

Student Government Challenged To Communicate

By James A. Williams
North Carolina College's Student Government Association should be complimented for the work which it is doing to improve the welfare of students. A typical question that students ask among themselves, however, is; "Why doesn't the Student Government Association inform students of their functions?"

Attendance Limited
It is true that the Student Government Association has been diligently working for improvements in finances for student activities, in removal of the compulsory rule for assemblies, in extending the curfew hours for coeds, and in strengthening the college's constitution. But the question arises, "Does the student body have more congressmen absent from meetings than present?" Attendance has shown this fact, and to make matters worse, some of the of-

ficials said that the latest was the best attendance ever recorded.

SGA Challenged
Come now, my dear honorable government officials. Open up your mouths to the masses as to the aims and objectives of your governmental organization. Make known your functions from McLean Hall to "Mt. Chidley." Infiltrate the campus. Oh My! Please don't forget the poor orphaned off-campus students. They want to know more about your functions; and every North Carolina College student has a right to know more about your functions.

A minority of students on campus know that you are conscientiously striving for the betterment of the North Carolina College student body. Yet, the fact remains that there are still too few students who know about these desired objectives.

Petitions Fail

It is a fact that the Student Government Association has sent bills and petitions (following the correct outlined procedures) time and time again only to have them sent back classed as irrelevant and indignant. The question arises: "Does the student body know this fact?" The answer is "no."

Incidentally, it is a question as to whether or not the members of the Student Congress know that there exists such a thing as a Student Congress meeting. At a recent meeting, upon calling the congressional roll, there were those who seemingly did not know what was going on in campus politics. It is a fact that some students would not know anything along this line, if you tried to force information down their throats with a bayonet. On the other hand, there is a vast segment of the student population who would be richly informed if there were a better line of communication between them and the Student Government Association.

Communication Sought

It is this writer's opinion that if the Student Government Association would wake up and initiate a program of communication between their governing body and the student body, it would lead to students on this campus becoming more concerned about campus politics. With this new awakening of political concern among students, the Student Government Association would find that many of its aims and objectives would be more readily carried out by the college's administrative body.

Baker Receives Wisc. Scholarship

Quinton Baker, former student leader who transferred this year to the University of Wisconsin has received an even larger scholarship this semester for his academic excellence. Baker was nationally acclaimed last spring as the recipient of the Winthrop Award, given annually to the outstanding young civil rights leader in the country. Much of last summer Quinton was jailed in a N. C. prison camp, but was paroled at the end of the summer with the understanding that he would leave the state. Although he was offered an opportunity to study at Harvard University, Quinton chose to accept a scholarship at the University of Wisconsin because of that institution's excellent Speech Therapy Department. Ironically, he is now majoring in Political Philosophy, not Speech Therapy. His courses include Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, History of American Political Theory, Comparative Literature, Modern Dance, and French.

The University of Wisconsin has 24,000 students; only about 100 are Negro. There are so few Negroes in Madison, says Quinton, that it is impossible to find a separate Negro residential area.

In recognition of his leadership ability, Baker is working part-time as Assistant Program Director of the Y.M.C.A. at the University. He has successfully raised a large sum of money to be used this spring to

sponsor an exchange program between the University of Wisconsin and this institution. If it is approved, the program would bring U. of Wisconsin students here for one week during April, and N.C.C. students would return the visit the following week. Co-ordinating the program here at N.C.C. will be students from the various groups of the United Campus Christian Ministry. This would be the fourth in a series of exchange United Campus Christian Ministry. Last spring the program involved students from N.C.C. and the University of Pennsylvania. During the spring of 1963 students from Cornell University visited N.C.C. In August, 1963, a special seminar was arranged with Harvard University in which 36 N.C.C. students spent ten days at Cambridge.

New Dorm Fulfillment Of Dreams

By Rose M. Kidd

Crowded living conditions have been one of North Carolina College's biggest problems for several years.

All dormitories except New Residence Hall, the junior and senior dormitory, are "stuffed" with three girls in nearly every room. The construction of this building makes it impossible to accommodate more than two to the room. The other dormitories not so fortunate, are rather small with only two closets to be shared by three girls.

It is the sincere wish of every North Carolina College coed who lives under such dormitory conditions as these, that something will be done to alleviate these situations. The new dormitory is under construction will be just what the coeds are wishing for.

Each day the banging of the hammers, the piles of bricks and boards, the bags of cement, and the torn up ground are answering the problem to the overcrowded women's dormitories at North Carolina College.

This commotion, which started approximately three months ago, occurs on a designated spot between the Commerce Building and George Street. It is none other than sounds from the construction of the new dormitory that the freshman women have dreamed of for several years. This is their dreams coming true.

The building, with only the foundation completed, will be a young Empire State Building with nine floors. The building house 400 women, having 50 rooms on each floor. The main floor will consist of the living quarters for the Residence Counselor, the office, lounge, a room for social activities, a powder room, a mechanical room, a study room and a men's bathroom.

The bedrooms will begin on the second floor, and will con-

tinue on the remaining eight floors. Each girl will have a desk, bookshelf, closet, and storage space. Additionally, it will be the first dorm on the North Carolina campus to be equipped with elevators; two will be provided. But, if the women prefer, they may use the two stairways which will serve as automatic "energy releasers."

By the end of this school term, the building will be approximately to the third floor. And by the beginning of the spring semester of 1965-66, we are hoping to see the freshman women who have toiled for one semester, walk proudly up the walk and through the wide stretched doors of this large, beautiful, \$1,100,000 building that will answer the wishes and fulfill the dreams of many North Carolina College young women.

Cobb Praises Student Body

The North Carolina College student body was called together March 9 to be praised by Student Government President Hilton Cobb, for progress made concerning demands for a greatly expanded social life, as well as to register dissatisfaction about other aspects of college life.

According to Cobb, student leaders met with President Massie after the March 3 demonstration to discuss several aspects. At this time, it was suggested that proposals be drawn up and presented. Students have drawn up and approved a code by which they will be guided. They will feel free to do what is not in the code.

An Administration representative states that it is in agreement with increased social activities for students but stresses proper channels. It is felt that the college has a responsibility and should have views of the parents. In this regard, a letter has been drafted which will be sent to parents. Parents will sign a pledge of approval of disapproval of the code for their son or daughter.

Cobb said, "We feel that the young ladies' opportunities to visit off-campus places of entertainment would be meaningless without reasonable hours to stay there."

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