

Concerning Student Government **NOW IT IS FINISHED**

(We would like to suggest that you read the JOURNAL interview with newly installed SGA President Bud Stewart as it appears on page three, as this editorial is directly related to that interview.)

In his statements in our interview, Mr. F. N. Stewart has, once again, succeeded in keeping the students in the dark concerning the policies that will be enacted during his administration. He fails to reveal any basic philosophy of student government, and he avoids answering many of the questions directly. In response to the first question, Mr. Stewart said that "policy stands and alterations will be announced as they occur." Since no announcements have as yet been made, we assume that student government is operating without any set policy - that is, if it is operating at all. As to his remark concerning the parking situation, Mr. Stewart never did say what he, as president, intends to do in trying to enact his idea (nor does his guest editorial of December 18 reveal any source of revenue for this project).

Mr. Stewart has appointed several students to serve on a committee to study the racial problem on campus. Why did he not allude to this in the interview?

Why is class the best means of structuring the "S.G.A. legislature," Mr. Stewart? Is it because people in the same class share the same interest? No. Could it be because the students of a particular class associate primarily with members of their own class? No. Well, then, is it because students attend class meetings frequently in great quantities? Hardly. We believe that students should be represented in accordance with some set of common denominators that underlie the structure of the student body, be it by majors or by housing. Due to the loose curriculum structure at UNC-C, students do not even take courses primarily with members of their own class. The class names are merely arbitrary labels that in no way characterize the structure of this student body. It's time that student government caught on to this.

The constitutional review committee has been meeting for one year now, and has the Student Court improved in the eyes of the students? The answer here is an obvious "no."

"We feel that the violations of publicity rules are a direct expression of either contempt or assurance that there are no consequences for breaking them. Those rules need some teeth. As they stand now, there are no guidelines for penalizing violators. Who will sharpen up the rules if the SGA President won't?"

An Executive Council, Mr. Stewart, is composed of the SGA President, the Vice-President, the appointed secretary and treasurer, and possibly (it depends on the discretion of the particular president) the chairmen of all standing Executive Committees.

We see no results of the retreat yet. How long must we wait just to hear the plans that were made?

It is quite true that the percentage of voters at UNC-C this spring is about the same as the percentages on other campuses, but it is much smaller than it has been in the past at UNC-C. If you must use a comparative scale, use past UNC-C elections as your norm. If we become content to operate on the same level of apathy in student government as Chapel Hill, then we might as well all transfer up there next fall. We at UNC-C want to see a BETTER branch of the University here - at least, some of us do.

It is a very optimistic view, indeed, that Mr. Stewart has of the death of apathy here, but we cannot foresee it unless he will reveal the something which we obviously do not know, that is, the way in which he REALLY intends to do this.

Just for the heck of it, we would be curious to know which of his opponents Mr. Stewart intends to exclude from his administration.

Activity Fees Reviewed — Attend This Meeting

We would like to encourage all parties concerned to attend the meeting to discuss student fees that is referred to on page 1. There are many good points to the Student Activities Committee's report, and each student should know about them.

Why do student fees pay for such items as the shoes for the athletic teams, the officials' salaries, and the fee to custodians who keep gymnasiums open for the teams? This seems to come under the common-sense notion of some other department.

The separate-but-equal conception of the Union Governing Board, the Board of Student Publications, and the Student Legislature is the best idea to come out of ANY committee all year long. As a matter of fact, it is not really such a new idea. The Board of Student Publications' constitution establishes it as directly responsible to the Chancellor.

The increase in fees to include a \$10 raise for the Union is a bit much, though. This would give over \$45,000.00 to the Union, while increasing none of the other allocations. If this increase were to be adopted (although we believe this to be beyond the scope of the UNC-C administration), the Union should not receive any other monies. Still, one possible alternative to this would be the newspaper charging the Union the regular advertising rate that all our advertisers pay, whereas all previous publicity has been free.

Whether or not you agree with the ideas included in the report, we encourage you to attend the meeting at 11:30 next Monday.

As Camus once wrote, "I rebel, therefore we exist." This has been my guiding principle as editor of THE CAROLINA JOURNAL this year; I can do no other. My rebellion has, admittedly, been of an unusual sort, because I have avoided rebellion against that which it is stylish to rebel against. I do sincerely hope that my rebellion has been more genuine and penetrating than a fad-following one. I have tried to find injustices and misfortunes that have been overlooked in the past, and I would, quite honestly, be unhappy if I knew of a single person on campus who had not cursed me at least once.

There is a great temptation to get misty-eyed and sentimental at a time when I must cease being

Foreign Students Plead For English Tutorial

Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of the foreign students with regard to the Tutoring Program said to be in the processes of starting here at UNC-C (CAROLINA JOURNAL of April 30th).

Even though 90% of all foreign students here are Engineering majors, they will have to take the English language, Social and Natural Science and the Humanities requirements of the University in order to graduate. Some of these students are having a hard time with the foreign English language, and I am wondering whether it would be possible to include them in the tutoring program in English language.

I understand that every attempt made last year by the Student Government on the above issue with the Administration proved

something I have grown accustomed to being. And I do want to pause a moment to thank all those who wrote for me, took pictures, and helped with layout of the paper. One might expect me to thank all of our readers, but that would not be in line with my purpose here. My goal has never been to force or trick people into reading the paper; I have merely tried to make material available if anyone was inclined to read it. To those who have complimented and encouraged me, I humbly say, "Thank you." To those who have thanked me, I extend a warm, "You are welcome." To those who have offered constructive criticism, I reply, "Thank you." And to those who have criticized me behind my back, lacking the

good faith and courage to face me with their complaints (This includes several professors who have turned class time into sessions for technical journalistic criticism), I reserve only a small quantity of pity.

As Tintoretto said long ago, "I acknowledge no rival and accept no judge." I have not tried, as editor, to compete with anyone, nor have I tried to win any popularity contest. I have simply done a job. I will not say that I have done my best, for I am not going to judge myself. I have simply done what I have done; that is all. I have enjoyed the job - sometimes, and I have taken the job seriously - always. But now it is finished, and I turn it all over to someone else. As a journalist - and rebel of sorts - I am finished at UNC-C. And, as I leave, I look back and say, "I can no more with you. Do what you will."

R. T. Smith

Kappa Phi Petitions

Student Activities Committee
Donald M. McKay
Dean of Students
UNC-Charlotte
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Dean McKay,

As you probably have learned, Chancellor Colvard has given permission for social fraternities to become existent on the campus of UNC-C. It is for this reason that I inform you of the future plans of one such assembly of men at UNC-C who desire to affiliate themselves with a national Greek-letter social fraternity as well as with UNC-C officially. The group of men is, of course, Kappa Phi Fraternity.

At present we are a body of eighteen active members with twelve pledges recently acquired...a total of thirty men with a common bond. We feel that Kappa Phi, when nationally affiliated, can without any doubt

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What's Going On Here

Wednesday, May 7 AKPsi. Union 209-210. 11:30 a.m.

Civinettes. Union 231. 11:30 a.m.

Circle K. Union 233. 11:30 a.m.

Elections Committee. Union 232. 3:00 p.m.

Biology Club. K-107. Noon. Dr. Menhenick will speak on Radiation & Ecology

Faculty Meeting. C-220. 11:30 a.m.

John Miles Concert. Parquet Room. 11:30 a.m.

SGA President's Luncheon. Union 234. 11:30 a.m.

Elections. Union Lobby.

Thursday, May 8 Experimental Workshop presents THREE ON STAGE, "The Meet" by T. J. Reddy, "A Mime", "The Stronger" by August Strindberg. C-200. 8:15 p.m. Freed Admission.

Friday, May 9 Organizational meeting to form Forensic Society. U-231. 11:30 a.m.

Kung Fu Society. Gym. 11:30 a.m.

Drama: THREE ON STAGE. C-200. 8:15 p.m.

Carwash. Union Parking Lot. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 Drama: Three On Stage. C-200. 8:15 p.m.

Stewart A Critic?

To The Editor of The Carolina Journal:

Does this title make sense to you? Well, it does not make much sense to me either, but apparently this is what is to be expected from Mr. F. N. Stewart. In the April 16th issue of THE CAROLINA JOURNAL, I found an article entitled "Former Records Instructor" by Mr. Stewart. Since the title did not make much sense, I decided to read on to see what Mr. Stewart was disturbed about in the article. With a title like that one, I should have known the article was "less than mediocre." However, I read on to find that not a "former records instructor" but a former chemistry instructor, Mr. William E. Cheek, and his wife, Peggy, had committed the unpardonable sin to Mr. Stewart of cutting a record. I got all this information from the first paragraph, which was fair compared with the next three paragraphs. The first paragraph told the facts straightforward from the Cheek-O label, but the rest of the article was a vigorous attack on the most erroneous grounds Mr. Stewart could find.

Needless to say, Mr. Stewart did not take time to find out what he was writing about beyond reading the label. Apparently, he did listen to the record at least once because he had counted the number of times the title was repeated in "Well Done (Little Girl)." I wondered if he listened before or after the second and fourth paragraphs, which place the songs as "nothing to be excited about," were written. Perhaps if Mr. Stewart had researched, he would have found out that the background music was not furnished solely by Will Cheek but by several members of the Catalinas which Mr. Stewart

aborted. Hence, we decided not to pursue it any further. The Administration's reasons for refusing to give a tutorial non-credit English course for foreign students we are told, range from that of limited Class room Space to the un-availability of teachers and funds.

Now that some Professors as well as students have volunteered to help with tutoring, I am very humbly requesting that the foreign students whom English language has always been a great handicap here, be included in this program. If the Administration of the authorities are willing to do this for us, I am quite sure that a little space could be found somewhere for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES N. CHIGUNDU
Secretary, International Students Association.

very brilliantly cut down in the last two paragraphs.

Therefore, between Mr. Stewart's dedicated counting of the number of words in the song and his personal slander on Will Cheek, there is nothing else in the article! I have heard the record and do not find it to be anywhere close to the biased analysis in the article. Yes, the title is repeated several times in "Well Done (Little Girls)," but so are the titles in several other popular songs. As for the lyrics being "worse" in "Can't Find A Thing To Do," I think Mr. Stewart made very good use of them in the last paragraph. It was very clever, Mr. Stewart, but those were not your ideas. However, there is one other big correction Mr. Stewart could make in the last sentence. Strike the "we" out from your conclusion, if you can conclude an article where nothing is said. I certainly think Will Cheek does his thing very well.

Jane Alderman.

The Baptist Student Union is having a meeting Wednesday, May 7th, and the following week, Friday, May 16th, at 11:30 a.m. in room C-122. The purpose of these meetings is to prepare for the worship services held Sunday, May 18th, in Oakboro. The new officers will be, Janette Davis, the president will be in charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

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