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grindstone...

By Bucky Harward

Calmly and quietly, Dean Bradshaw told the Student Legislature—and all student government—last Wednesday night that either it would have to measure up to the crisis or else be closed for the duration.

The Dean's speech was no threat. It was an appeal that campus leaders modify and adapt their government for quick decisions and efficient action necessary on a wartime campus. For, as long as the student administration meets and handles its problems with the essential speed and efficiency, overburdened South building has no desire to take on the increased load of governing the campus. Except for a few isolated instances, the University administrations have never itched sufficiently to take back any part of the right to self government which it has given to Carolina students.

But what South building has given, that also can it take away. And unless the campus and its leaders wake up into a wartime campus, the administration may find it necessary to take back student government until the war is over.

With that retraction, of course, would go all the training in responsibility and citizenship and the processes of democracy which have benefited student government participants for so many years. That's why Dean Bradshaw needed the Legislature and all student government last Wednesday night.

His near-ultimatum was not a slap in the face to Carolina student government. For student administration this year—despite the perpetual lack of coordination and slackness in duty in certain offices—has been head and shoulders above student government in any year previous. Besides, the damnable apathy now manifested in the student administration is not an isolated sin. That same apathy and complacency have been continually manifested in the whole nation and some of its governmental agencies ever since the significance of Pearl Harbor failed to blot out business and life as usual.

But the fact that the fault is widespread will not exempt student government from necessary consequences. It, like South building and Washington, must begin to adopt a policy of quick and intelligent action, to cut out the quibbling, to centralize and coordinate power and authority. Student leaders next year must be the best available. Political parties have an obligation to the campus to forget their customary mudslinging and petty inter-party bickering and nominate the most qualified candidates. Candidates, as has already been suggested, should present their qualifications and a definite platform, perhaps at an assembly of the student body. The student body itself must for once drop its apathy toward elections and take a sincere and active interest in putting in the best man.

Student government organizations, not only the Council and the Legislature, but the PU board and Inter-dorm and Interfrat councils, the University dance committee, and all others—must stop to take stock of themselves. All non-essential expenditures must be sliced out. All powers must be utilized efficiently. Executive officers must be given the authority to act without the ball-and-chain of interminable committee meetings.

Students working on the campus constitution must retackle the job with energy and intensity, throw away what they have written for a campus-at-war. Powers of all the student government organizations must be delineated, coordinated and centralized to the highest degree.

Eternal missing link in Carolina student government, ever since it graduated from the Di and Phi has been some means of adequately informing the student body on critical issues and then ascertaining its opinion on the same. Some new system, speedy and accurate, must be worked out.

The whole student body, too long pampered in its collegiate whims, must cooperate and participate in student government for the first time. It must not only pick its leaders but take an interest in and criticize their administration. They must begin to look at issues like that of junior-senior dances without the accumulative prejudice of past years. They must lose their damnable indifference. Or else.

'You kissed and told, But that's all right; The man you told Called up last night.'

—The Carolinian.

keyboard...

Lou "We the People" Harris, viewing the inauguration of War Time as vital, important strategy, thinks the government should move the country up in time not a mere hour but an entire year. "Then we'll really be ahead of the rest of the world." Well, that's what he said.

Despite the superfluity of glamour in Sound and Fury, the organization is bemoaning the dearth of capable and convincing love scene writers. Randy Mebane, S&F's little director, will meet all applicants tonight at the stroke of midnight in the arboretum. Seriously, Bagdad's daddy needs some potent lines for his 365 wives (one for each day in the year).

Dr. Robert Franklin Poole, president of Clemson college, was graduated from Clemson in 1915. He is an internationally known plant pathologist.

From the Henderson Dispatch: "Hunt Hobbs has been made editor of the Carolina comic magazine."

Dear Hunt, Please give us eight pages of Superman in the next issue. Hopefully yours, The Student Body Dan & Rameses II

P.S. What about the Katzenjammer kids, too?

There is also the sneezer who at intervals loses violent explosions accompanied by weird cries which often sound like "whiftpsky." Sometimes they sound like "whafchup," but are always followed by a rearranging of hair by the coeds of the next row, and a shrinking away by the hypochondriacs.

clipped...

Ice skating has become a part of the physical education program for girls at Texas Christian University.

Woody Herman and his "Band that plays the Blues" has been signed for the Junior-Senior Dance at the University of Maryland.

—The Diamondback.

it happens here...

- 2:00—Sound and Fury full-cast rehearsal, Memorial hall.
- 2:15—Mississippi students meet. Grail Room.
- 3:00—University Round Table. Stations WRAL, WAIR, WBBB.
- 4:00—Allcott lectures on "Modern Architecture." Person hall.

why not church?...

By Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence

In a great many courses in the University, especially in the elementary ones, a textbook is found to be practically essential. In mathematics the student needs such a book for his formulas; his history, for the important facts; in science, for methods; and so on. Even in advanced classes the student often finds a textbook valuable.

What is true in other fields is true in the realm of religion. Religion is not simply a matter of feeling; it is also a matter of the intellect. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind" at the same time as "with all thy heart." Most of us are in the elementary grades as regards our religion. We need guidance in our study, and above all we need a textbook. In this matter we are indeed fortunate, as we have one that is unsurpassed—the Bible, and for us Christians specially the New Testament. The New Testament is a practical guide to Christian Living and to Christian Doctrine. Unlike most textbooks it is fascinatingly interesting, for there are no long compendiums of religious maxims or moral precepts; but instead we have the record of what actual people did and said. In the Gospels we have brief accounts of the most wonderful life ever lived, while in the Acts and the Epistles we have the story of the impact of that life on others. We see what Christianity meant to ordinary people. Most of the record is simple and easily understood, but nevertheless there are many places that will test the ability of the advanced student.

We are all interested in living and try more or less intelligently to realize the full and abundant life. It is the path of common sense to use whatever help we can find to attain this end. It is the custom in this university to present a Bible to the student when he graduates. It would seem rather that it should be given him when he matriculates, for it is especially during his undergraduate years that he needs a textbook for living. If we are striving for right relations with God, the Universe, and our neighbors; if we would understand the art of living or even if we would be ordinarily intelligent; then we will read our Bibles regularly.

11 Days of Ticket Buying TILL BAGDAD DADDY

FOR THE WAR...

Those in our armed forces now and those subject to the draft have no problem to face that compares with the one which the population will have to face only too soon or not soon enough. Men going into the war have a definite pattern to follow, but the remaining public has a task lying ahead of it which is not at all defined.

Only a minority realizes that in a year or so we will face the world's hardest and most broad-spread depression. With increased spending necessitated by the war and with the loss of manpower in industry we are virtually cutting out our core and building up our outer shell. It is inevitable that a partially hollow sphere will collapse at some point. Appropriations made by Congress exceed any war expenditures in the history of the world, and the world has seen wanton spending in the conduct of conflicts only too often. It may be pointed out with some degree of pride that we are probably the wealthiest nation that has ever enjoyed the pleasures of modern culture, but we are, by no stretch of the imagination, prosperous enough to weather this financial storm without having our social functions drastically reduced. With all the drives being conducted on the campus for huge war funds we can't endure the normal cost of the war and still have our numerous big-time dances and continue our too numerous publications. We will continue to rely on Morgenthau, Ickes, and Roosevelt to stem the tide, but several financial experts can not compensate for the loss of manpower for the farms and factories nor for the destruction of billions of dollars worth of war materials. We must curb our activities and drastically so.

No one can see the whole catastrophe, and consequently no one can visualize his future course. With faith in our government we can only follow one line of caution... we must keep ourselves clear financially and keep our minds unbiased.

HALF-WAY MARK...

Students have begun to accept in earnest the horrible extent of the far-flung war disasters to soldiers and civilians. Today marks the seventh day of the Red Cross-World Student Service \$1,000 drive for financial and material aid to American soldiers, citizens and students in the war-torn parts of the world. In this short time, the organization has already reached the half-way mark due to the efficient management by Jean Hahn, Hundley Gover, and Dick Railey and the quick co-operation of the students through the dormitories, fraternities, YMCA, Coed Senate, and IRC. Here is one worthwhile fund that overcame general student apathy and really got more done with less talk in the shortest time.

NO PEACE OF MIND...

Chapel Hill comes closer to the death-struggles in the Philippines, Netherland East Indies, and Singapore when 450 students over the age of 20 register at Memorial hall tomorrow from 7 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening. The grim realization that the war has gone beyond newspaper and radio reports deep into our own lives comes with the reminder that registration at school next year will probably be cut down to 2,000 students. There is no place in America for students who wish to forget about the war until it really reaches them personally in the way of selective service. This war is an all-out affair, and there should be no complete ease of mind until the danger of totalitarianism has passed.

TWO-FOLD PURPOSE...

The double purpose of the basketball game with the Goodyear Wingfoots should not make the \$.35 too much for any of us. We all realize the need for dormitory social rooms and here is an opportunity to contribute the successful completion of the idea and, at the same time, welcome back and see in action once more All-American George Glamack.

OFF HAND...—By Tom Hammond GOING TO WASTE

Mark Ethridge called Carolina "The Intellectual Center of the South," but as far as the majority of the students are concerned, it ain't so.

One would naturally expect, and Mr. Ethridge probably believed that a university which stands out from the rest in almost every other aspect would also have a unique group of students. At the greatest university of the South, one might hope to find a student body that would contrast with the carefree, irresponsible college kids that clutter up the usual American campus.

As a matter of fact, the Carolina student body isn't really aware that this is the intellectual center of the South, and doesn't give a damn anyway. They didn't come here because it is a great university, and they don't take advantage of its greatness while they're here.

Why do they come here? You know the story: the boys come to have a good time, and the girls come because the boys do. They come to Carolina because of football games, dances, dates, week-end parties, etc. They come because they want to be campus big-shots, or they come to make some athletic team. They come to get away from papa and mama.

They get what they come for and little else. Whatever lasting benefits students get from four years at Carolina are largely accidental, are not sought after, but come because they're unavoidable. Novels in the library, art exhibits in Person hall, and musical concerts in Hill hall are known only to a few, while the others limit their aesthetic life to Colliers, Petty, and Glenn Miller. Faculty members present a series of talks on world affairs, but almost no students attend except those who are required to. Our president is one of the nation's greatest men, but few visit his house to meet him. World problems are waiting to be solved, but the student's only problem is how to graduate. Ideas remain unthought, knowledge remains unexplored—while the Carolina gentleman and the Carolina coed spend their time being "collegiate." Carolina intellectualism continues to be the exclusive property of the faculty and a small group of students, failing to influence the trivial lives of the majority of the campus population.

Every now and then some speaker waxes eloquent on that beautiful illusion, the American College Student—"You are the leaders of tomorrow. Upon your shoulders rests the fate of America. You who are so fortunate as to get a college education must take advantage of this opportunity to equip yourselves for the task of leading us to a new and better world. Your superior ability and training places upon you added responsibility—may you meet the challenge."

Carolina is remarkably well equipped for performing a university's job—preparing youth for lives as useful, intelligent, happy citizens. A few students are making good use of their time at the Intellectual Center of the South. As far as the rest of them are concerned, the University of North Carolina is going to waste. If the future of America depends upon their leadership, God save America.

IN PASSING...

The relative importance of staff nominations decreased still more when the Student Party announced its choice of publication heads Thursday night without waiting for staff opinion. In the past, the staffs of the Carolina Magazine, Tar an' Feathers, and the Yackety-Yack voted on their choice for editors, which usually have not influenced much the nominations made by both parties in the conventions following these staff elections.

This new action seems to indicate more clearly that the parties wish to eliminate all politics within the staff in presenting editors who will best represent the campus and at the same time indicates that the parties are more interested in potential vote-getters rather than in the men who the future staffs feel would make better editors.

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—Tuesday—
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DICK FORAN
in
"ROAD AGENT"

—Wednesday—
SPENCER TRACY
RUTH HUSSEY
in
"NORTHWEST PASSAGE"

—Thursday—
The Heart Story of Two Kids and Their Dog
"THE BISCUIT EATER"
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—Friday—
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ANDY CLYDE
in
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