

Conference Starts Tonight

Designed to discuss and attempt to solve the many problems facing student government leaders on the Carolina campus in this important first post-war year, the Campus Government Conference gets underway tonight.

Scheduled to last for three nights and featuring addresses by administrative and student leaders as well as discussion groups, the conference will deal with the basic issues and structure of student government.

All campus leaders and organization officers can well afford to contribute some of their time to a concentrated study and discussion of the problems they are facing and will face this year. It is true the conference is being held at a time of year at which the agenda of campus activities is very crowded. Still the importance of the conference should not be minimized.

This is the first year since the outbreak of the war that the student officers will have a chance to work together for the general improvement of the University. Cooperation and understanding are sure to result from the conference. All of the discussions will be frank and informal and all of the participants should be very much at ease.

The value of such a conference cannot be questioned. We hope that the three-day session will prove highly successful and help bring about a solution to the problems facing student government today.

What D'ya Know

Not one, not two, but hundreds of editorials have been written advocating paved walks on the campus.

Now, before the rainy season, before we printed an editorial urging paved walks, we learn that walks are to be paved.

We are overjoyed to say the least, and we know you are too, but there would have been sweeter taste in our mouth if we could have had just one little editorial.

Concerning Telephone Service

Last Spring the members of the Student Party pledged among other things to work for better telephone service if elected to the Student Legislature. On August 15 a bill was passed petitioning for the "installation of telephones on each floor of the men's dormitories in the Upper and Lower Quads, and one in each section of Steele, Old East, Old West, and BVP dormitories." I am reasonably sure that mention of this bill was in the August 16 or 17 issue of the TAR HEEL.

During September Dean Weaver in reference to the bill sent the following statement to me: "... I wrote to our Supervisor of Operations in strong endorsement of the suggestion. (and) Mr. Bennett agrees heartily with your memorandum. ... We agree that this should be done as soon as it becomes practicable. ... Equipment was ordered fourteen months ago and we are promised shipment in October. ... More (equipment) was ordered six months ago and they promised shipment sometime in 1947. This is the worst time in the world to try to improve (telephone). ..."

I brought this matter to the attention of the Legislature at the first meeting of the Fall Quarter in October. It did not occur to me that the reply had not been given the proper publicity until I read Mr. Peter Gerns' letter in the Friday issue of the DAILY TAR HEEL. I wish to apologize to Mr. Gerns and the Student Body in general for the Legislature's failure to see that the matter received the proper publicity.

J. K. BYRD
Clerk, Student Legislature

Milk-Bottle Question Bee Starts Phi Bank Night Plan

By John Giles

Today the Phi is inaugurating a novel plan brought before the Assembly last week by Phi member Frank Hassell. If the students show sufficient interest in the plan, every Tuesday hereafter will be known as Phi Tuesday and every Tuesday night as Phi Bank Night.

According to the plan, everyone on the campus votes on some current issue, either local, national, or international by contributing a penny to one of three bottles labeled YES, NO, or NO OPINION. The purpose of the plan is to get an accurate view of student opinion on the major issues which come up before the student body.

The issue to be voted upon the following week is chosen by the students from five proposed issues taken from a suggestion box located in the Y. Contribution of a second penny to one of another group of five bottles, each properly labeled, is included in the plan.

Hassell's plan works this way: Each week a committee of the Phi selects five questions from the contents of the suggestion box in the Y. A polling place will be set up in the Y and will be open from 9 until 5 on Tuesday's

Strictly Detrimental....

Thorough House-Cleaning Is Suggested for Di, Phi

By Jud Kinberg

I've heard of bridge-players who took their moves from the daily card column in the paper. But when supposedly-active discussion groups start taking their pleas and cues from the newspaper letters, it's about time to call for a reshuffle.

For several weeks now, Daily Tar Heel columnists and letter-writers have been taking pot-shots at language courses in UNC. Just this weekend, the Phi announced that it was set to debate the question in open meeting. The most open thing about that meeting, most likely, will be the vacant chairs.

All of which, in roundabout fashion, is a call for both the Phi and Di to come up—to date—or shut up. At present, these two hallowed organizations are so steeped in futility that its members probably roll up their pants before coming to meetings.

In the days long before the Student Legislature, the Di and Phi were the acknowledged masters of Carolina students. It was they who decided when a man was enough a "Carolina gentleman" to be allowed the freedom of out-of-town jaunts. There is still the legend that, in the 1890's, a man who feared flunking out didn't go to South Building to find out. Instead he reported to the Di or Phi, depending upon which organization he joined, and chewed his nails while awaiting that group's decision as to his status.

The puissance of the Di and Phi has been greatly reduced and their role changed. This is a necessary result of the ebb and tide of power. However, it is no excuse for the rapid decline and near disintegration of the Di and Phi. That explanation goes in too deep and more basic deficiencies.

For many years now, both groups have been content to retain their worthless place on campus. Their recently-avowed purpose of "giving students experience in Parliamentary Procedure" is just so much high-toned bunk. You don't have to be senile and fuddling, emaciated and unimportant to give a man debating experience. Certainly, if the issues raised were more interesting and vital, the audience would be greater and more students would gain knowledge of parliamentary rules.

Whether that last sentence is good and sufficient reasoning, or not, the fact remains that two formerly important groups have developed into parasites upon the body extra-curricular. Their present purpose seems to be merely as a junkyard for disappointed campus workers or as a minor stepping stone to prominence for up-and-coming BMOC's. But these purposes hardly justify the existence of the Di and Phi. We don't need bush-leagues in campus activities.

The past decade has seen the continued diminution of respect in which the Di and Phi are held. Another few years of the present muddling and irresolution at a Carolina constantly becoming more utilitarian will see the end of both organizations.

There is a definite need on campus for groups capable of raising and discussing pertinent and vital issues, whether they be local, national or international. There is no need whatsoever for the Di and Phi as they are now constituted.

Many of the persons in both groups have the intelligence necessary to revitalize their outfits. But the house-cleaning better be fast and thorough. The time is definitely now—now or never.

at which time all students are eligible to vote on the week's issue and choose one of the five proposed questions to be voted upon the following week.

Students bring their University identification card so that the number on it may be placed on a tiny square on the prize board and at the same time record their votes on the current and future question by dropping a penny in the appropriate bottle bearing their opinion. After the polls close at 5 p.m. today the votes will be counted and the results will be announced in the Phi Hall at 7:30 when the question is debated. At this meeting a coed will be blindfolded and will throw darts at the prize board containing some 6800 ID card numbers. The winner is the individual whose number corresponds to the number pierced and who voted that day.

The winner will then contact the treasurer of the organization to which he wishes to give the money, and the treasurer of the organization will receive all the pennies from the Treasurer of the Phi. The money will be used for the benefit of the members as a group and none may be prorated among the members.

Today's question to be voted upon will be: "Are you in favor of continuing foreign language requirements for the General College?"

What Do YOU Say?

By Sam Daniels

Today's Question
What is your opinion regarding pre-game vandalism?

The Answers

Everybody watches every detail of the Duke-Carolina game because it is one of the most important games in the country. Vandalism, in addition to a money cost of several thousand dollars a year, costs us the respect of thousands of people who look on us as morons. The athletes handle their part 100%. The students for the most part, handle their part well. It is only a small group that causes this damage. I sincerely hope they too will see the thing in the proper manner and help make the game something to be proud of as a whole.—Chancellor R. B. House.

I am very much against pre-game vandalism. Especially the painting of buildings and the destruction of each other's property. It all seems so childish and too small for college students. It costs a lot of money to remove the paint and the money each school uses for this they could put into something more helpful to the school. So I hope that the Carolina students will show they are grown up and not paint Duke.—Charlie Justice, Asheville.

Pre-game vandalism is not for college students. It's sorta silly and only costs money to replace damaged property. If we'll stay away from Duke, they'll leave us alone. Why not just show our spirit at the game without childishness before and after the game?—Kathryn Lane, Dothan, Ala.

We're old enough to stop acting like we're still in high school. Our school spirit is well known enough without cheap advertisements like that!—Mary Loche Craig, Asheville

We would be scared to get caught around either of the schools with all of the returning vets. We are definitely against the use of firearms, knives, or hand grenades by either school. Remember, a lot of these veterans brought back quite a few souvenirs from the war.—Jim Camp, Schoolfield, Va.; Chan Highsmith, Brunswick, Ga.

There will be enough vandalism on the playing field—let it stop there.—Winkey Andrews, Little Rock, Ark.

Next issue: What do you think will be the score in the Duke game and how will a few of our many touchdowns be scored?

Letters To The Editor Note of Remorse

To the Editor:
I understand that a Carolina student has been suspended from the University on account of his attempted fraud in relation to tickets to the Dorsey dance. Amid the cheers for a just vengeance wreaked upon a criminal, permit me to add one note of remorse. The University of North Carolina has forsaken its opportunity and duty to assist this man in the overcoming of an obvious moral deficiency. It has administered the wildest sort of justice. . . . cold and simple revenge. The punishment is completely unconstructive since a problem testing the moral standards of the University has been dismissed rather than solved. Accepting this man as a student, the University took on the responsibilities of lifting him to its intellectual and moral standards. It has failed, and now I imagine that those responsible for this failure can sit proudly back and repeat in unison, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
EDDIE BLANKSTEIN

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

LONG-IGNORED REPUBLICANS NOW BEING "RECOGNIZED" BY WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Washington.—Most amusing sight on the Merry-Go-Round scene today is the frantic scramble of the socialites, the lobbyists, and the local power politicians to get religion in a hurry. In this case, religion is better known as the GOP. After fourteen years of Democratic rule, the Republicans were so far down the social list they almost developed an inferiority complex. But now they are staging a grand comeback. The invitations to once-scorned Republican Senators and Congressmen have doubled and tripled, as hostesses bid for newly-won prestige of GOP solons.

Scores of Washingtonians are now racking their brains to figure out whom they know who knows someone who knows someone high in Republican ranks.

Always in step with the times is popular Presidential court jester George Allen, who never hesitates to tell a joke on himself. If you walk into Allen's private office, first thing you will see is an autographed picture of his good friend, Harry Truman. Second thing is a newly hung autographed photo of Senator Arthur Vandenberg. A glance at the wall shows, however, that although the picture was recently hung, it was not recently autographed. It says, "For my dear friend, George E. Allen. With best wishes, A. H. Vandenberg." The date is June 9, 1938.

Asked whether he hung the photo on the day after elections, the ever-lovable court-jester replied: "Oh, no. I didn't wait that long. I hung it up at quarter past eight on election night. Sure was dusty, but I had it all polished up."

NEW WITCH-HUNT

About two weeks before elections, Mississippi's rootin' tootin' Congressman John Rankin, Democrat, and New Jersey's witch-hunting J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, put their heads together and agreed that, with a Republican election certain, now was the time to sweep out of the Government all the liberals whom Rankin and Thomas do not like.

To this end, it was agreed that New Jersey's Thomas was to be Chairman of the Un-American Affairs Committee, while Rankin was to continue as the driving force. Thomas was to carry the ball just enough to retain some semblance of being Chairman, but most of the work was to be done by the so-called "gentleman" from Mississippi.

The agreement was no sooner reached than Robert Stripling, former chief investigator under Martin Dies, and three times deferred from the draft, was re-employed. Stripling was given the promise that he would become chief investigator under the Republican Congress beginning in January.

Since his return, Stripling has been slipping into the old House Office Building by the southeast entrance, wearing dark glasses, to conceal his identity. In addition, a sun-tan picked up in the Army has helped disguise him. For three weeks he has been busy going over the files of the old Dies Committee, working up a master list of those in the Federal service whom the Rankin Committee will smear at the first opportunity.

Prediction: Congress is in for more witch-hunting than since the days when ex-Congressman Ham Fish of New York followed a hot lead to an old trunk in a Baltimore warehouse, supposed to be full of Soviet documents. When he lifted the lid, he found only cabbages.

REPUBLICAN CLOSED-DOOR CAUCUS

There was only one major dispute when the House Republican Steering Committee held its closed-door caucus on legislative policies the other day. This was over whether the Republicans should accept all of the Reorganization Act, adopted at the last Congress and providing for consolidation of Congressional Committees.

Elder statesman Jim Wadsworth of New York finally settled the dispute in his level-headed way, with few feelings fractured.

Rep. Sterling Cole of New York, high-ranking member of the Naval Affairs Committee, started the debate by warmly opposing the merger of the Naval Affairs and Military Affairs Committees into one 33-man Committee on Armed Forces, as provided by the act.

Cole argued that the consolidation would be untimely unless the Army and Navy themselves were merged. He pointed out that most members of the Military Committee favored Army-Navy unification, while most Naval Committee members opposed it; therefore throwing these two battling factions into a single committee would merely cause disharmony.

"Until the merger question is settled, these two committees should remain independent," Cole contended.

Rep. Leslie Arends of Illinois, a member of the Military Committee, plus several others, echoed the same view. But Wadsworth quickly harpooned their objections.

"National defense is an over-all matter and should be handled as such by a single committee," said the big New York cattle farmer and ex-Senator. Our experience with overlapping defense legislation during the last war proved this conclusively, Wadsworth continued. It was absurd, he added, for the Army and Navy to continue to bring their closely related problems before separate committees.

Upshot was that the GOP leaders went on record to accept the Reorganization Act in toto, with the understanding that changes might be made later if necessary.

REPUBLICANS SCAN LABOR HORIZON

One veteran Senator and one newcomer are destined to play leading roles in GOP labor relations in the next Congress. The veteran is aggressive, square-shooting Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine. The newcomer is Sen. Irving M. Ives, scholarly, 50-year-old New York Republican, who had an impressive labor record in the N. Y. State Assembly and at Cornell University.

It was Ives who fathered the bipartisan committee on labor legislation in the New York Legislature, and steps are now being taken privately to set up a similar committee in Congress.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes word lists and a small grid with numbers.