

Board, Trustees Pitted One Against The Other

North Carolina's press told the state Tuesday of a growing breach between the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees and the State Board of Higher Education—and the reason is that old familiar problem of who should have the most power.

The cleavage came to fore when the Board of Higher Education—acting against the recommendations of the Board of Trustees—slashed from 500 to 300 the number of housing units to be built at State College with self-liquidating bonds that rentals will retire.

Now, it appears that a strong fight may develop in the next Legislature over which of the two bodies—the Board of Higher Education, created by a 1955 legislative act, or the Board of Trustees, elected by the legislature—will have ultimate control over the Consolidated University.

It should be made clear here that when it was created, the Board of Higher Education was envisioned as a body to have broad authority over the "functions and activities" of the state's 12 institutions of higher learning—a rather broad delegation of authority over the trustees themselves.

Meanwhile, however, trustees of the Consolidated University left their offices carried some control over the institution and now have arisen apparently in unanimous opposition to any usurpation of that power by the Board of Higher Education.

It is likely that trustees of the other nine state-supported institutions—excluding UNC at Chapel Hill, N. C. State College in Raleigh and Woman's College, Greensboro—likewise will uphold the respect of their offices—a traditional respect which has long given the trustees a great deal of authority in the operation of the institutions.

Taking into consideration the number of colleges supported by the state, it becomes almost necessary to bring their various programs and requests to a single body

where the merits of one can be weighed against the merits of another. And that, in a few words, is what the Board of Higher Education does.

However, the question arises as to whether that board-appointed and not elected—should have a veto power over the recommendations of the trustees who are elected members of the legislature.

It is over this veto power—expressed when the Board of Higher Education disregarded recommendations of the trustees and State College administration for 500 housing units instead of 300 at the Raleigh institution—that the current rift between the two boards has been brought to fore.

If the Board of Higher Education is intent on performing the functions of the board of trustees, with the applause of Gov. Hodges, then the former should replace the latter in the operation of our educational institutions. However, we don't believe the education board is equipped to serve in that capacity.

The very nature of the trustees and the fact that they are limited to the single Consolidated University—or, in other cases, to only a single state-supported institution—in their offices would provide them with closer insight into the needs and problems of the institutions over which they have control.

For these reasons it is easy to appreciate the sentiments of the trustees in their general opposition to trespassing on their functions by the Board of Higher Education.

It now becomes the duty of the legislature to define which of the two bodies—the Board of Higher Education or the Board of Trustees—will make the recommendations for development of our educational institutions.

So long as the two are working against one another, neither can serve the purpose for which it was established.

VIEW FROM THE HILL

Bias Clauses, Hazing Should Be Eliminated

By CURTIS GANS

This observer went to a lot of trouble to build a sound argument against bias clauses in fraternity charters, and then found to his dismay that the headline above the column in the paper read: Bias Clauses Should Be OK'D.

What it should have been was: BIAS CLAUSE SHOULD BE KO'D.

While on the subject of fraternities, there is another problem that presents itself in fraternities.

Every year freshmen come to Carolina and are told in no uncertain terms that there is no hazing permitted on the Carolina campus.

They find for the first few weeks that freshmen are indeed treated as equals on the Carolina campus.

However, some of them have the misfortune of pledging fraternities and find out that this rule does not hold true in the case of pledging of fraternities.

Many times students are forced to get their sleep during class time, either in class or out.

Many suffer academically because of last night's scavenger hunt which has taken them to Greensboro or Raleigh at 3 a.m.

Other are forced to suffer this loss of pride that accompanies pledging in being personal valet without pay for some twenty or thirty people who are fondly called brothers, and who have gone through this same type of hell before. This in itself is contrary to the spirit and letter of the campus rule against hazing.

It is indeed unfortunate that students, for the privilege of becoming a member of a Greek letter society, have to sacrifice both the time and energy that could be applied to their primary responsibility in college—study—in order to participate in a meaningless prank or to serve as slave labor.

It is equally unfortunate that the fraternities have not realized yet the immaturity of this type of pledging, which perhaps serves as a release for their sadistic urges, but serves no other real function, and can, although it does not always, serve to breed dissension.

It is hoped that fraternity members themselves will be able to realize that they will profit by elimination of hazing in pledging.

It is hoped that the emergency fraternity committee will find some way of cutting all forms of hazing from the UNC campus.

"I'll Have The Law On You"



POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

It's Student Reform - Or Else

By PRINGLE PIPKIN

The emergency committee on social fraternities has the responsibility of realistically considering its problems and of making appropriate reforms.

The University Administration is concerned about the existing social regulations regarding fraternities. The widely publicized Lambda Chi Alpha incident focused this concern on the matters of off-campus parties and rules dealing with visiting in fraternity houses.

Unlike other universities, here the Administration itself has not sought to combat these conditions by declaring a number of arbitrary regulations.

Instead the responsibility of reform has been placed in the hands of the student government.

The Administration is, in the words of Director of Student Activities Sam Magill, "laboring under the assumption that self-government is the best government."

"We are looking to the Student government to solve the problem itself," he said. The Administration has tried to convey its concern to the students and to make fraternity members recognize that whatever they did, for good or bad, affected the whole university, he explained.

Director Magill said he was hopeful that the committees, reforms will be something that "we, as the Administration, can defend to the people of North Carolina with some conviction."

He asserted that the University was concerned with maintaining and strengthening the good will of the people of North Carolina because it was their university.

Director Magill felt the student leaders "were responding realistically" and was "very encouraged by their whole attitude."

In 1954 the present visiting agreement was established and a great deal of talking was done about the fraternities and their relationship to the rest of the University, but no other action came from the discussions.

The present discussions will probably touch on the standards of conduct and the conduct of a fraternity as a unit.

Undoubtedly the Inter-Fraternity Council and its responsibility and relationship to the rest of the university will have to be examined and perhaps revised.

The question of drinking and the problems related to mixed parties will have to be reviewed. It is probable that the method of getting parties approved and the

enforcement of these regulations will have to be altered.

If Student Body President Sonny Evans follows his State of the Campus Address (presented shortly before Christmas vacation), discriminatory clauses in fraternity charters and term papers in fraternity files will be discussed.

Director Magill expects the committee to do a "real-rethinking" of the problems related to fraternity life.

It is evident that the committee must take its work seriously and must be willing to compromise when compromise is necessary.

Any feeling of disdain or unconcern is likely to result in disaster. The fraternities must be willing to receive the recommendations which the committee makes.

I believe the present system can be altered so that the fraternities can retain their independence if they are prepared to accept more fully the responsibility which goes along with it.

The public of North Carolina has been aroused; changes can no longer be deferred. If the fraternities are not willing to make the necessary changes, then someone else will have to do so.

I think it would be in the interest of the fraternities to seize the initiative.

THEY LEAD TAME LIFE Dorm Men Eulogized

By P. W. CARLTON

The dorm man leads a tame life in comparison with those gay dogs of the campus, the Greeks. But still, there is a kind of quiet gentility about their attitude which makes us admire them all the same. The next lines are a memorial to these stalwart souls, who daily storm the battlements of education without the backing of brotherly ties.

Their breed is a tough, resilient one that overcomes hardship and failure with agility and, for the most part, certainty. Let us illustrate some of these hardships by studying a cross section of dormancy, or rather dormitory life. Our hero is Sam Studios, fourth year General College major. He and his faithful roommate, Calvin "Bunko" Courageous, third year freshman, occupy a cubicle on the fourth floor of Joyner Dorm. Cal is a worthy young soul, arduously engaged in working his way through school by operating the floating crap game for the dormitory.

As we join these young stalwarts, we find them blissfully dreaming of home and mother. Dawn is peeping through the window, when the alarm clock explodes into action, falls over on its side, gyrates across the desk and lands face down against a beverage can from last night's party. For a minute nothing happens. Then a hand emerges from beneath a pile of bedclothes, crawls across the desk, futilely feels for the clock, and, having failed, subsides into a relaxed position. The clock blasts away. Soon, there is a sigh and then an upheaval of covers. Sam's furry physiognomy appears, his eyes flash bloodily as he snarls the offending clock and snaps off the alarm. He then attempts to step out of bed, tangles a foot in the covers and hits the floor with a crash.

Cal, meanwhile, has tucked his head under his pillow to shut out the noise. Now he leaps from bed and tramples Sam as he rushes to the closet. He has an eight o'clock class in Integral and Comparative Mechanics of Photosynthetic Trivia. He and Sam mill around for a time, finally getting dressed and fall downstairs to head for Lenoir Hall. At seven forty-seven Sam and Cal appear out of the gloom in traditional track style and clatter into the main dining room.

Outside, a campus policeman has set his stop watch in motion, to check their form. In exactly three minutes Cal and Sam leave the door of Lenoir and charge by the policeman, who gives them the thumbs up and yells encouragement. The roommates separate. Sam to pursue his studies of Anatomical and Phylogenic relationships between the Androecium and Pseudo-carpellate Amoebae. (A highly edifying course) and Cal to his mech. class. Sam roars into class, plows to a stop, eases painfully onto a wooden bench provided for students and listens eagerly to the lecturer, who is mumbling something about tardy students receiving automatic flunks. After losing two pages of notes due to a dropped pencil, Sam proceeds to his next class.

Lunch is always a thrill for Sam. It is at this time that he meets his virtuous, fun-loving girl friend, Mary Smith (Sam feels that her name is a little common), a self-help student who is working her way through college. They speak rapturously to each other. Sam gazes over Mary's shoulder at a good looking D.A. and she ogles a football player. It's true love, obviously. They pass a pleasant hour playing 20 questions, she continually replying "no" to his queries. Parting with the fond assurance of a highly rewarding academic experience in the arboretum that night, the two wend their separate ways, he to the dorm, where he spends a profitable afternoon sleeping, and she to a course in Aggravated Psychology. At seven that evening they dine sumptuously on the stu-special. At eight, they are in the infirmary with acute gastric maladjustment, which spoils their projected experience. Oh well, they'd have fallen in that hole Dr. Snarf dug for the new Polypodium accrostichoides anyway.

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BUT WHAT ABOUT CAROLINA?

Aristocratic Or Obsolete

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A news story regarding regulations affecting fraternities at State and Carolina brings out other interesting facts. Of the 6,722 students at Chapel Hill only 1,662 are fraternity men. At State the number is 800 out of 5,425. Once upon a time this might have seemed evidence of a restricted aristocratic caste in democratic colleges. Maybe it still does. Apparently, however, the overwhelming majority of students in the two State colleges are getting along very well without benefit of pins.

Are fraternities more exclusive or out-of-date? Undoubtedly some young men get much pleasure out of the associations and facilities provided by their fraternities. Some certainly take from them a sense of social prestige. Evidently, however, in a day when hardly any student can get along without a car, a club is a luxury with which many can dispense.

Once there was a time when only fraternities provided club-like gathering places at our colleges. Now no fraternities can furnish such a loafing and gathering place as the State College Union for instance. In such a building all for free — or for small fees all students must pay — non-fraternity men at State have quarters unequalled by the richest and most exclusive fraternities in the past. All colleges should have such buildings. And in such buildings all students should have all the privilege of hospitality which in the past only fraternities could offer to their members and friends.

—Raleigh News & Observer

Couldn't Wait

In Plant City, Fla., Mrs. Lizzie B. Morgan took a direct route to reach the automobile licensing bureau for her driving test. She stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake and crashed into the building which houses the bureau.



LETTERS TO EDITOR

'Thanks For Service'

To the Editor:
I am writing on behalf of the Presbyterian Congregation to express our appreciation to the many students who rendered heroic service during and after the fire which destroyed our sanctuary.

There were many who assisted the firemen in fighting the fire, and many others who, when it became possible to enter the rear structure, quickly removed all moveable equipment. Through their efforts the church records, all books and equipment in the church office, and almost all of the furnishings in the educational structure were saved. The next morning several students appeared and worked most of the day, helping us to restore some order from the chaos.

We feel that the University students are a vital part of the life of our Church. We are always concerned for what is happening in their lives and we are proud of the splendid qualities which this emergency revealed in them. Their reaction in this situation has written another fine chapter in the already grand tradition of the Carolina student.

We know that, in time, our Church will be able to provide new and completely adequate facilities for students and for the local congregation. In the meantime, our Sunday Worship Services will be held at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. in Carroll Hall. The Westminster Fellowship will resume meetings in "The Hut" this Sunday. We invite all Presbyterian and other interested students to join us in those places.

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