

# Orchids

The Coed Senate is to be heartily congratulated on their consideration of a bill introduced Tuesday night by Ruth Conner.

The resolution proposed a long-overdue move by the legislature to abolish the senate. The need for abolition of the outdated and now all but useless organization has long been recognized, but that the first move should come from within the body itself is highly commendatory.

The orchids will really be due next Tuesday night, if the senate sees fit to approve the measure.

# Nonplus

by Harry Snook

Student Government at Carolina is a dictatorship by default.

A handful of students—less than one per cent of the student body—controls the whole government. Only about 5 per cent of the student body knows much or seems to care about student government. These are the students who hold office or those who aspire to such office. The rest of the students don't understand or give a damn.

But student government has sweeping powers that affect every student at Carolina. These powers are extremely dangerous when only a handful of students exercise them.

Most of our student leaders seem to be well-meaning. This, however, does not make up for lack of experience, limited perspective, immaturity and the absence of a defined system. The student leaders themselves would prefer to have the general student body know what is going on.

Chances are you know nothing about the Men's Council, which is one of several student courts. The Men's Council has the power to suspend you from the University.

Yet the Council operates without defined authority under the Student Constitution. It decides what is an offense, how you

shall be tried, what will be your sentence—all in the strictest secrecy. No report on the actual proceedings of any trial is ever revealed to the student body.

The Student Constitution grants the Men's Council original jurisdiction in cases involving violations of the Honor and Campus Codes by male students; the Constitution also grants the Men's Council the power to mitigate, suspend sentence and impose probation.

But there is nothing in the Student Constitution which gives the Council the power to hold trials in secret even when the accused student would rather have it open to the student body.

There is nothing in the Student Constitution which gives the Council the power to sentence a student to suspension from the University, or even to so much as officially reprimand a student.

There is nothing in the Student Constitution which gives the Council the power to prevent a student from having outside advice during a trial.

The Men's Council just assumes that all of these powers are implied by one, and only one, phrase in the Student Con-

# A Gentle Summons

Reviews and Previews

The initial presentation of the Carolina Playmakers new season is "The Silver Whistle" by Robert E. McEnroe. The play will be presented through Sunday.

If an unusual comic situation and romantic dialogue make a good play, "The Silver Whistle" is one. In it an imaginative, literary tramp invades the gloomy precincts of an ecclesiastical home for the aged. The gloom has evaporated by the final curtain and the old people and the audience have been treated to large measures of fanciful dialogue.

The cast in the Playmakers' production works diligently to evoke an appropriately whimsical atmosphere. Unfortunately, the playwright provides obstacles. Whimsy is delicate, its charm must be expertly maintained and illuminated by glittering technical facility on the part of the actors. McEnroe has written scenes, particularly in the first and second acts, which do not succeed in maintaining pace or continuity of effect.

The principal role requires the consummate technique of an actor trained in romantic drama. William Hardy acts Oliver Erwenner with dexterity and style, though he is not always vocally satisfactory. The old folks are performed with distinction. Lillian Prince, Bruce Strait,

stitution which says merely that the "judicial power" shall be vested in the various Councils. Otherwise, the Men's Council (and the Women's Council) is given only the power to mitigate, suspend sentence or impose probation, as mentioned above.

Last year there were two notable cases involving the student courts where the accused students were tried, convicted and sentenced without knowing what the charges against them were! In one case, the student didn't even know he was being tried until he was met on the campus and informed of his sentence!

As we have it now, the whole concept of a democracy under a constitutional system is abrogated. And wrongs are perpetrated without ever becoming known to the student body.

Secrecy is always a deadly threat to democracy and constitutionality—as is vast authority without defined limits. The American tradition is one of open courts, constitutionality, due process of the law and defined authority.

The Councils, though, continue to mete out judgement without public knowledge as a democratic safeguard.

What the students do not know, they cannot control. And it is your fault if you wait until you get caught in the web before you do something about the present situation.

Bud, you'd better get busy.

Leslie Casey and Josephine Sharkey display unusually amusing and consistent characterizations. Pearl Fisher and I. T. Littleton also act in good comic style.

The other characters are somewhat pallid compared to their lively elders. James Pritchett as Reverend Watson and Ann Miller as Miss Tripp lack effective vocal projection. In the third act occurs a deluge of minor characters which were all played satisfactorily. Lawton Haney is aptly sepulchral as the funeral director and John Miller aptly upper class as the man from the Yale Club.

Perhaps "The Silver Whistle" would benefit from being presented as a period piece. The set was successfully adapted to the action, but period costumes might well aid in establishing and maintaining the fragile mood which the playwright evidently intended to create.

William Peterson try a few dashes in your salad dressing.



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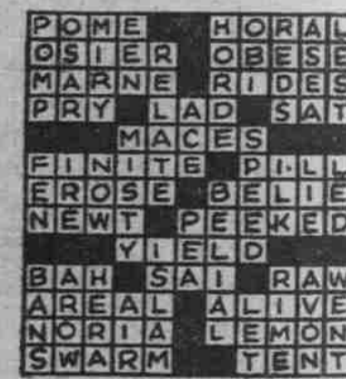
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# DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. A preposition
  5. Coarse hominy
  9. Half diameters
  10. One's successors
  12. Girl's name
  13. Scarf
  14. River (Scot.)
  15. Depart
  17. Devoured
  18. Narrates
  21. Type measure
  22. Island off Alaska
  25. People of Denmark
  27. Wading bird
  29. Portions
  31. Banish
  33. Mexican dollar
  34. Masurium (sym.)
  35. Boxes for sacred instruments
  37. Question
  39. Chinese river
  40. Arch
  43. Of the country
  46. A maxim
  48. Exchange, as goods
  49. Girl's name
  50. Concludes
  51. Rip
- DOWN**
1. Mark on the skin
  2. Not working
  3. Bind
  4. Door joint
  5. Thin silk (Chin.)
  6. Roman money
  7. Isinglass
  8. Objects
  9. Color
  11. Branch
  16. Ancient
  18. A long blouse
  19. Fold over
  20. Thin, brittle cookies
  22. Air Corps (abbr.)
  23. Wealth
  24. Tribute
  26. Before
  28. High priest
  30. Therefore
  32. Large room
  34. Market
  36. Not loose
  38. Persian coin
  40. Weapon of the chase (So. Am.)
  41. Old measure (Heb.)



Yesterday's Answer  
42. Skin tumor  
44. Affix  
45. Man's nickname  
47. Born

# Letters

Madam Editor,

(Regarding a letter from the Presbyterian Student Group which appeared in the paper as reading, "We wish to commend the administration and show our appreciation of their recent action in furthering inequality of opportunity among students...")

A Mistake like this should not be glossed over. If it is due to (1) carelessness on the part of the person who wrote it and sent it to the Tar Heel, SAY SO and give his or her name. Young people learn to avoid carelessness only by getting a "crack" for it.

(2) Carelessness on the part of your proofreader (since there is so little material in T. H. that proof-reading is possible?) SAY SO.

(3) A typographical error? Tell that one to the marines. I don't believe any type-setter is that dumb!

I liked that article on the need for a new hotel (last Sat. Tar Heel) But Rogerson is, sub rosa, working for 100 more rooms in Carolina Inn. He needs competition and we need another hotel. Ridout would be a good manager.

Mary Gilson

Madam Editor:

I have found the tabloid-size Daily Tar Heel not only adequate, but also more convenient

to read and carry around. Last spring an editor was elected on the promise that the students would be given a Tar Heel six days a week, by means of trimming the paper to tabloid size; and she was supported by a comfortable majority of the students. Most of the students are more interested in an adequate, if small, paper that comes out daily than they are in one which may bring collegiate press awards to the Publications Board but would appear only five times a week. The decision of the Publications Board and their "informed advisors" is just another example of our dull and ridiculous campus politicians prying into something they know nothing about.

Jim Daugherty

