

EDITORIAL OPINION

Alert Student Body Acts; Michigan Dean Resigns

Scratch one dean of women. Credit an alert student body and even a sharper student committee for expressing their opinion to an administration ready to listen.

The Office of Student Affairs is minus their dean of women today at the University of Michigan. Why? Because the person in said administrative position simply could not handle the responsibilities the job demanded.

She noted that her 11-year stay in the Office of Student Affairs at MU were "thrilling, exciting and satisfying. The burden, however, grows heavier every year, especially inasmuch as I personally am not in tune with some of the changes which seem inevitable in the years ahead," she confessed.

This perhaps is an example of the honesty needed in the function of any good University administration or even a good business. This lady should be given a round of applause for stepping down when she knew she could no longer keep up with the times and thereby accomplish the task set before her.

However, the resignation would not have occurred had it not been for the student body and its representatives to the administration. Discontent and apathy grows where a person in authority cannot pacify those affected with his authority. This was the situation on the Michigan campus last spring. The committee of students did the only thing reasonable and justifiable in such a situation. They put the protests into a document and presented it to the University administration. After due consideration and faculty study, Miss Bacon left the Office of Student Affairs.

On our own campus we are undergoing administrative changes of our own. There is need of a new dean of Student Affairs besides possible changes in student services and student-faculty relationships.

We would be wise to do as the students and faculty did on the Michigan campus. We should allow students to make a sensible list of grievances and suggestions and present them to the University administrators.

Dean Adam Breckenridge has already agreed to accept a Student Council study on student-faculty evaluation program for study. The student rating of the ability and qualifications of their instructors has been adopted in many colleges and universities and should be given a chance here. We urge students and faculty to demand the promised consideration.

We are not saying the Student Affairs office has not done a good job or has not satisfied students in the past. We are saying, rather, as in most cases, there are certain areas which could reasonably be improved upon. Some of the student services changes have already been completed and were announced by Dean Breckenridge last week.

It is our hope that the students on this campus care enough about gripes and endless complaints to submit their opinions and suggestions to the voice of the student body—the Student Council. The Council will, we are sure, attempt to make the student's feelings known to those in authority.

In the same light we advocate the efforts on the part of the administration to go half way. Why not invite students to sit in on the faculty committee set up to study the area mentioned above? It happened at Michigan and it can happen here.

We do not intend to criticize any group or groups at this point. We are only saying that today is the opportune time.

(N. B.)

Where Is Van Westover?

If we were to nominate possible successors to Dean J. P. Colbert, we would have nominated the departed Van Westover among others. His ability to work with students was exceptional. He had a clear cut majority of students behind him. He was able to talk to students in such a way so as to create a sense of understanding.

His departure is not clearly justified or explained in any quarter. Returning students this fall were shocked to hear that he had departed. Did he leave for further educational pursuit? Did a cut budget cause his removal? We would miss our bet if we say he left because he was not happy or he found a better paying job.

This is only one area where students should demand a voice. We agree that lack of funds may have forced Westover out of his position. But does seniority weigh so heavily so as to lose a strong link in the always-shakey student-faculty relations?

Ahead must lie the shaping of a philosophy and the creation of a structure of the Student Affairs offices which will be in agreement with both administrators and students.

Attainment of this goal does not lie exclusively with the Student Council or the Student Affairs office. It rests with every administrator, faculty member and student.

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"HOW MUCH OF THAT FACE ARE YOU TRYING TO SAVE?"

Dean of Women Quits at Michigan; Administrative Changes Initiated

Ed. note: In view of recent actions by both administrators of the University and the Student Council to study and make changes where necessary in student services and student-faculty relations, the Daily Nebraskan is printing the following report from the Michigan Daily, official student newspaper of the University of Michigan.

After severe student faculty criticism contained in a student document sent to the faculty Student Relations committee advocating sweeping changes in the office of Student Affairs at the University of Michigan, Dean of Women Deborah Bacon resigned her post last week, according to the Michigan Daily.

"Meanwhile on this campus, the area of Student Affairs and student services is presently being viewed for possible changes. The establishment of a faculty advisory committee to assist in selecting a successor to J. P. Colbert, retiring dean of Student Affairs and a self study in the areas of student services and student affairs is in the first step.

In a statement released by the University of Michigan President Harian Hatcher, Miss Bacon called her 11 years as dean of women "thrilling, exciting and satisfying," according to the Michigan Daily.

"The burden, however, grows heavier year by year, especially inasmuch as I personally am not in tune with some of the changes which seem inevitable in the years ahead," she was quoted as saying in the Daily.

A group of students composed of the 1960-61 Daily senior editors and three members of the Student Government Council Human Relations Board originated the protests last spring with a document which they submitted to the vice president of Student Affairs.

Their report, never released in full, called for personnel changes, structural changes within the office, clearer relationships between the Office of Student Affairs and the rest of the University, a review of University housing policies and establishment of an orderly grievance mechanism for students.

Members of the original student group still on campus issued the following statement to the Daily:

"It is encouraging that the dynamic qualities which she possesses are being transferred to a position where they can be used to advantage." (Mrs. Bacon will take a position teaching English.)

"We hope that those students and faculty members for whom the central issue was the paternalistic orientation of the Dean of Women's Office will now focus their attention on the broader aspects of the problem.

"We are not, and never have been, primarily concerned with personalities. We are most concerned that the University re-evaluate the role which the Office of Student Affairs should play in the lives of the student body."

The Office of Student Affairs took the initiative when they received the document and set up a committee to investigate the structure of the office. This committee today includes both faculty and students with a faculty member head.

Last week Dr. Adam C. Breckenridge, dean of faculties, announced several structural changes in the administrative organization. He noted at the time the changes were not for reorganization of services but rather, merely a part of a complete survey.

He also said that he hoped to work with representation of student organizations on this survey although there are no definite plans at the present time.

In addition, Dean Breckenridge will present the suggestions of the Student Council for a Student-Faculty Evaluation Program at the next meeting of the organization of department chairmen.

Five Wake Forest Sororities Lose Charters Over Policy Disagreement

By Malinda Berry (Special to the Daily Nebraskan)

Five sororities at Wake Forest College have lost their national charters in a dispute over the right of national sorority officials to dictate local policy relating to racial and religious discrimination.

The five houses are also represented here at the University (Michigan). They are Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega and Gamma Phi Beta.

Thursday, Wake Forest President William Graham Cole said he had informed the alumni of the college that the charters were withdrawn by the national groups because of the policies adopted by the school's trustees in 1958 and last June.

"We established a special committee of faculty, students and alumni, which passed on the resolution after commencement last June, which recommended to the Board of Trustees that the anti-discrimination resolution be passed," Cole said.

The resolution stated that the college would recognize only those social or fraternal organizations "having complete autonomy in selecting their local membership."

"We realized that progress along these lines takes time, and cannot be done overnight. We offered the sororities time to work within their own groups and we also offered them any help we could give," he said.

"We then sent copies of the resolutions to the national offices of the sororities, and in late August the local chapters received word that their charters were being revoked," Cole said.

Cole, in his letter to the alumni, said that the college is not anti-sorority or anti-fraternity, but is opposed to discrimination. He said that the college is not insisting that "any group on campus must include members of minority groups," but only that they have the right "to do so if they choose."

"We will welcome the five nationals back at any time they will give us assurance that the local chapters will be free to select their members without asking the permission of any national or alumni group," Cole said.

Cole said the sorority members are to discuss next week whether they should continue to operate without national support. He said the school "will give them every assistance, even financial aid, if necessary to function."

Staff Views

Chips

By Cloyd Clark

Three weeks of Ag campus experience, mastery of water diving and several years of after game play-calling for the Elwood Pirates will surely qualify the opinions and solutions to the Farm Problem which will be introduced in this column.

The Farm Problem is essentially that of having too many bushels of grain for too few heads of consumers and how to take the agricultural world off government support.

Feed grains, soil bank, parity and various other methods have all been tried but every election year just about every candidate for a political office points out that the farmer is still having a hard time making a go of it.

The first plan would have to be kept rather under cover until the time for recognition was at hand. Earlier this year when the wheat harvest was in full swing the Agricultural Secretary's little helper — black rust—cut off thousands of bushels of grain throughout the midwest. A little later Nebraska corn growers tangled with root worm.

If the Department of Agriculture were to develop a swarm after swarm of black rust spores and thousands of root worms and casually distribute them in the fields of America the whole surplus problem would be solved. At first such a plan

seems a bit inhumane, but when all the alternate plans are looked at it may be the only choice. The following facts suggest that such a plan could be put into effect without endangering the economy or the farmer.

The farmer wouldn't enjoy seeing his crops eaten up, but it wouldn't stop him cold either because of the tradition of bad luck and hardship which has hovered over agriculture since the beginning of time. Many farmers might have to starve, but the only thing they know or want to know is farming.

The land grant colleges and research institutes would all relish a crash program to protect the crops of the coming years. Crop dusters would also experience a boom in their business as well as fertilizer people, vector services, insurance companies and of course, the corps of men who would be planting a new bunch of bugs in the fields as soon as the farmer had killed the original infection. In the final account this plan could also help out the unemployment problem.

As long as the project was kept under complete security restrictions and none of the farmers realized that the rust and root worm weren't the wrath of old mother nature, the plan would be completely successful. After two years it could be discontinued and by that time industry would have sufficiently advanced so that employment for the distressed and starved wheat and corn grower could be employed as shock absorber makers or something else.

The one big fallacy with the plan would be if a surplus of castor beans developed. The castor bean is supposedly a plant that doesn't have many bugs that want to bother it.

The Department of Agriculture could also develop prairie fire encouragement programs and hail seeding. Another approach to the problem might be to simply amend the state's liquor laws so that 18-year olds could drink beer provided it were made of Nebraska grains.

The second plan might (Continued on Page 4)

AN UNPAID TESTIMONIAL



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A: NOW he tells me!

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