

CONSOLATION FOR A LOSER

One of the necessary evils of elections is that someone must lose. The same is true with the Miss Winston-Salem State elections. The campaign for Miss Winston-Salem State is a vigorous struggle between the Junior and Senior classes. During this campaign the hopes and aspirations of two of the most outstanding women on our campus are put on the line.

Although both are well qualified to serve in the capacity of Miss Winston-Salem State, one must lose. However, the tradition here at WSSC does not allow for any consolation whatsoever for the loser. Many colleges and universities have adopted the idea of extending the title of **Miss Homecoming** to the loser. Such a policy at WSSC surely would not harm the authenticity of the election but would serve as a consolation to the loser.

The Miss Homecoming title would make the bearer a queen for a day, while Miss Winston-Salem State reigns the entire year.

Educational Experience!!

The question has arisen as to whether the Miss Winston-Salem State contest is an educational experience. The great amount of rivalry between the two factions during the campaign caused some few to doubt the educational value of the election. During any strenuous, hard-fought campaign (especially American political campaigns) there is bitterness and attempts at corruption.

This is also true here at State on a smaller scale, of course. Therefore, if one of the by-products of the Miss WSSC elections is to educate us in the practices and procedures of American elections, it is definitely an experience of merit.

This, however, does not mean for us to condone corrupt practices. On the contrary, it is hoped that those people who are in position to deal with such actions will do so, although there is substantial evidence that all of us do not entertain this view and definite cases where some persons have in a sense encouraged them. In the past campaign there were persons in such positions who failed to do their duty and intentionally overlooked some irregular procedures. When cases such as this occur, guilty parties can only be penalized (and it is believed that they are) by their conscience. But we learn politics by playing with these types of people also, be they students or faculty members.

Other Campaign Problems

Another phase which could be altered is the method of running the precinct. This is the place where the election should leave the hands of the students and be taken over by the faculty. Students should not be allowed to work on the precincts at all. As long as there are students who participate in the various campaigns and have already conceived their choice candidate, there is a remote chance that they may be tempted into dishonest political practices, and endanger the authenticity of the election.

Although there is no doubt that past elections have been honestly run, the very idea is absurd that for the last two years, at least, a prominent leader of one of the contending factions has also been the president of the group that is supposed to be supervising and governing the elections. As many would say, "it is the principle of the thing."

One of the presidents of this group supervision has publicly expressed his opinion that if the opposite class candidate had won he would not feel right because of her classification. Let that person be reminded that we elect our queens on personal qualities. The number of hours alone cannot even make one eligible to graduate, and it definitely does not qualify one for a title. This same person made it known during the election that he believed only seniors should run. Actions such as this make it necessary to ask that elections be not supervised by the Student Council, but by the faculty.

The Junior-Senior struggle for Miss Winston-Salem State is traditional and should not be eliminated merely because one person has it as his desire to change it.

If, in the future, the campaigns proper at WSSC are allowed to be carried out by the students, and supervised and controlled by the faculty; and if a consolation title is provided for the loser, the elections will indeed become an educational experience.

—Coleman Freeman

FUGITIVE EQUIPMENT

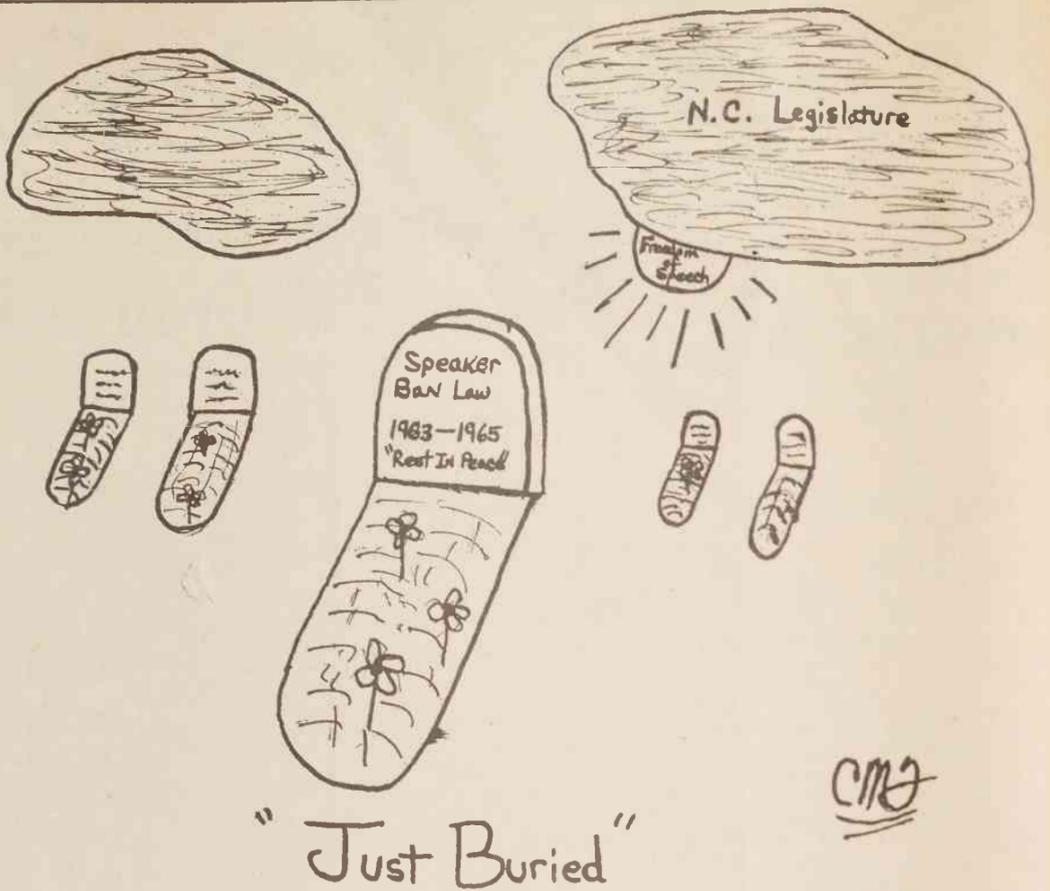
Recently the News Argus experienced the loss of a desk from its office. In checking upon the whereabouts of this desk it was found to have been taken to the Student Aid Office for a secretary. Although the staff of the News Argus does not in the least mind this secretary having a desk, we do not think that we are responsible for providing one. This removal is being referred to as a "theft" because no one connected with the News Argus was notified before or after its removal.

Whenever a student or groups of students on this campus wish to voice complaints, the administration consistently tells them to voice these complaints to the right department. However, finding the right department seems to be a run-around affair, and in many cases the complaints are not investigated. Therefore, in an effort to avoid this calamity we, the staff of the News Argus, are voicing this complaint of the removal of this desk, where it is most fitting and proper that it should be voiced, and where any department should see it; in the News Argus. Please consider this a formal complaint to whom it may concern.

Because of the necessity of our equipment, this desk and any of our other paraphernalia are vital to our operations.

From time to time we receive complaints about the irregularity of the News Argus. We have stated before that this is mainly due to the lack of an adequate staff. But, now we shall list a second reason, lack of proper equipment and someone's philosophy that if someone else in the college family needs equipment it can be easily obtained from the office of the News Argus. However, remembering the text of many of our college president's speeches to the student body about the investigation of properly placed complaints, we expect a speedy replacement of our equipment.

—Coleman Freeman, Editor



Letter to Editor FREEDOM OF SPEECH PRESERVED

Dear Faculty and Officials of our great school:

Please hear our plea. We, the students of Winston-Salem State College are at a state of confusion, and we need patience, understanding, and conferences, along with guidance.

We are faced with the problem of understanding what has gone on and what will go on in classes such as mathematics, chemistry, and French. Some of us need to be tutored in these courses. Some of us need explanations on terms that we ourselves cannot understand.

We realize that we don't put our best foot forward. We could study harder and we should place our values on education first. There are some of us who really don't know how to place these values.

We have some students who get smart in classes; however, if you look into these students, you will find that they are having a time adjusting or some emotional problem that they need someone older to confer with. If you would take time to try to understand some of these problems we feel that we would not only grow in the educational terms but also in the maturity level of our lives.

We have problems, but who do we have to turn to? Some of our classmates who are on the same level? They really don't have the experience of helping us find the right answers, which are usually the wrong answers? Will you help us? Will you give us a chance to prove our worthiness? Will you give us a chance to find ourselves? Will you give us guidance?

To the students: will you place your values? Will you start conferring with those you need to confer with? Will you take advantage of this education?

—Patricia Jackson

The speaker ban has been amended and the state does not have to worry about losing the accreditation of its colleges and universities. In spite of this, there remains the problem of state leaders bringing all divided factions back in harmony. The episode of the speaker ban law has caused much interest and dissatisfaction.

Also, it exhibits some of the principles of democracy, and for us as students of Winston-Salem State College this has been an educational experience directly and indirectly. Although there probably are some of us who have given the ban little attention, it has and can provide much conversion which would be relevant to procedures and actions of past governments in history.

Freedom of speech, one of our most prized possessions, was the cry of those who wished for a repeal of the ban. In regard to the principles of the way of democracy, it is not always feasible to let freedom of speech exist without restraint, especially in the area of government, that is, where there is talk of overthrowing the present government.

The regulation of such speakers should be controlled by the college administration with regard to the effect it may have on those who are or will be involved. The amendment has provided for this.

The ban, directed against Communists mainly, now brings to mind the old saying, "How can you fight your enemy if you don't know him?" The exposition of today's college students to communism would be more beneficial than harmful, providing that all things are equal. Keeping the average person from being exposed to Communism only makes it easier for Communists to come in and plant their doctrines under a disguise.

Democracy thrives on knowledge, and Communism thrives on ignorance of facts. The American way of life is not truly democratic, for the freedoms of minorities are often taken away and must accept a lower status in life. Without a complete follow-through of all the principles of democracy to all people, Communism will take its hold and make the gains that are lost by democracy.

Now that the accreditation of this college and other state-supported colleges is out of danger, and the freedom of speech principles have been regained, let us all take a closer look at one of our most prized and valuable possessions, **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**.

—Coleman Freeman

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

With the swift, brutally cold weather disturbing the thoughts and comfort of the students, many may not have noticed that a number of new students have arrived on campus for the second semester.

All new students, freshmen and otherwise, are welcome to join their fellow students, not merely in the misery of the frigid temperature, but also in the warmth of our hearts. We are happy to have you here with us.

May your stay create new friendships and new knowledge to benefit you, the college and all mankind.

—The Staff

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