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Black Concessions

BLACKS, From Page 1

Proceeding in a point-by-point order, the council first held discussion and then voted on each of the grievances. Council votes to adopt positions were unanimous.

Following discussion of black faculty hiring, practices SCA the council recommended to the NCSA Faculty Council an increase in black faculty members in all departments the faculty hiring motion also asked that, all current job openings, such as next year's new possible position of Registrar, be filled by a qualified black person if possible. Don Martin, SCA Vice President made the motion. Louis Turner, a voice major, made the second.

The blacks complained that the system of dispersing financial aid was unclear. They asked how money for financial aid and scholarships is sanctioned; How one goes about getting the money; and for "straight answers to questions about financial assistance."

Summers and other SCA members said that the issue of financing one's education is an area of concern to not only the black students, but the entire student body of NCSA. A motion was made by Marshall Thomas, D & P representative, to pass the blacks questions to administrators. Adam Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Blacks and SCA members, in a heated exchange with Karen Shortridge, director of Students Housing, complained that certain students are shown favoritism by Shortridge in single-room assignments. In addition Blacks questioned hiring a small number of Black RAs for the dormitories.

Shortridge said that the housing priorities were controlled on an individual basis with the decision for single-room tenancy based upon both seniority and upon the emotional impact on the party involved. She said she has never consciously slighted any student and said she could explain to any individual the reason(s) for her particular room assignments.

When questioned on the Resident Assistant situation in the dormitories, Shortridge said there are two black RA's in the high school dormitory complex, Janet Tyler and Enrique Orengo. Shortridge also said that since the number of college RA's had been reduced from 18 for the 1973-74 school year to six RA's for the '73-'74 school year and the criteria for choosing these people had become much more stringent.

Because of the policy of previous screening of all RA candidates by the Student Affairs staff, Shortridge said that some of her own personal choices, such as Ernest Stuart (a black college student), had been effectively ruled out of the running for an RA position before the decision had ever reached her.

She gave the names of two black girls who she would hire "as fast as I could if they applied." They were Karen Bryson, Drama, and Shelia Stinson, Modern Dance.

Robert Hyatt, Dean of Students, that if any student had a problem with his or her RA, a complaint should be made directly to Shortridge as Director of Housing; any further complaints should be registered with Hyatt.

The council adopted motions asking all NCSA housing policies and RA hiring policies be published.

After a preliminary argument on whether blacks should or should not represent themselves on an activities committee, five of the blacks volunteered their services to the council-supported Student Activities Committee run by Dave Belnap. Volunteers were: Regina Reynolds, Ramona Kornegay, Johnny Morrison, Rodney Bristol, and Wilton Kemp.

Other action approved by the council on Feb. 13th was:

The donation of a gift to counselor Cranford Johnson, who was in Forsyth Hospital recovering from a recent operation.

A poll on smoking at NCSA. For results, see HAPPENINGS leaflet for the week of Feb. 22-28.

Students Converge On Capitol Hill

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Convention leaders explained the lobbying process to the delegates, then conducted sessions in role-playing to help the students become more familiar with what they were to do on Capitol Hill.

Briefings were given on the major issues to be lobbied upon. In addition to the financial aid items, members decided by poll several months ago to ask for stand-by discount fare for air, bus and train; voter-registration by post card; and a bill which would slightly change rather than cut minimum wage law provisions for youth and students.

Financial Aid

A student's need for a Guaranteed Student Loan is determined by the means test, which is a financial investigation of a student's parents' income and expenses and what the student is able to contribute from summer earnings. Presently, if the adjusted income is greater than \$14,000-2 to A year the student cannot receive a loan. Therefore students from middle-income families receive no loan, nor do students who do not actually receive the amount figured in the means test because of feelings of independence or the needs of other children in the family. NSL wants the adjusted income to be greater than \$20,000 before a student is ineligible for a Guaranteed Student Loan.

Work-Study Money

Work-study money has not been increased over the past two years beyond

\$270 million. During this time there has been much inflation, and more types of students are now eligible for this money. Therefore there is not enough work-study money to go around. NSL wants work-study funds increased to \$420 million, which is the authorized level for the program, without depleting other student assistance programs.

In order to assure equal access to quality education, costs of attendance at public colleges and universities must be maintained at a low level. At the same time, categorical-aid programs, as well as scholarships to private college students, must be maintained and expanded.

Youth Fare

Youth fare for air travel is now being phased out and will be nonexistent July 1. NSL wants congresspersons to co-sponsor a bill to allow stand-by discount fare on air, bus, and train for those persons over 65 years, under 22 years, or who is handicapped. This should be advantageous to the airlines as the average airplane is flying with 40 percent of its seats empty.

Minimum Wage

Presently, certain kinds of employers can acquire a certificate which allows them to hire youths and students for less than minimum wage as long as they can prove that they are not displacing workers who would have to receive minimum wage over the cheaper student workers. NSL wants a bill passed which

Committee Coming

Self-Study Report Due

By DON MARTIN
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Essay Staff Reporters

The head of the school self study committee said last week that the committee will issue a report which is both complimentary and critical of the school.

Rick Miller, director of the study, said the report will be issued in the next few weeks. The report comes at the two-third mark of the two-year evaluation process that will lead to reaccreditation.

When asked about the prospects for reaccreditation, Miller said, "My personal feeling is that there is no reason in the world why we should not be re-credited."

The report is the first step in the reaccreditation process which also includes a visit by ranking college administrators from other southern universities.

Southern Association

The self-study report is to certify to the accrediting group, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, "that the educational programs, library, administrative programs, student activities, etc. are carrying out their pledges as stated in the catalog," said Miller. "The committee has been at work for about a year and a half," he added.

According to the Southern Association, "the essential purpose of the Institutional Self Study Program is the improving of educational effectiveness in institutions of higher learning."

Miller said, "The self study was devised by the Southern Association as a way of determining if a school is doing what it says it does."

When asked about the make up of the committee and his role in the self study, Miller said, "A steering committee composed of Sam Steering, Pete Ballard, Sonya Tyven, Charles Frohn and myself was appointed by the chancellor. The

steering committee has supervision of the progress of the whole report."

The committee then appointed several sub-committees, Miller explained, to make detailed reports on some of the problems and programs of the school. "I'm director of the self-study and editor of the final report," he said.

Five thousand dollars has been budgeted for the study, but Miller said it is hoped that expenses will not run that high.

Committee Visit

"A visiting committee will be on campus March 31 through April 3. We hope to have our report finished by then," said Miller.

The purpose of the visiting committee is to give the association a more direct look at the physical plant and also direct contact with the people that make up the school. The committee is composed of educators in the arts and related fields from institutions all over the country, Miller explained. Jamison Jones, a faculty member of the Memphis Academy of Fine Arts, will head the group.

Each department at the institution being visited is allowed to make specific requests for committee members, but the final decision on appointments rests with the Southern Association.

Miller said, "The committee will snoop around the school, looking at us and talking to students and staff." He said students need not make formal appointments with the group but may search them out for impromptu discussions anytime during their stay.

"Copies of the self study report (to be published in March) will be available in the library for students and faculty," Miller said. "I'm sure some people will disagree with some of the things the report says. It's a critical but constructive analysis of the needs and failings of the school."

Chancellor Search

As reported in the last issue of the Essay, three men visited the School during February for interviews regarding the position of chancellor. "Any one of the three men, Allen Sapp, Grant Beglarian, or Robert Suderberg, would make a fine chancellor," said John Kavelin, search committee member and chairman of the NCSA faculty council.

The work of the committee is hopefully over, according to Kavelin. "In our last

meeting, on Wednesday, February 20, we made the final decision on which names we'd recommend to the NCSA Board of Trustees," said Kavelin, "but I can't make those names public."

The next step in the selection process is the Board of Trustees. They will send two names to the University system Board of Governors. "As far as I know, the final decision should still come by April," said Kavelin.

state level because many of the issues deal with funding in education which is done on the state level for state universities.

Mon. night Senator Hubert H. Humphrey spoke to NSL. He told of his early political career and called for a return to the basic ideals of the Constitution. He criticized the Nixon Administration's handling of the economy, the impounding of funds and the cutting of important programs.

Humphrey stressed the need for more national planning and more communication between the states and the federal government. The government draws up budgets with no coordination with the states and no long-range planning. He feels that the present system which allows for the president and vice-president to draw up a top-secret budget which is then presented to Congress is unsatisfactory. There should be an open government in which more people aid in the planning. He said that everything in government should be open to the news media, and the people have a right to know what's going on.

Congressperson Yvonne Burke spoke to NSL Tues. She commended the idea of student lobbying and encouraged youths to lobby in state legislature.

Tues. was spent on Capitol Hill lobbying. The delegation was well received everywhere. All were responsive and receptive to what they had to say, although they did not agree with everything.