

New Editor Takes Reins

According to the election results of the past week, I am the editor of the 1968-69 version of the Carolina Journal. And this is exactly what I intend to be. For nearly a year I have pointed for this very day, but now that its here I have moments of hesitation - sometimes, even fear. I realize that a great responsibility has been placed in my hands, and that I must channel all of my energies, all of my resources, and all of my ingenuity in the direction of the newspaper if we are to have a good year, journalistically speaking. By accepting this burden, privilege, and duty, I am making a pledge to the student body of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte to be ever conscious of the fact that the publications of a university ARE the filter through which the community and the rest of the outside world see this campus. I shall constantly strive to fulfill the duties of my office as well as Miss Watts has during the past academic year.

However, in addition to my responsibilities to my journalistic ideals. It is my philosophy that a student newspaper is meant to inform, interpret, and train students, as well as the duty of representing the school. The news will be presented to the students as quickly and as accurately as possible, no matter what the news may be. As long as I am Editor of the Carolina Journal, I WILL NOT BE CENSORED by the Student Legislature or any other agency that proposes to set itself up above the level of objective fact! But No, on to more important thoughts...

Thank you, John Gaither

Today at 11:30 in the Parquet Room, many presentations will be made and many honors will be dealt out. By far the most important of all the proceedings will be the inauguration ceremonies for the new SGA executive officers. Bill Billups will surrender the Student Legislature gavel to Mr. Stewart Auten, Then Mr. Billups will once again ascent the steps of the platform to be sworn in as our new SGA President. He has a hard act to follow. President Gaither's term of office has seen the acceptance of a new UNC-C Constitution, accreditation, the beer ads scandal, and many more events too numerous to mention. These things have not just happened. Without the charisma commanded by Mr. Gaither, those working on the lower levels of protocol would have given up long ago. Without the energetic leadership, the untiring devotion, and the unceasing encouragement from John, few of us would have been able to push that extra mile. As the "lame duck" president turns his head towards the doors that lead to graduation and the outside world, he should not be at all surprised to hear a booming voice from the sky remark, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Any new business?

Yes, Mr. Billups, if you are to top the last act, then this will surely be the greatest challenge of your life!

Students Elect SAL

Last week I was under the impression that the student body was to make that mass exodus to the polls once again to elect class officers, legislature representatives, student court judges, and editors for the student publications. I was wrong. AT the most, two hundred and fifty students took the five minutes required to mark a ballot. That is not even fifteen percent of the students eligible to vote. Now we will never know whether or not the class officers truly represent the wishes of the students. An alert, politically-minded organization could have easily hustled their way into power and the control of the Student Legislature, the Student Court, and the Publications Board. When there is a privilege involved with being a member of a particular class, hundreds can be counted upon to rise as one, but when responsibility is the issue, only those few who are not members of the SAL (Student Apathy League) will volunteer to be counted. The true winners of the past election were the organizers of the SAL, let us all hope that the students do not turn out to be the real losers. But then "Ye shall reap what ye sew."

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Goldwaters Had First Electric Fan In Phoenix

by rodney smith

"Is he coming here?" asked the cameraman from WBTV.

"Who?" I replied with as innocent a look as I could muster. "Goldwater", answered the now anxious cameraman.

"I don't know - I'm new around here myself."

And so began a battle of wits that was to end with the unfortunate cameraman and his companions filming the S&W Cafeteria DC-3 while we sauntered over to the other end of the runway just as Senator Goldwater touched his twin-engine beachcraft to the asphalt. As the newsmen began to arrive, the silver-haired Arizonian climbed out of the cockpit and braced himself for the barrage of questions concerning national politics that he knew was to follow. In a five minute interview the Senator named Humphrey as the Democrat most likely to give Nixon any trouble in November. In addition, Goldwater ranked the possible Democratic nominees in the following manner: HHH, McArthy, and Kennedy. Then we all piled into the car as Mr. Steele sat capably behind the wheel.

On the way across town to the Chancellor's house, Senator talked of airplanes and flying. Goldwater, who is an officer in the Air Force Reserve, has logged over 8,000 flying hours and enjoys nothing more than to soar through the sky on a clear day with a high ceiling. The Senator explained that he had been to Charlotte many times, but had never seen our campus. He stated that Charlotte is, perhaps the most important political area in this part of the South. "The South was good to me in '64 and I welcome any opportunity to return and visit my old friends."

The conversation shifted to the weather and Goldwater told us of daily temperatures in the upper eighties in the spring and almost unlimited possibilities for temperature in the summer. The Senator told us of summers in Phoenix during the post-World War One days. "We had the first electric fan in town. In the evenings, when the men were on the way home from work, all the women used to leave their doors open so the men could stop by each house for a drink as they made their way in the dusk. Of course after a

few stops, nobody could really tell whose house they were in but they always knew when they arrived at our house. They used to sit in front of that fan for hours, never seeming to tire of saying, "Would you look at that!"

The fifty-nine-year-old veteran of many campaigns stated that he expected the youth of America to play a greater part in the election this year than ever before. "Today's eighteen-year-old is more equipped to vote than the twenty-five-year-old of my generation", quipped Senator Goldwater.

Later, at the Chancellor's house, we discussed the role of finances in national campaigns. The Senator stated his belief that entirely too much money is spent each

year on campaigns. He discussed the manner in which many of the contributions for campaigns are made. He felt that finances should come from sincere individuals who back a man for his qualifications rather than for what he can do for them. Goldwater told us of his most curious and unusual experience in politics. It all took

place in Charlotte in 1964. The Senator explained that an old staidly-dressed man emerged from the crowd and thrust a bill into Goldwater's hand saying, "I only wish it could be more." It was three days later when the senator emptied his pockets and found a crisp, new thousand dollar bill. Mr. Goldwater still does not know the identity of his benefactor and would like for this man to contact him if he reads this article.

