

N.S.A.

There is an old motto, "Don't believe what you hear, and believe only half of what you see." It gives rise to the question of which half, but without going into that question, the motto has relevance to a certain plank of the University Party platform.

This plank calls for a more representative N.S.A. delegation. There is nothing wrong with this plank if taken at its face value, except that this plank is unnecessary, but unfortunately this plank was put in the platform because of a patently false, and totally vicious issue that has been raised in certain quarters.

Before examining the totally false issue that underlies the party plank, one must take a gander at the plank itself. Taking last year as somewhat typical example of the type of representation the campus has had at N.S.A., one finds that of the twelve man delegation, six were the six campus-wide elected officers that the student body had just elected in the Spring. One can also find that the representation was slightly more favorable to the University Party than their showing was on a campus-wide basis last spring, although the amount is hardly enough to quibble about.

The delegation included that noted radical Ralph Cummings, as well as that noted arch-conservative Gary Greer. It included that man of positive decisive liberal action Don Furtado, as well as that foe of all Greek letter interests, Diana Johnson, president of Pan Hel. It included that notorious extremist who has threatened to radically alter the campus judicial system, Paddy Wall, and that staunch champion of the status quo Curtis Gans. It even included that factional candidate of the Student Party currently running for President of the Student Body, Charlie Gray. Indeed, the group represented the most diverse interests, even if they are not exactly the ones attributed them in the above. So, it would be very hard to make the delegation any more representative.

The underlying charge is more serious. The underlying charge is that N.S.A. is a subversive or Communist organization. This charge is a fairly broad one, and if N.S.A.'s structure is examined carefully, it is a charge that the students of America are Communist or subversive, for N.S.A. is no more or less than the national union of students as represented by their elected and appointed leadership. There are close to 400 colleges and universities represented in N.S.A., and last year these colleges and universities sent over 1000 students to the National Student Congress at Delaware, Ohio. The people carried views from extreme segregationist to the Oval Faubus stripe to the farthest left Democra-tic Liberal of perhaps the Wayne Morse stripe. The resolutions that were passed at the Congress were somewhere between these two, as they have been in all previous Congresses. Then from the structure of N.S.A. and from its established policy as created and voted upon by the students of America, N.S.A. clearly is non-Communist, non-subversive, but it is rather an organization dedicated to the fostering of democratic representation of American studentry on the national level. That it is still weak and in its formative stages is true, but the potentialities are immense.

How then does such a rumor arise? The source of this is simple. One summer day last year, a senator who does not like the policies of N.S.A. had a statement entered into the Congressional record, which is the prerogative of any senator to do. The statement was made by J. B. Mathews, former staff member of the House Un-American Activities Committee. The statement created the impression that Mr. Mathews thought the N.S.A. was Communist or subversive, but the text of the statement simply said that N.S.A. was the type of organization open to Communist influence. It further noted that some of the persons connected with the association in the past had been people who were noted for their civil rights orientation—such people as Eleanor Roosevelt, to name one. The statement was reprinted by the American Mercury Magazine.

For the time being, it is not necessary to note the numerous replies that were subsequently registered in the Congressional Record to Mr. Mathews' statement, nor is it necessary to recount the numerous replies sent to the American Mercury Magazine which that magazine thoughtfully decided not to publish, thus preserving their editorial position because they would allow no opposition. It is necessary to know a little about J. B. Mathews, so that you the students can judge as to the bias in his statements.

Mr. Mathews is a holdover from the McCarthy-Velde era when everybody was chasing Communists in government with the surprising result of many firings and only one real Communist turned up—and that case is doubtful also. Mr. Mathews was a small cog in this machine. His job as Louis Budenz's job was to put the finger on the "Communists" or "subversives" that he knew. That he netted not a single one is of some import, but what is of more import was the circumstances surrounding his being fired as a staff person by the House Un-American Activities Committee. This committee has, to say the least, not been a liberal committee, but when Mr. Mathews accused a large percentage of the Protestant clergy of being subversive and condemned this same group by saying that it was one of the largest single forces open

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to subversion in the United States, the committee had about enough. The editor would be proud to go on record as saying that neither the Protestant Clergy nor the National Student Association is subversive. Communist, fellow travelling, pink or the like. The editor would daresay that Mr. Mathews' statements about the Protestant Clergy would not keep you from church on Sunday. Let his statements on N.S.A. not keep you from the most active participation in N.S.A.

However, this argument must be carried one step further, and that is a reply to the charge that N.S.A. is open to subversion. N.S.A., like the federal government, or the state government, or the student government, operates on a democratic framework in Justice Holmes traditional characterization of a democratic frame work. This allusion is to a marketplace in which the buyers are the mass of people and the sellers are those persons with ideas. Those ideas which are accepted or bought by the people are the practices of their government. It could happen that the idea bought by the people is Communism, but thankfully this has not happened in America, at the National Student Congress, at the University, or in the state. It could happen, but as long as there are people who can articulate the idea of democracy, the editor deems it highly doubtful that it will. Democracy's strength comes from the inner belief that the people will make the right choice.

To bring this discourse to a close, a quotation from someone who is not now or ever has been a Communist should suffice. The following is President Dwight D. Eisenhower's telegram to the students assembled at last year's Congress of the National Student Association:

—GREETINGS—

Representing a vast and lively constituency, your organization has done much to direct the traditional energies and free spirit of students toward constructive interest in community, national, and international affairs. As you enter your second decade of service I am sure you will continue to advance the building of good citizenship and responsible government, the foundations of freedom and world peace.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

President of the United States

North Carolina has exercised leadership in the N.S.A. almost from the time of its inception 12 years ago. The University should be proud of that leadership, and should continue to try to strengthen the organization by providing new membership from the poorly represented South, and by developing the type of individual leadership of which this state, the University, and the nation can be proud.

## The Campaign

One question that has been left entirely out of the election campaign is the question of representation. Couched simply the question asks, "How come that with 7,500 students on this campus, and only 15% of them in fraternities, fraternity men hold over 50% of all offices on the campus?"

There is an obvious answer to this in one sense—that dormitory men are unwilling to organize for their rights unless backed into a corner. So, they let the fraternities dominate their affairs, and unless the ballot boxes are taken out of their dorm, they do not seem to mind.

There is, however, a second factor. This is the factor of the drive and zeal of fraternity men to protect their own interests. It is a natural drive which leads them to fight with more zeal than the dormitory man whose living interests are somewhat more stable. Yet, in the name of campus-wide government, the dormitory man is often forced to serve under fraternity interest government in various areas.

A third factor in this picture is the block vote, which is an especially effective device in election for non-big four or editorial offices. Most students are able to pretty well keep track of the names of the big four candidate, the editorial candidates, and perhaps his legislators, but other choices are often made at random, while the fraternities are all too acquainted as to who the fraternity men are, and they block vote in their own interest.

Thus, from a combination of natural circumstances, fraternity men have been able to thoroughly dominate student government. It is up to the dorm men and women to assert their initiative and make student government a truly representative one—one which will provide leadership for the entire campus. Vote wisely, Tuesday.

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### Big Game Hunting



(The following was compiled by Dee Daniels, legislative reporter of The Daily Tar Heel. It was impossible to reach every candidate for legislature, and hence there are some omissions. If those candidates who were left out would answer the questions for their district, they may turn them in tonight, Sunday, to The Daily Tar Heel office and they will be published in Tuesday's paper.)

#### Dorm Men's I

"Do you think that the drinking rule should be enforced more strictly or not?"

"Are you for or against deferred rush?"

Swag Grimsley, SP candidate for the year seat open in the district, answered as follows: "The drinking rule should be enforced more strictly, especially in the dorms. I do not feel that possession of liquor in the dorms should be a violation, but its use should be controlled."

"The pending resolution submitted to the Student Legislature by the Drinking Rules Committee should go a long way in clarifying both my stand and that of Student Government on drinking at Carolina."

"I am for deferred rush, but only when it becomes practicable and will not cause a loss of autonomy for individual fraternities. I do not think immediate deferred rush is necessary or practicable, but I do foresee deferred rush in the future of Carolina."

Taylor McMillan, SP candidate for the six months' seat open, said as follows: "Of course I can only speak for Cobb Dorm. We often hear of the so-called 'liquor problem' at Carolina. I, living in Cobb for three years, have been aware of no such problem. Creation of unnecessarily strict rules often aggravates violations of the same rules. Until conditions call for stricter rules, I would be in favor of the present liberal interpretation of the drinking rules."

"I am not qualified to answer the question on deferred rush. I am not a fraternity man; neither have I been through 'rush.' This would seem to be a problem to be solved by those people involved with it."

#### Dorm Men's II

Candidates in Dorm Men's II answered the following questions:

1) Do you feel the "liberal" cut system adopted last year has been beneficial?

2) Should the fines for campus parking violations go to Student Government or to the town of Chapel Hill?

Allen Simpson, UP candidate for the one year seat in Dorm Men's II replied by saying that he felt the liberal cut system adopted last year has been beneficial, although he felt that improvement could be made in the English I and II area.

As for campus parking violation fines, Simpson feels they should go to Student Government, since campus parking is largely a problem of Student Government.

Bill Norton, SP candidate for the same seat from the same district stated:

"By allowing the faculty to set the number of cuts at their individual discretion, some classes have unlimited cuts while others have none at all. I personally feel that class attendance is essential to good college scholarship; however, I also feel that this should be left somewhat up to the individual student. Therefore, I am in favor of a standardized system of liberal cuts."

"Another important issue of interest to me is the relationship of Chapel Hill, the University, and the students concerning fines for traffic violation. At present the University maintains most of the streets on campus and the parking areas for the students."

"However, the town of Chapel Hill collects all fines for the violations in town and on campus. I contend that the University and preferably Student Government

should receive the money collected for violations made on University property. Since the campus "cops" now issue a different type of ticket from the Chapel Hill police it would be very easy to distinguish to whom the fines would be paid. I would propose a policy of set fines for certain violations to be paid automatically to the Cashier's Office without the process of a court hearing. Also, however, there would be an appealation court to hear special cases. This court might be organized under the Traffic Committee. This system is employed at several other colleges and I think it would be effective here."

#### Dorm Men's III

The questions posed to candidates for Legislature in Dorm Men's III were:

1) If in the last extremity, students were unable to get a new Student Union, would you be in favor of a full student self-liquidation plan for a Student Union?

2) Do you think class officers have accomplished anything?

Bob Smith, SP candidate for the one year seat in Dorm Men's III, stated:

"I would be willing to support a plan to acquire a new Student Union through a self-liquidating policy as a last resort. I would do so because of the great need for such a structure. The Student Union plays a vital role in the life of the University by facilitating many activities which enrich the lives of campus residents. Thus, due to the present inadequate facilities of Graham Memorial, I would strongly support such a measure."

"I do not think that the present class officers have accomplished a great deal through their endeavors, with possibly the exception of those holding Senior Class offices. However, I feel that I am not familiar enough with their responsibilities to make an intelligent analysis of the work which they have carried on while serving in their respective positions."

Ron Millican, UP candidate for one of the two 1 year seats in DM III replied:

"I feel that after every probable solution has been tried and proved unsuccessful that a self-liquidation plan should be put before the students. If the students were willing to back a self-liquidation plan, then the program should be carried out over a certain period of time."

"The accomplishments made by class officers usually depend upon the individual in office. I feel that most of the students at Carolina

who have held class offices have been successful in accomplishing many things. If serious and willing students were always elected then there would be no question about the accomplishments made by class officers."

Vince Mulieri, the other UP candidate for a one year seat in this district answered:

"Make no mistake about it, Carolina need a Student Union." Mulieri feels it could be financed through state aid, and that this is the right method.

"Let us not forget that this is a state supported school, not a student supported school. The second means would be through the self-liquidation plan. Essentially, this means that the student, over a period of years, would pay for the Student Union through higher tuition; higher rents, etc."

"We all know the financial condition the school is in. If we get any money at all from the state, it must go for hiking professors' salaries, to the library, and to other essential needs — not toward a student Union. Thus, the financial requirements will be left up to the students. Should the students pay for the Student Union through the self-liquidation method? I voice an emphatic No!"

"Whenever you make an investment, you must consider the risk. Suppose a war comes along and student enrollment drops. Who pays then? In my mind self-liquidation is not financially wise on this campus. Right now, the students in BVP are paying toward expenses of accommodation of a new self-liquidating dorm such as Parker. This is not entirely fair. We must wait until the climate is right, and let the state build our Student Union."

"Since last fall, our class officers have been going through a test period, so to speak. The argument then was that class officers were nothing more than figure heads serving no purpose whatsoever. The Junior Class officers were not included in the argument."

"During the past year the class officers have accomplished a great deal. The Freshman Class has done much to improve Freshman Orientation. The sophomore and junior class officers have combined their efforts in establishing a scholarship fund that will be given to a worthy senior each year. The name of the scholarship will be released shortly."

"Just by existing, the class officers manifest an inherent good. No class distinctions are recognized here on campus. The class officers can provide a needed feeling of cohesiveness."

"Each class, through the coordinating efforts of its class officers, can work as a unit toward essential goals. The class officer forms a nucleus from which springs the leadership effort and finally the goal. We have good leaders on the University campus—let's use them. With class officers each class can become an "entity," without class officers it is a non-entity."

Roy Goodman, SP candidate from Dorm Men's III said:

"Although I see the necessity for a new student union, I feel that the student is now paying for enough projects. Without cooperation from the state we must look for other accessible means of meeting this problem."

"The class officers at Carolina have been mere figure-heads. I feel that the officers, if properly filled, could serve a good purpose. However, unless the class officers this year take a more active interest in their duties, these positions should be done away with."

#### Dorm Men's IV

Candidates in this district were asked the following questions:

1) How do you feel about mixed honor councils?

2) How do you feel about NSA?

Ed Cox, SP who is running for a one year seat, answered:

"I feel that honor councils composed of both men and women students are basically good. Mixed councils definitely should be considered by the student government administration, but it like so many campus proposals, must be planned with careful deliberation and foresight toward problems that would certainly arise. To achieve and maintain the utmost in proper judicial process, there must be a system whereby equal, not separate, privileges of justice are granted to all students. With such a system the entire student body can be guaranteed fullest equality in judicial matters which most assuredly concern them as a body, not separate groups of students."

"The National Student Association is one of the most important organizations in the American colleges today primarily because it furnishes a means of the students of the country to combine creative ideas to solve problems common to all colleges and universities. The work of the NSA should definitely be continued, promoted by the best student leaders the campuses have to offer. Only through diligent work and complete organization can the NSA be kept at the high level on which it is supposed to operate."

Ward Parrington, UP, also seeks a one year seat. He answered:

"I see no need for mixed honor councils at this time. The separate men's and women's groups have done a fine job in the past; there is no reason to expect that incorporating the two could improve the administration of the honor system."

"NSA has the potentialities of becoming a worthwhile organization, but at this time it is unrepresentative of the student body and therefore unqualified to speak for all of the University's 7,000 students. As its membership becomes more representative it might possibly become a unifying rather than a factional force."

#### Dorm Men's V

Candidates for Legislature seats in Dorm Men's V replied to the following questions:

1) How do you think the editors of the Daily Tar Heel and the Yackety Yack, as well as the Head Cheerleader, should be chosen.

2) Do you think the drinking rule should be enforced more strictly or not?

Charles Carroll, SP candidate from this district stated:

"I think that the editor of the Daily Tar Heel and the Yackety Yack, as well as the Head Cheerleader, should be chosen from the students that are on those particular staffs and by those staff members. This would enhance the chances of the right person getting the position and at the same time alleviate the problem of a person being elected simply because he is the most popular with the students or because he is the better politician. I think the status quo has done much to enhance this problem while at the same time possibly keeping the more capable person from the position."

"I am in favor of our present policy regarding this matter and do not think that the drinking rule should be enforced more strictly than it is now. True, there is a problem, but this is not the way to meet this problem. Such decisions as drinking should and must be left to the discretion of the individual. College students are capable of making the right decisions concerning themselves and their own actions. To take this freedom from them would, in my opinion, add more to a problem which is already large enough."

#### Dorm Men's VI

Prospective student legislators from Dorm Men's VI were faced with the following:

1) Are you for or against deferred rush? Why?

2) Do you feel the "liberal" cut system adopted last year has been beneficial?

Al Cronenburg, candidate for one of the 1 year seats in this district said:

"On the question of deferred rush, I stand in the opposition. It seems that the main emphasis of deferred rush is on allowing the Freshmen to adjust to college life and thereby make good grades. However, since the primary objective of belonging to a fraternity is to fraternize, it is only logical that the freshmen should go through the fall rush, pledge, and proceed to make and enjoy the friendships that are found within fraternities."

"A great deal can be gained from having such close friends which are gained by fraternal association. I can think of no one better qualified to help a freshman get his feet on the ground than a friend who has experienced the entrance into college in the past. All this lends itself to making the necessary adjustments."

"The 'liberal' cut policy was designed for a good purpose—to place more responsibility toward class attendance on the individual's shoulders. If a student is doing superior work and feels that he can do the same level of work without being in class every day, then that student should be able to take a liberal number of cuts, say three or four."

"On the other hand, those student, who really have to dig hard to pass, ought to feel the necessity of attending class regularly. From my observation it does not appear that all of the faculty has adopted this 'liberal' policy; they are requiring students to attend every class period. If we are going to have such a system, let us at least keep it consistent."