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Editorially Speaking

THE STUDENT CONSTITUTION GIVES MORE STUDENT FREEDOM; DOES NOT HURT COEDS OR FRATERNITY MEN

Here are some of the important changes which the proposed constitution will make in student government:

- (1) Every student will be guaranteed a fair trial before the student courts.
- (2) A woman will have the opportunity to be a candidate for major offices in student government.
- (3) There will be greater student freedom and greater student control of our own affairs.
- (4) Equal representation for all students, regardless of residence, is insured in the student legislature.
- (5) The student body will have the right to recall elected officers, and reject bills passed by the legislature, and pass bills independently of the legislature.
- (6) Every agency of student government will be consistently co-ordinated under written law.
- (7) The financial affairs of the student body will be carefully co-ordinated under representative control.
- (8) The Publications Board (including faculty members) will not be able to abridge freedom of the press.
- (9) Freedom of the press will not be abridged by any governmental agency, and the student body will elect and have the power to recall editors of the publications.
- (10) Adherence to the Honor Code and Campus Code will be required, and student courts will be set up to insure enforcement.

Here are some of the objections which have been raised to the constitution:

It has been argued that the coeds are losing their Woman's Government Association, about which a considerable aura of sentimentality is alleged to have been created. Women students will positively not lose self-government. Their control of their own affairs will be augmented, not decreased. They will not be subjugated to men students under the constitution. They will be given many rights in student government which they do not have now.

Mrs. M. H. Stacy, dean of women, is reputed to be opposed to the constitution. We might say that the student constitution is none of the business of the deans or administration, and that regardless of what some progressive faculty members might say to the contrary, the administration has always been reactionary in granting additional student control of student affairs. We must fight for the power which we have, and we can have just as much as we can forcefully acquire.

It has been argued that the constitution will injure the Honor System. Of all the major arguments used against the constitution, this is the weakest. In trials before the highest student court, the accused will have the right to face the accuser, a right which is as much a part of our Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence as is the right to be secure in life and property. It is better that ten guilty students go free than that one innocent student be expelled from school. In the past, we have foolishly assumed that justice can be done by student politicians locked in executive session behind closed doors. Student government must now grow up, and insure those rights which English speaking people have enjoyed since King John signed the Magna Carta.

There is a final argument which we almost hesitate to mention, because it has been seditiously perpetuated and never stated openly. Some fraternity men and particularly the old-guard element of the University Party, have suggested that the constitution will give non-fraternity men an advantage. How they arrived at this, we don't know. We do know that fraternity leaders were amply represented at the constitutional committees and conventions, and that there has never been any valid suggestion that the constitution changes the status quo on fraternities.

If you didn't vote yesterday, vote today. Voting is your obligation as a citizen in a democracy. Polls will be open at Lenoir Hall during mealtime, and all day at the YMCA. Although we don't approve of what seems to be discrimination, polls have also been set up in every women's dormitory. You will have no difficulty finding a ballot box—go to it, it's your duty!—R. M.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Bob,

As you and all other interested parties realize, the University Veterans Association, through its constitution, does not participate as an organization in any party political issues on the campus. However our organization has ever been alert to take an active part in University affairs, cooperating with students and Faculty, and placing the welfare of the student body above special privileges for any group.

The Constitution which so many students have worked on for over a year and which is up for ratification today, guarantees every student an equal share in the privileges and benefits which Carolina affords through student democracy.

Some of the benefits and improvements which the Constitution brings to student government are:

The right long established in American Courts that the accused has the right to face or not to face his accuser;

Unification of student government organizations that overlap in many respects through a definition of duties and powers of government organizations so that conflicts of authority and quarrels over power will be restricted to a minimum;

It makes explicit the rights

of students and the powers of governmental agencies so that anyone can know what the score is;

It guarantees to the Student Body through the rights of initiative, referendum, and recall power to change acts they do not like, initiate acts they do like, and rid themselves of incompetent student officers;

Contrary to assertions that have been made, it does not deny to any group a fair representation in student government; on the contrary, not only are all groups represented according to their numbers in the student body—the only fair method—but for the first time it is possible for a woman to hold the highest office on the campus, the Presidency of the Student Body.

This constitution does not attempt to supply all the answers. What it does is to guarantee a framework in which the student body will have the optimum opportunity for choosing freely the answers it prefers.

In view of the above and sincerely believing that the Constitution will be a step toward better and stronger student government, I urge all students to vote for its ratification.

Cordially,
BLOUNT STEWART

Writer Infiltrates to Inner Circle of Faculty Meeting

By Tookie Hodgson

As a reward for my meritorious report on the great Clung-Sinkhole debate, my boss, the editor of "The Daily Tar Heel," assigned me to cover the important faculty meeting of last Tuesday.

"Ah!", I cried, licking his hands in servile appreciation, "Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to record this portentous confab which no doubt will be of the greatest interest to those erudite and cultured students who read our magnificent publication! I will, in the words of the IMMORTAL BARD, 'Get myself hence!'"

And suiting action to the word I was off; not however, failing to leave ye editor his daily lollipop, the lack of which, would no doubt curb his jovial spirits, and consequently cause him to sulk in his cubicle the whole day.

When I arrived at Old South, the meeting had only just begun. So taking a seat on a nearby chandelier, I awaited such startling news as the assembled pedagogues might wish to divulge.

Prof. F. F. V. Brickbarn, the popular Pinochle and Three Cornered Billiard instructor was the first to speak. "Gents," he said, "I want you to meet Fred Flub, the new head of the French Department. He's a man well qualified for his job. He finished two years of high school French in Howling Dog, N. C., with not a grade below "D"; he drinks French wine; and he's got a swell collection of tasty French postcards. Not only that, but he's a good fourth at bridge. Ain't that so, Fred?"

"Oi, Oi, moundseer," answered Prof Flub, passing around his postcards for the faculty's edification and enjoyment.

"I move we, the assembled, do hereby, and whereas, et al, and with all habeus corpus, take in this party of the first part as the party of the second part moves we do, that is, may it please the court," exclaimed Dr. Habe Maldoon of the Law School, as he

hurriedly shot out of the door in pursuit of a passing ambulance.

"Huzza, huzza, huzza!" cried the rest of the faculty, voicing their approval. Wherein Prof. Fred Flub was duly admitted to the faculty.

The next to speak was Dr. Rottenborough Belfry, the wizard of the history department, who announced that his new book, "Personal Lives of the

Just Another Opinion

Coeds Consider Constitution To Cripple Coed Government

By Roy Thompson

The fight for and against the student constitution is on. There is something that all of you should know about the way in which that fight is being conducted.

As you may know, certain coed leaders here at Carolina have opposed this constitution on the grounds that it might cripple woman's government. They have forgotten that there is supposed to be a student government here and seem to prefer their own backyard. These coed leaders have held meetings and made speeches, supposedly unbiased, on the constitution. In these speeches they have neglected the good points of the constitution and the need for it. They have misrepresented other points. Many coeds are voting against the constitution without knowing anything about it.

Wednesday night, for example, a member of one of our sororities spoke to her assembled sisters. She prefaced her remarks with the statement that she hadn't read the thing herself but had been given a few facts by someone else. She told the girls that passing the constitution would mean the downfall of woman's government. She said that women would be dominated by men under the new setup. Her figures on the comparative numbers of men and women in various branches of government were false as anyone present could have pointed out if they had ever read the document in question.

In another sorority meeting,

"Mistresses of Louis XIV" would be out next month. "This book," the scintillating scholar continued, "will make 'Forever Amber' mere Sunday School literature. It contains ALL the facts and a helluva lot of GOOD DESCRIPTION. And let me say again this volume is ABSOLUTELY UNEXPURGATED! It will make a dandy present for your favorite coed, besides being the very thing to browse

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attended by some eighty voters, another speech was made. The girls were told that if they passed the constitution, every check written by that sorority would have to be cleared through the student legislature. Nobody thought about asking her to show them that provision in the constitution. She couldn't have found it; it isn't there.

As a result of such misrepresentations a good many of the coeds were ready to vote against the new constitution. Those who didn't want the thing to pass knew that the coeds would defeat it if they were led to the polls in large numbers. The best way to get a large coed vote was to make it easy for them to vote.

Yesterday there were ballot boxes in every coed dorm; there wasn't a single box in any dormitory for men. If men voted, they had to look for one of two boxes. There was no place for men in the military units to vote. They could, if they looked for it, find a place in the Y.

There were seven boxes for women; we have a little over a thousand women here. For better than three thousand men there were two boxes. Women could vote there too.

Tomorrow those men will have ballot boxes. They will be given an opportunity to vote, or they will learn through this column why they weren't given that opportunity.

You men in the dorms and fraternity houses will have to vote today. We need this constitution, and we don't want to lose it because we didn't take fifteen seconds off to vote.

The Ram Sees --- By An Old Goat

Straws in the wind: It's only ballot box excelsior, but at a backroom caucus in Harry's, Joe Budweiser unanimously received the nomination for editor-in-chief of the Tar Heel . . . on the fifty-third ballot. Hermann Von Pabst, having hit the bottom in defeat, was awarded a blue ribbon of merit coupled with a kiss of the hops. (Compliments of Eddie Allen, the guy who made Milwaukee famous.)

Trivia

Once-upon-a-time BMOG Orville "Soup" Campbell, who spent several weeks at Carolina scooping the fertile field of campus photography, has forsaken the hilly Hill, home of Mag Burke, for quite green pastures at WC. Rameses says: "Farewell" . . . Dating on the double is the dish of which Tom Wadden partakes. He spreads joy, up to the minimum, by exercising his most charming wiles on his colleague's date . . . "Laughing on the outside—crying on the inside," such was Billy Gailmard's theme song. He had lured his OAO, Joanne Johnston, from without the protective frigidty of fenced-in Sweetbriar only to find that his Garbo plea: "I want to be alone" fell on the deaf, unfeeling ears of his SAE brothers . . . Barnes Boyle: Zeta Psi offers him to be crowned King of Carolina's coeds . . . "As a silver dollar goes from hand to hand, so

Joe's motorcycle goes from man to man." His brother DKE's say: "Thank you, Mr. Miller." . . . Miss White Phantom of 1946—page Jean Huske, Archer House . . . A twosome, scarcely gruesome, is winsome Jane Pitcher and Mr. Boo-Boo Carr . . . Alex Wilson, Linda Williams, and Deke Price are names that call before the mind's eye a basic figure in geometry, the three-sided triangle . . . Roll out the barrel! All students, six sheets to the wind, have been admitted to Carolina's newest and most refreshing course, Bradyology 51, which meets each morning at eleven o'clock . . . "Change for a Penny?" Ask Billy Carmichael.

Nature Lends a Hand

Carolina's back-to-nature-lovers paused in their scurrying between classes to give three rousing cheers for Baby Squirrel. He made the grade; he reached a safe perch in his tree home beside Saunders with little assistance from his anxious but patient Mama.

Logger-Head

Reading Sara Hebson's "Log" over Fran Satterfield's shoulder: "Marriage is like a tub bath. After you've grown accustomed to it, it's not so hot."

Safety Catches

Quoting Tom Skinner, who hereby offers himself as a sure-fire guinea pig to all interested Carolina coeds: "If your desire

is to acquire a pin with the crest of Kappa Alpha, play safe. Have four dates with me, Cattie Capt did." Sunny Southern Sweetheart Capt has eyes only for handsome Robert Swain. Theirs is a fanciful romance with a history, for it had its beginning in a book which factually recorded the life and times of Merry England. Studying hard, eh? . . . Another successful Kappa Alpha is Sid Gardner. He's exchanged his pin for the heart of ADPI Florrie Trimble . . . Bill Bass, no longer in coed circulation at Carolina, has "CAMPed" on the doorstep at St. Mary's and persuaded Carolyn that they make a "peach of a pair." A DKE badge makes his attitude legal . . . A stirring of ingredients four makes a chef's specialty, said ingredients being Willie Meeks, Lt. Commander Charlie Roberts, a fraternity pin, and a Beta serenade. . . Wray Amos and Candy Harris have neither made their personalities one nor are they moving in a rarified atmosphere of togetherness. To be specific THEY ARE NOT PINNED.

Foundations Sealed to Music

Pledged and initiated, too, all in a single afternoon: Congratulations to the eighteen coeds who are foundation stones of Iota Tau chapter of SAI, musical fraternity. Dolly Donaldson, of S and F fame, is their talented prexy.