

# FRIDAY!

# NOV. 26

## CORRESPONDENCE

### INSTITUTIONAL THEFT!

Any student who has been at K for more than a quarter is well acquainted with the unethical tactics of the business branch of the administration. A small, experienced band of shysters is constantly inventing new methods of bilking the students. Among their multifarious tricks are charging six people two dollars apiece to put back a screen lying ten feet from the window, charging students "fees" for quarters during which they are not even enrolled, and--one of their more outrageous thefts--charging students five dollars for losing keys for which a two dollar deposit had already been made to cover the cost of replacement. These examples, of course, are a mere fraction of their huge repertoire of shifty maneuvers.

But these pettifoggers have surpassed themselves by far with their latest gambit. Naturally, this is the four day Thanksgiving close-down recently sprung on the students. The very thought that the administration would consider closing the school during the quarter's hectic final stretch is infuriating, and coupled with the fact that the college stands to make a large sum of money from the four day vacancy ---that the students are robbed of four days which they paid for---only stokes the fire. Education evidently is secondary to staying out of the red. A predictable administration rebuttal is that this brief hiatus earns them nothing, nor costs the student a cent, since it was taken into consideration when the fees were calculated. If this is so, why wasn't the Thanksgiving clearout announced last summer, at the same time as the increased fees, or at least earlier than two weeks before Thanksgiving? Delayed announcements are, of course, a familiar administrative ploy: "Catch the students by surprise, when it's too late for them to react."

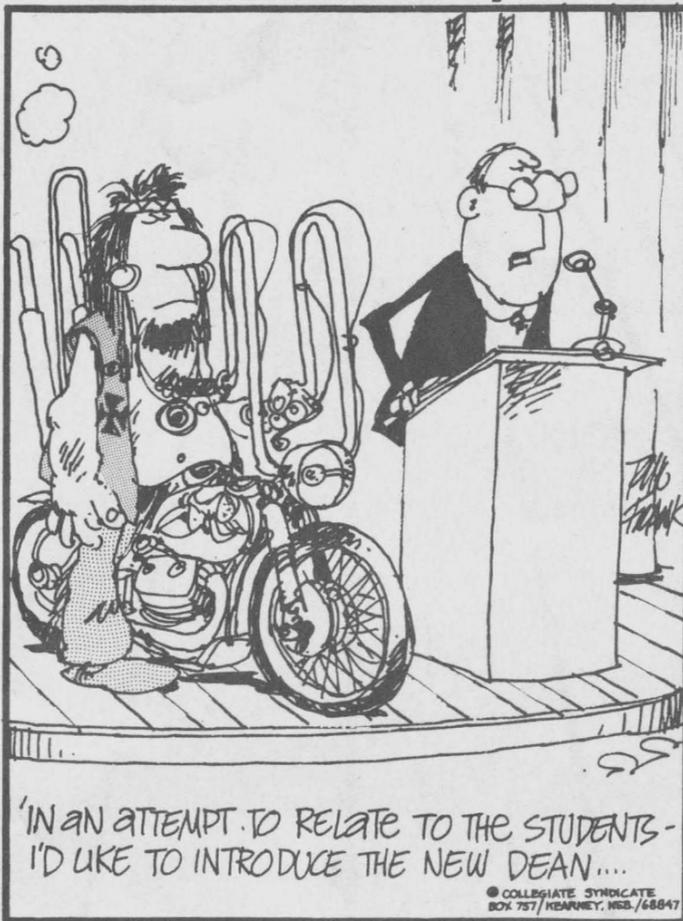
With the students able to do little politically, what avenues of retaliation remain? It is very simple, really. Just steal all the college property you can lay your hands on. (One exception is library material, which all students need). The administration has institutionalized theft, and it is time the students make an effort to combat it. Without being specific, it need only be said that there is a sufficient number of things to steal and ways to steal them. It remains only for the students to exercise their imaginations and explore the possibilities.

Craig Thurtell

FRIDAY! prints all of the letters it receives, regardless of content. It should be emphasized that we do not agree with Mr. Thurtell's conclusion, but agree that the students have been ripped off.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



## TELESCOPE

In keeping with the College policy of gradualism, it has been reliably reported that next Thanksgiving, all students will be sent home. Those that can't or refuse will be charged a special daily fee for room and board.

Those concerned with the Pass-Fail controversy should remember that a host of proposals are circulating. Last October 22, the student representatives to the Educational Policies Committee submitted a plan worked out by members of the Commission's Academic Affairs Committee. Their proposal reflects the reality of last summer's SIP tax battle, and an honest hope that we may all see some kind of pass-fail system instituted.

Briefly they urged a pilot program in which students could be given the option of taking up to 15 of their 30 on-campus courses with pass-fail grading, and no limit on the number of such courses one could elect each quarter.

Faculty response to this plan centered around questions of motivation, achievement, ranking and evaluation. Several members professors countered the following week with their own plan in which only one course per quarter for the first three and last three on-campus quarters would be graded on pass-fail.

Presently the EPC is studying arrangements for putting freshman seminars and some Spring senior courses on pass-fail. But supporters of the old Halpert plan for unlimited pass-fail will be unnecessarily disillusioned, unless they remember that this College never runs anywhere when it can crawl.

\*\*\*\*\*  
In spite of approval by the Campus Life Committee, including student representatives, one faculty member requested that students once again vote on the judicial renovation that passed overwhelmingly by referendum last Oct. 8th. Such a recount could be a healthy way of indicating to the faculty that students really do care about procedures and safeguards in the campus judiciary. On the other hand, could it be that most faculty members are unaware or disinterested in this question to the stage that any voting would be pointless? And isn't it time that the other segments of the college believed students the first time when we call for reforms?

Those who are concerned about the changes made in the original will be pleased to find the CLC-approved text in the next issue of FRIDAY!

\*\*\*\*\*  
Hearings began last Thursday in CLC on the long-neglected unified dorm proposals. A sub-committee produced a very workable plan suggesting daily noon to per open houses in all dorms, and urged the adoption of a more honest and complete honor house system (including a student selection board). Old hands in the CLC appear confident that the noon to per opens will pass, and seem hopeful that the men's open lounges can be obtained. There is every indication that such a unified visitation policy can be enacted before Christmas if the honor house system is not considered into oblivion.  
H. Frank Tiedemann

## Dow Bows

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP)-- Dow Chemical Company, whose board chairman had pledged to continue making napalm for use in Vietnam despite widespread protests against this company, has lost its contract to produce the weapon for the government.

A spokesman for the Midland-based firm said Dow's contract to produce the jellied gasoline incendiary expired last May. Dow bid for the renewal of the contract, he said, but the award went to American Electric Company of La Miranda, Calif., a Los Angeles suburb.

Dow's manufacture of napalm made the firm a frequent target for protests by opponents of U.S. Vietnam policy.

As a special to this issue of FRIDAY! you will note on the reverse side a Thanksgiving cut-out, fold-up, paste-out holiday fun page. If you know, or think you know, exactly what the secret page is, don't tell your friends. Let them find out for themselves!!!!

