

Editorials . . .

Why Not A Student Union Building?

North Carolina College students have long been in need of a Student Union building. Offices for such student organizations as the Student Council, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the four classes, and the student publications are desperately needed. Designated space for other student organizations to share when they plan socials or other affairs is needed.

Right now, the Student Council, the Maroon and Grey, the Shepard Memorial Foundation and the Campus Echo staffs are crammed together in one small "office" about twelve feet long and ten feet wide. After a desk, a mimeograph machine and two file cabinets are placed in this "nook," there is barely room left for three persons to move around. To shrug this situation off with the mere reminder that we are all crowded here and that we will have more space when the new buildings are completed is no satisfactory answer.

Now, when student organizations plan affairs or merely want to meet, they must use one of the dormitory rooms or one of the rooms in the administration building. (If they use a room in the administration building, they must be out of it by nine in the evening or they will get locked in by the janitor.) When the Student Council or the publications staffs want to work, one must wait for the other to finish before it can even get into the office.

Lisbon Berry, energetic Student Council president, realized, along with others, this desperate state of affairs and proceeded to see what could be done to remedy it. Last Spring he asked President Elder of the feasibility of using Chidley hall or Avery auditorium and was told by the president that both buildings were to be torn down. He told Berry, however, that one of the annexes could be used after some of the new buildings are completed. Berry also learned from the President that the State does not see fit to erect a Student Union now. When Berry got back to school this September, he found that twenty thousand dollars had been sunk into Avery which is to be renovated for use as a much needed Law building. He later learned that Chidley is to be renovated and each fraternity to be given a room there.

Then the Student Council president sought the aid of the Shepard Memorial Foundation, but was told by Professor James T. Taylor, campaign director, that the Foundation could not supply funds for the project. Professor Taylor did say, though, that he would be glad to personally help students conduct a campaign to raise the funds.

Then the idea of asking the Alumni to help support the project was hit upon by Berry. He has already received an enthusiastic reply from George Norman, president of the Wilmington chapter. It was suggested that each chapter of the Alumni Association donate enough for a lounge, a room or some student organization office.

Indeed the need is great. What with four organizations, (count them—the Student Council, the Maroon and Grey, the Shepard Memorial Foundation, and the Campus Echo,) sharing the same one hundred twenty-two feet, the student organizations having to use the Women's gymnasiums, dormitory rooms, and classrooms, the situation is not conducive to the production of the best of work. Berry has started the "ball rolling" and the Campus Echo backs the project two hundred percent. STUDENTS, LET'S GET BEHIND THE IDEA AND MAKE IT WORK!!

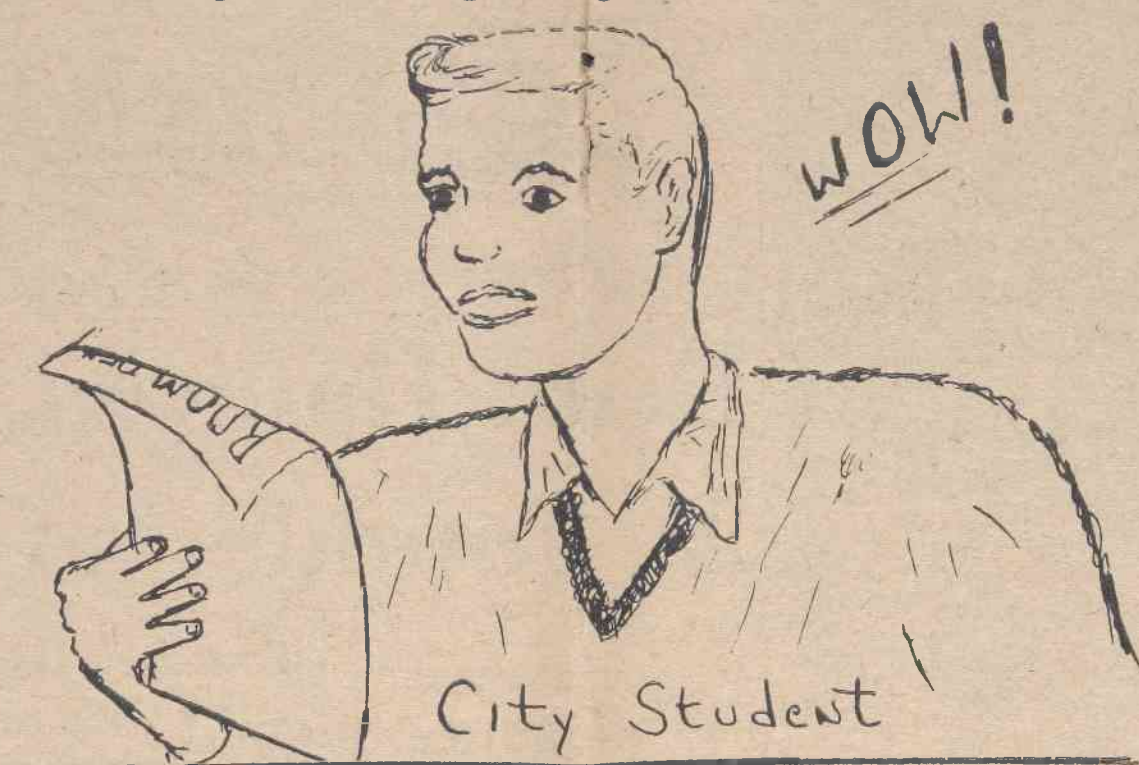
The Hastie Farce

The appointment of Governor William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands to the third district of the Circuit Court is odious to us in all its ramifications and implications. We can see in it only mere political jockeying and, even worse, the representation of the abuse of the Negro as a pawn as a means of realizing political devices. We cannot escape, however, (nor do we wish), the fact that the appoint represents an advance for the race. But in the light of the implications and what we have assumed to be the desired consequences, the advance is slight, compared to the loss we may easily incur.

In the first place, it must be noted that Mr. Hastie was appointed to the third district of the Circuit Court which is located in Philadelphia. Senator Meyers, Democrat of Pennsylvania, needs the Negro vote to win in the 1950 Congressional elections. When Meyers and other Philadelphia Democratic officials first heard of the plan to appoint the Virgin Islands chief executive to the third district, they rejected it. But when they learned that the plan was hatched to soothe the Negro's hurt feelings over the failure of the enactment of Civil Rights legislation and also realized that the appointment would boost the Senator's reelection "stock," they accepted it. Yet the Negro has been asking for a federal judgeship for ten years. Had not the purpose of the appointment been to aid the Pennsylvania Democrats in "making hay" in the coming elections, why was not Mr. Hastie appointed to the Washington, D. C. district, (which had a vacancy), since he makes his United States home there?

In the second place, the appointment is designed to bate the wrath of the Negro, stirred up over the failure of the Democratic administration and the Democratic 81st Congress to enact a single iota of the Civil Rights legislation. Apparently, the misguided administrations feels that the Negro, who in the past, has been so prone to forget injustices and broken promises, will forget about the Civil Rights promise in his jubilation over Mr. Hastie's elevation. Add to this the fact that we were "short-changed" because we had asked for ten years for a district judgeship but got a Circuit judgeship.

We can overlook the fact that the appointment is a political maneuver because we expect as much in the "business" of politics. Yet we must emphasize the fact that it was not made out of any "sincere regard for the worth of the race" as was claimed. And we are affronted by the idea that a man of the race of such calibre is being used the pawn for the advancement of petty Party designs. We cannot assimilate the meager diet offered us by the appointment which gives us a Circuit judgeship instead of a District judgeship. Above all, we cannot substitute a federal judgeship for passage of the Civil Rights legislation.



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\$10-Electricity Rent
\$5-Furniture Rent
\$4-Telephone Rent
\$3-Front Porch Rent
\$5-Radio Rent
\$5-Closet Space Rent
\$4-Miscellaneous Rent
Total \$47
Note: All increase in Rent will go to effect rent used. \$4.00 rent tax not included.

Letters To The Editor

City Students Protest Rent Rates

Editor,
Campus Echo:

Whether the writers of this article are considered indefatigable iconoclasts or infamous rascals does not really matter. We believe in democracy. We believe that democracy requires constant study, criticism, and constructive efforts. We believe that education deserves the support of all citizens. We believe that social good takes precedence over individual success. And, finally, we believe in practicing democracy in our everyday relationship with others.

Long, and much too long, have the day-students at North Carolina College been exploited by no small number of local citizens who believe in everything else but the democratic way of life; citizens who value a nickel more than character and a quarter more than human dignity.

On this subject, we do not wish to think, or to speak, or to write, with moderation. We are in earnest — we will not equivocate — we will not retreat a single inch, — and we will be heard. Let the stones fly where they may.

North Carolina College at present does not have sufficient facilities to accommodate all of the students who wish to matriculate at the institution. Consequently, many of the students are forced to find accommodations in the city; and hardly anything pleases the capitalists of the neighboring vicinity more. They exploitate rather than accommodate.

In many instances (and we have statistics to support this information) as many as four and five students are crowded in to single

rooms of private dwellings, the rooms having poor lighting and insufficient heating and ventilation. Usually hot water for baths is provided not more than three times a week and all occupants of the house must necessarily use the same bathroom. It was the case of one student interviewed by these writers that she, from compulsion, had to go from her residence to one of the girls' dormitories to have her showers. Some private dwellings maintain as many as three rooms of the sort mentioned above. Besides being over-crowded and having inadequate facilities these conditions are not conducive to study and do not offer a wholesome and cultural atmosphere in which to perpetuate democracy. We wonder if the city health department or rent control know about these conditions?

On investigating further, we found one instance, and there may be more, in which women and men students live in the same private dwelling. Is this not against the policy of North Carolina College concerning accommodations for day-students? Or has our policy changed?

Space will not allow me to cite all of the injustices done the out-of-town day-students; these are but a few.

But all of this is just a means to end and for the non-ethical, Machiavellian, capitalistic entrepreneurs. And what is the end? Why pay-day, of course. Pay-day when the veterans' checks roll in. Or when 'Mom' who has bent patiently for six days over a washboard to earn her meager income in order that she may send her son or daughter off to finishing school; has sent the biggest portion of her income to her sons' or daughters' landlady (very seldom landlord, officially.) This income adds greatly to their social dignity and luxurious living — giving some all of the majesty and pomp of the Renaissance. But the 'vets,' they don't live in luxury and 'Mom,' she does not ride in a Cadillac.

Rooms on the campus can be had for seven dollars (\$7.00) per month which is, indeed, reasonable. But the day-student pays dearly for his niggardly accommodations. Rentals in private dwellings generally range from twelve (\$12.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month — even when the students attend the cleaning of his room and furnishing his own linen and bedding. The rental does not always include heating. Many students either pay extra for fuel or purchase their own fuel). Besides, the unscrupulous rentees generally make no allowance or reduction for the students who live four and five to a room. (This is where mathematics comes in. Can you add?)

It is not our concern here as to whether or not these rentals are considered when they file their income! or whether they have license to operate miniature hotels. Our chief concern is to see to it and entice other interested, broadminded citizens to help us see to it that these unbearable conditions are alleviated, and soon. Help us, the foreign population of Durham, the day-students at North Carolina College, to help ourselves. Help us to acquire an environment that is conducive to health, happiness, culture, education, and democracy . . . for in a democracy, social good takes precedence over individual success.

STANLEY HARLEY, et al

The QUIZZER

By LOUISE JACKSON

Ye old Quizzer is back with questions and answers. In keeping with our policy, each year we interview Freshmen and new students. Our question for this month is "Why did you decide to come to North Carolina College and what impressed you most after your arrival here?"

"I chose North Carolina College because I was impressed greatly by alumni of the college in my hometown. I learned of the curriculum and of extra-curricular activities of this school, and I felt that I would like to become a part of the progressing "student brotherhood" of North Carolina College. Since I've been here, I have learned to appreciate more fully the school as a whole and

the friendly atmosphere found on this campus, as exhibited by the students and faculty."

Joseph L. Peebles
Norfolk, Va.

"North Carolina College's campus influenced me greatly, in my choice to attend school here. Secondly, my ambition is to be a music teacher, and I knew that North Carolina College had a good music department."

Miss Fannie Battle
Rocky Mount, N. C.

"I came to North Carolina College because I wanted to find out about the social life on a college campus, and whether I would like living on a campus. I think North Carolina College

is great, and I wish to obtain my B. S. degree here."

Miss Bettye Jane Canada
Boston, Massachusetts

"I think North Carolina College is a grand school. My minister informed me of the courses offered at North Carolina College and recommended the school very highly. As a result, he influenced me to come, and I am very proud that he did."

Malcolm Templeman
Newark, New Jersey

"I came to North Carolina College because I think it is the ideal school, and because I like the social environment."

Terris Woody
Roxboro, N. C.

Keeping Up

By LOUISE JACKSON



Greetings from your scribe, in this, the first column for the school year. We left you in a dither in June, and we rejoice you months hence still in the "conventional dither." "Wha hoppen" over the summer, glad to be back? Enough of that, what's really happenings?

A down-earth talk on love by a Delta Soror . . . An NAACP Youth Confab . . . "Slaughter" of South Carolina State, anyway we won . . . Cotton thrives in city limits, on South Street, that is . . . The "Rev." trekking to South Carolina for the game . . . Bill assisting your scribe, but how? . . . Twins, twins, all three sets . . . "Norfolk" an undecided place . . . The greatest North Carolina College homecoming . . . My friend "Wah Wah" again . . . Suspense, a killing thing . . . Remember all that glitters is not gold, that's the scoop of the year according to the "Killer Jason" . . . Littlejohn ably assisting yours truly, thanks a million . . . Ford's out front, we mean Ozzie. First meeting of Resource-Use Education Committee . . . Pan Hellenic Council functioning well . . .

Torrence the "Rhoomba" king-no? . . . The campus looking lovely . . . A renovated Echo staff . . . The entanglement of phonetics . . . Spekial to the Echo . . . introducing a new dance team, Moton and Scipioah! the evils of journalism . . . the tintinnabulation of our historic bell . . . who among North Carolina College celebrities made the "Afro" when she returned to school? . . . Olga is an appropriate name, don't you think? . . . The "poncho" put him down . . . The "Kid" and his "tops" . . . The cheerleaders doing a fine job.

Ho Hum, Another month, another column, but here's a closing thought: "A man's growth is seen in the successive choirs of his friends."

Echo

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soon. At present the staff consists of R. N. Niles, Associate Editor, Gladys McGill, News Editor, Louise Jackson, Feature Editor, Moses Burt, Advertising Manager, and Jonathan Holloway, Business Manager.

Bill Parker or Howard Campbell will become Sports Editor. Prof. C. A. Ray has been named faculty advisor and R. C. Foreman, Jr., is assistant advisor.

Concerts

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\$1000-a-week on Broadway to take Shakespeare to small communities, received three important concessions from officials of Actors Equity and trade unions when she organized her troupe: approving of two plays being performed by a single cast, traveling by bus, and the use of college students as assistants.

For Margaret Webster's Play,ers, "The play's the thing," has a double meaning.

"Miss Webster is one of the most distinguished Shakespearean directors of our time and has known splendor in that field. In her current enterprise she is serving the Bard in a new and immensely interesting approach. The performance had movement, cohesion, vitality and persuasive Shakespearean stature."

Edwin Schloss, The Philadelphia Inquirer.

IN "TROUBLED ISLAND"

Lawrence Winters, who sang the leading role in William Grant Still's "Troubled Island" in New York City last April, made 45 appearances in the United States and 50 appearances in Mexico and the West Indies during the 1948-49 season.

Winters was cast an Amon-arsio in Aida and as Porgy in a Porgy and Bess production in the Empire City before his widely-acclaimed success in Still's opera of Dessalines, the idealistic fighter and love-sick emperor who ruled Haiti for a brief period.

"Winters possesses substance and power. He sang with fervor, deep expressiveness and tonal voluminousness."

Strauss, New York Times.

We have presented the twins but after you meet them it will be up to you to distinguish one from another—can you do it?

Hancock

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ties, winning the D. D. at Benedict in 1925. He is a member of the American Sociology Society, American Economics Association and of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

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