

In Our Opinion...

It Will Take Money To Save Money; SL Must Give Its Help

(Final in a series of editorials concerning the increasing student financial burden at UNC.)

In two previous editorials we have discussed several areas in which the students' pocket books are being drained and we have given our reasons for believing that the state taxpayers should be willing, indeed should be anxious, to bear their fair share of the cost of operating the University.

It appears now that what remains to be done is to find a means of convincing the taxpayers — and more importantly the legislators — of our point of view.

At this juncture, we are encouraged to note the work which the State Affairs Committee of Student Government has been doing since the beginning of this school year.

Contrary to the image of SG committees that all too many students have, this committee has been meeting at least three hours every week, and members have put in countless hours in research concerning ways through which they can most effectively convey to the state's citizens a favorable image of the University.

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson devoted one afternoon — an afternoon when he had other business pressing — to a State Affairs Committee meeting where he heard the committee's plans and offered some of his own suggestions. After the meeting, he expressed his optimism that the committee could have a very strong positive effect on those men in Raleigh who control the purse strings to the University.

Charlie Shaffer, head of the Department of Development also has been working with this committee, explaining many of the University's problems from the administrative point of view.

UNC News Bureau Director Pete Ivey has been so impressed with the committee's plans that he has put his staff to work gathering pictures and written material for their public presentations.

The committee plans to visit about 200 state communities — especially in the eastern and piedmont regions — and speak to civic clubs and PTAs.

They further intend to contact personally every member of the state legislature between now and January to discuss such issues as ECC, the Speaker Ban and, primarily, the University budget request.

Now, the success or failure of this committee's aims rests with Student Legislature and, more specifically, its finance committee.

When the Student Government budget was drawn up early last spring, the State Affairs Committee chairman had not been appointed. Since this position has been filled this fall and the committee has begun laying its ground work for the year, it has become apparent that it cannot effectively carry out its function without financial assistance from Student Government.

A bill has been proposed which

will appropriate some \$5,000 to this committee. Roughly \$3,000 would be applied to the public presentation program—travel expenses for two members for each of the 200 discussions with public groups, purchase of two slide projectors and slides, mailing expenses, telephone, etc. The other \$2,000 would cover the production of radio tapes that would be distributed throughout the state.

However, the proposal has not been greeted with optimism by the chairman of the Finance Committee. He appears to support the goals of the State Affairs Committee, but seems to doubt that sufficient funds exist. Although no exact record of how much money is presently in the general surplus is available, we understand that at an absolute minimum the figure is somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The State Affairs Committee's request asks for some 18 per cent of this total surplus.

After the passage of the Speaker Ban Law in 1963, Charlotte News Associate Editor Bob Smith wrote a series of editorial analyses entitled "What's Wrong At UNC." In these articles, it was his general conclusion that the University suffers because of a breakdown in communications between Chapel Hill and the General Assembly.

We contend that this same breakdown that caused the hasty passage of the Gag Law is also responsible for the sentiment among legislators that the state should not continue bearing so great a part of the University's expenses as it has in the past.

This is the gap that must be bridged if low-cost, high-quality education is to be a reality for the citizens of North Carolina. And this is the gap whose bridging is the sole purpose for the existence of the State Affairs Committee.

Five thousand dollars sounds like a large amount of money to invest in a Student Government Committee. But the figure is small in comparison with the increasing financial burden that students in the future will be expected to bear if the people of the state and their representatives to the General Assembly are not shown the true nature of the University, its students and its needs.

If Student Legislature sees fit to approve the State Affairs Committee's request for funds in full, it will perform one of the most worthwhile functions in its history of 40 legislative sessions.

If it does not, the University and its students of tomorrow will suffer.

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Issues From Back Issues

(Issues that made the news in The Daily Tar Heel on this date five, 10, and 15 years ago.)

Oct. 18, 1961
Robert Penn Warren Jr. speaks at Hill Hall tonight at 8 at a Literary Recognition Convention in honor of North Carolina poet Randall Jarrell.

Oct. 18, 1956
The varsity soccer team's 4-1 win over the Washington and Lee Generals was a source of satisfaction for Coach Marvin Allen and his squad in more ways than one.

The victory not only signified Carolina's second straight victory this season in as many games, but it also was the first time a UNC soccer team has beaten Washington and Lee on Smith Field where the game was played.

Oct. 18, 1951
Asserting that "education is based on religion" UNC Chancellor, Robert B. House, this week advanced an eight-point definition of learning.

Education "runs not just from the age of 6 to 21 but from the cradle to the grave."



THE CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY

Otelia Connor

Manners Lagging

I went to the exercises celebrating University Day at Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday and I thought each talk was very much in keeping with the occasion. The one statement that I took away with me was, I believe, made by the Deputy Under-secretary of the Interior that the University of North Carolina was the first University in this country to found a school for the training and education of the common people, not solely to educate the sons of the elite. That, we must admit, was a history making occasion! It is the corner stone on which democracy in this country was built. However, it is not enough to train people for a job. "The distinguishing mark of an educated man—he can be counted

ed on to behave as a gentleman!" And that has been my job! Many girls from other sections of the country tell me that they have been impressed by the good manners of the male students at UNC—they open doors, and show many other courtesies, in contrast to schools which they have attended elsewhere. So I feel encouraged. But every day I see that much remains to be done before we have the "complete soul." I have corrected several about putting empty trays on other tables instead of on the racks; about taking a chair, or other things, from my table without asking; about blocking the aisles with outstretched legs; sitting on one foot when eating, etc. I asked a girl who was sitting

on her foot in Lenoir Hall tonight, if that was the way she ate at home? She answered "No," but she didn't put her foot down. I told her ladies didn't sit on the foot in a restaurant. She sat on her foot until she left the hall. I would say she didn't pass the test of a lady. Some of the eating positions at Lenoir are unbelievable. You wonder what kind of homes they came from. Three different times I have watched a student, walking along, scraping his shoes and knocking his heels on the pavement. I told them, "Pick up your feet, anybody would think you were a nit-wit!" I get different reactions. I have noticed fewer feet on the tables, with the shoes on, in Graham Memorial. That's good. Someone asked me what I thought of the girl's short skirts and tight trousers on the campus? I answered that I didn't object to what they wore as long as they were neat and conducted themselves properly — I didn't think there was anything pretty about the knees, but if that was what they wanted, it was all right with me. Regarding smoking and tight pants, I have just come back from my Alma Mater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. When I was a student there many years ago, any girl caught smoking was expelled immediately, and it would have been worth your life to be caught in pants anywhere except when you were going skiing, ice skating, snow-shoeing, etc. I the year 1966, there were ash trays in every room, and even the faculty were smoking. Every girl I saw had on long, tight pants, or shorts, in the class room and in the cafeterias. So times do change, and so do prices! The cost at Skidmore when I was there was \$700 per year. Now I was told it is over \$3,000 per year and going up!

In Letter

Dr. Sloane Criticizes

DTH Reidsville Edits

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: The treatment given the Reidsville Conference by the Daily Tar Heel left this participant convinced that if faculty student relations are to be improved on this campus, the Tar Heel will have little or no part to play in the process.

An interesting, and at moments, exciting, two days were editorially dismissed with a world-weary tone which the present writer found distinctly trying. "The value of the recent Reidsville conference is questionable. . . we doubt that the weekend. . . did much toward the accomplishment of these (the students) goals."

Ho-hum. If the conference was important in theory and not just an example of Mr. Powell's "work" in the area of academic reform, then it deserved full reporting including who was there, what specific topics were discussed, what suggestions were made, and all the rest of it.

Mr. Greenbacker's almost wistful essay was all the students at large got in the way of an account of a meeting on which a very considerable amount of time and money had been spent. It is a fair guess that nothing one half as important in connection with the life of the University occurred that weekend and yet no detailed account of it appeared.

Sunday morning was not wasted on idle chatter about drinking as your editorial states because it was then that the group reports were heard and discussed! Even the drinking discussion had some remarkably interesting aspects (not reported).

The Tar Heel regretfully concludes that nothing much will come of it. If the student opinion about such earnest efforts as this conference depends on this paper no one can be surprised that results are nil.

How can any useful developments grow where nothing is planted?

Student leaders seem to play all this very close to their chests — they know what went on and so do the faculty participants, but apparently these select individuals are to be the only ones.

Several offers of assistance toward those goals which Mr. Powell keeps calling "reforms" (but which the beleaguered faculty would like to think of as "improvements") were made, patterns of action suggested, and much else — but it has all been swept away with the snap of Professor Koch's "inevitable" gum. I heard him make the remark and, clod that I am, failed to read it as a requirement for Reidsville's hopes. He was just taking a break from what was for some of us, pretty steady hard work.

I wonder how many other promising activities are as swiftly buried in our campus press?

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Letters

The Daily Tar Heel accepts all letters for publication provided they are typed and double-spaced. Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for libelous statements.

David Rothman

Kooks Are At Work On The West Coast

California is to the nation what Chapel Hill is to North Carolina: a kook center.

Just as this town has more nuts per square mile than any other place in the state (except, perhaps, Granite Quarry—if one KKK nut equals several LSD nuts), so it is that California has more than any other in the nation.

At this point, the resemblance ends: our kooks usually move away from here after graduation (before presumably becoming tax-paying Rotary Club members), while the ones in California frequently come there after graduation and stay to try overthrowing the government.

And that, my friend, is the trouble with California. It explains why a psychiatric social worker in Los Angeles carefully examines each issue of a leftist newspaper because so many of her patients are on the staff thereof.

It explains why the citizens of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico sleep calmly while Californians prepare for a Red Chinese invasion via Mexico.

It explains Mario Savio's rise at the University of California.

It explains Richard ("Tricky Dick") Nixon.

It explains the unprecedented student uprising at Berkeley.

It explains William F. Knowland.

It explains the leftists who applaud the Watts riots.

And, in the same way, it explains Ronald Reagan's success.

Admittedly, Ronald Reagan is not a nut. Not all his supporters are nuts.

The entire California GOP, miraculously, is not nuts.

But Ronald Reagan, as shown by his failure to repudiate the John Birch Society entirely, welcomes the support of nuts.

The nuts, as shown by Birch statements (and financial support), welcome him. The California GOP, as shown by its selection of Reagan as its gubernatorial candidate, welcomes the man who welcomes nuts who welcome him.

Reagan (now rated by pollsters as the leading candidate) and his party tolerate nuts because they are the key to his being elected.

He needs their money. He needs their votes.

He needs in other words, to come out against fair housing and the federal spending required to almanate poverty.

He needs to satisfy the state's latent bigots — who were it not for the prosperity created by federal programs, wouldn't be rich enough to value property rights over human rights.

Here in the South, bigotry is respectable in many places—so long as it has been part of much of the established order. Bigotry is not limited to nuts, even in Chapel Hill. If your neighbor hates Negroes—and/or the federal government—you do not consider him nuts. You know this was part

But somehow you wonder why Californians, with their traditionally liberal politics—and traditionally liberal doses of sex and LSD—can be so untraditionally bigoted toward Negroes and Uncle Sam.

Or are they? Most Californians won't show themselves as bigots in November.

Maybe their present gubernatorial favorite will improve the state's image, by losing the election.