NU blacks—'here to stay'—celebrate successful sit-in

By KATHY WATERS
Campus Editor
“Northwestern blacks are here to stay. All hip, hip, all hip. But we won’t live in the same old way. All hip, hip, all hip. We made the university to see. All hip, hip, all hip.”

In the midst of victory Saturday night, Northwestern’s black students spilled out of the university bursar’s office, paraded down an aisle formed by white bystanders and chanted their way north on Chicago avenue to University place, where they gathered for a brief moment of happiness and then dispersed.

As the moment of triumph approached, the whites who had been cropped out on the front steps of the bursar’s office rose and clustered around the revolving doors, squeezing between newsmen and onlookers.

Two or three times during the hour before the blacks emerged, members of the crowd raised victory signs in Winston Churchill fashion and cheered.

Black students win major demands after 38-hour bursar’s office sit-in

The confrontation between representatives of Northwestern black students and university officials in Scott 517 yesterday led to agreement on a statement satisfying many of the students’ 15 demands and ending the bursar’s office sit-in. (Photo by Barry Frank)

Senate to help implement black student programs

By RICHARD BOUDEAUX
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Student Senate, bypassing the university administration, granted black students, Fran Shanahan, senate president, said he thinks the body also will "work to increase communication between white and black students to prevent further confrontations." He said senate might meet sometime this week before it's regular Thursday session.

Senate last Thursday adopted a resolution that at least three black student demands—housing, admissions and curriculum—be accepted immediately by the administration.

But after black students early Friday took negotiations into their own hands, senate met and adopted a statement supporting the motives of the demonstrators but asking exception to their tactics.

Barb Caufield, chairman of the subcommittee on human relations, said senate legislation was turned over to university administrators and black students who sat inside the bursar’s office.

MISS CAUFIELD and Class of ’71 Senator Careen Levy, chairman of the committee on community relations, will work with black students and university administrators to implement program growing out of the agreement between administration and black leaders, Shanahan said.

Shanahan said he doesn’t preclude the possibility of white counter-demands in the form of senate legislation. A statement by Men Off Campus Senator John Heerman that “black students should not request favors and privileges which exceed those of other individuals” was tabled at Friday’s special session.

WHAT NEXT?

Sunday afternoon and demonstrators were back at the bursar’s office. Their request? An Irish-Catholic dormitory. (Photo by Barry Frank)

The thrust of the crowd was always forward. They pressed close to the door, partly to keep warm, partly to see what was happening.

No one noticed a group of men approaching the rear of the main entrance.

"EXCUSE ME, PLEASE," a man said. No one paid very much attention until he realized that the man and those accompanying him represented the Student Senate administration, on their way to inspect their bursar’s office and to present the final university position.

Moments later, the blacks came out. The door revolved 18 times.

They gathered on the steps of the bursar’s office. James Turner, spokesman for the Afro-American Student Union and FMO, read the statement acknowledging the satisfactory settlement.

The scene and the victory brought to an atmosphere of fraternity—a new sort for Northwestern—that probably has not been seen here before.
Hinz gets the final answer

BY ROB GREENE

The crowd outside the bursar's office shuffled its feet and walked around, trying to light off the cold Saturday night, and waited for an answer to the two-day-old black student sit-in. Three hundred yards away, in the office, five men sat and waited too.

The door, reached simply 3:48am, opened every few minutes to let one of them rush out, make a phone call, look outside at the students, or summon a security guard to Sam H. Harris, the university's westernmost director of public relations. Inside, the men waited for their turn, Jim Turner.

With Sam were Roland J. Hinz, who had engineered the negotiations with the blacks; Lou Gregg, a Negro professor who had joined the bargaining; Bob Leffey, Sam's aide, and Jim Biery, public relations man who consistently relayed back and forth between Sam's Crown Center office and the bursar's office.

At 4 AM Hinz had quickly walked to a construction fence between the two buildings and handed a cardboard box to Turner, leader of the blacks. Inside the box were copies of the newly reached agreement. Now the men waited for a call from Turner, a call that would tell them if the blacks would accept the agreement.

At 6:30 Hinz, wearing a dark gray herringbone jacket with patches on the elbows, emerged from the office. Two Daily Northwestern editors, the only newsmen inside the inner office, sat on chairs.

"You have to go down to Turner and ask, "Has there been any change in the mood there?"

HE WAS TOLD that the crowd was anxious to break a 10-hour sit-in.

"We're waiting for a call too," Hinz said. He walked back inside the office.

Several times a phone rang out. Sam's voice, ordering somebody pick that up, could be heard outside.

One of the Daily Northwestern representatives left the building and went to Turner's office. He learned that a Negro reporter from the Chicago Tribune, who had been inside the building all day, had filed a story stating that the agreement was accepted, and that the black students were cleaning up the office in preparation to leaving.

THE DAILY MAN walked back to the public relations office, knocked on Sam's door, and asked for Hinz. Hinz, came out immediately.

"This may be old to you," the Daily editor commented, "but I've just informed that the agreement has been accepted, and that they're clearing the place up now. If you call anyone on it, though."

"Thank you," Hinz said. He looked relieved.

"That's not old to me; we're still waiting to hear. I'm not going to call anyone.")

Saran immediately walked out and went to the public relations waiting room, where representatives of the downtown press were gathered.

"Do any of you have black reporters out here?" he asked.

HE THEN WALKED to Sam's office. Several minutes later, Hinz came out alone.

"They've accepted," he said quietly. "Please stay off the phone with it for 10 minutes."

The others then came out of the office. Sam said the press conference would be held in the admissions office.

"The students are not to be admitted," he said. Hinz ASKED a secretary to run off copies of the agreement to be distributed to faculty members. He wanted them taken to all the buildings before the final morning.

"I don't want to take the chance of anyone taking all of them before the final morning," he said. "Somebody call Bill Kerr and tell him to get a se- curity man to watch it."

Hinz walked out to Biery went off to arrange for the press to get into the admissions office, and for television crews to come.

"What we've done in the last three weeks at this university, I would have thought would have taken 10 men," Hinz told a friend. "And it's probably tak- en 18 years off my life."

The agreements ended, as announced by the Daily Northwestern, and the press was waiting. Hinz walked across Crown Plaza to announce that the sit-in had ended.

The Agreement

We welcome the weekend agreement between the black students of Northwestern and the Northwestern administra- tion. We hope black and white students will realize its implementation will take a lot of hard work on the part of everyone.

As we indicated last week, we cannot condone the black tactics. One of the things those tactics brings on was demonstr- ated in the white student takeover of Dean Hinz's office. The students involved — though probably sincere in their support of the blacks — have become campus anti-administra- tion leaders: say anything bad about the administration and they will show up. Their very presence tends to turn whatever is being argued into another anti-administration cry.

But the blacks were not simply an anti-administration movement. As we said in Friday's paper, the black griev- ances were directed at all of Northwestern — "the ways in which this place runs."

The administration, we think, recognized this in the final draft of Saturday's statement: this has been a "white man's establishment."

The weekend agreement signifies we will all work to change the tone of that. Many of NU's black students have been drawn suddenly from a ghetto of black people and forced to live in predominantly white dorms, room with a white person as a freshman, get advice from white counselors and go to white-oriented courses with white professors. This makes the transition from ghetto to college more difficult.

Now the university formally is recognizing that fact. When it began admitting more black students two years ago, it came on the responsibility of helping them become a member of the university community. Events over the past few years have indicated we did not quite know how to go about it.

Under the new agreement the blacks get an advisory voice in bringing new students here, a place to meet here, and older Negroes to help them assimilate.

In that, the new agreement is excellent. It again places old, conservative Northwestern among the leading institu- tions in attempting to understand Negro needs. We recom- mend everyone involved for that, and for the calm they kept under considerable tension.

But on one point of the agreement we must dissent. It is a point we specifically argued against last week.

We did not believe then and we do not believe now that — even as a temporary measure — black students should be given a black corridor to live in.

A fraternity house is a different matter; if the black fraternity does get house on campus they will operate in the same, formal, Interfraternity Council-style structure as white houses do presently. Any rivalries will be between houses within that structure.

But to separate on a color-line only is wrong. A black corridor in a university living unit will always be "the black corridor," and any incident of any sort pitting that corridor against another will be "the blacks versus the whites," not just men against men.

It will solidify resentment. It will mean not only in eating and recreation will black students tend to stay to- gether as currently happens — but also in sleeping, study- ing and living. It will not promote understanding of any sort. Indeed, we fear it will promote conflict.

And we are not sure it is legal — to deny a white student a room in a university living unit on the basis of color sounds very much like reverse discrimination.

We will be fighting, in the months to come, for a suc- cessful implementation for most of the plans drawn up this weekend. We will be fighting to prevent the establishment of a black corridor or university living unit.
Bi-racial teach-in

A bi-racial teach-in was held on Thursday sponsored by Northwestern Students for a Better Society who will examine the causes of white racism and black riots in urban ghettos.

The program began at 8 p.m. in Surbeck Hall.

Eight persons will speak and answer questions on how the racial situation on campus and nationally can be alleviated, Diana Mayes, SSB steering committee member, said yesterday.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: James Turner, spokesman for the NU Afro-American Student Union; Vernon Ford, a senior in education; Paul Schulze, assistant sociology professor, and political science instructor Edward Gude.

Other teach-in participants will be: Thomas Picou, who writes for the Chicago Daily Defender; a representative from the Evanston Urban League, and a Chicago spokesman for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

SSB, COMPRISING of 150 NU students, is trying "to re-educate white people to the Negro situation and to the poverty situation in Illinois," Miss Mayes said, "and make them want to do something."

She added that another SSB project will be to pass out leaflets about the Poor People's March on Washington to North Shore churches on May 12. SSB has also been coordinating tutoring projects, Miss Mayes said.

NU athletic teams stumble

Northwestern's sports teams suffered through a rough Saturday.

The baseball team fared best of the NU teams in action, splitting a doubleheader with Iowa. Iowa won the first game 6-1, with Stan Krametz taking the loss, but the Cats tallied twice in the second inning of the finale, and Greg Croft and Dick Noffke combined to hold the Hawkeyes to one run in a 2 to 1 victory.

The baseball game shattered the tennis squad 7 to 2. NU's victors were Tom Larsen, 64, 61, and the doubles team of John Brennan and Tom Rice, 63, 44, 62.

In track the Cats finished a distant third in a meet at Wisconsin. The Badgers won the meet with 106 points, Minnesota had 71 and Northwestern 31.

And the golf team placed 12th of 13 teams in the Northern Intercollegiate Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan won the meet.

Water balloon thrown at blacks

A water balloon was thrown at seven black students as they were walking fraternity row at about 3 a.m. Sunday. The students told Illinois House residents that they thought the water balloon was from there.

Former Illinois President Bill Burdette said the water balloon could have been thrown from archways between buildings or from nearby living units.

Former President and Dean of Students Roland J. Hinza spoke to Illinois and Delta Psi residents yesterday afternoon and cautioned them to refrain from further incidents, Burdette said.

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University officials would not comment yesterday on any disciplinary action that might be taken against those involved in the weekend demonstration. Kathryn Ogle, a student speaker, said students and administration understood there would be no disciplinary action.

Vice President and Business Manager William S. Kerr told the Daily Northwesterner, however, that in the future NU will follow a policy statement outlined in the now-in-process Student Bill of Rights — a clause that recognized the rights of university private property.

"Members of the faculty have supported that principle," Kerr said. "They have indicated complete and total support of that principle, and Northwestern will hold to it." The Daily learned that a university policy statement on the subject may be forthcoming — possibly outlining exactly what disciplinary measures the university will take against students who attempt such action in the future.

Kerr said any future occurrence would be under different terms than this weekend's. "This was a one-day occupancy of an unusual nature," Kerr said. "It had national issues involved. Certainly you have to look at that. In that context, it gives you a little different view of the way to react."

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The university's response depends on the committees, she continued, because the university will not do more than is necessary. Miss Ogletree said the black students had no complaints with the results of negotiations, but she admitted that both sides made concessions.

For example, she said the students agreed to leave "undertold" the extent of decision-making power the black advisors would have in admissions.

In addition to implementing the agreement, FMO now will become more involved with the black communities in Evanston and Chicago. "We must define the role of the black student in terms of black people," Miss Ogletree said.