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How About Fraternities?

The Student Party has adopted a plank in its spring platform which deserves the careful consideration of every male and female student at this institution.

The plank concerns "the establishment of national fraternities and sororities at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte."

This plank has our vote.

The Student Legislature has already set up a committee to investigate the possibility of bringing social fraternities and sororities to our campus. This committee was formed almost two months ago under the chairmanship of Henry Parker. The committee has acted wisely in taking its time before rendering any recommendations for the recommendations it submits will weigh heavily on the decisions of the persons responsible for making the decision.

The Journal has repeatedly stated its hope that fraternities and sororities will be brought to the campus sooner or later, hopefully sooner than later.

Social institutions such as these can only be a unifying factor to a young institution such as ours. We need unification. We need fraternities. We hope to hear something soon.

Academic Freedom, Not Sensationalism

The Student Legislature of our sister institution at Chapel Hill can only be commended for a piece of legislation which they passed titled "A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FREE SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL".

This resolution correctly states the academic community's feelings concerning the issue of free academic speech. "The University must serve as an open forum for different views and opinions, no matter how unpopular or divergent, and . . . must guarantee to all members of the academic community the right to hear all sides of issues." Because of these ideas, coupled with the fact that "It is only through the critical examination of all alternatives that the accumulated knowledge of society can be advanced", the Chapel Hill legislature voted unanimously to support the Carolina Forum's March 9 invitation to Dr. H. Aptheker and to urge "the student body to express their views on this question and to express their opinion in a mature and responsible manner."

This last part will probably be overlooked by the press in general but it still remains as a positive statement on the part of the student leaders which destroys the sensationalism criticism levied at them recently. It goes a long way in proving that the students are sincere in the dislike for the undue restraints being placed on their freedoms and that their actions of late have not been for the sole purpose of creating trouble.

The legislature's resolution contained an article stating once again that it "is opposed to communism and other forms of government or philosophy which are alien to democracy. This is a point which has completely been overlooked by University critics during the speaker ban controversy.

It is good that the legislative branch of student government at Chapel Hill has taken this step. It should put down all of the major criticisms which have been leveled at the University system lately.

Maybe our student government could aid Chapel Hill in this venture.

More Candidates, Please

With one full slate of officers now having been nominated for executive council positions it is time for other qualified candidates to throw their hats into the political ring.

Word has it that another slate of candidates has been compiled and awaits only the most opportune time for the official announcement.

This, however, does not rule out independent candidates for student body offices.

A good assortment of party candidates and independents would not only make for lively campaigning but would enhance the probabilities of the student body getting the most qualified for each office.

We hope that the candidates will take their responsibilities seriously as should the students who vote them in office.

'God Is Dead' In Georgia

The following article is a satire written by Anthoñe Towne for the Feb. 1966 edition of *Motive*, a monthly magazine published by the Division of Higher Learning of the Methodist Church.

ATLANTA, GA. — God, creator of the universe, principal deity of the world's Jews, ultimate reality of Christians, and most eminent of all divinities, died late yesterday during major surgery undertaken to correct a massive diminishing influence. His exact age is not known, but close friends estimate that it greatly exceeded that of all other extant beings. While he did not, in recent years, maintain any fixed abode, his house was said to consist of many mansions.

The cause of death could not be immediately determined, pending

an autopsy, but the deity's surgeon, Thomas J. J. Altizer, 38, of Emory University in Atlanta indicated possible cardiac insufficiency. Assisting Dr. Altizer in the unsuccessful surgery were Dr. Paul vanBuren of Temple University, Philadelphia; Dr. William Hamilton of Colgate-Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.; and Dr. Gabriel Vahanian of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Word of the death, long rumored, was officially disclosed to reporters at five minutes before midnight after a full day of mounting anxiety and the com-

ings and goings of ecclesiastical dignitaries and members of the immediate family. At the bedside, when the end came, were, in addition to the attending surgeons and several nurses, the Papal Nuncio to the United States, representing His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, Vicar of Christ on Earth and Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church; Iakovos, Archbishop of North and South America, representing the Orthodox Churches; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., representing the World Council of Churches, predominantly a Protestant institution; Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum of New York City, representing the tribes of Israel, chosen people, according to their faith, of the deceased; The Rev. William Moyers, Baptist minister, representing President Johnson; the 3rd Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Trinidad, representing the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and a number of unidentified curious bystanders.

Unable to be in Atlanta owing to the pressure of business at the second Vatican Council, now in session, the Pope, in Rome, said, in part: "We are deeply distressed for we have suffered an incalculable loss. The contributions of God to the Church cannot be measured, and it is difficult to imagine how we shall proceed without Him." Rumors swept through the Council, meeting under the great vaulted dome of St. Peter's, that, before adjourning the Council in December, the Pope will proclaim God a saint, an action, if taken, that would be wholly without precedent in the history of the Church. Several aged women were reported to have come forward with claims of miraculous cures due to God's intervention. One woman, a 103-year-old Bulgarian peasant, is said to have conceived a son at the very instant God expired. Proof of miracles is a precondition for sanctification, according to ancient tradition of the Roman Catholic faith.

In Johnson City, Texas, President Johnson, recuperating from his recent gall bladder surgery, was described by aides as "profoundly upset." He at once directed that all flags should be at half-staff until after the funeral. The First Lady and the two presidential daughters, Luci and Lynda, were understood to have wept openly. Luci, 18, the younger daughter, whose engagement has been lately rumored, is a convert to Roman Catholicism. It is assumed that the President and his family, including his cousin, Oriole, will attend the last rites, if the international situation permits. Both houses of Congress met in Washington at noon today and promptly adjourned after passing a joint resolution expressing "grief and great respect for the departed spiritual leader." Sen. Wayne Morse, Dem. of Oregon, objected on the grounds that the resolution violated the principle of separation of church and state, but he was overruled by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who remarked that "this is not a time for partisan politics."

Plans for the deity's funeral are incomplete. Reliable sources suggested that extensive negotiations may be necessary in order to select a church for the services and an appropriate liturgy. Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, theologian, of Union Seminary in New York City proposed this morning that it would be "fitting and seemly" to inter the remains in the ultimate ground of all being, but it is not known whether that proposal is acceptable to the family. Funerals for divinities,



—Letters To The Editor—

Strong Leadership Needed

Mr. Editor:

This letter is both late and early, but I feel that what I have to say is of sufficient importance to warrant its expression. I, along with a gratifying large number of fellow-students, had the opportunity to attend the first University Forum. Along with a considerable amount of invaluable information from knowledgeable and influential persons, I personally received an injection of first-class school spirit — not the gather-round-the bonfire, Rah! Rah! variety of temporary exuberance but an inner dedication to help put this University in its rightful place in the community and State. I am certain that many others — students, faculty members, administrators, businessmen, leaders of local and surrounding groups — came away with that same sort of feeling.

At the present moment we, as a University, have moved but a few faltering steps from our birth, impressive steps though they may have been. In contrast to the realizable possibilities ahead we have but laid the groundwork for what can become a magnificent institution of learning — and a fitting monument to those unselfish and dedicated persons who cherished a hope and nurtured a feeble flame to its present bright glow.

It is now our turn. We have been on the receiving end of unstinting effort and devotion to a dream for a considerable length of time. We must assuredly match effort for effort, devotion for devotion, and dedication for dedication if ever we expect to look back in later years and hope to lay claim to having accomplished anything while we

were here — to be able to say justifiably that we contributed and participated, rather than attended. To be able to make such a claim will entail personal sacrifice for many — of time, of energy, of deliberation, of the ability to subordinate personal desires for the good of all. But, having accomplished this, we will find that we have left an intangible part of us permeating every corner of the campus, an aura that will remain long after we have departed.

One of the first things that we can all do — and I realize this comes on the verge of spring election campaigns — is to realize our responsibility towards the Student Government of this campus. There are some impressive platforms being advanced this year, and some refreshing new faces on the political scene. All of these issues and hopeful office-seekers are aiming at bettering our way of life at the University, so let us all make our plans now to vote — every last one of us. But let us do so wisely — not on the basis of personal friendship, improbable promises, ambiguous hearsay and rumor — but because we have examined the issues and persons involved and are firmly convinced of the correctness of our vote. If each of us can do this, we are assuring ourselves of a good government next year and, what is even more important, we are adding to the future of the University in the best way we as individual students can.

Assuming this letter is published, let me say further that the foregoing is not said politically, nor with any ulterior motives involved. I sincerely believe in

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