

TRUSTEES VOTE 61-15 FOR NEGRO ADMISSIONS

By Chuck Hauser

RALEIGH, April 4—The Board of Trustees today voted to make the University of North Carolina the first such institution in the South to voluntarily admit Negro students. The history-making resolution, passed by a vote of 61 to 15 after two hours of bitter discussion, applies only to grad-

uate and professional schools of the Consolidated University when equal facilities are not provided elsewhere in the state for Negro graduate and professional students. Also at the meeting held here in the YMCA building on the State College campus, the Trustees voted to instruct the state attorney-general to carry to the Supreme Court the case

of the four Negroes who wish to enter the University Law School. The state provides a separate law school for Negroes at North Carolina College in Durham.

The motion letting down the segregation bars to the other graduate and professional schools was placed on the floor by Maj. L. P. McLendon of Greensboro, who assisted the

state in preparation of its defense in the Law School case. McLendon moved that the Board approve the recommendation made by its Executive Committee last week. His motion was made as a substitute for a proposal by Trustee John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton that any action on the admissions question be postponed until after the Supreme Court rules on the Law School case.

One amendment was added to the Executive Committee recommendation. The meat of the resolution, with the amendment in italics, was:

"In all cases of applications for admission by members of racial groups, other than the white race, to the professional or graduate schools when such schools are not provided by and in the state of North Carolina for such racial groups, the applications shall be processed without regard to color or race, as required by authoritative judicial interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, which is the supreme law of our state as well as the nation, and the applicant accepted or rejected in accordance with the approved rules and standards of admission for the particular school."

The amendment was offered by Trustee Thomas Pearsall of Rocky Mount, and passed on a voice vote immediately before the final vote on the main motion was taken. The 61-15 vote was taken by roll call at the request of John Kerr.

Consolidated University President Gordon Gray opened debate on the controversial measure. He appealed to the Trustees to set the policy for admission or non-admission of qualified Negroes "so I won't have to go before the District Court next week and answer an allegation with 'I don't know.'" Gray must file an answer by next Wednesday in the case of a Negro who wishes to enter the Medical School. He said the first thing the court would ask would be what the University policy was in regard to Negro admissions.

"I'm not crusading for the admission of Negroes," Gray said, "but I think I'm entitled to an answer. My own personal opinion is that you should pass the recommendation of the Executive Committee."

Major McLendon made the most stirring speech of the day in favor of the move. "We have made no effort to provide equal facilities for Negroes in medicine," he declared, "and there is not even room for discussion in the Medical School case." Discussing the possibility of using subterfuge to keep Negroes out of the University if they were admitted on paper, he stormed, "I would 1,000-to-1 rather be condemned for violating the state constitution than for being dishonest in carrying it out."

McLendon said the Board could refer the decision to the Legislature, but he said the Trustees had set policy for the University for more than 150 years "without crawling on our stomachs to the General Assembly. I wouldn't hide behind anything so cowardly."

John Kerr, who interrupted speakers frequently with both direct and side remarks, took the floor to answer McLendon. "This is just the opening wedge to admit them to the public schools," he said. "Within five years there won't be 10 of them at A. and T. or at North Carolina College for Negroes. Their teachers get the same pay and the same treatment as white teachers, but they're never satisfied. You know what they want. They want social equality."

Victor Bryant of Durham made the last major remarks before Pearsall offered his amendment and the votes were taken. Bryant stressed two points for the Board: (1) The court says you can't have segregation unless you have equal facilities for Negroes; (2) North Carolina has no equal facilities in the Medical School case. "What does that add up to?" he asked.

When the vote was taken on the first order of business of the day, Gray's recommendation to carry the Law School case to the Supreme Court, the only dissenting vote was that of Kerr, who was not opposing a Supreme Court appeal but was apparently casting a negative ballot because the motion on the floor was a substitute for one which he preferred. "I came up here to fight this thing," Kerr said earlier, "and I'll fight it all day."

Another opponent of admitting Negroes, Mark Lassiter, declared, "I'm opposed to any Negro going to any (white) school in North Carolina any time and any place." He made the statement just after arriving at the meeting approximately 15 minutes late, thinking discussion was on the other business of the day.

Kerr challenged the power of the Supreme Court to enforce its decisions. "We're one of 13 sovereign states in the union," he cried. "Can the Supreme Court mandamus the state of North Carolina? Can it mandamus this Board of Trustees?" Attorney General Harry McMullan assured Kerr that it could.

The motion to appeal the Law School case to the nation's highest court was made by Lt. Gov. H. P. (Pat) Taylor. He also incorporated in the proposal that the attorney-general should ask for a stay of execution of the injunction which the Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the District Court to grant in the case pending outcome of the appeal. The injunction sought by the Negroes would forbid the University from continuing to refuse them admission.

Attorney-General Harry MacMullan said he would immediately put into action the judicial steps necessary to appeal the Law School case and get a stay of execution on the order of the Circuit Court of Appeals to the District Court to grant the injunction.

However, many of the Trustees had already as good as conceded that the state would lose the case when it went to Washington. The opinion of the Circuit Court, written by Judge Soper, stated, "Our examination of the undisputed facts of the case convinces us that the Negro school is clearly inferior to the white, and that the judgment must therefore be reversed in accordance with the decision in *Sweatt v. Painter*, 339 U.S. 629, which was rendered prior to the trial of the pending case in the District Court."

Active in opposing the admission of Negroes in addition to Kerr and Lassiter were John and Dave Clark and Robert Proctor. A third piece of business to come before the Trustees today also concerned Negroes. A proposal to stop segregation at the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at State College was defeated unanimously. Gov. Kerr Scott presided at the meeting.

Hogshead, Betty Ray To Head YM, YWCA

At their annual elections of officers, the YWCA elected Betty Ray of Faison as its president and the YMCA choose Bill Hogshead of Goldsboro as its presiding officer for the coming year.

Other YWCA officers elected are vice president, Adair Beasley, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; treasurer, Jane Piper, Baltimore County, Md.; secretary, Sylvia Newsom, Charlotte; membership chairman, Caroline Hassinger, Bristol, Va.; program chairman, Joan Charles, Sea Girt, N. J.

The YMCA elected Bill Burkholder, Eagle Springs as vice-president; Burton Rights, Winston-Salem as secretary; and Gil Marsh, Thomasville as treasurer.

Formal installation of new YW officers will take place in May along with new cabinet members. Cabinet members are chosen by

Certificates

Dean E. L. Mackie announced yesterday that all new initiates of Phi Eta Sigma should pick up their certificates at his office, 313 South Building. He also said there were a number of certificates still waiting for their owners for Old Well initiations. All students who were taken into the honorary and have not received their membership certificates should pick them up.

There were 82 freshmen initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, and none of these certificates have been given out yet, he said.

Candidates To Speak Tonight

Candidates for three major campus offices—president and secretary-treasurer of the student body, and editor of The Daily Tar Heel—will speak briefly at an open meeting for the student body tonight at 8 o'clock in Memorial Hall.

The speakers will be, for president, Dick Penegar (UP), Henry Bowers (SP), and Ben James; for secretary-treasurer, Jim McIntyre (SP) and Allen Tate (UP); for Daily Tar Heel editor, Frank Allston (UP); Walt Dear (SP), Don Maynard and Glenn Harden.

Meeting Open To Students; Other Groups To Convene

At 7:30, one-half hour before the open meeting, there will be a compulsory meeting of all candidates running for office in spring elections next Wednesday. Elections Board Chairman Julian Mason yesterday said that candidates who fail to appear are subject to a fine and possible disqualification.

Following the speakers' meeting, Mason will talk to persons interested in polltending and ballot counting. He said yesterday that response has been slow and called for more persons to volunteer.

A fourth and final meeting which will follow will be one

of the Elections Board.

Originally scheduled for Thursday, April 12, the election was moved back one day to next Wednesday when it was discovered that Gerrard Hall would be unavailable as a polling place.

Mason repeated his warning of earlier in the week that defacing or removing campaign literature constitutes a violation of the Honor Code. He said both Honor Council chairmen had promised him they were making concentrated efforts to apprehend violators.

IFC Releases Academic Law On Initiations

Morrison Clears Wide Confusion Surrounding Rule

Interfraternity Council President Dale Morrison yesterday explained that the new IFC ruling passed Monday night concerns all fall quarter, 1950, pledges, whether they be freshman, sophomore or transfer student.

The ruling states that a pledge who has not met the scholastic ruling as set down in the fall may be initiated at the end of this spring quarter if the pledge gains an average of C or better this quarter.

In addition, assistant to the Dean of Students Ray Jefferies explained scholastic requirements for those three classes of fall quarter pledges if they wish to be initiated immediately.

Freshmen, Jefferies stated, must have passed 25 hours of University work and gained a C average over the winter quarter or an overall C average for the fall and winter quarters combined to become certified by him for initiation.

Sophomores, he explained, pledged in the fall, must have 35 hours of passing work and must have obtained a C average for the winter quarter or the fall and winter quarters combined to be certified.

Transfer students are eligible now for initiation, he said, if they had 35 hours credit, either gained here or the school from which they transferred, including 10 hours which must have been passed here with an average of C or better.

If these transfer students did not meet that requirement, then they needed an overall average of C over the fall and winter quarters combined to become eligible, he said.

Ben James Warns Leadership Need

Independent presidential candidate Ben James yesterday released his spring election campaign along with a warning that "leadership, coupled with a large amount of interest, is necessary to keep our school spirit alive."

James said an independent candidate "can work much more efficiently if he is not hamstrung by the political obligations of parties."

The platform included:

1. Work to lower tuition rates.
2. Fight for the rights of self-help students.

3. Work to set up a visiting agreement for coeds in men's dormitory social rooms (James is at present chairman of a legislative committee working on this problem).

4. Work for a system of student selection of instructors.

5. Push for speedy completion of bricklaying activities of walks and parking areas in the dormitory area.

6. Full cooperation with the University Club and the CAA "to promote Carolina spirit."

7. Work to shorten and improve the orientation program for incoming freshmen, including shortening of the freshman chapel series.

8. Bring the presidency, the court system, and subsidiary agencies such as the Dance Committee "within closer range of individual student respect and understanding."

James said his platform "may not be as high-sounding as some of the others, but it involves the wishes of a lot of students I have talked with." He continued, "My mind and my office, if I am elected, will always be open for more and better suggestions from everyone for our own campus betterment."

Bruce Melton States Plans For Campaign

Bruce Melton, independent candidate for editor of the Daily Tar Heel, yesterday released a five-point platform on which he is basing his campaign.

Melton is a junior in the School of Journalism. He has worked on a weekly newspaper, several house organs and served as publicity chairman for Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity.

The platform reads:

- "1. I believe that The Daily Heel can be published six days a week, and I will give all the effort possible in securing the restoration of a daily paper."

- "2. Promote better dormitory-fraternity relations through a well coordinated staff and coverage."

- "3. I pledge to work toward achieving cooperation between the School of Journalism and The Daily Tar Heel, also to provide opportunity and encouragement for students desiring to work."

- "4. Work for better delivery service, to the dorms and other delivery points."

- "5. Better coverage for all organizations, by cooperating with the officers and publicity chairmen of each organization."

Haywood, Garland Concert Is Slated For 8:30 Tonight

A joint recital will be given by Benjy Haywood, pianist, and Harry Garland, baritone, at Hill Music Hall today at 8:30 p.m.

Haywood, of Mount Gilead, is a junior studying piano with Prof. Wilton Mason. He has appeared in student recitals, and has performed in state music contests. His portion of the program consists of Schubert's Sonata in A major, p. 120, three Schumann pieces, and a group of

Spanish pieces by Granados and Albentz.

Garland, a senior from Linville, is a student of Prof. Joel Carter. He sang a leading role in the recent production of Kurt Weill's "Down in the Valley." He has also appeared in student recitals, and has sung with the Glee Club for four years. He will perform a group of English songs, a Schumann group, and the prologue to Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci."

IDC Finishes Brown Dance Weekend Slate

Concert April 14 In Memorial Hall; Dance That Night

Plans for the Interdormitory Council dance April 14 with Les Brown and his band of renown were completed this week when the Council met.

Tickets for the annual affair, which this year will include a concert as well as a dance, are being distributed to dormitory residents by their presidents. Tickets for the dance are free. The cost of the concert is 50 cents per ticket.

Members of the IDC, their dates, and dormitory leaders will be host to Brown and his band at a pre-dance banquet in Lenoir Hall at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, President Ted Leonard said yesterday.

Parties, picnics, and other festivities are being planned by dormitory men for the weekend.

Highlighting the Saturday night dance in Woolen Gymnasium will be a figure composed of members of the Executive, Dance, and Social Committees of the IDC and their dates.

The concert will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Memorial Hall.

Brown will play in Durham the previous Friday night on the Bob Hope show.

WORLD, NATION, STATE

TOKYO — American tanks drove five and one half miles deep into North Korea Wednesday while foot soldiers widened the United Nations bridgehead across the 38th Parallel from 10 to 15 miles.

WASHINGTON — The White House denounced yesterday as a "highly misleading distortion" a forthcoming magazine article by Jonathan Daniels which pictures President Truman as favoring a sweeping shakeup of Congress.

Truman's press secretary, said: "The President had no knowledge of this article before today and wishes it understood that Daniels has no authority to speak for him as was indicated by the magazine in a note accompanying the article." Daniels was White House secretary for a short time during the early days of the President's administration in 1945.

RALEIGH — North Carolina lawmakers yesterday set their sights for adjournment April 11 with a joint resolution introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON — Average retail food prices held steady during the first half of March—the second successive two-week period they have failed to climb, the Government reported yesterday.

RALEIGH—The University of North Carolina Board of Trustees yesterday voted to continue the policy of segregation in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at State College.

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