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Efforts Produce No Change In Problems

BY MARSHALL GRAVELY

The end of the semester and the rapid approach of 1973 provides a time for SA students to assess the happenings on campus since September. From this assessment, it is only natural to try to find the relation between these events. Each student who is interested will inevitably try to find some meaning or central issue which can relate all the multi-faceted issues of Fall 1972. It is in this spirit, then, that I would like to offer the thesis that this semester has been, in essence, much ado about nothing. (apologies to W. Shakespeare)

I say this because it seems that all the campus issues and debates have been characterized only by the lack of meaningful results which have been produced. Not that there has not been much effort made by many people -- just that their efforts look like a waste.

The first illustration of what I mean comes to mind in looking at the performance of the Senate and Cabinet. The members and officers are to be commended for trying, but it seems that each issue brought before them has not been resolved. In particular are the controversy over the yearbook, the incidents of the panty raid, and the structure of the Senate and Student Association itself.

As Phil Bradley noted in his Dialogue of 12/4, student interest is at an all-time low. The Senate is said by many to be a very unrepresentative body. They attempted to deal with student pressure to change the yearbook format, but the result was a compromise so balanced that it meant no real change. The Student Association really tried to handle the matters resulting from the panty raid, but Dr. Hart took final action when he wasn't satisfied with the results and thus demonstrated graphically what many students have long felt -- that there is no real

power in the student organizations.

The lack of relevance of many student attempts at change was further demonstrated by the problem of resignations from several bodies. Rare is the organization which has not lost at least one officer to resignation. The Senate has been reduced by several members, and those who are still on it are as aware as everyone else who cares that they do not provide meaningful representation for the students.

All of this leads to an answer to the question posed in Bradley's dialogue. What should the Senate do? A very real answer would be to have it abolish itself. The same is true for other organizations which have tried to produce change. Rather than get involved in futile attempts, scrap the present system and re-design one which can be representative and which has some power -- one which can produce some real change.



Letter From Outsider Comments On SA Yearbook

With one exception, I wish my college that I am attending now would produce such a yearbook as yours of the year 1971-72. How well the human situation is displayed ranging from the loneliness of college life to the hypocrisy of our many feelings.

Attitudes were portrayed so that they identify with any college student anywhere in this country. The Student-Faculty or should I say, Faculty-Student communication (p.224) show excellent involvement in the search for better solutions for the entire Laurinburg community. The photos were ideal--especially those concerned with sports (all showing the "sense of team" awareness whether depicting the hard life, individual spirit or school spirit). Who would ever imagine a sport to include ice packs and gum (p. 218) the lifting of a low sock (p.200), and the mystery of a team (p. 204)? There pictures of custodians together with the faculty showed the concern of the editor for a well developed progressive liberal arts education flourishing at SA. The people at SA must have concern for the education that they are receiving - judging from my reactions to the intelligent, articulate thoughty ex-different comments throughout the yearbook. The smiling faces of the

seniors bring joy to my heart for many reasons.

I wish the pictures were in color-but then, I guess the editorial staff wanted to create a drab set-up.

Karen Kennedy has a lot to realize. Her comment:

"This yearbook was based on the assumption that SA people must speak for themselves, for the differences in attitudes and worldviews are so wide as to make it foolhardy for one person to attempt to speak for all." (p. 264)

Is this an honest conclusion to a year of college thought? I sin-

cerely doubt it. Even though I am not a student of SA, I somehow sense that the scales of balance (of attitudes Here) were weighted on ne end of the scale. I don't think the "differences in attitudes and world-

views" were expressed in this yearbook. I had to look very hard for varied opinions. I am sure that SA has some sense of optimistic awareness.

(judging from my visit to SA two years ago and from my

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Lack Of Patrol Due To Understaffing

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Dear Jeff:

The November 16, 1972, issue of THE LANCE raised the question as to where was Security at 3:00 a. m. the morning of an accident near the college campus. I would share with you our situation so that there will be no misunderstandings of the security schedule.

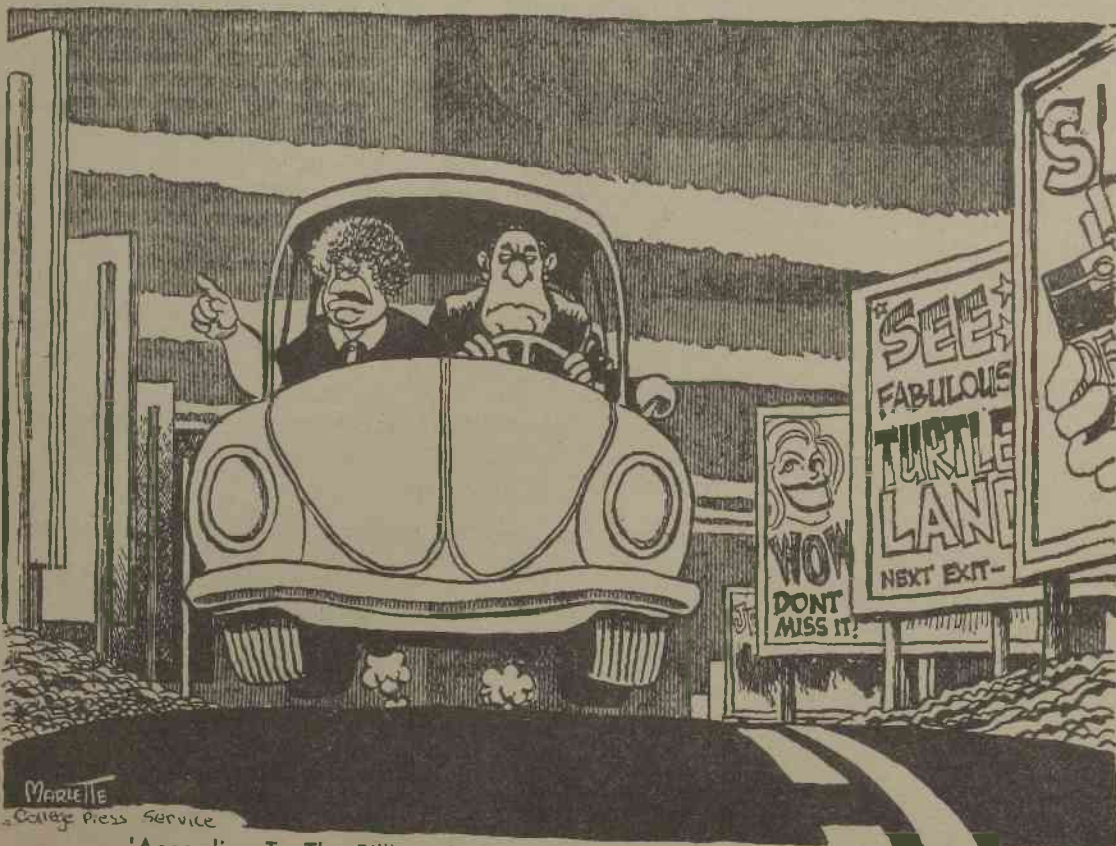
In a seven-day week, there are twenty-one eight-hour shifts to be covered. A three-man security force allows us to cover five times three, or fifteen, of the twenty-one shifts. Therefore, some discretion is required in terms of which hours are left uncovered--should they be the same hours?--should they be day or night hours? Our procedure has been to vary those hours when

the security officers are away so that persons intent on theft, as an example, would never be able to identify those uncovered hours.

I would also call to your attention the fact that a security officer is always available and we have done our best to specify this fact by listing appropriate phone numbers in every single issue of the newsletter which comes from the Office of Student Personnel Services to every dorm president, vice-president, and suite leader. There have been clear instructions that these be posted.

We greatly appreciate the actions which you personally took on the morning of the accident. However, had you phoned Mr. ReVile's home (one of the listed numbers), he would have responded to your request for aid as quickly as he did mine. Thanks for your help and concern.

Most cordially yours,
 Rodger W. Decker
 Dean of Students
 RWD/mqt



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