Evolution, Not Revolution

Last week's ill-advised meeting of the fraternities and the minority of faculty members intent on repeal of discriminatory clauses came extremely close to being a farce.

It was not only ill-advised, but poorly timed. In all probability it harmed the anti-discrimination movement more than

any other single event on this campus.

The discussion was a complete reversal of the usual faculty-student meetings. This time the fraternities possessed the facts while the faculty members made sweeping generalities and gave isolated examples. During the meeting the fraternities refuted the charges one by one and demonstrated the inconclusiveness of the examples.

It has always been known that some fraternities are discriminatory. The fraternities themselves admit the existence of these clauses. However, in the past year, three fraternities on campus have removed these clauses from their constitutions. A far cry from the charge by the two faculty members that fraternities are not working on the problem. These clauses were also removed before the faculty raised the subject.

A local effort to compel the fraternities to remove these clauses can arouse nothing but opposition. If such a rule is passed, several chapters will lose their charters. This, needless to say, would not set too well with a number of alumni. The change must come via the national fraternities. It is nice to be idealistic, but basic changes can only come through evolution, not revolution.

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