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## O'Conner And The Cards

We are wondering why it is that students have such a hard time finding a place to play cards (seemingly their favorite pastime) in the Union. It seems the building was built for the students to carry on extracurricular activities—and card playing, in our estimation, is an extracurricular activity.

There is no problem in the morning or late afternoon. But the time from 11:30 a.m. to about 1 p.m. (that time, by the way, when most students have a free break and are still at school) when tables are just not available.

The reason for this unavailability is that Mr. O'Conner, manager of the cafeteria, has the authority to snatch cards from students' hands if he happens not to want them to be playing. He is responsible for running the cafeteria, but this should not be one of his responsibilities.

Mr. O'Conner, as we have said, is responsible for running the cafeteria. We can agree with his turning down the juke box if it gets too loud. We can see his asking students not to throw trash on the floor. But we can't see his prohibiting card playing in the cafeteria when fourteen tables are unoccupied.

The other day four students sat down to play bridge at 12:30 p.m. There were fourteen empty tables scattered throughout the cafeteria. Two students were waiting for hamburgers at the short order grill. Other tables were occupied by students discussing how hard Dr. Heck's test was and why South Carolina's Senate should be redistricted. The game room was filled to capacity. Mr. O'Conner thought it was not in the best interest of the cafeteria that students play cards. "OK, put up the cards."

Why, Mr. O'Conner?

But perhaps there is a solution. Take those fourteen empty tables out of the cafeteria and put them in the hall between the cafeteria and the stairs. This would allow students enough tables to play cards all they wanted and still not bother Mr. O'Conner.

But still we cannot understand his objecting to card playing in the cafeteria while there are by far enough tables for eating purposes.

Mr. O'Conner manages the cafeteria; he does not own it.

## 15 M.P.H.

That sign out there by the road leading down to Highway 49 seems a little out of place. If its supposed to regulate traffic, it should be put in one of the halls in C building. It would come a lot closer to being obeyed there than where it is now.

But maybe something could be done to make the little black and white farce a little more effective. Something like speeding tickets. That is if anybody is willing to hop on a Honda and tear after a speeding violator.

But we can't even get anybody to give out tickets when the cars are standing still. You know, parked. They're called parking tickets. They're safe to give out, too. Except when somebody parks on the road next to the little sign that says speed limit 15 m.p.h. No wonder nobody wants to give out parking tickets. Somebody might park next to the little sign and a car would come by at 60 and it would be dangerous.

Catch us if you can.

## The Democrats

The Young Democratic Club has been having more than its share of troubles lately.

First, the club was threatened with the word from Dean MacKay's office that it would be disbanded if its president did not resign and new officers were installed. The president resigned and a new one was elected.

Next, it was found that the constitution the club was under was unfit and that a new one would have to be drawn up. A new one was drawn up.

Next, word came from the Student Legislature, who must approve all club constitutions, that the new one was typographically unfit and must be redone. The new constitution was redone.

Finally, the new constitution said that the president must be an upperclassman. And, at the time, he was not. Another new president, along with several other new officers, was elected.

YDC now has a new constitution and a new list of officers. We wish them the best of luck now that everything is straightened out. May the other clubs on the campus take warning from the YDC so as not to fall into the same plight.

# University's First Obligation To Students

By DON SPRIGGS

At the risk of heaping coals of fire upon my head, I am expressing a personal reaction to what has been called an unavoidable situation.

As I understand it, a university exists to provide students with the best possible opportunity for learning. Therefore, if my logic is not too far wrong, the university's first obligation is to the students.

The situation to which I am referring has stimulated some doubt in my mind that others share my opinion. May be they do and maybe they don't. My surprise is not to judge.

At least one first semester Spanish class recently experienced a change of professors. The situation, as I said before, has been called unavoidable. I question that for several reasons.

With five weeks left in the semester was the change necessary? Wouldn't it have been better to continue on the same basis for only five more weeks? Do beginners not have enough difficulty without having to contend with two professors in one short semester? Wouldn't an advanced class be able to absorb the change with less difficulty? Was any real difficulty alleviated by instigating the change? Did the professors involved feel that the action taken was for the best interest of the students? Did the professors seek a change?

I do not propose that students tell those in authority how to deal with their responsibilities. But, I do feel that students can express themselves

in a civil manner to make their wishes known. Then, if the students have a legitimate case and a suitable alternative can be found, that alternative should be considered. I heard about the students' case. I did not hear about the consideration.

Maybe the situation is not worth it. Maybe students should just accept such action without question. Maybe I should have left unwritten those things which I have written. Maybe it's none of my business. Maybe I'm altogether in the wrong. But I doubt it.

I just haven't been convinced that these five weeks will not have an adverse effect on the students. Maybe I don't have to be convinced. Maybe I should just shut up. But I doubt it.

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Advice to the poor: Do not leave your books where your eyes cannot see. A thief is loose.

Advice to librarians: Place armed guards at all doors in the library. I heard that someone is stealing your books, too.

Advice to the thief (or thieves): Do not meet me in the center of the main walk Saturday night at 12. Me and my boys will whup hell out of you if you show up.

Advice to me and my boys: Be somewhere else Saturday night at 12. There may be more of them than there is of us.

Advice to the editor: Stop my column here. I've said too much already.

## Letters To The Editor

# Journal Should Stick To Accurate Reporting—Wilson

In the last issue of the Carolina Journal (Dec. 1), there appeared an editorial in which Editor Howard Pearre blasted Gus Psomadakis, president of the student body. This editorial blasting was instigated by the actions of Mr. Psomadakis following the Nov. meeting of the Student Legislature.

In the editorial to begin with, Mr. Pearre directly contradicted himself. At one point, he wrote: "Mr. Psomadakis seems not to know how to get along in his official capacity as president of the student body."

Then, several paragraphs later, Mr. Pearre wrote: "Mr. Psomadakis is a very good president. We agree with nearly every piece of legislation he has pushed. He's getting a lot done. We are not criticizing him as a president, but as a person."

Mr. Pearre, it is not up to you or anyone else to publically criticize Mr. Psomadakis as a person. You are demeaning yourself as well as the Carolina Journal when you make such attacks. If Mr. Psomadakis is an incompetent president, then certainly you have the right, the obligation, to reveal his inadequacies. However, if Mr. Psomadakis competently fulfills the duties of his office, then he deserves your support.

In another part of the editorial, Mr. Pearre wrote that the meeting of Nov. 22 proceeded "relatively smoothly." This report is a contradiction of a report I received from a class representative who attended the meeting. I understood that the meeting was anything but smooth. I suggest that if Mr. Pearre is going to make such attacks, he attend the meetings and report first hand information.

In yet another part of the editorial, Mr. Pearre wrote: "He (Mr. Psomadakis) should

come to the Student Legislature meetings), wait to be recognized by the speaker, give his report, and very promptly leave."

As a member of the student body, I feel that the president of that organization is obliged to know, as best he can, what is going on within the student body. He could hardly be a competent leader if he didn't, and I feel that with the adversity he has met, Mr. Psomadakis has come through with an admirable performance.

I am not condoning Mr. Psomadakis' actions following the Nov. 22 Student Legislature meeting. Perhaps he was out of order; I'm not really qualified to say if he was or not. What I am saying is that Mr. Pearre was out of order in his editorial, and that he should stick to his job of accurately and justifiably reporting the news.

To Mr. Pearre, I say: You have probably the highest student position on this campus of the Consolidated University of North Carolina. If you have a personal dislike for Mr. Psomadakis (as you indicated not only in your recent editorial, but in a conversation with me as well), then I suggest that you take the issue directly and privately to Mr. Psomadakis himself. You owe it to the University and to the student body to stick to accurate reporting.

To Mr. Psomadakis, I say: It is my personal opinion that you are well supported by the student body. If any of Mr. Pearre's attacks against you are justified, then I suggest you take heed and correct your actions accordingly. We expect quite a bit from you.

To the rest of us (the student body), I would suggest that we cut out the dirty politics and see if we can't have a smooth and efficient political system. We

constitute a young school, and we certainly don't need the strongly divided feelings which exist today.

C. MICHAEL WILSON

(Editor's note: Mr. Wilson implies that it was a personal feud between the editor of the Carolina Journal and the president of the Student Body that prompted the editorial in question. It was not. Mr. Wilson also implies that the editorial was inaccurate in reporting that the meeting was disorderly. He is referring to an opinion that was expressed only as an opinion. We still maintain that the meeting opened "relatively smoothly.")

## Thank You

I should like to thank all the members of the Social Committee who have worked so hard in the past and especially for the Christmas Dance. In charge of refreshments were Diane Hargett, Janice Mitchell, and Christine Pappamihel; Catherine Miller was in charge of the decorations; Judy Chipley in charge of chaperones; and Larry MacAfee in charge of publicity. These people worked that extra little bit so that we at UNC-C might have a successful dance.

Two clubs on campus, APO and the Circle K, have their assistance in decorating and publicity. I thank John Gaither and Scott MacMillan for the help the members of their clubs so willingly gave.

The Class Presidents aided in the elections of Class Princesses which was most appreciated. Skip Milton, Chairman of the Elections Committee made arrangements for the election of the Christmas Queen, Martha Caton, Gerald Broome, and Dick Raley tallied the votes.

ANN McMILLAN