Dr. Samuel Meyer, President of Ohio Northern University, has released a statement regarding the enrollment of Negro Students, which was organized on May 1 in an attempt to better the racial situation on campus.

Requests Of Union
Seven proposals were given to President Meyer by the Union on May 20. These requests are as follows:
1. A concerted effort should be made by the office of Admissions and administration to attract more Negro students to the campus of Ohio Northern University. These efforts should be continued if the increased enrollment would be made by the fall quarter of 1968 with no relinquishing of the standards of excellence of Ohio Northern University.
2. A course in Negro history should be required of all students of Ohio Northern University's College of Liberal Arts, or as an alternative this area be developed in the history courses that already exist.
3. A more concerted effort made to employ Negro faculty members.
4. More attention should be given to financial aid for the Negro students of Ohio Northern University. This should include the application by Ohio Northern University to the United Negro College Fund and similar organizations.
5. The addition of a Negro to the staff of the financial aid office.
6. A house to serve as a meeting center to be made available to the Black Student Union of Ohio Northern University.
7. The policy of segregation within the university and its surrounding social fraternities and sorority organizations should be eliminated, so that such policies be no longer confused as being the policies of Ohio Northern University.

Pres. Meyer's Reply
In answer to these requests, President Meyer released the following statement to the Northern Review on May 24:

At a joint meeting of Negro students and administrative officials of Ohio Northern University on May 20, 1968, a detailed review was made of several university procedures. This included admissions and curriculum changes, faculty selection, financial aid programs, housing, and other areas of human relations. It was a statement would be made by the President of the University reacting to the list of requests made by black students. Such statement follows:

1. Increased black student enrollment.

A university cannot create the minimal motivation that is seek admission. This must come from the student himself. Among the many high schools visited during the current year, the director of admissions and his staff were twenty-one classified as predominately Negro. It is anticipated before school opens in the fall, the admissions personnel will intensify their efforts to present the opportunities available at Ohio Northern University to other Negro students.

2. Curriculum changes.

All the current curricular changes, including additions of courses and the establishment of graduation requirements, are the responsibility of the faculty of the four colleges. The requests submitted by the students which involve curricular changes have been transmitted to the deans of the four colleges for consideration and action.

3. Faculty additions and replacements.

During the past three academic years, great efforts have been made to employ Negro faculty members. It is unfortunate, at this time, that the rank and salary structure for faculty replacements at Ohio Northern University were not as attractive as at large institutions which are now seeking prospective Negro faculty members of the Negro race.

4. Faculty vacancies.

Of the 187 full-time members of the faculty and staff there are now four vacancies. If qualified Negro candidates can be found for any of these positions, they will be appointed.

5. Financial aid.

Of the twenty full-time black students, 18 or 75% currently receive financial assistance. The largest amount received by black students who obtain financial assistance is $1,500.

6. Meeting place.

Any available space on the campus may be scheduled by Negro students as it may be scheduled by any group of students.


A policy on non-discrimination has been established by the Board of Trustees and reads as follows:

"Ohio Northern University recognizes the principle of non-discrimination. It is the official policy of the University that no student, employee, or visitor who is not a member of the University shall be denied service or excluded from participation in any aspect of University life on this campus. No group on our campus shall discriminate in its choice of members on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin except that religious organizations may impose religious qualifications for membership pursuant to the constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion. The faculty may make regulations and rules which the spirit of this action may be implemented."

It is our belief that these statements are an accurate representation of the attitude of the University. Administration toward the need for improving race relations. We will do everything in our power to implement the above statements at the earliest possible date.

Signed:
Samuel L. Meyer, President

Summary Of Events
By DON WEIZS

The recent events concerning the racial situation on campus have occurred so rapidly that many people do not fully understand what exactly has happened. Many of the events have been circulating around campus due to misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the facts.

A brief synopsis of these recent events is as follows:
May 1 - Union of Black Students was organized.
May 6 - Discrimination meeting was held. Certain possible proposals were discussed.
May 20 - Arthur Jackson, a spokesman for the Union of Black Students (UBS), presented seven requests to Dr. Meyer.
May 22 - An article appeared in the Findlay Republican-Courier concerning the racial situation at Northern. Five proposals were stated in the article as being the ones presented to Dr. Meyer at the Monday meeting.
May 24 - An open letter to the ONU community was signed by thirty-six members of the faculty and administration and released to President Meyer and to the Review.

Black Union Petition
The petition summarized in the Findlay paper is as follows:

"We, members of the Union of Black Students of Ohio Northern University, the student council faculty members concur with recent decisions and actions taken by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Dallas. Recognizing that Ohio Northern is a Methodist-owned institution, we have urged President Meyer to take part in the direction of a creative effort to implement the Conference's mandate for change. In a recent address Dr. Meyer stated that "to be a Methodist is to indubitably be in crisis, violence, and revolution." While we agree that crisis is up on us, we believe that further violence can be avoided and the revolution can be one of attitude. It is necessary, however, for men of good will and in positions of leadership to act decisively and now. We, therefore have recommended to President Meyer these specific goals as the first step in the journey toward an institution which practices Christian ideals and fulfills the American Dream:

1. More non-white groups: Negro, Mexican-American, Puerto Rican, etc., represented in the student body, 250 by September 1968. Opening its doors to returning veterans of Vietnam, a percentage of which are Negro is one technique we recommend.

2. Institute a more complete scholarship program for those students by all means at his disposal, including a Negro in the Financial Aid Office, either paid or a volunteer from the Negro Business/Professional community, in near-by Lima, remembering always that promises do not pay tuition bills.

3. Make an effort to acquire several Negro professors to fill some of the numerous vacancies now existing—five in Speech and Theater, one in Chemistry, one in Pharmacy, one in Engineering, one in Music, two in Math, one in Philosophy, one in Religion, etc. by September 1968.

4. Institute a course in Negro History, utilizing, if necessary the facilities of the National Negro Business and Professional Association. Require a course in Multiracial Culture for all undergraduates by September 1969.

5. Issue a public statement immediately concerning these matters and expressing his attitude towards the University's role in the burgeoning movement toward the establishment of a multiracial institution." (Continued on Page 3).

Northern's Forensics Team Completes Successful Year

At Morris Harvey College, Rosemary Stewart, Paul Reynolds, Mike Harris, Paul Scott, and Tim Hurt are shown here on their way to another trophy-winning tournament.

The Ohio Northern University Forensics Squad closed its third season of inter-collegiate participation with a trip to Frostburg State College. Presidents Marvin McVay and Dr. Leon B. Meier, President of Frostburg, were so impressed with the team's performance that they requested the conference's legislative council to extend the team's honorarium. The chapter will be officially installed Wednesday, May 29, by Dr. Raymond Yeager of Bowling Green State University.

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A comparison of the two sets of requests reveals differences, and these differences have in part resulted in a misinterpretation of the facts.

The set of seven requests were given to President Meyer and his reply to these requests appears in this article. The set of five proposals listed in the Findlay paper were not given to President Meyer, and therefore no reply was given.

There has been a lot of misunderstanding about the petition published in the Findlay paper and George Meredith, spokesman for the UBS, stated that these demands were not exactly the demands presented to Dr. Meyer on Monday, but that there were only minor changes made in the specifics. He said that all they wanted to know was whether President Meyer was in agreement with them in principle.

Open Letter

The open letter to the ONU community, signed by thirty-six members of the faculty and administration, is printed in full on Page 2.

These signatures were collected at random on campus during the limited time available prior to the publication of the Review. Many members of the administration and faculty were not contacted.

The letter states that a “complete and candid dialogue between Black and White members of the University Community” is needed at ONU and that this dialogue cannot be achieved “simply by issuing press reports or campus ultimatums.”

The letter concludes by proposing that a committee composed of trustees, administration, faculty, and students (both black and white) be formed to study the racial situation and then to act accordingly.

No official action has been taken on this proposal of certain faculty and administrative members, but the Review feels that, from all indications, a committee will be formed as proposed in the letter.