

From The President's Desk

By CHARLES V. HOLLAND

In the absence of Mr. Benjamin P. Page, my personal aide who usually writes this column and who is now busy with the yearbook, I am again forced to attempt to communicate the doings of the Student Government to the student body.

Perhaps the most important single item of Student Government business is the petition of grievances submitted to the Student Welfare Committee by Mr. LeVonne Chambers in the behalf of the leaders of student organizations. The grievances covered a wide area of campus affairs, from dormitory regulations to student membership on administrative committees.

The grievances have been considered by the Student Welfare and those that had to do with areas not under its control were referred to the appropriate authority. For example, the grievance concerning the control of B. N. Duke Auditorium was referred to the Special Extra Class Activities Committee, which has jurisdiction over B. N. Duke.

This committee recommended to the president that the Thespians, who have priority in scheduling in B. N. Duke, be given three dates per year to be announced in the fall—each of which will be preceded by a closed period of two weeks during which no performance that charges admissions may be held there. All other dates, according to this recommendation are to be open to such students and student organizations that desire to use the auditorium.

The grievances protesting the handling of discipline cases by one official and through irregular channels were discussed by the Welfare Committee. The items concerning the personnel deans were referred to the officials involved for consideration in the Women's Assembly and in the Men's Assembly. Mainly considered was the suspension of the use of dormitory facilities during Vesper Hour. A practice which student leaders said is an indirect means of compelling vesper attendance.

Included also were grievances against the power of suspension from dormitories being exercised by the personnel deans

and against the extended probationary period that was imposed upon the freshmen women. Proposals to end these abuses are: that the power of suspension be lodged in the Student Welfare Committee and that the probationary period for freshmen women and at Thanksgiving.

Neither of the personnel deans is in favor of the proposals that Mr. Chambers and the group that he led have made, but they have agreed to present them to their respective assemblies. If you, the students, want to see these proposals go into effect, you must support them when they are presented in your assemblies. If you do not, the Student Government will be in a ridiculous position. So when these proposals are presented, speak up; you may not get this chance again.

The grievances concerning the alleged discrimination against student groups in the use of facilities and the centralization of authority in the Scholarship Committee in the chairmen were referred to the president.

The grievance against the unequal representation of the students of the Student Welfare Committee and the proposal to equalize student-faculty representation have already been acted upon. President Elder notified the Student Government that next year student representation on the Welfare Committee will be equal to faculty representation.

Since the February 14 meeting, during which Mr. Chambers and the group that he led discussed the petition with the Welfare Committee, he has been much criticized by some of the conservative members of the faculty. In fact the Student Government received daily reports for a while that the vice-president was being roundly criticized in class by some instructors. I take this opportunity to say to all concerned that Mr. Chambers has acted within the official limits of his office as he and I understand them. As for the speech he made in Assembly on February 14, I read it before he delivered it and agreed fully with what he said. If I had not, he would not have appeared to speak for the Student Government.

Incidentally, elections for Student Government officials will be held on April 16. The names of the nominees must be turned in not later than April 3. The campaigning period will extend from April 8 to April 13.

Sophomore President Announces Class Activities

By RUTH ROYSTER

Tentative plans for the "Sophomore Class Week-end" were announced today by Jerome H. Dudley, President of the Sophomore Class. The event's NCC's first, will be held April 12-14.

Activities will begin on Friday, April 12, in the B. N. Duke Auditorium at 8:15 P.M., with a jazz concert and calypso show. The program will feature a star-studded group of jazz artists, music calypso style, and a bit of rock and roll.

Included in the special group of performers are William Grimsley, Barbara McLinden,

and Adele Brandon as vocalists, with the newly organized group of jazz musicians under the leadership of Pete O'Farrow. Also appearing on the show with O'Farrow's group will be Mr. Benjamin Gray, an outstanding pianist and also a member of this faculty.

In addition to this terrific talent, Dr. Leonard Fabian, acclaimed as one of the most outstanding saxophonists in this area, will appear. Dr. Fabian is an obstetrician at the Duke University Hospital.

On Saturday night, April 13, at 8:00 P.M. in the Women's

Gym, the class will hold a semi-formal dance. This affair promises to be one of the most attractive social events held on campus this year. During the intermission ceremonies, Jerome Dudley will crown the newly elected queen. Following this, a pageant of beauty will be presented before the Queen's court. Music will be furnished by a local band.

On Sunday, April 14, the College Dining Hall is the site of the next class event. At 1:00 P. M. the entire class will eat together at the "Sophomore Class Family Dinner." To add distinction to the occasion, Dr. and Mrs. Elder, are invited to attend along with Dr. Ruth Horry and Dr. Charles Ray, class advisors. Recognition will be given to class members who have been outstanding in campus activities.

Following the dinner, the class will take charge of the Vesper Program in B. N. Duke at 3:15 P.M. There will not be a speaker but the College Choir will render a program built around "The Seven Last Words of Christ." To climax a week-end of activities a debate will be held at 5:00 P.M. The question for discussion will be: "Should North Carolina College institute an honor system?"

The students who will debate this very controversial issue are now hard and fast at work formulating arguments, doing research work, and discussing it pro and con. Included in the group of students are Carrie Fair, Andrew Taylor, Eugene Williams and Lawrence Hampton.

In a recent interview, President Dudley said "...I am anticipating a success with each of the planned activities. Certainly the class members are to be commended for their cooperative efforts in promoting such a group of wholesome activities which will elevate the social and intellectual atmosphere of the students on campus."

Greek News . . .

AKA NEWS

By Sigredda Richardson

On April 5, 6, and 7, Alpha Chi and Alpha Zeta Omega chapters of AKA will host the annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conferences of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The three-day meeting will be held at North Carolina College with headquarters in the Education Building.

On Friday, April 5, the Regional will get underway with registration at 3:00 p.m., after which the sorors will sponsor several social events, including a "Mixer" and the Pan Hellenic Dance.

Registration will continue on Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A general session will also begin at 9:00 with soror Elna Spaulding of Alpha Zeta Omega presiding. Scheduled to make welcoming remarks are representatives of Alpha Zeta Omega and Alpha Chi Chapters; representatives of graduate and undergraduate chapters of Virginia and North Carolina will respond. The session will be concluded with remarks from Soror Grace Matthews, Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

A business session will follow the general assembly with Soror Grace Matthews presiding. Following the business session will be a luncheon for all AKA's in attendance. The afternoon session will begin at 2:30 p.m. The annual AKA Regional ball at the Durham Armory will conclude the activities for Saturday.

On Sunday, April 7, the Mid-Atlantic Regional will conclude with the worship services at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, with Soror Grace Matthews making the keynote address.

Alpha Chi commends the Ivy

Leaf Club, the Scrollers and the Sphinxmen on the project they are about to undertake. During the week before Easter, these pledge clubs will collect clothes which will be distributed at the Oxford Orphanage in Oxford and the State School for the Blind in Raleigh.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA NEWS

By Samuel C. Floyd

The Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in the first of its series of cultural programs for the spring, presented Professor Richard Walsler in an informal talk on North Carolina poets on Sunday, March 10.

Mr. Walsler, a Professor of English at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, and author of the book "North Carolina Poets," read poems from and gave an interesting account of several poets of the state. He pointed out that while North Carolina could boast of no great poets, that there were many good ones.

He listed George Moses Horton, a Negro, as one of the finest poets the state had produced.

After Mr. Walsler's talk, tea was served and the audience was able to meet and talk with him on a more informal basis.

On April 5, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is presenting the DUKE AMBASSADORS. This band has won recognition as an outstanding musical group in Europe, Iceland and all over the south and southeastern states. Distinguished by its "name band" arrangements and versatility, the DUKE AMBASSADORS provide "cool sounds" for listening and music with a "beat" for dancing.

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