

# Students Being Bleeded By Library Pay Phones

We thought when we came to the University of North Carolina that it was a state-owned, state-operated institution located in Chapel Hill to serve the students. Apparently we were wrong. At every turn it looms over us like a giant vending machine ready to take our nickels and dimes for this thing and that. Now it has entered the telephone business. What we refer to, of course, is the much-rescinded placement of pay telephone stations in Wilson Library—an action which should at once be rescinded by the powers that be.

The matter first came to our attention early this week, but we hesitated to comment before a little investigation of our own. That investigation has been completed and it gives substance to the many complaints which have been heard. It should be made clear that administrative officials at the library are as opposed to the pay stations as the many students from whom they have received complaints. Yet still the phones keep bleeding students of their precious nickels and dimes.

When additions to the library were made, two booths were placed on the main floor but only one was equipped with a telephone—a phone free for local calls but a pay station for long-distance use.

In a building the size of Wilson Library, one telephone was found hardly adequate for the number of students who wished to use it. Proverbial lines would form as students awaited their turn to call a roommate, home, a professor—or even a date.

So a number of students then petitioned the library to equip the other booth—still vacant—with a telephone. The telephone company said business did not justify two telephones—that one was enough for the income from student calls. Finally J. S. Bennett, superintendent of auxiliary enterprises of the University, was contacted. Action was taken to provide the other telephone. But then both phones—the old and the new—were converted to pay stations for local calls as well as for long distance.

Now, we appreciate the University's interest in bleeding the student body to cover expenses of its operation. But we do not believe the University should go so far as to charge its students a dime to make a local telephone call. The library is as important an edifice as any other building on this campus—probably more so. And surely its role and use are equal to if not greater than the dormitories which house the students who use the library.

Why, then, not place pay telephones in all campus dormitories? Why not put pay stations in the offices which house our English professors, our History instructors, our teachers in the education department and in the sciences? We'll tell you why; because it's such a foolish proposal that not even Mr. Bennett would come up with the idea to do so. No one would tolerate the practice and no faculty member would cash his dollars for dimes to use the telephones.

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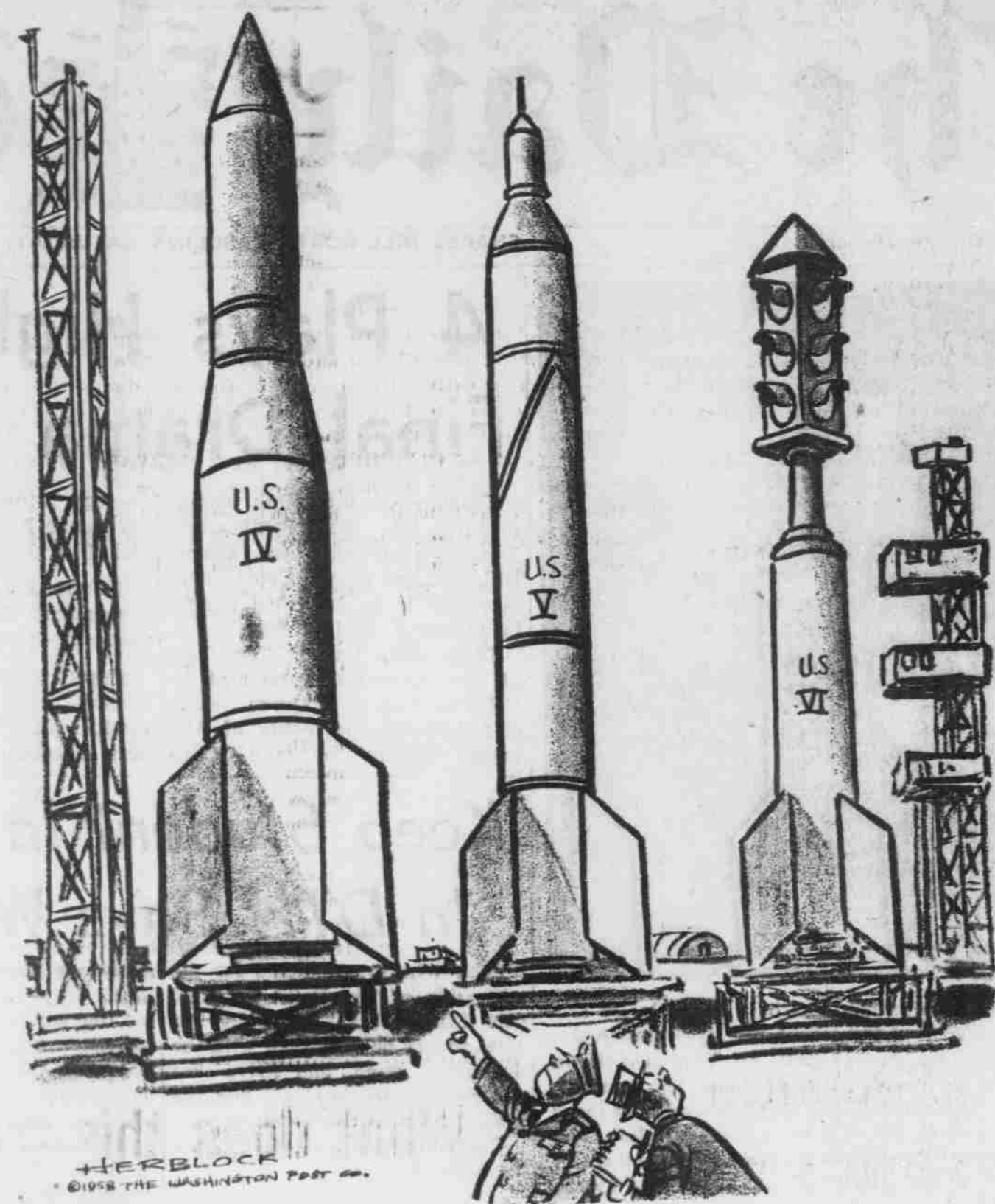
# 'Nation' Says Parties Ought Fight Faubus

Faubus Once Again

In the opinion of reliable political reporters, Orval E. Faubus is a shoo-in to win the Democratic nomination, and therefore re-election, as Governor of Arkansas. In this one-party state it will be a victory almost by default. Not so very many years ago, this curious character was accurately described as "a match-chewing hill-billy"; today, according to the Gallup Poll, his name is known to 58,000,000 Americans. And yet there are, still those who insist that, in politics, decency is the best policy!

But there is no reason why the Governor should win by default. Both major parties have responsibilities in the matter; they are, after all, national parties, responsible to a national electorate, concerned with national issues. By his action in calling out the National Guard in Little Rock, Faubus greatly damaged the international prestige of the United States, gave encouragement to forces of racial bigotry and intolerance, and cast discredit on American institutions. Surely both parties have an obligation to afford the voters of Arkansas a chance to repudiate his actions. The Republican Party should comb its ranks in Arkansas, therefore, to select an outstanding nominee who, among other qualifications, is ready to take a stand on issues in such a way as to give voters a genuine choice. And the Democratic Party, speaking through its national leaders, should make it clear that the party repudiates the actions of Faubus and would, if it had the power, spurn him as a candidate. National organizations such as AFL-CIO and the NAACP should insist that both parties honor this limited responsibility. It may be that, along with the people of Arkansas, the rest of us must suffer the humiliation of seeing Faubus rewarded for his shameful conduct; but there is no reason why he should be permitted to win without a protest or, worse, without a serious effort being made to afford the voters a chance to turn him out of office. The Nation pointed out at the time (The Faubus Insurrection, September 14, 1957), that the only explanation for the Governor's action was that he acted from base political motives, and we expressed the belief that decent opinion in Arkansas would, if given a chance, repudiate his actions. We would hate to be proven wrong.—The Nation.

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## OTHERWISE

# Cummings Eligibility Questioned

By WHIT WHITFIELD  
Today's column should properly be entitled "The Art Of Positive Student Government" or alternately, "How To Confuse the Constituency With No Effort."

From time to time people whose only connection with student government is The Daily Tar Heel ask us, after reading confusing and conflicting accounts of the machinations of that group known as campus politicians, just what is going on in Graham Memorial. We are flattered by the questions; however, we are as mystified as the rest of you.

The Honor Council controversy earlier this month. After months of preparation a bill to consolidate the Men's and Women's Councils passed the legislature only to be vetoed by its proponent, the student body president. The issues were so clouded that few people other than the principals involved could comment intelligently on the problem. The mass of students had little or no idea what was going on.

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him ineligible, over his protest, in accordance with a strict interpretation of the elections law which states that a student must have passed 27 hours during the previous two semesters, and poor Brooks had passed only 25. As long as we are to abide by the letter of the law, this is acceptable. However, at the next session of the Elections Board, the members violated that section of the elections law which stipulates that a candidate must notify the board of his intent to run at least nine days previous to the day of elections. This law, the board temporarily rescinded in order to let the Student Party Advisory Board select another candidate to replace Brooks. This action, taken by the body designated to UPHOLD the letter of the law was clearly violated, and was a dramatic reversal of the attitude of the body the previous day when it refused to let Brooks run. We hope we have made this clear.

Brooks did not give up. He appealed to Mac Patton, Chairman of the Student Council. In a statement to the Tar Heel, Chairman Patton denied Brooks a hearing before the Student Council. Promptly, the Student Party, assuming that they had no candidate, selected Ralph Cummings to replace Brooks, whose candidacy was recognized extra-legally by the Elections Board.

Then, the Student Council changed its mind and granted

Brooks a hearing. This unexpected move left the Student Party with two candidates for the same office at least temporarily. One of these is, by law, ineligible and the other is likewise ineligible according to the law, but has been approved by the Elections Board. The latest word is that Brooks is ineligible (according to the Student Council) but the Student Council failed to rule in Cummings' case and he is likewise ineligible.

It would seem to us that if the law were to be violated for the sake of Cummings then it could just as easily be violated for Brooks, the original choice of the Student Party. According to law, they are both ineligible.

Another bit of confusion has hit the pages of the Tar Heel in connection with the forthcoming election. Unless some reporter has copied the same source inadvertently for both political parties' platforms, then some one is well nigh guilty of plagiarism. The planks are virtually the same in all respects: (i.e. working towards a new student union building, clarification of the cut system, reorganization of the student body president's cabinet, women's visiting agreement for men's dorms, resolving the parking problem, etc.)

This can mean two things: Some one has no imagination, and Regardless of which party wins, the reforms will be the same, or so they say.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Dorm Manager Hit

To The Editor:

After reading Mr. Robert M. Scott's letter I felt I should make some comments to give him some information about this part of the world—the Arab countries—which he proved he is not familiar with. Mr. Scott said that Britain created this artificial country of Jordan. I would like to ask him: Since when does Britain create countries?

Did she create the people that have been living over there, even before Christianity, and who have always been Arabs? He could rather say that they created the artificial king Abdallah, who was a toy for colonialism. If there is any artificially created country, it is ISRAEL which was created by the West.

I am certainly glad that Mr. Scott mentioned General John Glubb, whom he said, "had founded in 1956 the Arab Legion which was supposed to be the best army in the Middle East." I would like to throw some light on this Arab Legion that General Glubb founded.

This Legion was intentionally formed of all the illiterate persons that General Glubb gathered in Jordan. His idea was to build an army that can obey all the colonialistic orders given to them by England, through this general, without realizing what they were doing.

An example for that was the order given to the Arab Legion, by this General, to withdraw from Leo and Ramleh—two towns in Palestine—exposing the back of the Egyptian army to direct fire in the 1948 Israeli-Arab war.

This is the type of plans General Glubb was carrying in Jordan.

Mr. Scott gave an example for the efforts that the U. S. made to stop the uncivilized attack on Egypt in the fall of 1956. If the U. S. was willing to stop this British-French attack why didn't she try to stop from the first day it occurred, instead of letting them go on for a week. These British-French forces were almost sure to hold the Suez Zone in six hours; this was their plan.

They forgot that the people over there promised to defend their country to the last person. Besides, my people still wonder why the U. S. gave orders to all American citizens, in Egypt, to leave the country immediately within 24 hours. These orders were given a week before the attack. Wouldn't it have been better to prevent your allies from carrying this brutal action instead of withdrawing your citizens? Moreover, we believe that the important factor that stopped the attack, beside the resistance of my people, was the Russian threat to attack London and Paris with guided missiles. I don't believe that any Western country was behind what he called "saving Nasser's neck" because none of these countries would really care for doing that.

Now I have a few questions for Mr. Scott. Did the American Sixth Fleet really preserve the independence of Jordan last spring? Which independence did he mean? And preserving it from whom? Did he mean by this preservation keeping Jordan's government tied completely to the West by war pacts, even if it is against the people's wishes?

Something that proved that Mr. Scott is really a movie fan, is his talk about the "harem" in this part of the world. Well, sir, this "harem" is only found in your broad imagination, and in American movies. I don't blame you; I blame the lack of information and international news you have in this country. It is true that the U. S. is a great country, as it is true that whenever the words Arab countries are brought to discussion your imaginations provide you with pictures of deserts, harems, camels and swords, ignoring that this part of the world was one time a leading force in civilization, and still tries to keep up.

Finally, and this is personally addressed to Mr. Scott, who asked Mr. Hamad to reconsider his viewpoint before criticizing the country whose hospitality he is enjoying?

Well, thank you, sir, for this hospitality you are giving foreign students. I understand that criticism is one of the rights you enjoy in a free country like the U. S., and that it has nothing to do with hospitality.

In our countries, too, we have many Americans whose criticism interests us, without reminding them with our hospitality.

HUSSEIN I. NASSER

### More On Middle East

To The Editor:

For the first time in three years I feel obligated to write and publicly complain about a condition on the UNC campus: the dormitory manager system.

In my dorm, where I have lived for three years, the manager seems to be rapidly losing the confidence and respect of the residents. The position, which is worth rent-free room and the dry-cleaning concession, demands men of high caliber and integrity.

This spring the manager, in reprimanding a resident for unseemly behavior in the hall, lost his temper and said, "If I want anything out of you I'll knock it out of you." The statement was witnessed by half-a-dozen boys.

Wednesday night this week, while he sat in the back of the social room watching the Academy Award presentations along with some 30 students, he was asked to make a little less noise so others could hear. He responded, "If you think you can make me, come back here and try it."

Throughout the year the manager has disrupted the traditional congeniality of the dorm that had prevailed in previous years.

If the University is not aware of the system which gives such persons positions of responsibility, let this letter serve as a warning. If they are aware of it, then I'm moving into a private home uptown.

ED ROWLAND

# Student Union's Problem

Graham Memorial has gotten nothing but the run-around on a very minor request to have a "no parking" zone blocked off for its truck in the GM parking lot.

GM Building Supervisor Rand Bailey has approached South Building, the Morehead Planetarium officials and others to secure a single "no parking" zone for use

by the GM utilities truck. But he has consistently been referred to another official.

That kind of action is ridiculous. Of the numerous spaces in the lot adjacent to Graham Memorial—a University-owned lot donated by John Motley Morehead—surely there is a single space which could be reserved for GM use.

It's one thing when the student union requests a zoned space solely for purposes of parking its vehicle near the building for convenience sake. But it's another when that request is based on problems of loading and unloading which confront Mr. Bailey.

Illustrating those problems, Mr. Bailey wrote a letter to a University official which got no response. We feel that letter, printed below, will explain the reasons why prompt action should be taken to provide the single parking space.

The letter: "We would certainly appreciate your help in negotiating with the proper authorities to have a loading zone reserved in front of the steps leading to our basement door. It has always been difficult for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., the Pepsi-Cola, and other vending machine companies to service our machines. Their habit of double parking is a source of extreme annoyance to many people who park and find themselves blocked when ready to depart.

My main purpose in the request, however, is the fact that we rent two or three pianos every weekend. The parking lot is particularly crowded on weekends, and maneuvering a piano between parked cars and onto the truck is extremely difficult. We have damaged both the pianos and a few cars in so doing. Therefore, we feel that our need is urgent and hope that such a "no parking" area can be established at a very early date."

Well, that was over two weeks ago. We wonder just what meaning some officials give to the stipulation, "very early date." Obviously, not a very timely one.

## Gems of Thought

What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children.—John Dewey

A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.—Santayana

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