

Editorially Speaking

FREEZING STUDENT GOVERNMENT

In one issue of the Carolina Mag last winter former Tar Heel Editor Kat Hill voiced the sentiments of many Carolina students when she proposed that student government at Chapel Hill be put on ice for the duration. Interest in the Legislature and Student Council was at a low ebb, and there were many on campus who shared her views.

On November 30 a record number of Tar Heels participated in one of the closest and most heated campus elections ever held. In almost every case the majority was slim. In two of the contests, run-offs had to be held because neither candidate had attained a majority of the votes cast. The crowd in the main lounge of Graham Memorial was grim. Not until the last returns were in after 2 a. m. was anyone really sure of victory.

The students had risen, had renewed their interest in their government, and had elected the people whom they felt could best handle their interests until April.

Thursday evening the new Student Legislature met for the first time under its new Speaker. No time was wasted. They were down to brass tacks before they started. The Ways and Means Committee reported out a bill to end the confusion created by the overlapping authority of various campus bodies. The bill proposes a nine-man select committee to investigate and recommend practices for the simplification, clarification and revision of Carolina student government. If passed it will oil the already moving machinery of the student government of which we so proudly boast.

For a long time the Legislature has been without accurate archives to go for precedents and past actions. Minutes of meetings have been lost and destroyed. Bills, acts and resolutions have been carelessly left in myriad places. On Thursday Speaker Doug Hunt appointed Bob Lipton, a law student, to codify the past actions of the Legislature into a working archive.

With both the proposal for investigation and the codification of Carolina's legislative actions we heartily concur. We ask strongly that those concerned prove that student government is on its feet again, and raring to go.

To a stray few who still think that student government is so cold an issue that it should be frozen, we say "Watch our smoke."—J. D.

INCOMPETENT COLUMNISTS?

Erroneous and incompetent reporting and observing of the columnists are not the responsibility of this newspaper. (See standing head in upper right corner of this page.) The columnists get their own facts and register their own personal opinions.

Columns and features are printed in the belief that they are of interest to the majority of readers. If the selection of material has not been correct your voiced opinions in letters will be heeded and will be the guide. Any columns or articles may be submitted for consideration.

Faulty reporting is an unforgivable journalistic faux-pas, and evidence of malreasoning and inefficiency. It will not be tolerated.

A VALUABLE HALF HOUR

Next Tuesday night the bill which would change girls' dorms closing hours from 10:30 until 11 will be before the Coed Senate.

The Tar Heel feels that the passage of the bill is essential to bring Carolina back to its pre-war position. The extension would enable coeds participating in extra-curricular activities to attend meetings scheduled from 10:30 to 11 for the convenience of the Navy men who have compulsory evening study hours. It would eliminate a great many requests of house mothers for late permissions. For those coeds needing quiet and reference books for studies the 11:00 curfew would give a valuable extra half hour of study in the library.

The opposition to the bill argues that there is not a sufficient number of coeds who need late permission, and that quiet in the dorms would not be obtained until late.

Perhaps the opponents of the bill have not been to the library and seen the host of coeds there, and witnessed the mad dash for dorms before the bell clangs its warning. We have never lived in a girls' dorm, but it seems that the courtesy of respect for one's fellow animals would be enough to enforce quiet at all times. Does not courtesy demand it? As for extra-curricular participants, there are more coeds taking active part in campus activities now than there has been in a long while; and there is a crying need for their interest and work.

This newspaper is one of those activities of which most of the work is done during the later hours of the night. At 10:20 our offices are vacated as though the red alert had been sounded, and still facing the staff is an abundance of work.

With the future changes over the campus now in view the passage of this bill is essential.

SHOVEL ON SOME MORE COAL

If you will read over the news in this edition of the Tar Heel you will readily agree that the campus activities are gathering steam.

Thursday night the Legislature began breaking out legislative brooms, mops, and cleaning powder to begin work on the cobwebbed and musty mass of scraps that has been the student government. Tuesday night the new Marines on the campus were given a shot of orientation by the Student Council under the guidance of Marine Council members, Jack Vernier and Tom Lane. Some fifty applicants for positions on this newspaper met Thursday also.

This is the beginning of a new life at the University. There is much to do, and a long road to travel. The pressure must be maintained to keep the ball rolling . . . so, shovel on some more coal!

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Reading The Exchanges

With Jerry Davidoff

All forms of hazing involving mental or physical torture, including paddling, will be banned officially and absolutely by all colleges and universities throughout the country, and offenders, both individuals and organizations, will be disciplined if the request of the National Interfraternity conference is followed.

A resolution declaring such forms of hazing a menace to the welfare of educational institutions and the various organizations which are a part of the institutions, as well as to individual students, was passed unanimously at the 36th annual meeting of the National Interfraternity conference, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on Nov. 24 and 25. While such forms of hazing have been condemned in earlier sessions, this is the first definite request made for action by the administrative officers of educational institutions.

For years the National Interfraternity conference and its 60 member fraternities have tried through educational means to eliminate all questionable hazing practices among the 2422 undergraduate chapters of the 200 fraternity campuses in this country. In placing the responsibility for prohibition and enforcement upon the local administrative officers, fraternity leaders hope that the problem will be solved.

The resolution was proposed by George Starr Lasher, director of the School of Journalism at Ohio University, and a former national president of Theta Chi fraternity. Recently the University of Wisconsin chapter of that fraternity was disciplined for paddling its pledges in violation of a local university ban upon such practices.—Southern Californian Daily Trojan.



LISTEN STUDENTS

By Jimmy Wallace

Once again the people of Greece have risen to fight for their homeland. Once again the Acropolis looks down upon the scene of battle. This time, British fighter planes instead of German Stukas are doing the strafing. The enemy is new to the Greeks, because the battle of the people against the Grecian monarchy has just begun. But the enemy is now new to other countries. The same fine hand, either through omissions or positive actions is well known to the people of Spain, Italy, Palestine, Ethiopia, Belgium and India.

The United States department of State should not only declare that America is keeping "hands off" in the formation of the governments of liberated countries, but it should issue a stern rebuke to those allies that persist in casting aside all considerations of democratic principles in order to maintain monarchistic domination of free peoples.

During the early part of this week, Major Marshall of the Marine unit was contacted by the circulation manager of the Tar Heel with reference to the possibility of a blanket subscription which would put a Tar Heel in every room occupied by V-12, Marines and NROTC men on the campus.

If the proposal goes through, and it has been worked on by many people during the past three months, the Tar Heel will receive a subscription boost of maybe 200. The Welfare Board will be doing a service if the proposal is approved. Tar Heels will continue to be sold in Swain Hall pending the outcome of the blanket subscription. If it is impossible, due to financial reasons, to have a blanket subscription, Tar Heel subscriptions will be solicited at the pay line next pay-day. Until that time Tar Heels will continue to be sold at Swain Hall for five cents each.

Letters From TH Readers

Editor of the Tar Heel:

Last Sunday night we presented a special performance of "The Skin of Our Teeth" for the Pre-Flight Cadets. Our one aim in giving this extra show was to entertain these boys who get damn little entertainment. I think we succeeded.

A few things in last Tuesday's editorial by Jimmie Wallace need to be cleared up. 1) The conduct of the cadets was not deplorable. They behaved as any all-male audience would at such a play. 2) They did

not act like a bunch of kids listening to an opera. They acted as any normal, healthy bunch of American boys would act. Audience psychology is all-important to the actor. When you have an audience of all one sex, the reaction tends to vary a little from the usual. The actor must realize this and adjust accordingly. In the past two years I have played to various pre-flight audiences on this campus, to several USO audiences in Durham, and to a hospi-

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Columns and Comment

All signed articles, editorials, columns and letters are opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the TAR HEEL.

It Could Be Worse

By Robert Morrison

A Plea for Better Food:

Fact No. 1.

To stand in line twenty minutes for a meal in Chapel Hill is not uncommon. Lines consisting of from fifty to one hundred persons can be found at any of the town's cafeterias at any mealtime on any of the seven days of the week. Crowded cafes present a spectacle of standing mobs all trying to grab a seat as soon as one is vacated. With every eating establishment having acute shortage of manpower has more customers than it can handle, the element of competition disappears. The quality and quantity of the food is lowered as far as possible; slow and inefficient service is given. The acute shortage of manpower has given the restaurants a good—and just—excuse for poor service. It may well be true, however, that the commercial eating places are doing a good job in view of the circumstances; but in view of the needs of the students, the job is notoriously poor.

Fact No. 2.

At one time, Lenoir Hall adequately fed the entire Pre-Flight school on our campus. Swain Hall fully met the needs of all other military units. Now the Pre-Flight has been drastically cut. At least half of its personnel is gone as is evidenced by the several empty dormitories. The V-12 unit underwent a 40% reduction at the end of the last term.

PUTTING FACTS TOGETHER

Swain Hall and Lenoir Hall are

not being used to their capacity. Commercial eating places are woefully crowded. Why cannot the conditions be remedied? Why cannot civilians eat in Swain Hall?

ACTION

A bill was introduced on the floor of the Dialectic Senate to petition the University to open Swain Hall to civilians. The bill, which was passed unanimously, suggested that if placing civilians and military units in the same mess would create a problem, Lenoir Hall could amply feed all military personnel on the campus.

The bill was outlined and sent to various campus officials. Dr. Frank Graham replied to the petition:

"I appreciate your writing me with regard to the resolution adopted by the Di Senate concerning the opening of one of the dining halls. I have referred the letter to the Dean of Students, the Dean of the War College, and the Business Manager for advice. I am sure Dean House and his associates will give the matter most careful consideration."

CONCLUSION

The movement is afoot to clean up another foul condition on the campus. All reform is slow and painful unless it is backed by an enthusiastic majority. If you want better eating conditions in your University, help keep the matter constantly before the proper authorities and give them your full support.

As the Marines on the campus can testify, eating was worse in the South Pacific; it could be worse here, too, but it should be better!

We Think That

Heretofore nine tenths of the columns written by the regular Tar Heel columnists have been a waste of needed paper and printers ink. There is a definite need for full facts . . . and you can get 'em here for free.

Try this one: The columnist who writes "Listen Students" doesn't know as much as he should know about "Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence" on this campus . . . for instance, the accused is faced by his accuser in the Student Council trials when the evidence is the testimony of one party versus the testimony of another party . . . See the report of the joint committee composed of students, faculty, and Naval authorities which appeared in an issue of the Tar Heel this fall . . . as for there being no attorneys for the defense of the accused; it just so happened that during the last case of the Student Council tried November 28, the President of the Student Body turned the gavel and chair over to the acting Vice-Chairman in order to defend the accused. The accused was exonerated. It is the current practice of the Student Council to have the accused represented by a defense composed of one or more Council members! Check that!

The future . . . Turn your hats around and cross your fingers and watch for the Student Legislature to dig up the corpse of class organization and pull a Dr. Frankenstein

act . . . preparations for the surgery have already begun . . . the operation will be unique; surgeons skill in the hands of politicians . . . the brains and the body are there, but it's the heart that counts. Keep glancing down at the basement of G. Memorial . . . the Board of Directors is pondering reopening of the bowling alley . . . and why not the pool tables, too? And look for the Welfare Board of the Navy unit to give the blanket subscription for each room the green light!

A very "low grade" form of campaigning was used by the supporters of a particular . . . check that . . . candidate in the race for editor of the T.H. His supporters, (not the candidate), claimed that if a service man were elected the C.O. of the Navy unit or Marine detachment would censor every word of the T.H. . . . Brickbats to you all . . . read through this paper, and check the Navy regs!

We think that G.C., who criticized Tri Delt for favoring one of the campus political parties . . . the University party . . . should read the first sentence of the sixth paragraph which she wrote in her column for Oct. 21, 1944 T.H. It reads quote Since when is it unamerican for any group to campaign legally in its own interests question mark end of quote. Is it so terrible that Sigma Chi and DKE favor the S.P.? There is something really pitiful in the "Solid South"!

Biscuits and Wine

By Dave Hanig

The other day I came across a letter from overseas. It was written in Swedish, but underneath in a rough postscript were these words in English:

"I am Loved joy of all my Hart. I have bin driming/of bort joy. I hoppes dat joy vill bi my life.

Respectifull, Einar.

"I am sand joy one varm kiss." Not much there, true. Simple, yes, but foreign? No. You can't read into the words any more than what it says. It's not funny ha-ha, but funny peculiar. Make believe you know the man. Let's say he's a soldier who learned Americanese by ear, by sentimental hit tunes, through the movies. Is a man lonely and therefore sentimental because he's a thousand miles across water and must struggle over a piece of paper with a chewed pencil? Why didn't he write the postscript in familiar Swedish? I don't profess to know the answer but when I know and

love a new land I find an unspoken respect for it.

Letters from soldiers make you forget the uniform a little. War is a violation of feelings. It often creates bad thinking, but men grow older for it. It's tough being a civilian. Yet an overseas letter bridges something of a gap. One soldier writes that the slums of Chinese cities are just a little filthier than American cities, yet the East side would look like a Garden of Eden to him. Will he want to do anything about it when he returns? That's not important now! Call his job overseas a field trip of memories. Those that have come back may feel that they're shoving off again. Our feelings for them could fill a book, but a V-mail letter could be a tie-up in this insane mess.

"I have bin driming of bort joy" when my friends return and it's tough being a civilian—especially when you think.