# SGA REPORT by George Brydn

A special session of the Executive Council was held Oct. 18th for the purpose of demonstrating the procedures and purposes of the Executive Council for observation by Dean Gray from the visiting Southern Association of Colleges. Dean Gray announced his approval of activities undertaken by the Council and the Student Body. He commended the Student Government for showing the initative to start programs on this campus that are usually handled by the college administration. The intramural program and the proposed alumni program and the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges, are included in this catagory.

In regularly scheduled meetings, Jim Day proposed that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of scholarships for basketball players and other sports. The discussion was postponed by agreement until more information might be obtained. A report on the proposed outside student telephone was given by Ed Harris. Upon investigation it was learned that The Student Government would be financially responsible for such a project and the proposal was indefinitely tabled because of the expense that would be incurred.

It was proposed by Ed Harris after conferring with President Highsmith that a Student Center Manager post be created. This position is to be a paid job and is to be given to a worthy and capable student. The proposal was adopted and Jim Day was unanimously elected to the job. Jim will accept responsibility immediately.

The Executive Council approved a proposal to have the President investigate the reasons for failure of the Administration to reply to various Executive Council propos-

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als. Foremost in the discussion was the failure of the Library Committee to answer the government's request for longer library hours. It was noted by several members that the attendance at the library was large on the weekends during the time the library was opened on a trial basis. The library has since been closed on 4 o'clock on Fridays, at 12 o'clock on Saturdays and closed all day on Sundays.

It was announced by Jim Day that all Commissions and committees should have their tentative budgets submitted to the Finance Commission immediately. Dean Parsons submitted a proposal for discussion that the classes should also have a faculty advisor in keeping with the intent of the Constitution. Further consideration was recommended for the next meeting in order to present the proposal before the separate classes.

#### Committee Formed

Young Republicans, Young Democrats, and Independents have come together to form the new bit-partisan National Student Committee for the Defense of Vietnam in response to the criticism directed at college-aged students in recent months for their attitude toward the Vietnam issue. This criticism has resulted from the unfortunate widespread publicity given to the small, noisy minority of students who have been opposing the American defense of Vietnam.

This new student committee has no association with any extra-party political organization of either the right or the left. Its sole purpose is to mobilize college students in a concerted program of responsible action in support of American resistance to Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.

Specifically, it will engage in a number of activities on the campus level. First, the committee intends to distribute and collect petitions supporting the United States de-fense of Vietnam. At the end of November, it plans to announce nationally, the total number of student signatures favoring the American commitment to the people of South Vietnam.

Secondly, it is urging college campuses, especially during the period from November 22 to December 10, to engage in a series of rallies supporting American policy in

Thirdly, it plans to distribute educational materials to college campuses explaining this country's position in Vietnam.

Finally, it urges students on all campuses to send Christmas cards to our soldiers in Vietnam. You can address these cards in care of the World Affairs Forum, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The cards must reach Brigham Young by December 1, if our soldiers are to receive them on Christmas Day.

The committee welcomes all cooperation and assistance in this bipartisan, national program to show the American people that the new student radicals do not speak for the entire generation in their irresponsible opposition to our country's foreign policy.

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### Fraternity Initiation

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original, as their pledges were found attired in coats and ties but also with T-shirts, sneakers, Bermuda shorts, and reversed sailor hats. This latter item caused the nickname "turtle" to be applied to its wearer.

Both fraternities made sure that their respective initials were prominently emblazoned on any available surface of their pledges costumes. In addition the Sig Up boys carried their individual "bomb shelters" around and were required to take cover within them whenever the words "air raid" were even whispered. There was also the usual selection of speeches, poems, and songs with Lambda Chi's aspirants coming up with some new twists on old favorites.

Aside from a few isolated cases, the entire activity on both sides seemed to be in surprisingly good taste. What a far cry from the traditional "hazing" of fraternity initiations at other schools in years gone

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parison of the relative merits of the English and American forms of government and the Common Market. On the whole the visiting group was favorably impressed with Asheville-Biltmore College as they saw it. The students were enjoying their year at Davidson and looking forward to a coming cross-country

Asheville-Biltmore College was very glad to welcome the visiting students and we hope that there will be other such groups visiting the campus in the future.

# Students Participation In School Policy Urged

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (I.P.) — A strong role by students in the shaping of educational policy at all American colleges and universities was urged recently by President Edward D. Eddy of Chatham College at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education.

Declaring that the time is "right and ripe" for such action, President Eddy said: "We need to move fast to put the house of intellect in good order before it becomes an undesirable slum. Genuine student involvement in the formation of educational policy offers our best hope of regaining the lost concept of an academic community.

In stating that "every college and university committee ought to include voting student members," President Eddy recommended (1) that students be excluded only from committees engaged in personal discussion of individual faculty members in matters of promotion and tenure, and (2) that the student role should not necessarily be equal on all committees.

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Adams stated that twice as a young man he had made wealth his goal and guide to life; each time he had met with major setbacks beyond his control. Finally he recognized the folly of seeking only self gain. He concludes that a person can never become a success in the true sense of the word as long as he seeks only materialistic gain.

Concluding, Mr. Adams challenged the student body: You, more than anyone else, more than those who were responsible for building this college, more than the faculty, will build the personality of the college and determine the direction of its philosophy.

He continued: "I do believe that this generation of students in particular is deeply concerned with areas of human endeavor which hold meaning. Functional trivia has no attraction. What, then, could or should mean more to a student than educational policy as it is shaped by thousands of decisions which, when collated, determine the posture and policy of an institution?"

The student's fresh point of view, he said, is highly desirable in curriculum planning, evaluation of teaching and teachers and in forming degree requirements, grading systems and calendars.

"Our neglect of student opinion in faculty evaluation is one good example," President Eddy said. "Most of us are scared to death of it. We have nervously laughed it off for years in the great majority of colleges and universities. And in the process we have lost valuable time in fashioning among us some tairly reliable ways of obtaining reliable student reaction.

"I suggest that we ask the American Council on Education to draw material together on student evaluation, study what has been done, experiment with various methods, and give us, as a result, an acceptable guide for students to use."



### NOTICE

ALL STUDENTS: PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The college policy on delivering messages is: Telephone messages will be delivered to students personally only in case of EMERGENCIES, and the nature of the emergency must be explained to the Receptionist when she is called.

In all other cases (non-emergencies), messages will be taken and delivered to the student mail boxes in the Lounge of the Student Center at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. It is, therefore, each student's responsibility to check his mail box each day for any messages. PLEASE INFORM your family, friends and employers of this policy in order to save them from calling needlessly.

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