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UNC's NSA Membership Integral To Progress

Students will get the opportunity to vote Tuesday on whether UNC should remain a part of the National Student Association.

Ever since 1949 when several UNC students helped to organize NSA the campus has benefitted from its relationship with the organization. We hope that students will vote to continue this relationship, that they will vote NO on the amendment to sever relations with the one national organization that students across this country have to look after their interests.

It is unthinkable, in our opinion, that at a time when dozens of colleges and universities are joining the 385 member NSA, some student would seriously argue in favor of severing that relationship because of a paranoid fear of leftists and "communists" taking over the colleges.

As former NSA coordinator Charlie Jeffress points out today in an article, the National Student Association has directly affected a total of 3,625 students here. The benefits range from leadership training sessions to life insurance and to job placement services.

What is probably of a more important aid to the school is the indirect help. NSA stands for reform in the American universities and colleges, but unlike the radicals whom NSA opponents like to compare them to, the NSA works for orderly change within the established processes.

NSA officers compile booklets explaining to member schools what the legal bases are for "in loco parentis" so students can fight it legally. They provide the information so students will know what to seek in the way of educational reform. They provide

the numerous conferences to which students come from various colleges to discuss their problems and what can be done.

Much of the progress that UNC students see taking place here is developed on a foundation provided by NSA research and by coordination with other school. Thus we have our visitation, our change in closing hours, and our improvements in the General College that should be forthcoming.

For UNC to withdraw from this source of information and assistance could be very damaging. UNC students are critical now of the failure of Student Government to do much but if they were to cut themselves off from NSA the situation would be worse.

We hope that students will not be taken in by the demagoguery of those students seeking a severance of ties with NSA and will vote "No" in Tuesday's referendum.

Scott Bill Good

After several weeks of hearing state legislators viciously attack the University and introduce their ridiculous and unconstitutional bills to control student unrest it is extremely pleasing to hear about Sen. Ralph Scott's bill calling for the presidents of the student bodies of the branches of the University to sit as members of the Board of Trustees.

Ken Ripley

Apathy Dangerous

The "success" of the apathetic majority party, Los Iracundos, during the elections was both revealing and disturbing. What is interesting and at the same time ominous is the party leader's claim of "victory."

If the party's purpose is to ridicule apathy and to incite action through satire, then all becomes well and good. This campus needs such bars.

But if, for one moment, Los Iracundos thinks it is achieving anything in a serious advocacy of apathy, they are doing themselves and the campus an injustice.

This campus needs a kick in the tail to get involved right now, not an excuse, however humorous, to "cop out."

Let us assume that student government is ineffectual, that the election procedure is unfair, that campus activities do bear strong resemblance to a famous 40-year-old mouse. Let us assume that much is wrong at UNC, that there are unnecessary sins in our "southern part of heaven."

What then are we to do about them? Are we to sigh to ourselves, say "I told you so," and drop out? Or would it be better to change what is wrong to the image of what we want this campus to be?

Withdrawal does not seem a viable form of solution or alternative to change.

Apathy is an easy way out. It requires little effort to say a system stinks and then not participate in it. But apathy, in avoiding responsibility and decision, in

shirking personal commitment, produces none of the changes that the same apathetic people want to see.

Withdrawing from the problems does not remove them. The only possible result of withdrawing and "apathetic boycotting" is to cripple possible elements of change.

Mike Cozza's vicious attack against the politicking and unfairness in the recent campus elections, whether or not he is right, is an example of the type of conscience and action that this campus needs.

The boycott of the Food Services and the student support of the workers' strike, no matter how you view it, is another healthy example of student participation for change.

Student lobbying and pressure for visitation and unlimited women's hours is a third incidence of a necessary potential for change.

Los Iracundos' candidate Sanford Garner's statement "to honor (his) sacred duty to the apathetic student body through continued non-effort and renewed lack of interest" is a disturbing example, however funny in intent, of that climate of attitude which makes constructive change difficult.

He offers, as does Los Iracundos and CRAP, as do all apathetic students, not an alternative, but a defeat.

A defeat which shouldn't and needn't be.

scott goodfellow



The Peaceful Stacks

Crossing Polk Place yesterday, I noticed a good friend of mine pulling himself across the grass in the direction of the flagpole.

"What in the world is wrong with you? You look exhausted!" I said in amazement.

He caught his breath and began the story.

"I went into the building three days ago. It seemed like all was normal. But seconds after I went through the doors to the big building I found myself in the stacks—the sixth floor, I think.

"I didn't believe my friends who warned me that 12 expeditionary squads had been unable to locate the newspaper room in over 520 attempts. I thought they were joshing me. I didn't even believe Dean Cathey when he told me that 43 persons had disappeared in the

stacks in the last three months—didn't believe, that is, until I ran across half-a-dozen BSM members who had been banished for life in the Biography section."

"Well, couldn't you have found some . . ."

"No, I became terrified after 3 hours of ceaseless looking for all the old rooms I remembered. The old upstairs check-out desk was gone, the big reading rooms were undergoing some kind of renovation—no one was in sight. I charged around corners only to be faced with rows of menacing sawhorses.

"Finally, completely exhausted, I raced for the ground floor entrance that used to be next to the old newspaper room. There was a big sign on the door saying it was a fire exit and if I opened it, a siren would sound that would rival a Warsaw air raid."

His voice trailed off into a whimper, and I helped him over to a shady spot to rest. But the strange tale kept on spilling out.

"Then, two days ago, I accidentally found myself at the front door. Instantly I was confronted by an old woman who demanded to see what books I was taking out. Suppressing about 25 exotic four-letter words that I'd compiled in the previous 48 hours, I told her I didn't have any. 'What do you mean you don't have any,' she said. 'No one comes in here unless it's on some kind of book heist.'

"I told her I was looking for the newspaper room. 'That's what they all say,' she cracked. 'It's like saying that you're going to watch the submarine races. Everyone knows there's no newspaper room anymore, so they tell their dates that they're going to the newspaper room. Come on, fella.'

"So then I bolted for the door, fell down all 48 steps and pulled myself out here."

I propped him up and began to tell him about renovations around here sometimes result in weird situations—like Manning Hall, the parking place behind Carroll Hall, the noise in the Bingham Addition. the . . .



Huffaker
The News and Observer

Ex-Head Of Marines Lambasts Military

From The Raleigh Times

The bombing of Vietnam has been "one of the most wasteful and expansive hoaxes ever to be put over on the American people."

Much of the reporting on Vietnam air actions has been "misleading . . . propaganda" disseminated by the rival Navy and Air Force.

"Civilians can scarcely understand or even believe that many ambitious military professionals truly yearn for wars and the opportunities for glory and distinction afforded only in combat. A career of peacetime duty is a dull and frustrating prospect for the normal regular officer to contemplate."

Since the end of World War II, "the voice and views of the professional military people became increasingly prominent."

"The relationship between the defense industry and the military establishment is closer than many citizens realize. Together they form a powerful public opinion lobby."

The Air Force and Space Digest, published by the Air Force Association and "unofficial mouthpiece of the U.S. Air Force . . . beats the tub for strength through aerospace power . . . frequently perpetuates the extravagant fictions about the effectiveness of bombing" and receives in return from the industry "lavish and expensive ads."

"The military planners have their doctrinal beliefs, their loyalties, their discipline and their typical

desire to compete and win." Civilians "do not normally have the same confidence about how to react to threats and violence."

Military men are trained "to be secretive, devious and misleading."

"If the Johnson administration suffered from lack of credibility in its reporting of the war, the truth would reveal that much of the hocus-pocus stemmed from schemers in the military services, both at home and abroad."

Who said all these things? Some Congressional dove? Some bearded militant on some way-out campus?

Some pseudo-intellectual in some pulpit, or some classroom, or some editorial office?

Some parent whose son was killed in Vietnam?

No. These things were said by a man who held the highest post in the Marine Corps, General David M. Shoup, former commander of the Marines and a former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Shoup, who is now retired, knows war both from the vantage point of the high commander and of the foot soldier. No one can question the very personal nature of his patriotism, and no one can question his personal courage.

He won the Congressional Medal of Honor at Tarawa in World War II.

Because of what he has been, and what he now is, what he says about the military should be heard in the low places and in the highest places of this country.

Mike Almond

Evaluation Nods Albright

Well, the preliminaries are over. Now we're ready for the main event—next Tuesday's run-off election for president of the student body.

But this past Tuesday's on-again, off-again election produced some rather surprising results. First of all, Alan Albright, who was supposed to have terrific organization but little popular appeal, surprised everyone by leading a field of six presidential candidates and piling up almost 47% of the total vote.

Another surprise, particularly after all the favorable publicity just prior to the election, was the lack of support for independent John Kelly. But the biggest surprise of all was the extremely poor showing by Bob Wilson, the Student Party candidate, who managed to eke out only 25% of the vote.

Sensible Campaigner

Surprises, indeed; but they are not without explanation. Albright's case is particularly interesting. Albright waged a sensible, persuasive campaign and made few mistakes, and this paid off at the polls. His reputation as a thorough, deliberate, and decisive worker served him well, and indeed this reputation is well deserved. For example, during the recent cafeteria worker's strike, Albright called for the dismissal of George Prillaman. However, Albright based this decision on the evidence collected earlier from an extensive investigation into Prillaman's actions and qualifications. His demand that Prillaman be fired came a week in advance of a similar demand from the workers.

During the campaign Albright demonstrated that, although he likes to be sure of his ground, he is capable of making decisions under pressure and moving abruptly into the right direction. Upon learning that the workers were being evicted from Manning Hall, Albright immediately interrupted his campaign and rushed to a meeting at student government where he urged that

the president of the student body make immediate arrangements for the workers to serve food in the student union. Unfortunately his advice was not heeded, and this represents only one of many instances where Albright was openly critical of Ken Day's handling of the Lenoir crisis. Consequently many so-called "anti-establishment" persons have embraced Albright's cause.

As far as first impressions go, Bob Wilson is perhaps the most affable, immediately likeable politician on the ballot this year. Unfortunately, he has not been able to match Albright's understanding and insight into the tough problems students on this campus face. Wilson seems unable to grasp the full significance of what is going on around him and relate it to student interests. He avoids many important issues, and approaches controversial concerns from the back door.

John Kelly was the only independent with serious presidential qualifications. Kelly's trouble was that he just didn't want it bad enough. Rather than campaign for the job, Kelly was having too much fun making noise. As for the uproar over his petition to the Supreme Court, even Kelly (who spent the weekend at the beach and was quite sunburned when he appeared in court) admits privately that it was a political maneuver. What amazed everyone was that the Court swallowed Kelly's bait.

But all things considered, I still find it difficult to criticize Kelly for his irreverent attitude toward student government. More so perhaps than did any of his opponents, John Kelly had a much deeper understanding of what is wrong with the university power structure. No matter who ultimately wins the presidency, be it Albright or Wilson, the winner can receive valuable advice from John Kelly and should make a positive effort to seek that advice.

And now there are two. At the moment, Albright looks like a winner. Wilson supporters hope for the same

miracle that upset Jed Dietz last year. However, Albright has a much larger lead than did Dietz. Added to Wilson's dismay is that fact that, as a party-switcher, many Student Party leaders pulled out in disgust when he won the nomination. Most of these leaders are quietly supporting Albright.

Had Kelly put more effort into it, we might be faced with a very different situation next Tuesday. But all that is history. In the center ring the spotlight now is on Albright and Wilson, and of the two only Albright seems to offer a welcome and much-needed change from the present establishment.

NSA Supported

On Tuesday, April 1, students will vote whether or not to disaffiliate from the National Student Association (NSA). As a number of students may not be familiar with NSA activities on this campus, I offer the following account.

UNC has been involved in the National Student Association since its founding in 1947. Since that time, every student body president and virtually every student leader at Carolina has attended NSA and benefited from its conferences, ideas, and training.

On campus, our pass-fail program and the Experimental College were direct outgrowths of UNC students' attending an NSA Congress; significant work on liberalization of women's rules, on student representatives to faculty committees, and on the orientation program have occurred as a result of NSA; NSA insurance, travel, publication, and ReCon services aid a large number of students every year.

Along with these benefits, our elected representatives meet with 1500 students from around the country every summer to debate political issues, but this campus nor our student government is bound by the policy declarations of the NSA

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