

# T'was A Barn Burner It Was!

The tremendous election day turnout was an appropriate climax to an enervating, intriguing, and emotional campaign which contained everything except a charge of rape and a suicide attempt. Congratulations are due the victorious Action Party and the gallant but defeated Student Party.

The Action Party, which was initially inaugurated during the freshmen elections by some inexperienced but enterprising politicians, Patricia Washington, Charles Miller, and a few others, and a veteran political warrior Joseph Chea Sampson, became the focal point for a sociological mass movement rather than a political party. The Action Movement came to represent the collective animosities of the students toward the dullness, the insipidity, and the lethargic nature of North Carolina College.

The Action Party was blessed in quantity with the necessary element for a successful mass movement—the fanatic. Floyd Hayes is fanatical in his propensity for oral argument. William Bowser is fanatical in his proclivity for physical activity. Samuel Thomas, who some mistakenly regard as being the most radical of all, is fanatical in his desire for accomplishment.

The Student Party, which did not shift into high gear until the dwindling days of the campaign, was primarily composed of introverted, scholarly-inclined students. Raymond Perry did a tremendous job in turning what might easily have been a runaway into a close contest on the strength of his personality alone. Charles Howard, who might be described as a political comer, helped to verify the time tested axiom: the freshman class can make you or break you. The fire that was eventually lit under the Student Party was kindled by Charles Daye, the dean of this college's politicians and the founder of the Student Party.

History students were given an unparalleled opportunity to match the present campus politicians with the politicians of past eras. Samuel Thomas and William Bowser are similar to Woodrow Wilson and Col. Edward House in the manner of their relationship. Raymond Perry and Charles Daye, reminiscent of Richard Nixon and Dwight Eisenhower in some respects, are closer to William McKinley and Mark Hanna although Daye is president and Hanna never attained that title. Floyd Hayes is just as effervescent as Hubert Humphrey ever was, and Charles Howard, although not possessing William Miller's caustic tongue, was his equal in popular appeal.

Action caucuses took on the flavor of a revival meeting at a country church. The exciting and electrical atmosphere was a sight never beheld before on this campus. Although the party was elaborately organized, the major decision's emanated from a tight clique composed of Thomas, Hayes, Bowser, Winston Kennedy, Lionel Stevens, and a few others to a lesser extent.

When Joseph Sampson dramatically announced his withdrawal from the Action Party in an acrimonious letter to the student body, this act provided a vulnerable chink in Action Party's armor had the Student Party capitalized on it. The Action Party's reply was even more acrimonious than Sampson's letter. It appeared that the stage was being set for an old fashion political brawl when the entire matter fizzled out due to a belated, ineffective, letter of poetry and prose designed "to castigate those who would dare tread upon the good character of Joseph Sampson." In view of the lost opportunity, chalk up a plus for the Action Party.

The Student Party booth, located in such an advantageous spot as the Freshman bowl, made the originator of the idea appear to be a genius and also made Action's headquarters on the third floor of the Administration Building almost obsolete. The progressive jazz flowing from the booth caught many an ear and vastly increased the partakers of the Student Party membership cards. Give the Student Party a plus.

"Meet the Candidates," a Monday morning forum program, provided the first and only face to face confrontation of the major candidates. Raymond Perry easily out shown Samuel Thomas as a public speaker; however, it would have been a better match if a debate had ensued. This would have been a plus for the Student but the only people present were party stalwarts who had already decided how they were going to vote. Thus, it ended up a draw.

Action Party's rally and dance held on the day before elections was an interesting affair. There is some uncertainty as to the number of votes the free punch brought to the party as there is equal uncertainty as to the effect of the Student Party bulletins distributed at the close of the rally. A psychological plus awarded to the Action Party.

The Bulletins circulated by both parties were virtually ineffective for two reasons. The first is that the campaign did not hinge upon issues, and secondly, both parties proposed similar platforms such as make part of the old cafeteria a Student Union Building (Student Party). And make all the cafeteria a student union building (Action Party). Action Party's bulletins were often abstrusely dull and unattractive (single spaced) while the Student Party' count downs, more attractive and readable, never reached the blast off point. Since reading the bulletins was not compulsory, give both parties a plus.

After the freshman vote has been tabulated, Floyd Hayes surprisingly had an 80 vote lead over Charles Howard, who subsequently cut the lead to thirty votes in the sophomore class balloting (his class), but this was as close as he came to victory. The junior class not only killed Charles Howard but also Raymond Perry who had managed to stay slightly ahead of Samuel Thomas. In summary the junior class administered the coup de grace to the ambitions of the the Student Party.

Samuel Thomas has a demanding job awaiting him as President of the Student Government Association. Floyd Hayes has a comparable task in that he is responsible for making the defunct Student Congress reasonably efficacious. The outgoing administration was one of the most capable ever to reign at North Carolina College. President Charles Daye did a notable job along with the invaluable assistance of Vice President Raymond Perry. The accomplishments of this administration were second to none; to surpass this record is the Campus Echo's charge to the new Student Government Association President Samuel V. Thomas.

## Roving Reporter

By Quentine D. Finch  
Question: Is pre-registration necessary?

**Olivear Fox; junior majoring in history from Brooklyn:** "No, because at the present the administration doesn't have the actual schedule of classes that will be in effect next fall; therefore, you have to change your whole program when you get back next semester. As a result, pre-registration is a waste of time."

**Cherry Vann; majoring in sociology from Gates:** "No, pre-registration is not necessary because it usually happens that you do not get the courses you want; therefore, it is a waste of time."

**McKenton McClamb; junior majoring in accounting from Smithfield:** "Yes, it gives the administration the opportunity to find out how many people are registered in certain courses. It also gives the student an idea as to the hours and courses he will be taking before his actual registration. So, in cases where changes have to be made, he can make them before or at registration instead of going through the drop-and-add procedure."

**Marjorie Brame; sophomore majoring in business education from Henderson:** "No, not really. The majority of the time you cannot get into the courses for which you pre-registered. You know what courses you should take or will have to take, so why not get them when you register, as pre-registration is usually done over at registration. It seems to me that either registration or pre-registration could be eliminated."

**Frances Hairston, freshman majoring in math from Lexington:** "No, because what's the need? We have to register again before the semester begins even though we pre-registered. I think that it's a waste of time. However, if it were perfected, then it would be a good thing."

**Oliver Fox; junior majoring in biology from Richmond:** "Yes, pre-registration is necessary. The administration has to have a general idea of the number of students expected in the forthcoming semester so that they can plan their budget, the final schedule of classes, and the number of instructors needed in order to operate. I think it would be impossible to operate the school efficiently if the administration doesn't know how many students it will have the forthcoming semester."

**Rose Millner; junior majoring in health education from Martinsville:** Yes, because it eliminates a lot of time for the students and teachers during regular registration."

**Andrew McKay; junior majoring in sociology from Raleigh:** "No, because some of the instructors, classes, and class time are "arranged" and not known at the time of pre-registration; therefore, you have (See Roving Reporter, Page 6)

## Letter To Editor

# "WORDS, WORDS," MR. FEREBEE

Before I attempt to respectfully assail your defense of Greek-letter organizations, I wish to establish that I am not a "Greek" and I am fully content with my chosen status as a non-affiliate. I will nevertheless concede that at one time I did explore the utility and advisability of joining a fraternity. After assiduous scrutiny I acknowledged my interest and my system of values were incompatible with the "Greek way." However, I harbor no malevolence toward an individual merely because he is a Greek; nor on the other hand, do I consider Greek membership a consequential attainment. Thus your letter unconsciously extolling Greek-letter organizations does provoke my attention, Mr. Ferebee.

Indeed, commendation is in order concerning the passionate exercise in verbosity you so magnanimously donated to the preceding edition of the Campus Echo in defense of the Greeks. Such asinine assumption and obfuscations of reason should not be denied laudatory comment.

Undoubtedly Miss Mary Jane Gladsberry's criticism of Greek-letter organizations did not abound in depth and maturity. In fact, it left much to be desired. Your letter, Mr. Ferebee, contrastingly provided an abundance of commentary and susceptible subject matter.

Now let us examine the credibility of your information. You consumed one seven and a half inch paragraph acknowledging students who are members of campus organizations and coincidentally happen to be Greek affiliates such as the editor of the Echo and the Chief Justice and Attorney-General of the Student Court. The correlation is not clear Mr. Ferebee. Certainly you are not so naive as to infer that Mr. Faison's indefatigable semantical effervescence is attributable to his Greek membership. Or that Miss Leverette's and Mr. Nance's judicial acumen is "Greek" in origin. If, however, you are pursuing this unfortunate mode of reasoning it is then only rational to assume that the student, also a Greek, who was accorded two weeks of "leisure" from this institution earlier this semester for the possession and ostentatious use of a fireman in the dormitory can trace the origin of his "Jesse James complex" to his Greek membership. I trust that you now better appreciate the inadequacy of your inference.

Furthermore, Mr. Ferebee, you have yet to establish the relationship between the selection and subsequent service of these students in campus affairs and their Greek affiliation. These people were selected for their ability, not their affiliation and it behooves you not to confuse the two unless you can irrefutably sustain that Greek

affiliation is the prerequisite to ability. As for your reference to the eradication of apathy, I am certain we would both be forced to concede that for the queens of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes the personal honor and distinction of being selected as a queen has infinitely more significance for them than any altruistic "eradication of student apathy."

Of course, Mr. Ferebee, being a "loyal Greek" I am certain that you know that the first Greek-letter organization, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded at William and Mary College in 1776. Today, however, it is a purely honorary fraternity. You are also aware that Kappa Alpha founded at Union College in Schenectady, New York in 1825 is the oldest social fraternity in continuous existence. Either of these was understandably founded well before the so-called Negro Greek-letter organizations were created. Incidentally, in your reasons for the formation of Negro fraternities you failed to include the immeasurably important fact that their white fraternities would not admit Negroes. Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha and other fraternities were created originally to provide relief from dreary, rigid curriculums. Though you may be reluctant to admit it, this was also a major factor in the formation of Negro fraternities.

So now, Mr. Ferebee, it is logical that you probably want to know the relevance of these facts. Thus I will elucidate. You fervently imply that the Pan-Hellenic world makes a vital (See Words, Words, Page 4)

## Twenty Words Heard At Awards Event

Fellow Collegians:

Did you hear the speech that Mr. Phillip Geary gave Friday, May 6 at the Awards Day Program? Do you know what the platform guests who presented the awards had to say? In the first place, if you were not present, you did not intend to hear it anyway. In the second place, those of us who were there could not understand the burr that the sound waves transmitted to our ears. It was rather disappointing to watch the speaker's gestures and wonder what he was saying. It was very embarrassing to walk out before the end of the program because of the boredom. I counted approximately twenty words that I was able to understand during the two hours that I remained present.

It was also reported that the people on the platform could not understand what was being said either—they too, got a burr. How hurt Mr. Geary must have been when he realized he had been "talking to himself," and how embarrassing for North Carolina College—a state supported school!

Most of the students were able to determine (with the aid of their programs) when they were supposed to stand in recognition of the awards they were to receive—truthfully, that was about all they were able to "guess" accurately.

The acoustics in McDougald Gymnasium are extremely poor. This is disgusting and intolerable. Something should be done... something must be done!

Has the administration asked the state for funds to install a better microphonic system? Has the administration tried to fit (See Twenty Words, Page 4)

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