

EDITORIAL

Who rules UNCA?

During last Thursday's General Education Review session a student arose, waved her checkbook at the assembly, and proceeded, as she claimed, to speak for the entire student body.

She said student fees pay the faculty salaries, therefore students are in charge, in command, the bosses, at UNCA.

She said UNCA students are adults and as such should be able to choose for themselves what courses to take or not take; they should not have to meet any requirements for graduation other than passing classes totaling a certain number of credit hours.

This student may in fact represent a segment of UNCA's student body. However, she by no means represents the entire student thinking on campus.

For example, any aware student realizes that his or her UNCA tuition is miniscule compared to fees at private universities. Perhaps teachers' salaries at private institutions are paid largely by students. However, at state universities approximately 85 percent of the total operating budget, which includes faculty salaries, comes from state funding.

As to whether UNCA students are adults, those over 21 might think back to when they were 17 and 18 years old and decide whether or not they were then making truly adult decisions. Undoubtedly some were. Undoubtedly others were not.

And all students, age aside, should consider whether college freshmen of any age have the necessary knowledge to choose those courses that will turn a highschool graduate into a well-rounded, well-educated college graduate.

After all, one usually takes driver's ed before hitting the highways. But what course prepares one to hit the campus?

A university has a vested interest in the success and reputation of its graduates. If it turns out morons or lop-sided individuals, versed in one discipline, but illiterate in most others, it is a failure as a liberal arts institution.

UNCA describes itself as a liberal arts institution. Therefore it must require its students to acquire at least a general facility in a broad spectrum of disciplines. If students want to concentrate their learning efforts exclusively in one area, they should attend a technical school, not a liberal arts university.



"THEN AGAIN, I SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T REALLY NEED A PLATFORM....!"

OPINION

Pi Lambda Phi

A fraternity of 'good guys'

By Don Hardin

When I arrived at UNCA in the fall of 1983, I was slightly disappointed.

I thought there would be more going on. Everyone just stayed in their rooms and kept to themselves.

I had no idea that I would be joining a fraternity. In fact, I had my mind set against it before I even came to college.

After about two weeks of going to class and doing nothing else, I decided to get involved.

In high school I had a pretty good time, but only because I was involved. At UNCA I saw nothing to get involved in.

It was then that I found out about Pi Lambda Phi.

I stayed in the dorm one weekend because I heard that a fraternity was giving a party. I met most of the brothers and, to my surprise, they turned out to be genuinely good guys.

I thought nothing more about it until I received an invitation to pledge the fraternity.

Then, I didn't know what to think. Three of my

friends also received bids.

We were all a bit skeptical at first, but then we found out that Pi Lambda Phi allowed no hazing during initiation or otherwise.

My friends and I then accepted the bids to join Pi Lambda Phi.

Every fraternity has its secrets and Pi Lambda Phi is no exception. There are some things that only a brother or a pledge of Pi Lambda Phi should know.

I can say that there is no physical abuse or punishment involved in initiation or pledging. I can also say that no alcohol or drugs of any kind are involved.

Pi Lambda Phi, founded at Yale University in 1895, is called the "first non-sectarian fraternity."

Other fraternities at that time, as they still do today, discriminated on the basis of race, creed, national origin, and even, religion.

Pi Lambda Phi does not.

I am proud to be a member of this organization and I am also glad to say that we follow through with our main objective: to be non-sectarian in

choosing our pledges.

The UNCA chapter of Pi Lambda Phi has initiated brothers from such diverse places as Holland, England, Japan, and Guam, and currently have pledges from Bermuda and Belgium.

Last year we added our Little Sisters, who have been a great help to us.

The Little Sisters are a group of hard-working, energetic young ladies that give the fraternity much needed help in organizing social and fund-raising functions.

Many famous men have been brothers in the more than 40 chapters of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.

They include: Sandy Koufax, former professional baseball star; Artis Gilmore, professional basketball star; Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, famous composing team; Rafer Johnson, Olympic decathlon champion, and torchbearer for the 1984 Olympics; and Howard Cosell, who needs no description.

Pi Lambda Phi means social activities, road trips, togetherness, brotherhood, and sisterhood, but most of all, it means a good time.

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