Positions open on Sub-Board’s administration

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Positions are open in the administration of Sub-Board I, Inc. for people who are "able to work with people." Two major provisions, that of Publications Division Director and Norton House Council Director, are available, along with positions on the Board of Directors of both Norton House and the Housing Committee.

Steve Blumenkrantz, executive director, explained, "I consider that, to be considered for either of the directorships, a person, first, must 'be able to work with people,' and for the Publications director, "working knowledge of what it takes to put together a newspaper is necessary."

The Publications director would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Publications Division and would ascertain that campus publications are following Publication Division guidelines. The duties and responsibilities of the director, as outlined by Sub-Board, would be to oversee all financial aspects of all publications, update and maintain various between Sub-Board I and the publications, make recommendations, and to present a good image of Sub-Board I.

Little competition

The position of Sub-Board’s director is open because last spring when the director resigned, Mr. Blumenkrantz said, "We have had a director, and the director’s responsibilities would be to oversee all financial aspects of all publications, update and maintain their records, and present a good image of Sub-Board I."

The job of the Norton House Council Director is open because the current director, Mr. Blumenkrantz, asserted, is to "coordinate usage of an overly used building," namely, Norton Hall. While it was originally built with 6000 students in mind, it now houses many organizations and activities which affect some 23,000 students. In order to successfully manage the operations of Norton Hall, the director’s responsibilities must be defined.

Isolation?

Anita Hicks, assistant director of Student Activities, explained that the Norton House Council Director would be expected to program use of the hall (the central lounge), employ a staff, and assist in the preparation of a budget. However, she added, "Mr. Blumenkrantz’s main responsibilities are to set the demands for space by campus organizations because rooms in Norton Hall for every student group in campus housing are flexible. This is a great bit of pressure on this particular group (Norton House Council) to be left to determine which groups are the most critical in need of space.

Besides the obvious need to determine use of Norton Hall space, Ms. Hicks continued that the director should investigate the needs of individual students, not just groups, propose suggestions for overcoming problems or solving disputes, and "be reflective on the overall design of Norton Hall... the director should be thinking of new services or expanding old ones." Although the Norton House Council directorship has been openly available since the spring, Mr. Blumenkrantz said, "It’s just something you learn and grow from."

The rise of the wad

"Eagleton," to the Silent Majority, "was a rich boy who kept a secret that someone called shamedful and others would just call medical, hidden in the closet for years. Then he came out, and this rich boy was in disgrace and then he was working hard to recover from this disgrace and was about to recover from this disgrace... when that evil school principal, George McGovern, fired him."

Mr. Mailer’s term for this Silent Majority was: "the Wad." He said, "I think of them as that part of the American electorate which is somehow waddled between the duodenum and the upper bowel. They are that hopeless central mass that debases all good

Norman Mailer sounds off on national concern issues

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American novelist, journalist and Number One Male Chauvinist Pig Norman Mailer brought his all-purpose Book Reading, Comedy Hour and Medicine Show to the State University of Buffalo Tuesday night.

He turned on his charms before about 600 assorted listeners and carousers in the Filmore Room. Mr. Mailer’s appearance marked the beginning of the Student Association’s Public Awareness Symposium which will continue through October 17.

Most of Mr. Mailer’s time was spent reading the same audience passages from his new book on the Democratic and Republican conventions entitled, St. George and the Dragon. He also showed a film containing segments from other films he produced. However, there was also an opportunity to imbibe sometimes the bubbly and not-so-often effervescence wit of Norman Mailer. Beginning with a note of sympathy for all those people who came to hear him speak, Mr. Mailer discussed a variety of topics including McGovern, Eagleton, Women’s Liberation, Architecture, Republicans and Pax Nixon.

"The last time I spoke in a hall like this, I had a trauma," he said. "I think there was a period in Buffalo when like many other universities in America, particularly like virtually all the state universities in New York, was built in a period of huge architectural revival which is currently called, 'Massolini Modern.'"

Pizza and Eagleton

Taking a job at the Mafia, Mr. Mailer said: "Like all emperors, Nelson Rockefeller had many friends among the best Italian families. Today, they are careful to get their cement blocks in line so they could build you brick shithouses."

He admitted that George McGovern didn’t have much of a chance in winning the upcoming election. Mr. Mailer said that for Mr. McGovern to win, "It’s going to take a miracle, and it’s going to take a phenomenon... Such a phenomenon is the opinion of the so-called Silent Majority.”

On the Eagleton Affair, he said, "the sentimental opinions of the Silent Majority" swing rapidly.” It’s quite possible, for instance, that McGovern lost the election in that week that Eagleton became popular and sympathetic to Wallace voters all through America. And there’s a reason for that," Mr. Mailer remarked.

"Wallace voters are, and I, naturally, like all good sociologists, made a true study of them, are one of the ‘folk’ and the ‘folk’ watch soap opera. And the ‘folk,’ who are on the one hand assest, are on the other hand somewhat romantic people who demand some sort of kind of romantic identification with their leaders, which, of course, George Wallace has always comprehended," he said.

"They, therefore, demand of their leaders that they be comprehensible to them in emotional and opera terms. And Eagleton was,” Mr. Mailer surmised.

Norman Mailer

Norman Mailer instincts and virtually all politicians.” As a result, Mr. Mailer claimed: "It is impossible for a man to run for national office in this country and be serious about winning without making his obeisance to the Wad. He’s got to get his nose in the Wad.”

With a brisk aside to Richard Nixon, Mr. Mailer said that "Richard Nixon, of course, is considered a genius at cultivating the Wad. In fact, it’s possible that he’s the first man to discover the laws of harmonics and dynamics in the Wad.”

Pigsty

Leaving the Wad, Mr. Mailer turned to Women’s Liberation. He said: "The great respect for Women’s Liberation that I had from the beginning is that women were finally coming into their witchery powers for which I had huge admiration.”

He called the image of the perfect woman, Eve, which he apparently saw in all women, as a "comic book creation of the male chauvinist pig, Jehovah. Eve was aqiienscent nature with breasts to puff for Playboy and a sea-smelling cunt. The pride of Women’s Liberation," on the other hand, "was that cunt had the right to smell as bad as any man’s own half-dead cigar.”

In that, Mr. Mailer saw what he called, "the total twentieth century proposition.”

Mr. Mailer even threw five-wheeling blows at Notre Dame University. "I spoke at Notre Dame four days ago," he explained. "Now there’s a place all you ought to go. You’d get a good education... "

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