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# Students Need Representation

BY CHARLES PRATT

The list of students selected tentatively to sit on faculty committees is short. The restrictions now set for student representation on particular faculty committees is the reason for this lack of participation, and thus the restrictions limit the influence of those who do take part. It is defeating the purpose of any student representation to limit student effect by reducing their numbers to such a small minority that they are powerless.

There is a need to expand the sphere of influence of students to include further representation on existing faculty-student committees, and to extend student representation to the Faculty Executive Committee, the Board of Admissions, and the Board of Trustees. East Carolina University has requested that two students be made full voting members of the Board of Trustees, and another college in North Carolina has accepted student representation on its admissions Board.

The ultimate goal for students and faculty should be equal representation on faculty committees just as there exists equal faculty participation on the Student Life Committee. The concept of co-operative operation of the college is appealing for a number of reasons.

One of the benefits would be a better faculty-student communication over a much broader range of interests. Also, through this communication, conflict of interest such as the recent misunderstandings over moratorium day activities, and the use of the college bus for off-campus functions, could be discussed on a much more organized and structured basis.

Student representation on the Faculty Executive Committee would be invaluable for the reason the FEC is such an all inclusively powerful group. It is responsible for student life; it is responsible for faculty problems, all of which affect and trouble students equally as much as faculty and administration, perhaps more so in some cases. If the FEC insists upon dealing in student affairs, then it must accept the fact that it cannot hope to work in isolation from students, and still maintain any type of objectivity and competence.

A reason for student participation on the Admissions Board would be the benefit of using the potential college experience as a basis for admission, rather than purely academic and extra-curricular requirements. Also with the new emphasis upon equitability in admissions policies, and yet still with the necessity of coping in this present college environment, the current student is better prepared to advise and judge what type of person would be better able to survive under present conditions. A variety of people in the student body is necessary for a well-rounded, questioning, and changing experience, at St. Andrews, but as students become more and more involved in the operations of dorms and dorm life, they are gaining the ability to judge who would "fit in" best.

Without representation on the Board of Trustees, student participation on other committees is fruitless. Without any way to communicate and decide student needs at the highest level of control, there can be no viable way of enacting rules and policies which will reflect both student and college interests.

Traditionally, the Board of Trustees concerns itself more with what effect policy changes will have on future financial benefits, for the college, than with student interests. It has little contact with students and student issues. The only way the Board of Trustees becomes aware of student needs is through Dr. Hart. This has been the traditional approach to running the college, but it is no longer applicable or desirable today. An essential part of the college is its students, and as essential part, students should be allowed to add to the total betterment of the college. Therefore, with students on the Board of Trustees, a whole new and necessary dimension will be opened to this group.

The point for student representation is not power, but contribution. The college should take advantage of its student body.

# Demonstrators For Peace

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sang with Pete Seeger ' All We are saying is give Peace a chance'. As the afternoon wore on, the crowd dwindled as freezing marchers sought refuge

from under 35 degrees temperatures and sharp winds, in cars, the Smithsonian Institute or various coffee shops nearby. The group resembled nothing so much as a huge football crowd, elated by its unity and sense of victory, yet not knowing exactly what lay ahead.

It is difficult to conceive of a group as large as that assembled last week without any disturbances. Yes, then, there were some disturbances--two of enough importance to gain national press coverage, as reliable or unreliable criterion as that may be.

On Friday night, the Youth International Party ("Yippies") and the "Contingent in Solidarity with the Vietnamese People" sponsored a rally at Dupont circle, an interchange of several major streets. It was announced beforehand that, although a permit was issued solely for the rally within the confines of the circle, the group was planning to march several blocks to the South Vietnam Embassy to protest the so-called "puppet government". On the alert, police were

surrounding the area to prevent any organized marching. It was fun and games and a good time was had by all for the first several hours as police shot tear gas canisters at the head of various streets to disperse the crowds. In the cold, and windy updrafts, the tear gas rapidly dissipated and masses of people just as rapidly re-gathered to watch the action. Tear gas did get to the unprepared, however, and several people were involved in minor scuffles. Finally, sometime after midnight there was an outbreak of window smashing. The night of "violence" in the streets drew to a close, and a draw.

The other incident took place on Saturday afternoon with a march on the "Department of Injustice". Several thousand rally-goers moved the end of the field, and across the street to the building, surrounding it and making somewhat futile attempts to gain entrance--futile, because there were a large number of troops inside the building. The demonstrators were successful, however, in symbolically splashing red paint over the building and in running up a Viet Cong flag. Other isolated incidents, as well as these, were looked on by the majority of observers with tolerance and a simple allowance of the expression of differing views. The greater number of marchers came peacefully to protest the war and did not participate in this type of incident.

The most fun came late at night. It was seehowmanypeopleyoucancrowdintoaslittlefloor spacepossible across Washington in homes invaded by hordes of marchers. People gathered around bottles, t.v. sets or the nearest radiator for

warmth, comfort, and bed-side analysis. Food was catch as catch can, eaten on the run. It was an object of speculation the numbers of peanut butter and jelly and bologna sandwiches and hot dogs consumed by any given group. Ovens became drying ovens for damp clothes rather than a cooking instrument. Bathrooms were subjected to overflow crowds, and even to overflow johns.

As lights went off and record players blared Phil Ochs, thin blankets were spread over hard floors and the prime bed mate was the warmest person around.

It was a beautiful weekend. Tired, cold, yet strangely fulfilled, marchers straggled home with yet one question remaining--where do we go from here in protesting the war?

## Incidents

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had scoured the area, why weren't there patrols still around to prevent the final incident? There is a very real need for an organized, unified security force which will be continuously available and which has the strength to carry through investigations of disturbances.

Dr. Hart, in an interview last night, said that a second security officer had been hired and will be on duty beginning Monday. The delay was caused by his former job commitments. Evincing concern about the situation, Hart pointed out that student involvement in searching for such a offender could lead to possible charges of assault and battery or false arrest. It is expected that extra maintenance forces will be patrolling the campus this weekend.

## Recital Planned

An evening of music for oboe and piano will be performed by Stephen Adelstein, oboist, and Herbert Horn, pianist, on Monday evening, December 1, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Auditorium.

Stephen Adelstein, internationally known concert oboist, is a member of the faculty of the North Carolina School of the Arts and plays in the celebrated Clarion Wind Quintet. Dr. Herbert Horn, a member of the faculty of St. Andrews, has taught at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the University of Hawaii and the University of Redlands. He has appeared as soloist with the Chicago and Seattle Symphony Orchestras.

The program will consist of sonatas for oboe and piano by Handel, Poulenc, Hindemith, and Gordon Jacob. Dr. Horn will also play a group of piano solos by Brahms.

The recital will be free and open to the general public.

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