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Louisburg Students Submit Plans For Judiciary Board

The Case For Reform

(EDITORIAL)

Tonight the Men's Student Council will have in its hands a proposal to completely change and revamp the men's SGA. Before the council comes a proposed change so sweeping, so new, that its adoption would streamline the present student government system into a totally different creation.

This proposal has first been submitted to members of the administration and faculty and has met with their approval. It is an uncomplicated method of bi-cameral legislature similar to that being used successfully by other schools throughout the country.

It is simply a plan to add a judiciary branch of five students and five faculty members to the present single legislative branch system of student government.

The principal function of this new branch will be to hand down decisions on judiciary cases, mostly involving more serious offenses. These cases would include those dealing with expulsion.

By the present system the Student Council not only draws up the constitution, but hands down rulings on every type case. This proposed change would separate the functions, leaving to the Student Council rulings on the relatively minor infractions of the constitution.

The principal outlines of this plan were mapped out by a group of individual men students with no greater interest in mind other than the future of the college, a future that will see within three years the school enrollment increased to over 600.

With many more students the occurrences of code infractions will increase, and it is believed that a one branch system of government will not be able to handle adequately and fairly the number and diversity of cases before them.

Now in its embryo stage the plan will ask that the voting of the judiciary board be final, and that the faculty members be allowed one *less* vote than the student members. It has yet to be decided whether the final decisions would be by unanimous vote or by two-thirds vote.

In any case, the significance of the judicial board's power would lie in the finality of its decisions. A unanimous ruling, made by a board holding the strength of a firm balance between student and faculty interests, made with confidence that their decisions would be as sound and plausible as possible, and carried to the president with the strongest and most sensible recommendation, could completely erase uncomfortable delays that have been experienced in the past.

The student members of the judiciary board would be selected for candidacy according to proven superior responsibility and then elected by popular vote of the student body. This way it is hoped that the better qualified students will be those making rulings on the more serious cases.

The faculty members of the judiciary board would be chosen, partially or entirely, by the vote of the students, who should know better than anyone which teachers they would want if they had to face a judiciary board.

But it should be understood that the plan you see below is merely something to build on, a rough outline. It's got a long way to go before it attains any success at all.

And the Student Council has to start it on its way.

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Present Government Organization Change Before Council Tonight

By BILL GRIFFIN SPIVEY

Homecoming Day Hectic Affair

By PETER MAUPIN

Homecoming day at Louisburg was a hectic day in many ways.

Early in the morning, shouts and running feet could be heard in the dormitories. "Did you get that crepe paper?" and "Where did I put the Scotch tape?" were heard everywhere.

Later in the day, things were slowly reaching a fevered frenzy. People were running everywhere trying to find out who the few convertibles on campus belonged to, and finding out if they could be used in the parade. As it turned out, the cars ranged from a 1950 Plymouth to a 1959 Pontiac Bonneville convertible.

Louisburg's dime stores were practically sold out of crepe paper by noon. Much of the crepe paper was being put to use decorating several cars in front of the college gymnasium. Among these was the small English-made M.G. sponsored by the COLUMNS staff, gaily decorated in purple with several signs stating "Little But Loud—Columns," "Progressive College—Louisburg," "Progressive Paper—Columns," and "All the News — Read your College Newspaper—The Columns." This car carried the co-editors Bill Spivey and Audrey Allen, and a member of the staff, Miss Faye Mahler.

Many people missed their lunch on this day as the 2:00 deadline grew steadily nearer. Tempers grew short and shouts of "You'd better hurry up with that tape or we will never make it." were heard. Finally, everything was in readiness and the trek to the parade formation point was begun.

At the assembly point, everything was utter chaos. Tommy Patterson was frantically trying to keep up with all the cars that arrived and to assign them passengers. Others stood, looking quite bewildered by it all, right in the middle of the street. Traffic was completely blocked and many irritable words were heard from irate motorists.

Finally, at 2:15, the parade started. Although somewhat short, it apparently was a complete success.

Independent men students, counseled by faculty and administration members, will see their proposed plan for a change in student government organization go before the Student Council tonight. The plan for a Judiciary Board is regarded by many as an improvement with the interest in Louisburg College as a growing institution. With the hope that the plan will be adopted, this explanation is submitted to explain and make clearer the inter-working of such a judicial body.

This is the proposed plan for the Judiciary Board. It is not final but is subject to alteration once passed by the Student Council. There are to be ten members on the Judiciary Board. There will be five students. The first two are automatic members, the president of the Student Council and a male president or officer of the honor fraternity. The remaining three members from the student body are to be selected from a list of six candidates by popular vote from the male students. A list of faculty members will then be submitted and five members will be selected by vote of the student body. One of the five members picked will be a non-voting chairman and will preside over the meetings and maintain parliamentary procedure. This will give a voting ratio of five student votes and four faculty votes, with the non-voting chairman presiding. This five-four ratio of students and faculty will comprise the members of the Judiciary Board. This ratio will aid in getting the two-thirds vote needed to decide a case.

Now to discuss the manner in which cases reach the Judiciary Board. The Student Council will act as a grand jury. It will try cases of a more trivial nature, unless it decides that the case is deeper than it appeared, or it couldn't reach a decision. In such cases the Student Council will refer action to the Judiciary Board. The following is a list of cases that will automatically go before the Judiciary Board:

- 1—Third offenders of any Student Government law.
- 2—Drinking.
- 3—Un-gentleman-like conduct at games or events representing the school.
- 4—Dishonesty.
- 5—Gambling.
- 6—Improper social relations.

The Judiciary Board is definitely not to take any power away from the Student Government, but to aid it in reaching a just decision. Decisions reached by the Judiciary Board are hoped to be automatically upheld by the administration. Practically every school in the country has such a body already in operation. Reportedly, it has worked out quite well in all instances.

This plan was presented to Mr. York and Mr. McDonald in a private meeting. After due liberation and discussion, both agreed that the plan was an improvement and that much constructive thinking had gone into the plan by the drafting members. Several other members of the faculty have discussed the plan and have found it acceptable.

The decision now rests on the shoulders of the Student Council. It will be their decision that will mold the future of student government at Louisburg College.



In Homecoming Parade, the "Columns" displayed the above float, "Little But Loud."