

Legislature Is Responsible In Delegate Selection

The Student Legislature has defeated its own cause in passing a bill Thursday night that asserts "the UNC delegation to the SSL shall not in anyway be considered as officially representing the University or the students attending UNC."

In fact, by very virtue of passage of the bill, the legislature has made every future delegate to the State Student Legislature a spokesman for the University of North Carolina—regardless of whether opinion expressed there is representative of campus opinion.

The reason is this: Contained in the bill is a clause asserting that every future applicant for a seat at SSL is "subject to the approval of the Student Legislature of UNC."

For the Student Legislature to require approval of delegates to SSL—and then attempt to wash its

hands of responsibility for opinions expressed—is pure folly. In fact, it borders on the ridiculous.

When the United States Congress passes on an ambassador to a foreign nation, it does not maintain for an instant that the approved ambassador is going abroad to speak for himself. Rather, he is endorsed by the Congress to represent the causes of the American people and the country's government.

Similarly, the approval of a delegate to SSL by the Student Legislature places the responsibility of that student's remarks and voting record at the mock assembly squarely on the shoulders of Student Legislators.

To think otherwise is blinding one's self to the purposes of endorsement. If the legislature can't stand by those it endorses, it would be better to excuse them at the outset from legislative approval.

FROM THE DAILY TEXAN:

Newspaper Discusses Fraternity Charter

This weekend, delegates from colleges and universities all over the United States met in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the National Interfraternity Council Convention.

Monday, the Texan received a letter from Dr. Philip L. White, assistant professor of history, which clearly parallels our own thinking on the ticklish question of bias clauses.

"The National Interfraternity Council is on firm ground when it affirms the right of fraternity members to choose their own associates.

"Certainly an individual or a private group can make itself as snobbish and anti-social as he or it pleases as long as laws are not violated.

"However, if the Council is to exalt this freedom, it seems to me that consistent observance of the principle would require elimination of hard and fast national rules designed to limit the choice of members arbitrarily by excluding all people of certain racial or religious groups regardless of their individual worth and possible attractiveness to members of a local chapter.

"It seems to me that every chapter should, according to this principle, be free to decide for itself whom it wished to invite to mem-

bership and that there should be no arbitrary restrictions of the right.

"The National Interfraternity Council has come to be forced to take a more positive and stronger stand on bias clauses as more and more institutions accept the theory that selectivity should be on a local basis only.

Some schools have said they will not allow a fraternity with a national bias clause to remain on their campus; others are requiring removal or progress toward removal of the clauses by a definite date.

We believe that such requests are neither unreasonable nor out of line—that in the long run such a practice is actually more fair to each individual fraternity.

However, we feel just as strongly that complete freedom of choice must rest with the local group. And it is the group's privilege to be as restrictive or exclusive as it chooses. This is the essence of the fraternity system.

Particularly repugnant to us is the reported attempt by some schools to require the local fraternity to furnish proof of non-discrimination, i.e. forced pledging a man of another religion or race.

It is this move that fraternities as a whole fear (rightly so) and are fighting against.

We believe (and as Dr. White has implied) that the only way for the two viewpoints to be reconciled into any kind of workable solution is to let basis of selection rest exclusively and finally within the local group.

WISE AND OTHERWISE: Soviets Laugh, But America Can Take Joke

By WHIT WHITFIELD

The United States has done it again. They have shown the world that they are infallible. The story of the expected rocket launching was louder that the shot heard round the world. The world is laughing, especially the Soviets, but we always were good sports when we were the butt of a joke. It might be a good idea for a congressional committee to find out whether we even have a rocket to launch. It might be a gigantic hoax.

Senator Kerr Scott has said that he prefers an ailing Eisenhower to a healthy Nixon. We are inclined to believe that we don't have so much an ailing Eisenhower as a robust Adams. We understand that Sherman will be inaugurated after Christmas, marking the first time since 1776 that the United States has been under royal rule.

How does King Sherman I sound? Maybe Hagerty will get a dukedom if he keeps his nose clean. Nixon will be out in the cold so to speak. This is tragic considering the amount of work being done for him recently, making a golden boy out of what has been considered a ruthless politician.

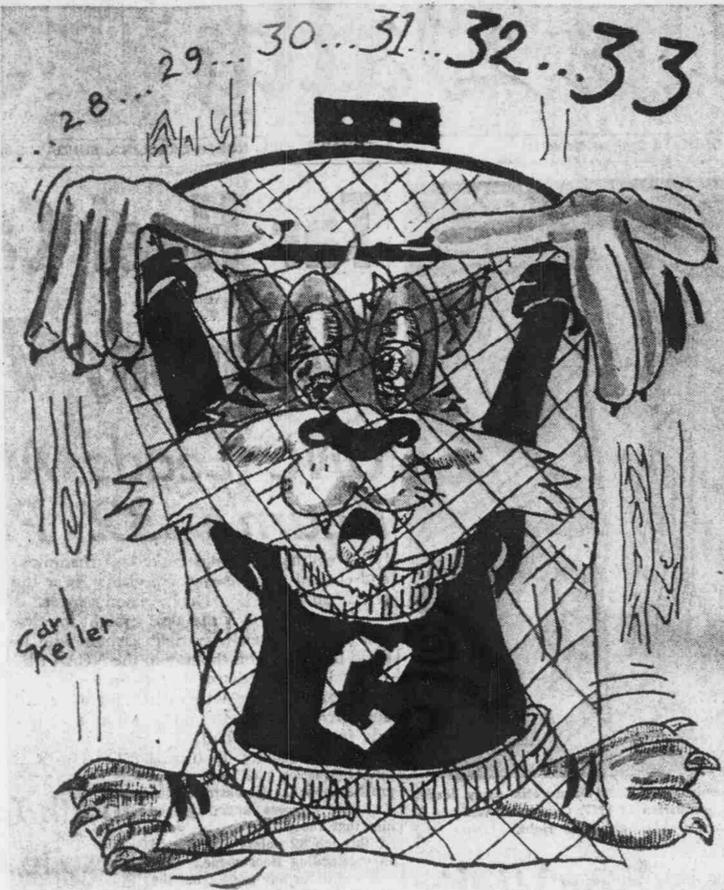
Sherman may let him share California with Goodwin Knight if there's room. They aren't the best of friends it seems. Eisenhower may get all of the Southern Pines-Pinehurst area for a golf course. The Statistics Institute of the Greater University could keep his score.

Yesterday we met one of our political opponents on campus, and as a parting statement, he said, "Let's go to class." This is an old hackneyed expression used by all enlightened students to mean, "I've got to go to class, so why don't you shut up?"

We cautioned him to be careful or he would get educated. His reply, "Don't worry, I've just got to sharpen my pencils." What he obviously hasn't thought of before is that if he should sharpen all his pencils at his first class, he could call it a day.

The new editor was thinking seriously of dropping this column as a public service, but the three readers (Two high school sophomores and a demented birdwatcher) objected. This all goes to prove that the public must be served.

The aftermath of the UNC victory over Duke was the quietest one on record in these parts. A few cars whirled dizzily around town with whooping occupants, but their departure only emphasized the prevailing silence. Are Carolina students becoming accustomed to winning even before they have had much, or did they anticipate the victory?



POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

Evans' 'State Of Campus' Address Showed 'Hard Work And Thought'

By PRINGLE PIPKIN

Much to his credit, Student Body President Sonny Evans made some definite stands on controversial and unpopular issues. I thought his State of the Campus Address to the Student Legislature showed the effects of some hard work and thought.

The speech was concerned largely with interpreting the problems of the university with relation to the expected increased enrollment. During the course of his talk Evans made several suggestions for action.

He proposed that the executive committee in each dorm be given the power to ask a boy to leave and that counselors be given the responsibility of and authority to enforce quiet hours. He asked that the dorm advisers pay be increased and that their quarters improved and that the IDC be given a hand in the selection of counselors.

He said that the football players should be given freedom of choice with regards to room. Although he spoke against Negro segregation on the campus, he did not make any statement for direct action.

He said he was going before the Faculty Council to present a proposal for placing the granting of excuses for illnesses as a matter of honor between the instructor and the student.

The other parts of the speech were concerned with general suggestions and praise.

The talk could have been more definitive, but I find it remarkable that one connected with student government should say anything which has only one meaning.

There were a number of issues raised by this talk, but I will deal with them when legislation is started to enact them.

At the last Legislature meeting Speaker Don Furtado encouraged the members to speak any time they had something to say. I feel that one of the unfortunate situations existing in the Legislature is that so few of the legislators voice an opinion. About ten members of the body do nearly 95 percent of the debating.

More members should, if they feel they have something to say, join the discussions. The party floorleaders should try to let the members of their parties have a chance to speak.

This assembly has been fruitful in its production of bills, and I hope it continues. However, there are some representatives who feel that all being a member of the Student Legislature entails is the attendance of a party caucus and the meeting Thursday night.

I should like to see each representative participating in the debate at least once during his term.

I feel that unless Charlie Gray's resolution to condemn the conduct of the Student Legislature for its

stand on racial intergration is substantially changed it will meet certain defeat.

Time has passed by the SSL and its stand, most of the fire has gone from the issue.

The Legislature was wise, I believe, however, to hold the resolution in committee; it was only fair to give Gray, who was unavoidably absent, a chance to speak on the bill which he introduced.

Caleb White's resolution to resume classes after Christmas one day later (Jan. 3) is certainly one I like.

It passed the legislature by special orders without meeting any detectable opposition.

Its future with the University Administration is, I fear, going to be less assured. I am afraid that the introduction of the resolution came too late in the year. Even if nothing is done this year, something should be planned for next year.

Travel on Jan. 1 is difficult and dangerous, as White stated. If the Administration will add one day to the Christmas vacation, that will be fine. However, if this change means losing a day before Christmas, then it will be detrimental to the best interests of a large number of students who must work before Christmas and to whom one day's pay is more important than a day to recuperate after a wild New Year's Eve.

'Rivalry' Termed 'Top-Notch' Show

Norman Corwin's new play, "The Rivalry," starring Raymond Massey, Agnes Moorehead, and Martin Gabel, was seen by Carolina theatre-goers Friday night in Memorial Hall. The substance of "The Rivalry" is a dramatization of the great series of debates held between Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln in 1858. Although it has only three characters—Abraham Lincoln, played by Raymond Massey, Stephen A. Douglas, and his wife, Adele, performed by Martin Gabel and Agnes Moorehead, respectively—the play is a study in dramatic intensity. The text of the debates derives from the stenographic record, although the speeches are not always given in their original sequence.

The drama was a fairly obvious example of contemporary social criticism. As students of American history will remember, the subject of the famous debates was the question of slavery and the ultimate extension of civil rights to Negroes on a national basis. Those who have read the newspapers during our present age of civil rights and states rights furor realized, when they saw "The Rivalry," that today's arguments are repetitions of those made in the Illinois senatorial election campaign of 1858. Today, fortunately, we are more confident that civil war is not imminent.

The three principals gave magnificent performances. Given a script based, for the most part, on political speeches with practically no action, the performers constructed a play that was not only exciting, but totally absorbing.

It was indeed easy to understand the success of Mr. Massey in the famous "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" after seeing him in Memorial Hall Friday night. His performance had the authoritative touch of a master craftsman, from the homespun portrayal of Lincoln's earthy humor to the moving heights of Lincoln's impassioned "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Mr. Gabel, as Stephen A. Douglas, the "little giant, turned in the intelligent and highly impressive performance of a seasoned professional. A small man, Mr. Gabel made the theatre resound with such lines as "not only purity of government but purity of blood!" In the last scenes of the play, when Douglas was helping Lincoln, the newly elected President, to save the rapidly disintegrating union, he pointed up with great sympathy and understanding the unfolding tragedy of the house divided against itself.

The role of Adele Douglas, although not a part of the basic conflict of the principles expressed, was the catalyst that made a series of political speeches into a play. Agnes Moorehead in the part proved herself once more to be one of the great ladies of the American stage. As Mrs. Douglas, she narrated the background to the action and provided several delightful and revealing scenes imagined by the playwright to have taken place between herself and Douglas and Lincoln. Although the greater portion of Miss Moorehead's time on stage was passed in listening to the debates, even her silence was magnificent.

The setting, bare except for a speakers' platform and a flag with thirty-two stars, was simple and effective. Miss Moorehead's costumes were appropriately gorgeous, while the men's costumes, faithful to historical detail, were sufficiently baggy.

All in all, the play, brought to Chapel Hill under the auspices of the Carolina Playmakers, provided a delightful evening of top-notch theatre.

Judith Players Regret Decision

Members of the cast of "Judith," Petite Dramatique production to be held Sunday and Monday nights in the main lounge of Graham Memorial, sent the following letters to the Daily Tar Heel. They are self explanatory.

"The undersigned members of the cast and crew of "Judith" regret very much the loss of Harry Moore to the play. We think that the decision forbidding Mr. Moore's participation is a serious mistake; it seems to us, weighing the facts known to us, that the decision, based officially on the fact that Mr. Moore is no longer a student at the University, failed to adequately take into account the fact that Mr. Moore was a student here until Thursday, at which time he decided was a student here until Thursday, at which time he decided for personal reasons to leave school. In other words, at the time when Mr. Moore was approached to read for a role and up until four days before the production, Mr. Moore was a student in good standing.

"The decision also fails to consider the sensibilities of the persons involved—the members of the cast. Aside from the fact that Mr. Moore has done an excellent job in his role, at this latter date the sudden removal of any member of the cast is an upsetting thing. Considering that some twenty people have devoted a great part of the last month to "Judith", the loss of Mr. Moore becomes a deeply felt injustice.

"In addition, the close friendship felt by the cast for Mr. Moore, plus our sincere appreciation of his fine work which has been crucial in the progress of the play, make us extremely anxious to see that he gets the credit and satisfaction which are his due reward.

"We do recognize the position of the University in this matter and do not wish to condemn its decision, but we sincerely feel that the hurt done to the play, individuals concerned, and in the long run to the University, should override a matter of arbitrary policy."

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| Ann Bachman | Hal Williamson |
| Betty Rhodes | Seamon Gottlieb |
| Leon Rooke | Curtis Gans |
| Carolyn Marsh | W. L. Ridenhour, Jr. |
| Jim Tyndall | John Hodgkins |
| Glenna Meginnis | Gail Rice |

"I believe that Mr. Moore should be retained in the cast."

Frank Clymer

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Fire In Fairmont Raises Questions

From Fairmont the other day came a story about firemen standing by idly as a frame house was devoured by flames just outside the city limits.

Their refusal to fight the blaze, said firemen, was based on a city law requiring firemen outside the corporate limits to pay a \$10 deposit for fire protection. The owner of the burning house had not paid the deposit.

That leads us to wonder at least two things: (1) whenever a fire occurs in Fairmont, or vicinity, do officials have to thumb through a register to see if they can answer the call?

And, (2) Could the county not make some arrangements, as is done in other North Carolina counties, to help pay expenses of city fire departments and receive rural protection for their contributions to the fire department?

It's hard enough for a city to require arbitrary sums for fire protection outside its corporate limits, but it's a lot harder to stand back and watch a home go up in flames just because it's on the wrong side of the street.

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