

Any Tennis Traders Around?

Spring ushered in warm weather and we were forced to abandon our unwieldy "astronaut boots" for a new pair of tennis shoes. Thus we joined the ever-expanding number of avid tennisters, as the wearers of these shoes are called. But alas, our new, gleaming white shoes refused to fit into the scheme of things!

We recognized our shortcomings, which we immediately attempted to rectify. We were trying to give our stubborn shoes a brown hue by deliberately walking in dust when an experienced tennister informed us that our shoes would appear "artificially colored." So we abandoned the project.

The shoes of a professional tennister are products of careful, meticulous aging and conditioning—they bear no resemblance whatsoever to new tennis. These shoes are lovingly dirtied until they assume a brown hue; white is never acceptable.

Owning sneakers which have holes, we discovered, is comparable to owning a Rolls Royce among a community of Ford owners. The dream of every tennister is to make his shoes in such a dilapidated condition that they have to be patched. A large, conspicuous patch on an aged pair of tennis denotes a professional tennister of a very high calibre.

We dared to crash this erudite society with a pair of new tennis. Our application to the NCC Tennister's Society was therefore rejected. Since we desperately want to become a member of this club, we are requesting that anyone desiring to exchange their old tennis shoes for our new ones, if there is such a fool, please contact us immediately.

What's Happening? - Nothing

Comments on NCC student apathy have ripped the campus so until they have become cliches. And still students remain in their self-centered, complacent worlds. Recent figures indicate that this apathy will not soon be abated. Only 947 out of an enrolled 2,300 registered to vote in the upcoming student elections. This, of course, means that only 40 percent of students here are interested in student affairs.

Evident in this already gloomy picture is that fact that apathy is reflected in the candidates themselves. There are only three candidates competing for the office of President of the Student Government, partly because the office requires much responsibility and time investment, and also because candidate Lynwood Walker appears too formidable an opponent to buck.

Consequently, competition has amassed itself down in the vice-presidential ranks. Here there are four candidates competing for office. Notable in the vice-presidential race is the fact that there are three women candidates. Despite our misgivings about their qualifications for office, it seems that NCC women have decided to run with the ball left floundering by male students. Although we shudder at the thought of women holding op positions in the SG we, nevertheless, admire them.

Student apathy, however, is reflected most highly in the office of Editor of the **Campus Echo**. Competing for this office are exactly **Xero** candidates! The reason is quite clear, not one student out of 2,300 deems himself qualified to be editor; indeed, not one out of 2300 is qualified; 2300 students have tossed out of the window this opportunity to learn and enjoy journalism.

We have other barbs to make at student apathy, but we would only be wasting words. The apathetic ones don't read the paper either!

Tis A Tale Told By Idiots

Satirist Bernard De Mandeville tells in **The Grumbling Hive** of a beehive which thrives on a basic policy of dishonesty. All bees in this particular hive scorn the policy they live by, but none of them really want to discard it for another. Their dishonest policy creates a need for policemen, courts and lawyers and other similar institutions, thereby keeping many bees employed. Finally, the bees decide to "turn over a new leaf" and adopt a basic policy of complete and total honesty. Chaos and ruin result overnight. With the policy of honesty established there is no need for policemen, courts and lawyers and other similar institutions, and these are discarded. With the dismissal of these institutions comes the unemployment of several thousand bees. A once lucrative beehive becomes decadent.

The United States is a beehive, one which thrives on a basic policy of imminent warfare. Many industries in this human beehive are running at full blast, turning out such lovely products as B52 aircraft, Atlas, Titan, Polaris and Hound-Dog missiles. Other industries are busy turning out slips, ammunition, guns and tanks. Still another industry, called the armed forces, hires and trains men for the specific purpose of repulsing an enemy in war. Like the bees De Mandeville created, none of the human bees want world peace, for it would eliminate the need for these industries and would consequently result in financial chaos within the beehive.

What probably went unnoticed by many bees was a step to create financial chaos. The **Durham Morning Herald** stated it nicely in the April 19th edition, "U.S. Unveils Sweeping Plan to Slash Arms, Abolish War." Stated in other words this same headline might read, "U.S. Unveils Plan to Destroy Itself." The complete abolition of war, including the cold war, could destroy this capitalistic beehive, just as honest brought ruin to the beehive of De Mandeville.

All bees in the U.S. beehive should buzz together, construct a giant stinger, and apply it to the hind quarters of U.S. Ambassador Arthur Dean and the other proponents of this idea. Imagine. Total disarmament, world peace—Tis' truly a tale told by idiots!

As I See It . . .

By Harrison Willoughby

"Campus Elections"

Its springtime again and the very air we breathe is heavily laden with springtime fragrances. Among these delicate fragrances NCC students detect an odor which stands out from all the rest—the pervading scent of campus politics.

Yes, politics is in the air again and we focus with increasing interest our attention on action in the student elections. We witness the activities of local office holding aspirants and wonder in a hum-drum fashion "who will be who" next year.

Traditionally, the offices and positions to be held have been a noble and a hard-earned honor for those students securing them. The case now, however, seems to be that office holding has become less glorious. Candidates have become less colorful and able; campaigns have lost their electrifying appeal; and the elective populace has become increasingly smaller. We have moved to such a ridiculous extreme that we have on our hands female aspirants for offices. All of these actions are manifestations of campus wide apathy. This situation is deplorable in that the student elections present the opportunity for students to make their voices heard by the election of qualified representatives. Let's examine a few possible reasons for the now prevailing low spirits.

It seems that office holding has lost some of its appeal in that those who have recently occupied positions have failed miserably to actuate the fine honor and to execute the duty that was bestowed upon them. Winning an office is in itself an honor, but it is the effective execution of that office that sustains the honor. It seems that those winning positions have been content to rest on their laurels; and the bold promises made during the campaigning period have turned awry and have haphazardly lost the name of action.

It is unrealistic, of course, to expect a great deal from the promises made by these politicians, and one should not forget the extreme difficulty of a "sovereign" existing with a sovereign, but one certainly expects some efforts to be made in effecting some of the promises made, even if they are ultimately deterred by a higher administration. Positive action of this type could restore the desire of office holding by showing that student government officials need not be figure heads but figures of worthwhile action. Doing this would recall that which is so conspicuously absent—the true glory of office holding.

So, at election time, will we inaugurate persons who are mere facades of that which they design themselves to be, or will they be, in the true sense of the word, leaders? Will they be persons of obvious mediocre potential for performance in office or will they be persons endowed with natural talents to lead? To the keen observer there is an easily discernible difference be-

tween the two types. If we prove to be naive in our selections we will have on our hands again manifest mediocrity, the like of which so strikingly

characterizes the now reigning Student Government administration.

Next year can be a year of (continued on page 3)



A Paid Political Advertisement

Elect Charles Weeks Vice-President

The election of Charles Weeks as Vice-President of the North Carolina College Student Government would do much toward bettering student conditions here at the college. Weeks' Platform includes better communication between students and the Student Government; an addition of more social events on the SG calendar; reorganization of the Student Government for internal efficiency; promotion of student participation in policies

which directly affect them; and promotion of longer library hours.

Weeks' active participation in various activities has greatly aided his leadership abilities. So, Go Vote With A Winner—Elect Charles Weeks Vice-President of the North Carolina College Student Government.

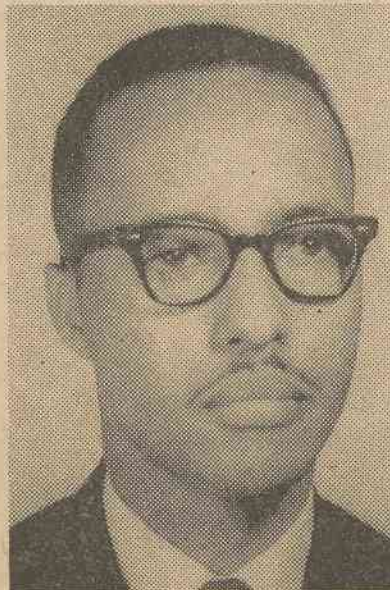
LETTERS...

Explore Graduate Program

Dear Editor,
The Atlanta University School of Social Work, graduating class of 1962 is participating in the student recruitment program. As a 1960 graduate of North Carolina College and a perspective graduate of the School of Social Work, I am writing to urge those persons interested in Social Work to explore our graduate program.

Inasmuch as the **Echo** reaches the population of students, I would appreciate some reference to this letter or the school being made in the next edition of the **Campus Echo**.

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