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# 'Bubble, Bubble, Toil, Trouble' Say Marrieds

## Illegal Elections?

Are today's elections legal? There is a great deal of valid doubt shrouding the question.

The student legislature confirmed the date of Wednesday, March 30, as the final day of nominations for executive council positions, University Union governing board positions, and the newspaper editor. The legislature stated that no nominations would be accepted for these positions after 5:30 p.m. on that date under any circumstances. This recommendation was made by student body president Gus Psomadakis and implemented by the legislature.

Now Psomadakis has taken it upon himself to sidestep that resolution. He ordered the nomination dates extended to Tuesday, April 5. He did this without even requesting a special meeting of the legislature to consider the proposal. It is the duty of the legislature to make laws and the duty of the president to enforce these laws, not change them.

The president of the student body has a veto power. He could have vetoed the nominations bill, but he didn't. Instead he extra-legally extended the nominations period. By doing this he has unequivocally set himself against one of the very laws which he has sworn to uphold. Such acts cannot be allowed to go unchallenged or be allowed to reoccur.

## Vote Wisely

A good part of the blame for the abuse of power described in the above editorial must be attributed to the Student Legislature.

The legislature has the power to abort such dictatorial actions, but it hasn't done so. This is not the legislature's only shortcoming. The legislature should provide the core of student leadership, but instead it has often degenerated into little more than conflicts and personal animosities. Thus the charge seems valid that it has become, as one student put it, more of a "Monday Night Mickey Mouse Club" and not the supreme, and responsible, legislative organ it is supposed to be.

This is not to say that all of its members are too immature to do their jobs effectively. Only a portion. This portion has been large enough this year, however, to gum up many of the legislature's vital works.

Why has the legislature been allowed to function in this manner? It's simple enough. Not enough individual students, faculty members, and administrative officials have kept informed of just what the legislature has been doing.

At the present time the legislature is trying to get control of all student activity fees. This would give them the power to disburse, according to conservative estimates, in excess of \$32,000. This money is presently rationed out by a committee composed of students and faculty members. This system has worked well in the past, and there is no reason to think that it wouldn't function as well in the future. If the legislature is given this privilege it would require a great deal of responsibility on its part. It is our opinion that, at the present time, few of the legislators are responsible enough to meet this task. It is up to you, the student voter, to see that responsible people fill the legislature in case they are given the power to disburse the funds derived from the activity fees.

It is up to us, as voters, to see that the most qualified people are elected to positions of responsibility, and that once they are elected they will serve our interests. We must make sure this mess is never repeated on our campus.

## Religious Music Scheduled

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Hickory; Paul Langston, dean of the Department of Music at Stetson University and former minister of music at St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte; Christopher Thomas, former choirmaster at St. Peter's and Christ Episcopal Churches in Charlotte; Dr. Jan P. Schinhan, former professor of Music at UNC at Chapel Hill; Hemene Eichhorn, choirmaster at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro; Robert Decker, minister of music at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby; Richard H. Brewer, director of the Department of Music at Pfeiffer College; M. Thomas Cousins, professor of music and composer

in residence at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Alex Hagenbart, minister of music at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Charlotte; Margaret Vardell Sandresky of Salem College; Emily Leitner Ervin of Statesville; Dr. Richard Peek, choir director and organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte; Carlisle Floyd, formerly of Spartanburg; Philip Young, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Henderson; David Peninger of Spartanburg; John Laverty, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Durham; and Austin Lovelace, formerly of Charlotte.

Accompanists for the program will be Jo Ellen Carter, organist, and June Kelly, pianist.

By BARBARA JAMES  
Journal Feature Editor

With a college diploma now being a prerequisite for success and security, every campus is dotted with its share of married couples of which one or both are still intent on pursuing a higher education. UNC-C is certainly no exception to the now established rule. In actuality, a campus without dorms such as ours may attract more married people because they can live in homes of their own without being suffocated in special dorms for couples.

Out of insatiable curiosity propagated by admiration for such couples, I began pumping some information from a random list of young marrieds. They will remain completely anonymous, unless you are particularly astute at picking out which comments match the personality of couples you know. Names have been changed so that they bear no resemblance to the parties described.

Those interviewed are the Grufundel Prufricks, the Corkey Smythes, and the Dino Kocheeses.

The Prufricks are veterans of almost three years of the college marriage workshop. Although they now share a modern apartment with many of the features of a House Beautiful spread, things weren't always on such a level. They evidently underscore the ancient Shakespearean phrase, "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble; getting married costs you double."

"If we had plenty of money, we would have absolutely no problems as far as I'm concerned," says Grufundel. "We never relied on our parents' help in supporting us. Absolutely not. We struck out on our own. But we were always happy with very few major difficulties."

"What about when I'm trying to sleep and you sit huddled behind a book with the light on?" coos his wife, Dale.

The spirit of financial independence when embarking on a project as serious as marriage is typical of each couple interviewed. States Corkey Smythe, married before his junior year, "Money is probably the largest single problem we have had to adjust to. But actually, I would have had a lot of problems if we hadn't gotten married at this stage because I was constantly having to borrow money for my education. My wife, Samantha, is a teacher and is the family bread winner just now."

Corkey and Samatha have ridden the waves so well, however, he plans to continue his studies at graduate school at Chapel Hill next year.

Testifies Dino Kocheese, "If you're mature enough to get married, you ought to be mature enough to support yourself." Corkey agrees primarily because he feels, "Married couples just getting started have enough plights without getting indebted to their mamma and daddy," even if the parents are sympathetic to the wish of their children to provide for them-

selves.

What if they had it all to do all over again? Would there be more careful planning and preparation? Emphatically each of the couples insisted they would do it over in the same manner because as Dino says "It detracts something from the excitement if every phase is too closely planned. It should be somewhat spontaneous."

## Students Win Study Awards

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teacher, but first she will take some more graduate work in English. She had already been accepted for graduate school at Duke, but now that will be delayed.

She is now doing her practice teaching at North Mecklenburg High School, having completed her course work at UNC-C.

She has been a member of the student National Educational Association, Phi Theta Kappa honorary society and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She recently received UNC-C's education award as an outstanding student in her field.

She has been chief marshal here twice, once as the top-ranking sophomore academically when it was a junior college, and again as the top-ranking junior academically when it became a senior college. She held a full scholarship provided by Corporate Insurers during her entire college career.

# A Good Two Party System Will Provide Better Student Gov't

This is an appeal to all members of the student body to help us build a two-party system. Pause and reflect for a moment upon the condition of the party system as it has operated within the student Legislature over the past two years. Now ask yourselves only one question. Are you as an individual entirely satisfied with the conditions that prevail:

Think if you will upon these facts: (What is the inevitable result of all one-party political dominations?) A one-party legislature cannot help but grow staid. In fact, it becomes very much like a ventriloquist—he talks to himself all night long, while those viewing the show make believe there is a two-way conversation. We believe that there is a need to create a dialogue within the legislature here at UNC-C to replace the one-sided conversation of the past two years.

Let's be objective at this point. Two years ago, when there was an obvious need for it, the party system was started. There is no questioning that this was a good idea for a growing University-to-be. And it was only natural that one party—the one that started first—would be dominant in the formative stages. This was the role of the student Party. Most of us agree that, all in all, the Student Party has done a pretty fair job in the early stages. While they have made mistakes, this is only natural for any political organization.

But, again it is only natural for the party in power to turn

conservative. After all, everyone wants to hold on to what they have gained. And everyone wants to stay on the gravy train, or try to get on it. Unfortunately, at UNC-C, this has led to a static form of leadership. The fresh, new, hard working look is nearly gone.

Almost everyone is talking to himself, and what's worse, saying the same old things.

What is needed now, two years later, is a group within the legislature that can present the opposite, or a different viewpoint on the questions that arise. What is needed now is a balance of opinions, a two-sided approach, a group of workers to replace those hangers-on and yes-men who compose a portion of the Legislature today. There is no doubt that it will take time to build such a group. Yet now is the time to begin placing these key people in your student legislature.

Obviously the University Party can't expect to knock heads with the "Big Boys" who are firmly entrenched, and it doesn't intend to try—just yet. But it is going to squeeze in a few "action" people where they can do the most good. They will form the nucleus and eventually a strong party will emerge. One day the two-party system will be a reality at UNC-C. Today we are taking the first step. We ask for your support in our efforts to create a balance within the legislature and to provide a platform from which the alternate viewpoints can be heard.

We ask for your support for the

"action" candidates of the new University Party.

Platform Committee  
The New University Party

## Psomadakis Justifies His Actions

Mr. Editor: These remarks are intended for the Student Body.

As many of you students may have noticed during the nominating period for the Executive positions of Student Government and the University Union, there were some of these positions that were left without candidates one day prior to the close of nominating period on March 30. It was my opinion that the nominating period should be extended through April 5 in order to allow more students to nominate themselves for these various positions. Since the Student Legislature had set the dates of the nominating period, I first obtained the signatures of nineteen legislators (which is a majority of the Legislature), before the nominating period was extended. I did not think it was necessary to call a special meeting of the Legislature, especially since the Legislature had just met the previous night. I feel that this action was in the interest of the Student Body.

GUS PSOMADAKIS  
President of the Student Body