The Tripp Ticket: Total Student Power

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sensibly allay their leadership responsibilities in such areas.

Finally, the Senate should be allowed to adopt or improve the quality and constancy of faculty interactions. The opening of faculty lunch in Hamlin Hall to be available to all students of the small but often valuable sort of informal interchange between Senate and students.

7. SENATE AS INFORMATION

It is necessary for the Senate to be a reliable source of information in areas of student concern. "Feedback," commented Weiner (CYBERNETICS, p. 198), "serves to diminish the dependence of the system on the characteristics of the motor, and serves to stabilize it."

First, and perhaps foremost, the Senate must be able to adequately describe the conditions of students. This involves not only material environment, but the student should know and be able to document the current condition of dormitories, eating facilities, classrooms, etc.) and ideas as well.

Second, the Senate must establish priorities among their observations (in terms of their reliability, import and urgency) in a manner reflective of the student body.

8. CURRICULUM

Senate participation in the revision and evaluation of the new innovative schools, based, on the Senate's access to information on the situation of student life, is necessary to keep the educational process responsive to the changing community.

9. SENATE COURSE EVALUATIONS

A mechanism to increase the Senate's awareness of the quality of student life at Trinity, as well as to remedy to current inadequacies of catalogue descriptions, is an annual evaluation of all courses, to be sponsored and published by the Senate.

10. SENATE GROUP SENSITIVITY RETREAT

We propose that the Senate spend a week-end together at the beginning of its term in hopes of better understanding the diversity of ideas and objectives of its members.

11. REFORM OF SENATE CONSTITUTION

The Senate Constitution should be further reformed to permit representation on the basis of special interest constituencies, to detail more efficient election procedures, and to clarify the duties of the Senate (Article VI; e.g. judicial procedures).

12. DORM REPAIRS

Even the existing off-campus housing is unfit to meet the needs of many students. Several dormitories are already in need of widespread - and yet far-sighted - repairs. Students should have primary influence on the priorities of these repairs.

13. CO-ED DORMS

Further, most of the dormitories should be redesigned to permit coed housing anywhere on campus. Many other college facilities will likewise have to be redesigned with an eye to the increasing size and changing needs of the student body.

14. REVISED ROOM SELECTION SYSTEM

The possibility of co-ed dorms and co-ed floors also suggests the need for revision in the room selection system. An adequate system would allow groups of students who wished to live together in a dorm or on a floor to do so. Specifically, we affirm previous Senate legislation and THE RIGHT of black students to live together in a black dorm if they choose.

15. OPEN WEEK PROGRAMS

Senate-sponsored activities during Open Week should offer the community annual and worthwhile educational opportunities.

16. FREE SENATE-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Students should not be compelled to pay twice - once through their activity fee and then through the gate - for many programs which the Senate sponsors. MOVES, dances, lectures, readings, etc. should be made available to the student without additional expense. The Executive Council will work closely with the Mather Hall Board of Governors and fraternity in the sponsoring and funding of social events.

17. THE SENATE SHOULD SPONSOR A USED BOOK STORE

Senate supported concessions, such as the book store and the laundry, should not be allowed to exploit the community. A Senate-run store would be negotiated with such concessions to increase the Senate budget in order to support its programs.

19. THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN ALL NIGHT AFTER THE CAVES SHOULD REMAIN OPEN MORE OF THE TIME.