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“... Task Forces At Work.”

Settle: No Word Yet From HEW

According to Dean of Students Carl Settle, neither he nor his office has received any word from H.E.W. yet.

Settle stated that two task forces were currently at work for equal rights and equality. The first group — the Affirmative Action Program — is chaired by Trustee Miss Lucy Bunt of Louisburg. It concerns the recruitment of faculty and staff, regardless of race or religion.

The second force operates in the area of student life. It has met twice to discuss issues such as dormitory policies, library hours, social rules, use of college facilities, and entertainment. The group will meet again March 23, and then make recommendations at the April 26 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In regard to his relation with

the SGA (Area newspapers had reported the organization was suspended), Settle said the Association was still functioning and had lost none of its privileges. However, Dean Settle now attends the weekly SGA meetings as advisor.

Investigation into the February 13 bombing outside of Dean Settle's office is continuing, with both FBI and SBI involvement. The Board of Trustees is offering \$1,000 for information about the incident. The AAUP and SGA are contributing \$100 and \$25, respectively.

Settle also commented, “I don't have the authority to change any (social) policy in the Handbook until it goes through Administrative channels. I do have a rather free hand in carrying out the existing policy.”

HEW Has Received More Complaints From Students

SGA President Lee Pearce recently stated that he had again been in contact with Mr. Louis Bryson, HEW official. The HEW Atlanta office has received several additional complaints from Louisburg students that the College is discriminatory in its social regulations, a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments. At this time, however, no official action has been taken in the matter.

Concerning the alleged disbandment of the SGA, Pearce said the organization is now in full working order and under no special restrictions.

“On February 13, Dean Settle informed us (the executive officers) that the SGA was dissolved,” related Pearce. “We immediately drew up a letter to HEW citing harassment. On the 15th, Settle notified us that we were reinstated. Of course, we wrote HEW again, canceling our previous letter, but for three days the SGA officially did not exist. It frightens me that one person has the power to restrict or abolish an elected organization without due process.”

Pearce commented that the Student Constitution gives the Dean of Students the right to attend Senate meetings, but states nothing of his attendance at the SGA business sessions. Settle is now an advisor to the group.

A token donation of \$25 has been offered by the SGA for information concerning the



Pearce, “Change Is Inevitable”

February 13 bombing incident. “I think this whole matter has been blown (Ed. note — no pun intended) out of proportion,” added Pearce, “and I think the students should be commended for their subsequent behavior.”

When asked about possible revision of the present Constitution, Pearce stated he would prefer a completely new one. He suggested monetary fines for infractions of specific social rules, and that the Judicial Board include faculty and administrators as well as students, with no one person having paramount authority. Pearce feels the SGA should definitely have more authority and be able to function more independently. According to Pearce, students

should make known their support for women's rights, as well as any other issues, by being vocal, not violent. They should contact their counselors, senators, and teachers, in addition to administrators. If this course of action is not effective, then Pearce stressed outside sources — lawyers, HEW, the Trustees, and the Civil Liberties Union.

In addition to its campaign for equal rights, the SGA is involved in numerous other projects. Several this semester include the sponsoring of the Bloodmobile visit, the SGA elections in April, an “Outstanding Professor” award (to be voted on by the student body and presented at Awards Day), and the Spring Week-end festivities.

‘Streaking’ Fad Comes To Campus

The week of March 4-9 was a very exciting and revealing one on campus. This was the week that “streaking” came to Louisburg.

Almost everyone knows what streaking is by now, but for those of you who have been locked in a closet or asleep for the past month or who just plain have not heard, here is an explanation. Streaking is running naked through public places. It is a national collegiate craze that has been given impetus by recent reports in national news magazines. It can be compared to past college fads such as swallowing goldfish and cramming people into telephone booths and Volkswagens.

The first report of streaking in Louisburg was in 1965. A lone streaker ran from the steps of Main to the statue and back on a \$5 bet according to one member of the administration. The nude runner collected his money, but the next morning he was “asked” to leave Louisburg College for all eternity.

The 1974 Louisburg streakers have not yet been subjected to such injustice. They have been allowed to roam freely across the campus unmolested.

The first couple of nights, the streakers were few and far between. Only a few brave souls were seen running across campus in the raw.

The streaking came to a head

Thursday night. About 250 male students gathered in front of Wright Dorm about 11:15. Most students kept their shirts (and pants) on but the streakers were able to make four major runs. Starting in front of the cafeteria, the streakers ran by Kenan, in front of Wright and on past Merritt. The girls in Kenan and Wright seemed to really enjoy and appreciate the runners as they clapped and yelled as the men went by. Out of the four organized runs, only about 75 men took part. They were observed and photographed by about 100 townspeople.

Trouble almost broke out twice during the evening. One individual tried to climb into one of

the windows on first Kenan. He was stopped and asked to leave the campus. Dean Settle asked another non-student to leave, and when the man resisted, a disturbance between students and a few non-students almost occurred. But level-headed thinking won out, and the intruders left peacefully.

The streakers seemed to be led by two or three major organizers. They tried to get things going in a big way, but most of the students were content to just stand and watch.

There seem to have been many motives behind the streakers. Some did it just for the hell of it. Some did it because everyone

else was doing it. Some did it to show off, some for a good time and excitement. Some did it to get the establishment upset and for the publicity. Another reason was the warm weather and a sort of “Spring Fever.”

Streaking serves several purposes. It relieves tension in a peaceful manner. It serves as a harmless outlet for aggression. It is not destructive. It is also a source of entertainment. It is something to do in a more or less boring period of time.

Well, no matter why the streakers do it — they do it, and at least until the next blizzard, streaking is here to stay for a while.