Hinz discloses reply to blacks' grievances

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Vice-President and Dean of Students Roland J. Hinz yesterday released the administration's reply to a list of grievances submitted last week by Northwestern black students.

Hinz also made public a related document: the University Discipline Committee report concerning the Dec. 2 fight between black and white students in the Sargent Hall parking lot.

The reply contains the strongest university statement to date on racism.

THE STATEMENT reads:
"Racism of any character has no place at Northwestern, which as a university is an institution where tolerance and mutual respect are essential to the educational process and for the dissemination of knowledge."

"The university deplores incidents which have racial implications and asserts its determination to prevent any such events and to use its authority to employ disciplinary measures against those who violate the rights of others."

The administration's reply answers the black students' list of grievances point-by-point. It takes some form of action in response to each grievance.

THE REPLY revealed that a black counselor, Calvin Smith, has accepted a joint appointment in the Office of Admission and Dean of Students staff.

It also announced that the university will provide room on campus for black students' activities.

The black students had set a 5 p.m. Friday deadline for the administration's reply to their grievances. Hinz said he gave 75 copies of the reply to a black student spokesman Friday afternoon.

"I haven't heard anything about the reply from the black students since then," Hinz said yesterday. "I assume they're thinking it over."

THE UDC REPORT on the Dec. 2 fight at Sargent contained a detailed account of that fight and highlighted the differences in the black and white students' perception of the incident.

It announced that three white and two black students were placed on disciplinary warning for being "clearly involved in the fighting."

The report recommended that the university:
- Employ Negroes on the administrative staff in the student affairs area.
- Press for changes in all social groups and other organizations that will end de facto segregation.
- Provide facilities for black students' activities.
- Include black student representatives on committees concerned with student life and make sure black students' views are represented.
- Arrange for incoming black freshmen to meet black students, faculty and administrators during New Student Week.
- Convene a series of campus-wide meetings to help Northwestern adjust to the "new reality of a multi-racial campus."

The report concluded "it is not integration or separatism which is at the center of current concern — it is rather for the entire university community to modify institutions and attitudes of racism and recognize the black student's existence, his right to be an individual, and the reasonableness of having his own values and goals respected."

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