

President's Student Advisory Council

Minutes

February 28, 1974

Students absent were LeNozman Strong, Terry Crumby, Vicki Gnuse, Tom Gorman, Johnnie Mayes, and Allen Morris.

Dean Duke stated that Dr. Nedderman wanted to report on an item carried over from the previous meeting before starting the agenda. Dr. Nedderman discussed the case of the "embattled" tree. The Physical Plant has taken care of this tree and hopes that the tree is now saved.

Dean Duke introduced Dr. Nedderman as our new "permanent" president and Dr. Nedderman stated that there is no such thing as a "permanent" president but he is now the "regular" president.

Multi-Purpose Stadium on Campus

Dr. Nedderman stated that he had considerable contact a few months ago from students to bring the Mavericks back to campus. He gave details on what had been presented to him concerning the Arlington Stadium and the drive to save Memorial Stadium. It would take about \$90,000 to get the Memorial Stadium dressing rooms, etc., back into shape. Dr. Nedderman stated that in the final analysis things had gone too far and had to go on with the new Activities Building. He does not regret this decision and explained that the area is a tremendous one and can be used seven days a week. Advised there is a possibility of building a stadium on Davis Street. The Regents would not approve a deluxe type stadium and the present location of the practice field could have a 8,000 - 10,000 seating capacity. This should also be available for soccer and intramurals; something that could be expanded and landscaped. In response to Dean Duke's request with respect to how the students feel about this, David Chamberlain stated that this is the only alternative and elaborated on this. Diane Mertz stated she believes the feelings about Memorial Stadium are sentimental and, if the students were confronted with the figures, they would understand it much better. Therese Allen feels that everyone definitely wants sports back on campus and this would do a lot for the sports program, and the local high schools could probably utilize this new stadium. Wayne Warren stated that the football players liked playing at the Arlington Stadium because of the facilities but also feels that more people can now get involved if it were closer to campus. Jim Hayes advised that the people in the residence halls are trying to get campus life back into the residence halls and this seems to be the only way to save it. In response to the question where the money would come from, Dr. Nedderman stated that the money to build the stadium would come from a building fund and in no way would increase the tuition for students. Dr. Nedderman felt that it was the consensus of opinion that football should come back to the campus. It will take time to cut through all the red tape but it would not be a major construction job to build this multi-purpose stadium.

Alcohol on Campus

Dean Duke stated that last Fall, the Student Government appointed a Committee to research the subject of alcohol on campus. All aware that the Board of Regents approved the sale of alcohol on the U.T. Austin campus. At the present time, the Committee is working with the Student Activities Board on a proposal to include the location, kinds of activities to take place, etc., and so far no proposal has been presented. Dean Duke advised that the channeling of the proposal would be to the Dean of Student Life, to the President, to the Chancellor, and to the Board of Regents. Dean Duke had heard from students that it is not to be "just a place to sell alcohol but really wanting a place where faculty and students can get together on an informal basis where alcohol is sold". Mascn Woodruff stated

from a residence halls' viewpoint, they are in favor of it. Should be something that can be open on weekends; as of now, there is no campus life and need to have a seven-day campus life. Wayne Warren questioned if this facility could be opened for fraternities having their parties on campus. David Chamberlain felt there should be restricted hours. Ron McIntyre agreed from a freshman's point of view that hours should be a strong factor. Therese Allen felt that the majority of students are in favor of this. Jim Hayes inquired if there would be any loss of funds from off-campus and Dr. Nedderman advised that there will be an external reaction. There is now an external problem, and it would have to be balanced with the benefits derived to have this on campus. It is a major problem and not to be taken too lightly.

Prism

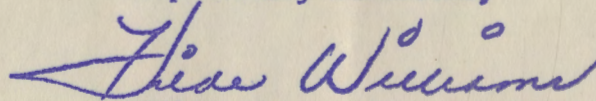
Dean Duke stated that the President has been getting some feedback about the latest issue of the Prism - the poem on page 26. Distributed the Prism and requested students to read this poem for a discussion. David Chamberlain felt it was a beautiful poem and very real. These are real words and a way of life. Wayne Warren stated that he has heard this language since he was in grade school playing with blacks and accepts it for what it is. People need to accept it if America is to grow. Jim Hayes agreed and that the mature student accepts it - is the culture of today. Wail Abuljebain stated that it is the way minorities speak. Mason Woodruff agreed that it is well written. In response to the question concerning the complaints, Dr. Nedderman advised that the responses have been from professors, students, and ex-students. Dean Duke wanted it made clear that no one is suggesting censorship of any kind; just a reaction from the students. Dean Duke advised that he had done some research on this and looked into the analyzation of the poem and he is convinced it is the words used and not the contents of the poem to which the people are reacting.

Other Business

Jim Hayes advised Dr. Nedderman that some of the women students in the residence halls are getting upset that the residence halls are not equipped with fire alarms. Understands that Housing may be operating in the red but that these fire alarms are needed. Wanted to know if there is a fund available for installing these fire alarms. Dr. Nedderman advised that he would investigate this matter. He was unaware that Housing would be operating in the red and requested that Jim Hayes submit a memorandum to Will Parker through Dean Duke and state what is needed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Office of the Dean of Student Life