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Student Constitution Is Declared Invalid

Statement From Weaver

The following is a statement prepared by Dean of Men Fred Weaver yesterday afternoon, in an effort to clarify the present student governmental situation:

Through the organization of student self government a constitution for the Student Body has been written and adopted by vote of the students. The constitution has been submitted to the University administration for consideration of any provisions which might involve fundamental laws under which the University operates in its responsibility to the people through the Trustees and the State Legislature.

Chancellor House has appointed me to meet with a committee of students appointed by the President of the Student Body for the purpose of reconciling any possible conflicts between the provisions of the constitution and provisions in the area of responsibility which, under rule of the State Legislature, the Trustees may not relinquish, and under trustee rule, the faculty may not relinquish.

Pending the completion of the committee's work the status of student government is not without adequate basis in its firmly established sphere of autonomous action and responsibility. Only those provisions of the student constitution which involve change in matters which are beyond the proven authority of student gov-

ernment will be held in abeyance until the Committee completes its work. Questions involving student fees, the charges levied by the University for admission, clearly fall within the specific area of trustee action. The right of appeal to the faculty by students who may be dismissed by the Student Council, or questions governing such clearly mutual interest and responsibility as regulations affecting visiting and entertainment privileges, and hours for women students must be kept within the province of mutual student and faculty government.

In brief, therefore, student government is in full possession of all the rights which have been preserved to it by generations of aggressive and responsible students and sympathetic faculty members. And those provisions of the Constitution which involve changes of form or procedure within this area are in the same full force as before. And while the administration studies those provisions affecting the larger constitution under which the trustees, faculty and administration serve, there need not result any degree of restriction in the free expression of responsible student initiative and self government. But authority in those matters which are necessarily and legally assigned to trustee and faculty responsibility must receive consideration by appropriate agents of the faculty and administration.



The funeral scene from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" is shown above. As their first major production of the summer, the Carolina Playmakers will present "Our Town" Tuesday evening at 8:30 in Memorial Hall. John Parker, Playmakers' business manager, is directing the production, and Harry Davis is playing the lead role of Stage Manager.

Imagination Necessary For 'Our Town' Audience

No Scenery Will Be Employed In Tuesday Playmaker Drama

By Helen Highwater

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" will require an audience with a vivid imagination when the Carolina Playmakers present it as their first summer offering at Memorial Hall Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock. Director John W. Parker requests those who come to the play to remember that the stage will look empty and that the curtain will be up when they enter the Hall. He suggests also that the audience use the usual waiting period in limbering up its inventive faculties.

No Scenery
"Our Town" uses almost no scenery or props, yet the action moves over an entire town, from a kitchen to a drug store, to a church, and to a cemetery. A milkman with an imaginary horse delivers invisible milk to a non-existent house, and six imaginary meals are cooked.

The costumes, however, are not imaginary, since Parker bought them personally at an old-time country emporium near Whitaker. They had been kept on the second floor of the store by the wife of the original proprietor, who had purchased at boom prices and refused to sell them at a loss.

Directed Last Show
Professor Parker was also the director. See OUR TOWN, page 4

AVC Slates Discussion On OPA Extension Plan For Tuesday Meeting

The question of OPA extension will be discussed by the local chapter of AVC at its next meeting, Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

Following the President's veto of the amended OPA bill, telegrams in the name of the Chapel Hill AVC were sent to the North Carolina congressmen asking that a workable and satisfactory OPA be established. Previously the chapter had approved a resolution to send telegrams to the congressmen if the President vetoed the bill curtailing OPA's power.

McIver To Give Vets Feast Next Saturday

McIver dormitory will entertain the veterans on campus with a watermelon feast on July 12 at 7 o'clock. The informal feast will be held on the lawn adjoining McIver. Since the number will have to be limited, veterans are asked to sign up at McIver Monday evening or at the Y Tuesday morning between 9 and 11.

Trustees, Officials Must First Approve New Authority, Old Powers To Be Employed During Interim Government

By Jack Abernathy

While celebrants' firecrackers outside wrote a staccato punctuation, the walls of Gerrard Hall echoed Thursday night to a different kind of pyrotechnics as the Student Legislature learned from Speaker Charles Warren that the new student government constitution is not valid. Discussion stemmed from a motion to rescind the recent coed hours bill, which the administration had declared was beyond the power of the legislature to enact.

The legislature passed without a dissenting vote the following resolution: "The Student Legislature of the University of North Carolina does hereby acknowledge that it had no authority to pass a bill setting coed hours, and consequently the bill has no effect."

Disagreement Over Student Government Powers
Passage of this bill last week brought to the front a misunderstanding between officials of the administration and officers of the Student Government over the extent of the present powers of the several student governing bodies. This lack of general accord resulted in a conference on Wednesday afternoon in the office of Chancellor R. B. House, with the following participants: Chancellor House, Deans Mackie, Stacy, and Weaver; and Dewey Dorsett, Charles Warren, and other students.

Speaker Charles Warren made an explanatory address in opening the third summer session of the legislature.

He pointed out a major fact, hitherto unpublicized, affecting all activities of student government—that the new constitution of the student body is not yet an official document. It has not been ratified by the administration, nor by the board of trustees, Warren said, and both steps are necessary before the constitution is in effect.

The new constitution referred to was ratified by a narrow margin in May of the past spring quarter, just before elections. At that time there was some controversy over the validity of the first vote, and a second vote was necessary before student body approval was obtained. Elections followed almost immediately.

Official Copies Distributed Wednesday
Speaker Warren also said that official copies of the constitution were presented for the first time to the administration by him on Wednesday. He explained the delay by stating that he was unaware of the omission until his return to school for the summer term, and that he took immediate steps to have correct copies printed.

Warren gave his definition of the powers of student self-government in the current situation by saying, "... only when the administration and the board of trustees give us the green signal can we officially refer to the new constitution as our student governmental authority." He continued his speech by giving background material for the whole misunderstanding, and set forth his views on future operating procedure.

Warren also said, "The main point to bear in mind is that the powers vested to the old student legislature are now in force... Our whole set-up until and if ratification occurs will be a mixture of the old and new."

Following Warren's speech, Mike Morrow moved that the coed hours bill be rescinded. The motion was seconded and thrown open for discussion. Al Lowenstein and Jim Taylor presented arguments in support of a substitute measure offered by Lowenstein, who said his resolution would "preserve the prestige of the legislature while it achieved the effect of cancelling the coed bill."

Highlights of Lowenstein's forceful and rapidly-delivered address was a reference to principles of common law, and his statement: "There are certain fields in which we have governed in the past and in which we may rightly continue to do so."

He also stated his belief that the legislature should take the attitude that the constitution is in force as if it had been ratified, a view opposing Warren's.

Jim Taylor began his speech by echoing Speaker Warren's major points, concluding, "I cannot see the Student Legislature rescinding a bill. I cannot see the Student Legislature giving in to the will of the administration." He urged the adoption of Lowenstein's substitute amendment, which then passed as described in the second paragraph.

With this major item of business disposed of, the legislature proceeded to consider a bill presented by Charles Fulton to appropriate \$150 from student funds as an additional sum to cover unforeseen costs which may be incurred by Jimmy Wallace, Carolina delegate to the Prague World Student Conference next month. Courtesy of the floor was extended to Bill Poteat, "Y" secretary, who listed the reasons for this extra amount. After the rules were suspended to allow immediate action, the bill was passed.

Members of six committees were announced by Speaker Warren:

Ways and Means: Chairman, Al Lowenstein; members, Alex Davis, Bill Miller, Bob Kemp and Jim Taylor. Rules: Chairman, See CONSTITUTION, page 4

Dormitory Bids Are Considered

Buildings Will Be Behind Alexander

Bids were made last week on three large men's dormitories which are to be constructed around Alexander Hall. These buildings would house approximately 579 students and will each contain over ninety rooms. The three, if constructed, will be considerably larger than any of the other men's dormitories.

Two of the buildings would be placed on the intramural field and one would stand behind Alexander. One is expected to face Alexander and the other two would have their main entrances on the Raleigh road.

No definite plans have yet been made for construction as approval on the contracts has not yet been let. The bids are now being considered by South Building authorities.

Dorm Room Applicants Must Turn In Deposits

According to an announcement from the office of James E. Wadsworth, University admissions officer, all students desiring to apply for a dormitory room for September must make a deposit of \$6.00 at the cashier's office in the basement of South Building, not later than July 10, 1946.

Such a deposit is an application fee and does not necessarily assure the student of dormitory space in September.

Bridge Tournament

The large attendance at the bridge tournaments held every Thursday night in the lounge of Graham Memorial will cause future tournaments to be played in the Candlelight Room of Graham Memorial.

Linker Elected ROA President

Bernstein, Schmidt Present Short Talks

The recently formed Orange County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States elected Robert W. Linker, Major, Air Corps, and University French department professor, as their president, in an organizational meeting held this week.

The session was presided over by Major Pinkney Bernstein, of First Military district headquarters of N. C. located in Raleigh. Also present at the meeting was Major Schmidt, commanding officer, 470th Army Air Forces base unit, located at Greensboro-High Point airport.

Both Majors Bernstein, and Schmidt, who has charge of Air Corps Reserve training in this area, made short talks on future reserve training activities now under consideration by the War department.

First Chapter Here
President Linker, upon assuming office, announced to the more than 70 officers present that this was the first chapter of reserve officers organized in the state since the end of hostilities. He also extended an invitation to all former officers of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, now residing in Orange county, to join the chapter.

Other officers elected were: Peter Lavin, Captain FA, vice-president; Archibald Henderson, Jr., Captain AC, secretary-treasurer. The following committee chairmen were chosen: Corydon P. Spruill, Lt. Colonel, QM, program; Cornelius O. Cathey, Colonel, AGD, publicity; Edward E. Caldwell, Captain, AC, membership; Herman O. Coleman, information.

An announcement of future meetings will be made within a few days.

Exam Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 19	
8:00 A.M.-10:00	for 8:00 A.M. classes
11:00 A.M.- 1:00	for 9:00 A.M. classes
3:00 P.M.- 5:00	for 10:00 A.M. classes
SATURDAY, JULY 20	
8:00 A.M.-10:00	for 11:00 A.M. classes
11:00 A.M.- 1:00	for 12:00 noon classes
3:00 P.M.- 5:00	for afternoon classes and all others not provided for in the above schedule

NOTE: Examinations for double-hour courses will be governed by the hour of the first class meeting.

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