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QUE ONDEE SOLA



Union for Puerto Rican Students

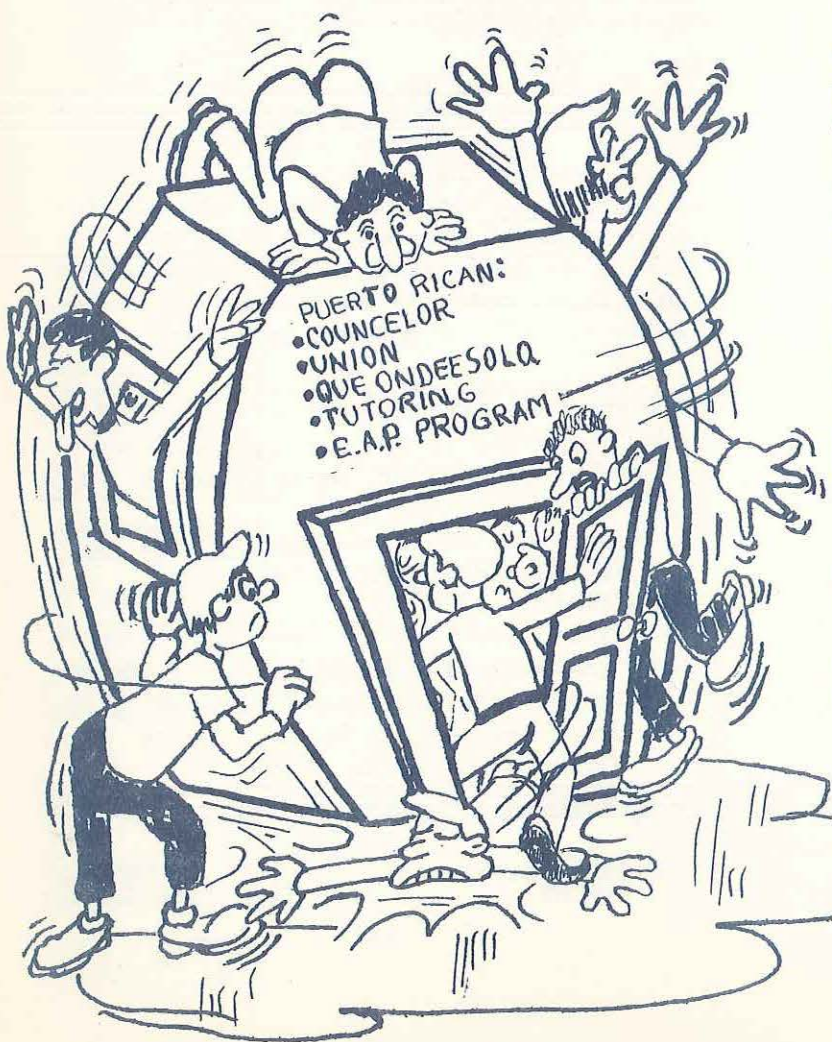
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May 30, 1972.

Justice AMERICAN style

NIU'S SPACE PROGRAM



On May 24, 1972, which was the date for the court hearing on the case of David Munoz' assassination, a demonstration took place in front of the Criminal Court of Cook County where the hearing was to take place.

Organized by the Latin American Coalition of Lakeview, several community organizations demonstrated for several hours. As the crowd increased in size and news coverage took place, representatives of different community organizations went to represent moral support to the Munoz family in the court room.

Although everybody was present, the hearing was delayed, needless to say the reason why. Ronald Brannan, murderer of David Munoz, an innocent boy, was charged with voluntary manslaughter. Chances are that he won't even have to serve a prison term found guilty. This is what is called "Justice in America." Justice for whom?

We all have come to realize what kind of justice has been given to our people for the years that they have lived in this "free land." Beware people, armored trucks also inflict terror in the minds of our children. Beware people, David Munoz had the innocent thought that he could walk free the streets of America.

I shall leave you with the important question that points to the threat of our future as human beings: Is this the America we want for our children?

David Munoz, to you I say that you still live in our hearts and I don't believe you died in vain.

Carlos Serrano

letters to the editor

press release

Due to the limited amount of space and the tremendous amount of mail (received in the interval between issues), we are forced to print a limited amount of letters or portions of letters embarking as many geographical locations as possible.

Dear Editor.

I hope that you will find the space to publish these poems.

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"¡Ay del que está solo!"
¡Ay del que clama de Augustia en el vacío!
¡Ay del que mundo y de los hombres
tiene deparado solo las espaldas!

He sufrido en silencio
meses enteros pesados como techos,
He sufrido a la sombra de los árboles,
y solo, he sido devorado por anhelos,
y por el desaliento que mana de las
noches.

Solo he sufrido y esperado
Quisiera decir con los hombres, las
mujeres y todos los niños de la tierra:

¡Ay del que está solo!

Pedro S. Feliz
Santo Domingo
Rep. Dom.

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continued on pages 6 and 7

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On June 4, 1972, PROPA (Puerto Rican Organization for Political Action), The Spanish Coalition and the Comité Progreso de la Comunidad Hispana will sponsor a non-partisan Conference at Josephinum High School Auditorium located at 1504 N. Bell Ave., beginning at 3:00 in the afternoon.

The purpose of the Conference is to give "Latino Voters" the opportunity of seeing and hearing the views of political candidates regarding such issues as housing, education, welfare and employment. The following political candidates running in the November elections have been invited to attend: Governor Richard B. Ogilvie (R), Daniel Walker (D) Senator Charles Percy (R), Congressman Roman Pucinski (D), Attorney General William Scott (R), and Thomas Lyons.

Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to attend the Conference can write for tickets at the following address:

PROPA
1466 N. Ashland
Chicago, Illinois 60622

OR CALL: 252-2283.

Please note: Because of the tremendous interest in the people who want to attend we are forced to give out tickets on a first come, first serve basis. So write or call as soon as possible.

This newspaper is completely free from censorship. However, we will not print bull-shit.

We appreciate and encourage any and all suggestions or contributions.

Our address is:

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Piqueteo de Bailes

El Sábado 20 de Mayo de 1972 se efectuó in "boicot" frente al salón de baile (Internatinal Ballroom) en las avenidas Sheridan y Wilson en Chicago. La protesta forma parte de una serie de piquetes en caminadas a protestar los altos precios de los bailes, condiciones anti-higiénicas de los locales y otras razones. Logramos que el dueño del "International" se comprometiera para darnos el local para un baile de beneficios; además de limpiar los baños. También conseguimos apoyo de parte de Roberto Roena y disposición para negociar de parte del promotor local el Señor Riviera, dueño de los Violines.

Queremos enfatizar que nuestra lucha apenas ha empezado y que no, cesaremos hasta conseguir el reconocimiento y la implementación de las siguientes demandas:

1. Tener reuniones con todos los promotores locales. Después de esto tener negociaciones con los promotores de Nueva York y los líderes de las bandas de Nueva York y Puerto Rico.
2. Mejorar las condiciones anti-higiénicas de los locales.
3. Que las bandas que vienen de Nueva York y Puerto Rico den bailes de beneficio y clínicas de música en pro y para recaudar fondos para una escuela música hispana.
4. Eliminar el monopolio de los bailes de parte de bandas de afuera y de unas ciertas bandas escogidas de aquí, para así de esa manera proveer oportunidades de adelanto y progreso a las bandas, que no son reconocidas.
5. Crear una comisión a largo plazo, que pueda velar por la implementación de estas demandas y que vele por los derechos de la comunidad en el area de los bailes y la música.

Es por estas razones que pensamos piquetear todos los bailes hasta que los explotaadores-los promotores y las bandas pierdan dinero y se vean forzados a negociar en beneficio y por los derechos de la comunidad.

Poder a la gente.

Comite de Hispanos Explotados

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racism at Northeastern

By Brian Wasserman

Racial prejudice runs rampant in the halls of Northeastern. This school is bathing in racism and it sickens me. A great number of students attending this college oppose the equality of human rights. One need not to look any further to witness White Supremacy functioning perfectly. It is disgraceful that the "cultural elite" of our society--the college student, where the future of America lies--can possess the evils of racial prejudice.

The negative attitudes overtly emitted towards Blacks and Latins at Northeastern can make one feel ashamed of this school. The Blacks and Latins of this college are considered, as in every corner of our society, socially inferior. There is no use hiding the fact that we have poor Black-White relations at Northeastern. The whites are culturally segregated from the minorities comprising our student body. There is also no use hiding the fact that there is no desire on the part of the whites to desegregate; culturally or socially.

The Latins of this college are treated as freaks, people to be laughed at when they speak in their native language, Spanish. The Blacks attending here are somewhat of a surprise to many of the white students. After all, "what the hell is a colored guy doing in college?"

The advancement of civil rights strikes fear into the most educated. The thought that a member of a minority is equal to a white is considered totally unacceptable. To associate with a Black or a Latin is complete defiance of the status quo. These beliefs are in abundance at our school, and regretfully will stay the same. These beliefs were instilled in the students' minds at home, and in the community. To change a bigot's mind would mean to change his environment, where he gathered all these disgusting attitudes. Racial prejudice can only be eliminated when society as a whole changes. But will it ever?

I cannot tolerate racial prejudice towards my Black and Latin brothers. Prejudice is the reason of fools, and baby, Northeastern has plenty of fools.

DESCARGA NO. 4

By Chuck Torre

The enslavement of a people is one of the best examples of perpetual motion. Once the master overcomes the initial inertia of making Slaves out of free men the new slaves enslave themselves. At this point a phenomenon, very aptly, titled "The Colonial Mentality" sets in. The result of this Colonial Mentality, is that, having become ignorant of their identity, a people lose all sight of their own value and consequently belittle themselves in the presence of the Master. The Slave sees his own culture as inferior to that which holds him in bonds. He criticizes fellow slaves as being a lost case and not worth the sacrifice. He comments that his peers are irresponsible because they are never on time for anything, that they are lazy because they refuse to work for slave wages or be treated as second class machinery in a job which in no way has their benefit in mind, or that you can't confide in your own people because they are all out for their own benefit and want to screw you up bad every chance they get.

Those who have gained some favor with the master, (by sucking-ass) and consequently receive a little better treatment and a few more "privileges", are heard to profess loud and clear that they have "made it" and that anybody can if he is willing to work for it. From here the machine is perpetual and will continue on its inertial coarse unless acted on by a force strong enough to haul it and reverse its direction.

Therefore, Brothers and Sisters, dig up on yourselves. Read your history. Demand that it be taught on every Educational institutions in the country at which our peoples have any sort of representation. Dig up on your culture. See the Beauties with which it has evolved. Open your eyes to the reality of what our Slave-masters are really using us for. Don't criticize your Brothers and Sisters who are trying to do something against oppression, oppression, and more oppression; because as long as we remain enslaved, our main Priority must be the elimination of oppression. Further more, Dig up on yourselves as a People and stop believing this biological nonsense, of race, mixed bloods, one drop, or what have you. Dig up that we are a beautiful people not in spite of our mixed bloods or in spite of Blackness, But because of it!!

COMENTANDO

y/o Vasilando
POR k.j.

Estoy seguro de que ya se han enterado del pujilato entre los maestros de escuela pública y sus amenazas de ir en huelga. Esto es la pocavergüenza más grande que atravieza la ciudad en la actualidad. Los maestros no se llevan todo el crédito, también hay que compartir parte de esta gloria con el "Board of Education", y el estado de Illinois.

Vamos a ver como es que funciona la aparente crisis. Tenemos a los maestros pidiendo más dinero a la Board of Ed., la cual dice que no tiene (naturalmente) y le hecha la culpa al estado. El estado pasa la batata y dice que la ciudad es la del pecado original. La ciudad pelea con la unión de maestros; vuelven a tirarse la culpa y aparecen nuevas excusas y el círculo se vuelve vicioso.

¿Quién tiene la culpa? Para mí todos tienen la cuchara en la olla. Yo lo que sé es que cada vez que se le entojan a los políticos subir los impuestos se tapan rápidamente con el escudo de la educación. Como queremos mejoras en la educación nos tragamos sus retóricas pero los problemas financieros de la educación siempre en las mismas.

Mientras estos se combinan para hacer guerra, el que se fastidia es el estudiante (el pobre, ya que es el que necesariamente tiene que asistir a la escuela pública). No se confunda nadie. Aquí todos lo que buscan es sus propios intereses. Así es que ningún participante de ese bochinche tiene mi simpatía. Los que hablan mucho en la capital no están verdaderamente concientes de la situación, los de la Board of Ed. lo que hacen es empeorar la cuestión con amenazas de cortar los empleos de maestros de música, arte, educación física, y por el estilo. Los maestros "que ya tienen su educación", no pierden

nada al ir en huelga. El que pierde al fin y al cabo son nuestros hijos, y usted y yo que soportamos a estos desperdiciosos con nuestros impuestos.

¿Y de "mar y sol" que?

Cuando Aponte Martínez decide alzar la voz se le oye en toda la isla, y el eco llega hasta Chicago. Eso no es malo, no me vayan a mal entender, esto es una manera de enterarse de lo que pasa en la isla. Sí me preocupa el porque no gritó duro sobre los actos celebrado en Vega Baja, el festival "Mar y Sol". Creo que enseñando las nargas el día de resurrección es algo que la iglesia debe condenar.

Fíjense en el contraste, aquí en los Estados Unidos el día de Resurrección es el día en que todos los americanos sacan las cucarachas. Todos van a la iglesia o van a paradas, o lo que sea, con el proposito de "show-off" la ropa nueva. A Puerto Rico van a enseñar las nargas. Aquí en las playas del lago Michigan no lo hicieron. Me hubiera gustado oír cualquier comentario de Aponte Martínez sobre estos incidentes. Aquí en Chicago, de él no se oye ni un pío.



our high school students

In the Chicago area, we have according to the latest figures 100,000 plus Puerto Ricans. Almost half of these are of school age. Many of the young brothers and sisters are dealing with bullshit educational institutions which systemize them into an anglo perspective. For example, dig how many of our lost brothers and sisters are in R.O.T.C. (Reserve Officers Training Corps) and are spies for the anglo teachers.

I am addressing myself to our Puerto Rican Brothers and Sisters who

time and time again see this happen and do not act. You as the future for our community must learn to get down to the nitty-gritty. The nitty-gritty is to understand yourself by constantly examining the position. As a Puerto Rican Brother you have the responsibility to deal with your Puerto Rican Sister as an equal and visa versa. Brothers, it is a historical fact that our Puerto Rican Sisters have been outstanding in contributing to the Puerto Rican Independence movement (Lolita Lebron, Blanca Canales, to name a few).

We are all into developing our minds in these educational factories and you are in a position where your power as an individual is questionable. That is why when a boycott or protest is called in behalf of the interest of our people we must support it. We must learn that our support on the picket line just begins our initial action. By this I mean that in AmeriKKKa, changes are slow and that when you kick out a principal, it takes months of meetings with the Board of Education and getting the parents together before that principal is gone.

We must also understand that the Liberation Movement in Puerto Rico has been in existence for quite awhile and we must ask two questions:

1. Why has it taken so long?
2. Can we relate this to Puerto Rican social movements which exist in the U.S.?

First, it has taken so long because to rid this menace (U.S.) you must kill it completely and thoroughly so it cannot be reborn and this process is a lengthy one.

Secondly, we can relate this to what goes on in the educational factories because to change a principal or ask for Puerto Rican History classes, it is not just sending leaflets around and threatening the boycott, but to make your parents and your community understand where you're coming from and this takes time and effort which I do not see Puerto Rican Brothers and Sisters taking.

We must learn to work as a people and if you plan to go to college, get involved into Puerto Rican Clubs that are trying to make these actions and if they do not have one, take it upon yourself to organize it on your own.

Letters to the editor

continued.

To Que Ondee Sola's Staff and to anybody else to whom it may concern:

I could begin this letter by congratulating you for your great accomplishment in writing a Puerto Rican paper at Northeastern, but in doing it I would be a phony and I have never liked phonies.

The reason why I say this is because Thursday, April 13, I was feeling very happy (I had completed my exams successfully and besides it was a beautiful day) until 1:00 when I started to read "our" paper. It made me sick. I was just waiting for Mr. K.J.'s article because I know that antagonists take advantage of any opportunity that comes up to do the only thing they know how to do: antagonize. Then I read "Racism at Northeastern" by Edwin Claudio. Sure, there is racism at Northeastern as in any other institution where there are different minorities. But that wasn't the issue. The issue was to antagonize. Later, I read, "Juan Latino" about the new course which will be taught by Dr. Maso. Yes, it will be a very interesting course indeed, but that wasn't the purpose of the writer. His intention was to bring about discord. If I would keep mentioning the different articles, I wouldn't be able to name more than two to which a double meaning couldn't be given.

"Brothers," (and if the shoe fits, wear it) last Thursday I asked myself: "Is this the Puerto Rican way of feeling?" "But I don't feel that way." But...I am and I am proud to be one. I never deny it and I state it everywhere, and in all of my classes I always look for the opportunity to express the colonial state of our island---and I say ours because we, the rightists, the brain-washed, have it as ours.

Yes, Hector, I do that and I love Puerto Rico as much as any one of you. Nevertheless, Thursday, I felt envious of those who we call "Americanized Puerto Ricans," those like the basketball player, the guy with the glasses, and many others because they don't give a darn about anything concerning Puerto Ricans. But I do care because the Puerto Rican way of feeling that I'm proud of is

not that which I read Thursday in Que Ondee Sola. There is oppression, but I don't think the way to solve the problem is the way you have been trying since the first time that you published "our paper"

Mr. K.J., I really felt sorry for David Munoz, but I also felt sorry for the "happy-go-lucky" as you call him. I don't think he is "happy-go-lucky" because I believe that every human being has something called conscience, even the "gringos," and if the man committed the crime purposely and for one reason or another he is not punished as he should be, he will never be able to be at peace with himself. I assure you of that. Mr. K.J., I understand that the Munoz family is not in a very good financial position. Why didn't you organize a fund at school to help for the funeral expenses? This, in my opinion Mr. K.J., would have done much more good for the Munoz family as well as for your purpose than all of the bull shit you said in your stinky article.

Well, now you can ask: what else can we print in the paper besides the garbage we have been printing since the beginning? Have you ever asked yourselves how many Puerto Ricans and Latins in general there are that don't know and don't understand what it says in the school catalogue about requirements for graduation, things such as: 12 hours in Humanities, 9 hours in Behavioral Sciences, etc. Also, how many of our "brothers" don't know that there is such a thing as an "incomplete" or that if they don't want to take the Constitution Test, there is a course equivalent to it? There are a lot of things that new students don't know and that could be published in our "honorable" paper. You can come up with the argument that we have a counselor and he has been doing a fine job, but "brothers," you know that there are a lot of students who never visit him.

"Brothers," I have expressed my sincere opinion. In no way do I want any of the things said by me in this letter to create any hard feeling between some of you and me. Because for me to be Puerto Rican means: unity and sincerity. And for me this was one of things that helped me the most in my first year at Northeastern: the friendship and unity

of Puerto Ricans. However, in my second year the "envious" and the ones with an inferiority complex, and they know who they are, have destroyed this feeling of friendship and unity for me and many others. I am hardly seen at the cafeteria anymore because the theme is always the same: oppression, oppression, oppression, and more oppression.

Although I didn't congratulate you for your paper, I do thank you for the attention that you may give to my letter and for the publication I hope you will give to it.

Sincerely,
Jose Rodriguez

May 16, 1972.

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Collegues:

Greetings from Spain

First of all I wish thur this medium to congratulate you, for the grand effort which you students are undertaking in your university and community. Your efforts and dedication have proven once again that distance is no obstacle in the every day struggle, which gets more momentum and decisiveness. Your publication is a living example of the work that is being realized, also being a vehicle of communication to other compatriotas. I'm grateful for the publications which have been mailed to me, the same ones that I distribute among many of my fellow classmates. Through this letter they, too, wish to express their gratitude.

VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE! VIVA!

Urbano Pagan Medina

Translated by Edgard Rivera

El acto de bombardear el hotel donde se llevaba a cabo el concurso de "Miss U.S.A." el sábado 20 de mayo del corriente fue un acto patriótico dentro de la moral libertadora de hacer justicia a la dignidad humana. No puede existir la dignidad humana en un ambiente de prisión. El pueblo de Puerto Rico es un pueblo prisionero por el imperio yanki.

El hecho de celebrar el concurso de "Miss U.S.A." en nuestro país fue intrínsecamente una afrenta y un insulto más al pueblo puertorriqueño. Fue una invasión más de la perena serie de agresión invasora que el pueblo yanki ha acometido contra nuestro pueblo desde el 1898.

No tenemos que rendir ni postrarnos ante tan poderoso invasor. Nuestra perseverancia le agotará las energías de su poder.

NAME WITHHELD AT REQUEST 7

Announcements

"INVITACIÓN A TODA LA COMUNIDAD"

LUGAR: HUMBOLT PARK

DIA: 3 de JUNIO de 1972

HORA: 9: A.M. A 9:00 P.M.

SACC, SNAP y otras organizaciones auspiciadoras desean extender la más cordial invitación a TODA LA COMUNIDAD PUERTORRIQUEÑA para un festival de música puertorriqueña que será gratuito.

Se premiará con un trofeo a la orquesta o agrupación más destacada y sobresaliente. También se alterna la música con oradores puertorriqueños.

Para mayor información, favor de comunicarse con los coordinadores.

Erta. Margie Díaz

Sr. Omegar Martínez

Sr. Pedro Vega

Teléfonos: 235-1902-03

Lugar: Humbolt Park

Día y Hora: 3 de Junio de 1972 de 9:00 a.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Spanish Action Commite



El Centro Bilingue y Bicultural de Educación para la comunidad hispana tiene las puertas abiertas la matrícula de niños de edad pre-escolar (3 a 5). Ofrecemos en ambos idiomas, Español e Inglés.

¿Desea tener su diploma de cuarto año? Nuestro Centro también ofrece clases de inglés para la comunidad hispana que desee aprender inglés. Todo completamente gratis.

Para más información visítenos a las siguientes direcciones:

1240 North Oakley Blvd.-Salones al lado de la Schley School o al 1250 North Claremont St.-Juan Morel Campos Center, o llame al Teléfono 252-1474

Atentamente,
Edward Negrón
Director

STUDENT SENATE UNREPRESENTATION

It is well known that throughout the history of this institution and its student representative body, the football team and or football club has been the sole representative of the student community. Directing all their energies to the betterment of their particular interests, namely "Getting alot of money" to their respective clubs.

It has been evident that many of the P.E. Mayors have infiltrated the various strategic committees. Most important the fees and allocations committees which controls the money to the various on campus clubs and organizations, and of all the budgets submitted who's do you think is the largest (\$20,000 worth) and less likely to recieve any hazzles from the Administrations? Right! None other than the Football Club.

Not only does this club attain the highest budget and represents the smallest percentage of campus committees, but also goes out of its way to retard the development of other organizations by drastically limiting the budgets of these clubs. It has also demonstrated futher racist attitudes against minority clubs and organizations thru its opposition, and obsticle placing, to constructive university student policy.

In view of the fact that the Student Senate has been a vital instrument manipulated by a very small selfish interest group, who have shown very little concern towards the improvement of relations between the various organizations on campus and at times shown out right racism.

A group of concerned senators got together and tried to correct part of these injustices or inequities, by submitting to the senate a list of changes which they felt would improve greatly the functions of the Senate as a voice of the student body. These suggestions were quickly voted down by a vote 10-9, again proving the closed mindedness of these people and also shown that an attempt to function constructively with the present Student Senate Members would be a feutal one. So in accordance to this, concerned representatives of the Latins, Blacks, and White student community have decided that the present Student Senate is not serving its representative purpose and therefore have decided to

abstain from futher participation within it. These representatives are Senators: Lorenzo Clemons, James Cunneen, Hector Rosario, Denise Johnson, Marty O'Gradney, Danny Kalb, Cathy Jones and yours truly.

This does not mean that we the boycotting Senators will not continue our efforts to further improve "true student" interest and representation. We urge that you the students with the genuine desire for equality and improved relations support us whole heartedly in our efforts to establish a real Student Senate, to serve the real students and finally realize a "real" goal.

Edgard Rivera, Senator

no!

Look at the Student Senate
all so nice and clean
under all that sweet exterior
lies racism ugly and mean.

The good guy say it's wrong
feelings like that don't belong
but some guys say it's a shame
but I am not the blame

So, the good guy make a
resolation
which is much better than
pollution
they feel what they say is so,
what happens? The other guy
says, No.

Although this is not an expert poem, I think it describes the feeling that I saw and felt after the Student Senate meeting of 30, May, 1972.

I feel that what has happened has caused an overdue awareness of the minorities on campus, and our action in the Student Senate lets everyone on the Northeastern Illinois University campus know that we shall not be turned around.

Lorenzo Clemons