trustees and in faculty senates, other opportunities for influence are allowed to lapse from lack of attention.

In some cases, the exercise of power has not always proved to be the heady experience that many students expected when they took part in sit-ins, propped their feet on the mahogany desks and smoked the administrators' best cigars. As members of student-faculty committees, for instance, undergraduates at Harvard recently won a drive for free toilet paper in dormitories. Snickers aside, such "tissue"

issues are not of the sort one would brag, or write home, about.

Areas of greater interest and responsibility — the selection and promotion of faculty and the budgetary process, for example — are usually off-limits to students as they require total immersion in the issues, something students just cannot achieve, given the other demands on their time.

Such is the fruit of the student rebellions of the 1960s and the early 1970s: an uneven harvest on campuses across the country. Anarchy has yielded to academics, raucousness has given way to quietude, and administrators are no longer perceived as the enemy . . . at least for the time being.

Incidentally, if you were wondering about the outcome of the suit against the president of the University of Florida, it was recently decided. According to a report in the New York Times, a state court upheld the refusal of the president to permit student monies to be spent for a lawyer to sue him.

OWEN BUILDING

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the university to offer a much broader range of services to education in this field.

the specialties embraced by the department cover general management, business administration, public administration, financial management and personnel management.

"These facilities," said the chancellor, "will enable two departments which have been making excellent contributions to art and management to increase those contributions many times."

Both the Art and Management departments will make full use of the building from now on.

The additional space allows the Art Department to vacate the Art Annex on Merrimon Avenue which it has used for the past five years, through the cooperation of Fred Pearlman and Julius Blum and later McDonald's Restaurants.

The Rev. Graham Butler-Nixon, rector of Asheville's Trinity Episcopal Church, offered the prayer of invocation and dedication.

1979-80 GRE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

The University still has GRE Fee-Waiver Certificates available for students who are U.S. citizens, enrolled seniors, and receiving financial assistance from a college or university in the U.S. with a parental contribution of \$200 or less to their senior year.

Self-supporting students qualify if their total family contribution is \$200

or less for the student's senior year.

All of this must have been documented from financial aid forms currently on file in the Financial Aid Office.

If you anticipate taking the GRE by June 1980, you should contact the Financial Aid Office prior to January 31, 1980.

SHORT SHOTS

It is difficult to believe that someone can differ from us and be right.

Everybody who got where he is had to start from where he was.

Middle-age is when you go all out and end up all in.

A real loser is one who moved into a new neighborhood and got run over by the Welcome Wagon.

Male chauvinist pig is an overbearing boar.

Tact is rubbing out another's mistake instead of rubbing it in.

It isn't work unless you would rather be doing something else.

Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you are interrupting.

The real test in golf and in life is not keeping out of the rough, but in getting out after we are in.

A man is getting old when he scans the menu without first looking at the waitress.

He who gets too big for his britches will be exposed in the end.