

Consolidation

At the heart of the issue of what is to become of the University is another issue that has been plaguing people in the state and locally for several years. Despite the cover-up verbiage of "local autonomy," this issue was at the heart of the fight between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Higher Education. The issue is simply consolidation.

For years this problem has been bothering people in the state with some justification, for it is at the heart of a great deal of confusion. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill cannot plan independently from the Consolidated University Administration. At the same time it cannot plan independently of the Board of Higher Education which has authority over all the state supported schools. Indeed, the University Administration locally has little say over its own destiny. At the same time, in a very real sense the Consolidated University Administration is an anachronism. It is based on a false concept that three institutions of greatly different purposes and functions can unite in one overall policy making body. It is at one and the same time too inclusive and too exclusive.

Consolidation is too inclusive in that it does not leave room for local planning on the broad overall scale that is necessary, for the basic underlying decisions are made by the Consolidated officers by the necessity of presenting a united budget, and one might add a united front in supporting the budget. It is also too exclusive for it leaves statewide planning to other sources, namely the trustees of the other institutions and/or the Board of Higher Education, and in doing so, the Consolidated University fails to realize that with a rapidly growing population the future of education will depend very greatly on the other institutions of the state. Indeed, any planning that is done from here on must of necessity involve the other schools in the state unless this University wants to be the sponge for the entire populace.

Thus, the Consolidated University structure stands at the present time on a untenable middle ground, and the issue at present isn't whether there should be a Consolidated University or whether there should be a Board of Higher Education. This issue is whether there should be a consolidation of all the institutions under one group or whether each should strike out its own future and take their chances with the General Assembly.

The latter choice is obviously an impossibility, for if each educational institution conceived of itself as a liberal arts college of the highest caliber, the confusion that would be precipitated in Raleigh would be equalled only by the confusion regarding the unreality of the proposed budget for the next biennium.

Clearly there needs to be some planning, not only on the local level, but on the statewide level, so each institution of higher learning can have a function and from within the broad philosophic basis set up by the statewide consolidated authority, the local administration can operate and initiate the necessary policy following up. Obviously, the University at Chapel Hill as the oldest and most respected institution in the state would have some priority in choosing its own destiny, but the smaller institutions of the state would be able to cut out their own niche and gain certain respectability. Moreover, the system might make sense which at the present time it doesn't.

It is evident that a decision of this type regarding consolidation must come before the University at Chapel Hill can decide whether it wants to be a University devoted to giving an education for career training or a community of persons committed to the pursuit of truth. It is also evident that it cannot be both.

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Letter From Olympus

At the start of the new semester, we fell to our coffee with a breath of nostalgia. Thoughts and reflections passed through us like soup in a sieve and, as the semester—the beginning of something new, a potpourri of observations fell into place.

January, the start of the new year, is named after Janus, the Roman Keeper of the Heavens. He is a two-faced God, with one face looking forward and another looking backward. But as a representation of the comparison between the old and the new, Janus is forever important.

He sees the walls of fraternity houses and dormitories of recent years, decorated with pictures of "Playboy" darlings, and he sees the walls of today, decorated with pictures of sports-cars, likewise unabashedly undressed. Whereas back issues of "Playboy" used to be worth their weight in gold, today they have been brushed aside in favor of "Motoring America" and the "Sportscar Quarterly." If sociologists and psychologists ever had a problem, they have one now: explaining this strange development in the back to the womb movement.

He sees our conservative town fathers struggling to maintain the spirit and appearance of colonial architecture in the town, and he sees the warehouse, known affectionately as the Ackland Museum, on Columbia Street. By their dogmatism and narrowmindedness they have contributed the sacrifice of what could have been a beautiful building to a rigid and unyielding idea. And they have distributed colonial parking meters at all the hitching posts.

He sees the trend in Student Government proceeding from an attitude of interested participation to one of disinterested drudgery. Student Government has become ineffectual. It has ceased to balance a conservative administration, it has lost the progressive spirit with which it was founded. There is only one thing to do. Revolt! Elect an Emperor. Gain control of the Honor Council and Women's Residence Council. Suspend all non-believers for crimes against the university. What could be more fitting than for a coed to lead the way over the barricades? Provided, of course, it is before eleven o'clock in on a weekday night. We don't need Student Government. Let's throw away the baby with the bathwater. —C.L.

Letters

Editor:

I have noted with mingled pleasure and dismay Nick Bagdasarian's letter to the Tar Heel complaining that I was withheld from the student body on my recent visit to Chapel Hill.

I am grateful for Mr. Bagdasarian's kind words, but concerned that he blames the School of Business Administration for keeping me hidden away.

The fact is that I arrived on the campus on Friday evening and had to leave on Saturday afternoon. During that brief interval we sandwiched in a four-hour seminar with the Executive Group (which was what I had been invited for), a luncheon and a press conference — which was not, so far as I know, restricted in any way. That's all the clock would allow.

The seminar, built around general discussion, would not, of course, have been possible with

a large audience.

The fault, if any, is mine, or perhaps that of the disjointed times. It is a tragedy when any man has to cut a visit to Chapel Hill as short as I did.

HARRY S. ASHMORE

I think it would be more for the benefit of The Daily Tar Heel as well as its readers if you would, for lack of anything better, put an advertisement in the space allotted to such things as "Student Amoralism on the University Level," by Mr. Cortland Edwards II.

Neurotics, old Christian ethic, sex, virgins, non-virgins, semi-virgins, furthermore, InGroup, asinine, alcohol, prostitutes, scant quotes, sex-symbol, puritanical, love, LOVE, ect.!!! etc.

Go home amateur psychologists, experts, talkers, sages, prophets, and wise men. There is neither a need nor a demand for your product.

Don Dotson

Roundup

Dave Jones

Abraham Lincoln and his devotion were the subject of the devotional given by Representative Jim Crowover. He read passages from the Sandburg book on Lincoln's religion and how it affected his dealings with people as a leader. He then drew an analogy between his situation and ours today. The results must have been effective because sober and sincere consideration and discussion was the rule, and not the exception as last week.

Committee reports and appropriations came up like so many ducks at a shooting gallery. They were allowed to slide along toward acceptance or passage without any serious pot shots. These are the routine matters which bore so many people who are not directly concerned with them. It is only occasionally that any government is given an opportunity to decide an issue as sweeping and as vital as the one in Norman Smith's (Ind.) bill call for a "Clear Cut Separation of power in the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Branches of government."

As introduced by Rep. Smith last week the bill called attention to our federal separation of powers system and pointed up situations existing in our present setup whereby Ralph Cummings could hold, as a member of the Legislature elected from Dorm Men's II, and as Speaker under the constitution, two votes on items that would come up one, two, or even three votes from a tie. Fortunately, Cummings saw fit to remedy this situation himself by resigning as a representative of Dorm Men's II at the beginning of his term as Vice President and Speaker.

In another present situation Representative Charlie Gray of Town's Men's I is also Treasurer of the Student Body. There is no duplication of voting power here, but there is an overload on any student who wants to do a good job in office. Charlie Gray concurs in this opinion, but it is too late now to do anything about him as an individual and his work load.

The rules committee in considering the bill decided to specifically exempt any incumbents from its provisions by making it effective April 7th. They also discussed a problem that was bothering them at the time and to which they could see no solution. That is: what about overlapping between legislative and judicial and overlapping between Judicial and Executive?

Discussion in caucus, where there are less formal rules and a friendlier rapport, brought out a possible solution, i.e. Why not exclude those members of councils who have the power to suspend a student and let everyone of lesser ranking councils be eligible.

Discussion on the floor brought up a solution to the other problem, and an amendment to prevent these same members of the higher councils from holding office as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Attorney General or Secretary. After the acceptance of these changes and the rejection of a proposed amendment which would have excluded everyone who belongs to an organization getting money from the Student Legislature, the bill passed unanimously.

By way of interest, a swearing-in ceremony was held for those new legislators who replaced those resigning last week. Not a one from Avery Dorm in the bunch.

"How About A Push, Pal?"



Variations

Gail Godwin

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I feel it my bounden duty to all dogs in this area to inform their owners of a most stimulating article in the Feb. 14, 1959 issue of the New Yorker. Entitled appropriately "The American Dog in Crisis," this article discusses the basic insecurity and tendency towards conformity of the modern dog.

Modern dogs are flunking out of obedience schools in fantastic numbers, the article tells us, "as a result of being raised in an overly permissive environment." The dog owner who reads this article aloud to his dog should comfort Rover by explaining that this situation does not exist in dog world alone. Even modern people are flunking out of college due to an overly permissive high school and grammar school education which stresses pasting, coloring, and cutting out; dancing, dramatics, and drivers training.

Since the advent of Dog psychiatrists — and there are such things, I didn't believe it either — it has been found that dogs and puppies are going around with all kinds of neuroses and anxieties which they weren't even aware they had before!

Modern dogs have also been shirking public office lately. This may be due to the fact that they are fed up with the way their masters are handling things. It is brought to our attention that President Eisenhower's weimarner has left no public impression during his master's years in the White House. Compare the White House Weimarner's obscurity to the illustrious career of Roosevelt's Falla, who was with F. D. R. on every plane trip, who was mentioned in F. D. R.'s broadcasts:

"My wife Eleanor hates war; my dog Falla hates war; we all hate war."

I have personally noticed some warning signs of "floating anxiety" in my four months old boxer puppy. She drifts restlessly from couch to bed to box. Her ears perk up at the slightest noise—running water, cha cha music, car horns, and other dogs' noises. She bites herself frequently (subconscious punishment of the id?) her hiccupps, sighs and wrinkles up her forehead. She has started taking aspirin to relieve this tension. She moves her back legs furiously when she sleeps (the wish-fulfillment in dreams?), probably chasing a rabbit, a squirrel, or a good-looking male dog in her nocturnal fancies. If her personality does

not become more stabilized within the next few months, I have told her that—for her own good—I must send her to a dog psychoanalyst so that she can be helped to develop normally into a mature mother of future kennel champions of America. If she keeps on going the way she is now, who knows? She may become one of those erratic modern artists. Her first paw-painting showed a remarkable talent with colors.

But all is not lost if you, dog

owner, cannot afford psychoanalysis for your favorite mutt. The New Yorker article suggests an alternative:

"Confused and uncertain, seeking firm standards in a world of collapsing social values, the American dog looks for guidance to the natural leaders of his race . . . Like Lassie, on TV.

Or the really interested owner who may shrink at introducing his pup to the evils of TV may just try to set an example himself. This frequently works and is beneficial to both dog and man.

On Education

Sidney Dakar

Everyday we read in the papers about all of the extra students that our universities are going to handle in the future. It seems that there is not enough money available to build the needed extra classrooms. This is saliently demonstrated by the funds that will be coming to this university in the near future.

We are faced with the same problem that France was faced with years ago. France had a limited amount of money to spend upon education and she wanted to spend it in the most profitable way. The I. Q. test was developed as the only practical solution. Today the only thing necessary to qualify for entrance into one of France's 17 state universities is brains. There is no tuition.

Here in the U. S. we have a mania for college degrees. Everyone has come to feel that it is his "right" to get a degree. Most people only want a degree because of the expected money and added social prestige that it is supposed to bring. However, if the present trend continues, everyone will have a degree and we will be right back where we started from, socially speaking.

Most people, as taxpayers, feel that their sons and daughters must be admitted to the state university. They are admitted because of the obvious political pressures upon state legislators who want to stay in office. Many of the students that are admitted to most universities that do not have very strict entrance exams are unqualified for college. These students struggle along for one or two years until the inexorable day of failure.

These students who fail have been taking up the precious space that could have been very profitably used by the ones who do not fail. The boy who once might have become a happy clerk is now a disillusioned man. After all, he has had two years of college! The citizen's money has been wasted. Society has another frustrated man.

The present system of entrance requirements is exactly opposite from what they should be. The state universities should have the highest standards, not the lowest. We should leave the private schools to take in people for social and political reasons. The state university should be reserved for the most brilliant students in the state, and it should be available free of charge. Then the rich and the poor could compete on equal grounds.

There are those who say that it is impossible to judge which students are the most intelligent. They prove this by pointing out exceptions. That is just what they are—exceptions. In the vast majority of cases, the person who makes low on an I. Q. and other tests is not superior in intelligence. Besides, no system is perfect.

The great majority of jobs in the U. S. do not require college training. The people who do not have the brains to get into a selective college can go to the thousands of trade schools that are available, or go to the private universities.

Some states (e. g. New York) have very rigid entrance tests for some of their universities. The tuition is also free for those who have the necessary qualifications. The private universities serve the social elite.

The citizens of North Carolina will one day have to choose between combining a limited amount of money with the best brains in the state or to continue with the present institutionalized mediocrity. To make no choice is a choice.

The Library

It seems inconceivable that the University could recommend to the Advisory Budget Commission a book buying budget that would make the University lose ground in the South.

According to librarian Jerrold Orne, it would take an annual expenditure of \$225,000 for the University to keep pace with the other libraries in the South. The trouble is that the University Library is already third, and that if the entire University request were granted, the University would slip to fourth behind the University of Florida which has come to the realization that a library is a vital part of the research apparatus of a University.

If the University is ever to reassert itself in the South, then it is necessary for the library to reassert its eminence with respect to the other libraries of the South, to say nothing of the nation. However, the library cannot do this if the University will not request the necessary money, for in any appropriation request there is an expectancy of its being cut, and if the University request is cut, the University is only losing ground more rapidly.

Including both A and B budgets, the University request for library book appropriations was less than the amount necessary to keep pace, and the Advisory Budget Commission to compound the crime cut the entire B budget request and part of the A budget request. The net result is that the University after the next biennium may well rate fifth or lower in amount of volumes in the library.

It would behoove those budget framers both in South Building and in the Consolidated Offices across Franklin St., to start think in terms of how many professors are going to come to an institution whose research facilities are not the best. It would be wise, also, if they began thinking how many serious graduate students are going to come to an institution whose library ranking is low. Above all it would be good if those members of the Advisory Budget Commission who were so smug and contented with the prospect of a neatly balanced budget would look to the future when prospective industrialists and other people will be looking to North Carolina as a future residence, only to find that the educational facilities are second rate.

The University, not too long ago, held a position of eminence in educational circles throughout the world. In reality, it does not hold that position now and, surely if budgets such as the present one are passed by the state legislature, it will not hold a position of repute in the future. The state cannot continue resting on its laurels, for the tree is dying.

Look Who's Scared!

Apparently the University Party is worried about impending fraternity legislation, for David Grigg's resolution encouraging the Student Legislature not to enact legislation affecting areas covered by the IFC and IDC as long as those organizations continue to "follow the high purposes for which they were created and best serve the interests of those they represent," is an obvious expression of such a worry.

It is clear that Rep. Grigg's particular concern is fraternities since there was no loud howl of objection from Rep. Grigg when a fellow University Party member introduced a bill calling for bicycle racks in the dormitories, a bill that would have its proper place in the IDC.

It is further clear that the IDC and IFS have not acted with all these high purposes, and in recent years the IFC has not done a stitch except protect the fraternities from change and arrange the dates, times, and procedures for various fraternity events.

It is even more apparent that it is the responsibility of the legislature to look out for the welfare of the entire campus, and that when local interests and campus wide interest interfere, the legislature, looking out for the whole campus, should take precedence.

The legislature as the Supreme Legislative Authority on the campus has the right to legislate in every field of student endeavor and the bill as it stands is clearly in violation of the student constitution. It would be wise if Rep. Grigg thought again before he introduced legislation so obviously representative of fraternity interests. Remember, Rep. Grigg, you represent Dorm Men's IV.

Why?

The craziest in Women's rules is the one forbidding coeds from taking a bath after 11:30 p.m. on weekdays and half past closing hours on other nights. What happens to that girl who feels dirty at 4 a.m.? Is there no respite until morn?

The Women's Residence Council might remember that everybody isn't compelled to sing in the bathtub and disturb other coeds.