

# Student Government And the Constitution

Student government at the University of North Carolina has always been a source of much agitation and activity. It has feasted and thrived on discussion and debate.

Today it stands on an uncertain footing due to a misunderstanding as to the validity of the new constitution passed by the student body in June. Under the false assumption that the legislature was free to act under the new constitution immediately after the students passed it, without waiting for the document to be officially ratified by the administration and the board of trustees, our new student government leaders have carried out their duties thus far this summer.

Unfortunately, the administration had received no official copies of the document until this week. As a result, the administration looks upon the document as unofficial because it has not passed through all of the necessary channels.

Quick action is now being taken in an effort to get the document considered by the administration in cooperation with a student committee.

This is the important point. The men in the legislature who have worked long and hard in the drafting of the constitution and have fancied themselves as operating under it were unquestionably stunned by the announcement that it is not yet an authorized document. Now they must rise to the occasion and cooperate as much as possible to carry on student government in the absence of an official constitution.

It is our belief that, in certain questions, the University administration must of necessity have final authority. While the right to question some of their decisions is that of every student, their right to make some decisions must stand.

With this in mind, it is to be hoped that the consideration of the constitution by the administration in cooperation with the student committee be carried out to the very best interests of both parties concerned. The administration will take exception to some phases of the constitution, particularly those pertaining to fee regulations, but the two parties should both have the same ultimate interests.

The immediate future of student government can be summed up in one phrase, "the power of the old in the form of the new." The new student government officers will continue in office as they were elected in May. However, the powers vested in the old student legislature are now in force, and the legislature can only pass legislation to the extent of those powers—considerably less than those under the constitution. The coed senate still has separate autonomous authority.

There is no denying that several factors are uncertain, but the main, vital issue is the future of student government. Only by continued, cooperative hard work can our present student leaders attain the high pinnacle aimed at by the constitution.

Carolina's traditions of responsible student self-government are strong and lasting. It is disheartening that, due to a misunderstanding, student leaders thought they had attained a document capable of bettering and continuing those traditions.

The difficulties can be ironed out this time in the correct manner. Student government has not received a death blow. It has received an unfortunate and unexpected jolt. Working hand in hand with administration, student leaders can attempt to repair the damage and smooth out most of the wrinkles.

Whatever is wrong cannot be eternal; and whatever is right cannot be impossible.

A nation is no stronger than the average character of its citizens.

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## Just Another Opinion

# Jefferson's Observations Applied To UNC Legislature

By Roy Thompson

I believe that it was Thomas Jefferson who once made the observation about the best government's being the one that governed least. If we are to take Tom at his word, we would recommend the student legislature of the University of North Carolina as the perfect governmental body. It doesn't govern anything more than its own methods of procedure and sometimes finds itself taking advice on that.

Less than two weeks ago your representatives passed a bill in the legislature which would have permitted coeds to keep the same hours in the summer that they kept in the winter. Meetings were held. Advice was given. A special meeting was called last night at which your representatives were gathered to listen to a series of speeches on the source of governmental powers here.

As some of you may know, the students here gave the stamp of approval to a new constitution for student government near the end of last term. That document now awaits similar approval by administrative officials here and by the board of trustees. In the meantime, it still isn't recognized as a legally binding contract. The new legislators were elected under its provisions. The present presiding officer does so only because of a change in the old system. Yet we are told that the legislature has no authority to pass such a rule. So, last night your representatives gave ground and admitted that they had gotten out of line. A great deal of time was devoted to finding a way to revoke their action without losing face in the process. They didn't want to admit that they were taking orders. Finally a suggestion was submitted by Al Lowenstein that met with approval. It was well-written. It was smooth and logical. It was a way of pulling the legislative head in out of the rain and of still keeping a small measure of self respect. The effect of the action, however, will be the one demanded by the administration.

It is alarming, however, to find that a large number of your representatives share that view. Charlie Warren, your vice-president by the grace of administrative tolerance, made this statement last night: "It would never do for us to believe that we are the supreme law here." He was followed shortly after that with a statement by Lowenstein that ran like this: "We must admit that our authority comes from the administration." These are nice guys. They are conscientious and hard-working. They might even be right.

Yet the people of this country have always been suckers for the belief that they run the place. They fought a war for independence. They've fought often to maintain it and strengthen it. They believe that government here in the United States is based upon consent of the governed, and not upon anything else.

Those of you who voted for Jim Taylor and believe that you are old enough to have an active part in handling your own affairs can pat yourselves on the back. He stood up and put in a good word for student government. He evidently doesn't believe that student government gets its power from across the Y court. Somewhere in the speech he said something that ran about like this: "I can't see a student government at the University of North Carolina becoming an echo for the administration."

There will be a box in Lenoir Hall next week for contributions to buy a seeing eye dog for Jim. Coeds will be tucked in at twelve o'clock. There can be no doubt that Dr. Frank Graham believes in student government sincerely. His actions have demonstrated this fact many times. Chancellor House says that he believes in student government too. He is a man with a difficult job. All over this state from Murphy to Manteo there are people who demand more restrictions on students here. Back at Carolina he finds himself besieged by students who are sometimes a bit touchy about administrative interference in student government. He

# Squirrel-Shootin' Columnist Outlines Groups to Join

By Tookie Hodgson

For the summer students' edification, I am this week presenting a list and brief description of Carolina's extra-curricular organizations and activities. These intellectual and vocal diversions, together with the male's pursuit of the female (or vice versa), occupy 90% of the average student's time—the other 10% is dedicated to working crossword puzzles, shooting squirrels, cutting classes, and sleeping through lectures.

It is my purpose to give the gentle reader the very smallest dosages of information concerning the various organizations in the hope that, his curiosity piqued, he will trot off some night and look into them for himself. This would indeed be ideal for him socially, for as a member of several well-known campus organizations, he would have the enviable right to grow a beard and sip "hot Viennese" in Danziger's in the company of his benighted fellows. Isn't that a grand idea? And, girls, don't feel frustrated because you can't grow a beard; you can still wear horn-rimmed glasses and talk about Russia.

**The Dialectic Senate:** A society of individuals who are somewhat akin to the rain-makers of American folklore. The Di worthies, however, pass up the creation of H-two-O, and concentrate strictly on conjuring up a few warm breezes. Many types of speakers congregate here. The most popular styles of speech-making among the Di's are the "Bilbo Below," the "Rankin Rant," and the "Claghorn Clarion Call."

**The Philanthropic Assembly:** More of the same thing, with the single difference that the style of speaking in vogue with the Phi's is the "McKellar Mumble."

**The Daily Tar Heel:** The only college daily that comes out semi-weekly. A good place to learn English, provided that you are of French, German, Ethiopian, Chinese, or Siamese birth and upbringing, and that you don't give a damn. A fine "newspaper office" effect is achieved by scattering of ticker tape (by motor express direct from "The Durham Sun") on the floor, by imbibing cheap nitro, and by the skillful maneuver in which each member of the staff curses the others. Ash Tray Editors with previous experience are urgently needed, as well as a few Boot-black Editors. Come

one, come all!  
**Student Government:** An ideal thing to get into if you can't get into anything else. Get into student government, and you will find whatever nihilistic tendencies you have developing into ripe maturity. An inclination towards work is, as far as I know, the only quality that might disqualify you from political office. In the staid chambers of the student legislature the wind blows free, and your little gust would no doubt fit in well.

**The Carolina Playmakers:** A group of bearded gentlemen and serious-minded young ladies who are firmly convinced that "the play's the thing." If you secretly desire to wear a monocle or smoke Pall Malls in a fourteen-inch cigarette holder without public censure, make haste to the Playmakers' Theatre, and be one of "the crowd." But first, be sure that your shoes are scuffed sufficiently, and that you are garbed in a polka dot bandana and faded overalls. Otherwise, you will be regarded as a "Philistine," which most of you undoubtedly are. A little, but not too much, histrionic ability is desirable, but not at all necessary. What is necessary is an infinite capacity for the imbibing of "Hot Vinnese."

**The Western North Carolina Club:** A society of student residents of Western North Carolina organized for the purpose of making the student residents of Eastern North Carolina form a club of their own.

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# Carolina Merry-Go-Round

By Dave Pittman and Jim Taylor

The question of Coed hours on the weekend has been settled. The administration won, as was expected. . . . Blackie Black, important campus figure, leaves the Candlelight Room to Martha Rice after two quarters of valuable service to Carolina students. Needless to say, we will miss the Friday nights in the place. Best of luck, Blackie. . . . Old Stacy continues to roll along undefeated in intramural softball. These boys really show an unconquerable spirit in keeping their team together even though they have moved to different dorms. . . . Why is it that construction of dorms has already begun at State and none have been started at Carolina? . . . The military students have vacated the Upper Quad in favor of the stork, but why is the stork facing Grimes instead of Manly? . . . The UVA, sheared of its political aspirants, is rapidly becoming a service organization under the capable leadership of Jim Chestnut. . . . Sentiment for the continuation of the OPA by Carolina students was strong with more than 1,000 students signing a petition to be sent to Senator Hoey. Maybe this will change the 50-50 ratio for and against OPA. . . . To the professors who devote three-fourths of their class hours to background and the other one-fourth to aimless rambling—remember, we are paying for the course that is listed in the catalogue. . . . The Bilbonic plague continues to ravage Mississippi. What an indigestible pill, Bilbo and Rankin. . . . Living conditions for veterans continue to be deplorable here. There must be gold in the soil at the Trailer Camp for the University to charge \$10.00 a month to park each trailer. . . . One of the war's best poets, Vincent Cassidy, former Marine V-12 at Carolina, plans to enroll in September. His book of poems, *Without Wax*, is scheduled to be published by the University Press. One of the poems, "Yesterday," is a matter of Congressional record. . . . The recent Southern Conference ruling concerning the eligibility of transfer students within the conference was directed against Carolina's Tony Yovicson. . . . Major General Gavin impressed his Independence Day audience with his boyish sincerity.

## Dementia Domain

Edited by Ray Conner

From History

Katherine the Great's husband was hung by her supporters.

Henry VIII, by his own efforts, increased the population of England by forty thousand.

They gave William IV a lovely funeral; it took six men to carry the beer.

Habeas corpus is a phrase which came into use during the great plague of London. It means, "bring out dead."

Dear Jack,  
I just read that students who don't smoke make better grades than those who do.  
Your Dad.

Dear Dad,  
I have thought about that, but truthfully I had rather make a B and have enjoyment; in fact, I had rather smoke and drink and make a C. Furthermore, I had rather smoke and drink and neck and make a D.  
Love,  
Jack.

Dear Jack,  
I'll break your neck if you flunk anything.  
Love,  
Dad.

"Tight clothing," offered Dr. Ling Poo, "does not stop circulation. The tighter her clothes," he continues, "the more the girl circulates."

Dedicated to the Old Buccaneer  
And then there's the fellow who offered his girl a Scotch and sofa, and she reclined.

Little Audrey was sailing with her father when she saw a group of islands. "What islands are those, daddy?" she asked. "The Virgin Islands," he replied. And then Little Audrey just laughed and laughed. 'Cause she knew the Marines had landed.

For Men Only

Out of the 841 coeds here, three other six are exchange students who will read this. The Editor: "That story can't be printed. It says that the heroine was nude."  
Me: "That's all right. I cover her with remorse in the next paragraph."

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Familiarity breeds contempt.

The Height of Diplomacy  
On surprising a lady in a bathtub, say, "I beg your pardon, sir."

Voice (over telephone) — "Hello, hello. This is Judge Babington Peterson McFeatherson, the Third. Will you please tell my son, Cravenwood Rutherford McFeatherson, the Fourth, that I would like to speak to him."

Frosh — "Hey, Mac, your old man wants to talk to you."

She: I think dancing has made my feet larger.  
He: Oh, yeah?  
She: Just look at my shoulders—their development comes from swimming.

He: Great! And—ahem—I suppose you ride a lot, too?

Spouse: "What time is it?"  
Louse: "I can't tell. There are two hands on this watch and I don't know which to believe."

"Why the toothbrush in your lapel?"  
"It's my class pin . . . I go to Colgate."

And then there is the dumb steno who didn't mail the circular letters because she couldn't find any round envelopes.

Credit is hereby given "The Rebel" for its contributions.

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# What Do YOU Say?

By Sam Daniels

(Ed. note—This is the first appearance of a new feature in which a Daily Tar Heel reporter questions a cross-section of the campus in order to get its views on topics of general interest to the student body.)

Today's question: What characteristics do you wish to find in a boy that you date?

The Answers

"I look for poise, a good personality, a sense of humor, and sincerity."  
—Margaret McManus of Greenville, S. C., 307 Spencer.

"I like a sense of humor. He should be tall but not too dark, not too good looking, cheerful, neat, and fairly intelligent."  
—Doris Underwood of Charlotte, 407 E. Franklin St.

"He should have a personality pleasing to both the male and female. Especially the female, as a touch of the wolf instinct is always appealing."  
—Jane Peete of Warrington, 215 Spencer.

"My answer is a good looking masculine brute that you don't have to fight off."  
—Eleanor Benton of Opp, Ala., 102 Alderman.

"A car is enough."  
—Mary Britt (vital statistics withheld since she is pinned).

Next issue: What characteristics do you wish to find in the girl that you date?

## Smokey Says:

BY GOSH! TIMBER IN THE WOODS—CATTLE IN THE PASTURE. HE'S REALLY MAKIN' MONEY!



More and more cattle raisers are discovering increased income through raising their cattle on improved pasture and protecting their woodlands for timber crops. Protected from fire and grazing, trees will furnish reproduction for a constantly growing timberstand.