

### THE AMERICAN PROMISE

Nearly 100 years have elapsed since the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the American constitution were passed. And America has yet to make good the promises of these laws to the Negro people. Thus, this constitution has been, until recently, little more than a farce for the Negro. As a beautiful document it contained legislation which theoretically equalizes the Negro rather than give him meaningful results.

This failure of America to take these laws and the Negro seriously has frustrated and pushed him into a revolution. But the paradox of the whole business is that the Negro has been the victim rather than the aggressor of his own revolution. He has suffered all kinds of inhumane abuses including approximately 4,000 known lynchings, and other cowardly forms of murder. All for which a just retribution has never been made. And the irony of it all is the fact that the Negro has been fighting this revolution with non-violence as his weapon.

One may compare this revolution to a drama. There are many actors each playing the part of Moses. NAACP — THE LOBBYIST AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY; NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE — BIG BROTHER TO NEGROES LIVING IN THE BIG CITY; CORE AND SNCC — RADICAL PROTESTORS.

However, a new character has been added to this drama. He may be called the villain because he is pulling against that which has been the whole purpose for the struggle.

THE BLACK NATIONALIST preaches separation from the white man, and a fight for a black nation. But before there can be any attempt to separate the black man from the white, there must be clear distinction made (who is really white and who is really black.) And since the institution of slavery allowed the white slave master to force sexual relations upon the Negro women slaves, the American Negro has become a heterogenous race. Therefore the idea of separation is not only absurd and unrealistic, but highly impossible.

The Negro is a true believer of the American creed. Through-out all of the spilling of his blood, guts, and burning flesh, he has remained a fighter for the principles of human rights so stipulated in the constitution. Among these rights is the right to be black and equal. America has to realize that she has got to take the Negro's claim seriously. He has blown her hypocrisy into full view.

—M. P. Bowman

### A SIMPLE FACT

Some things are best said when simply stated.

Simply stated, we sincerely hope that this college never again commits a travesty on the intelligence of the student body such as took place in the guise of an A-W-A-R-D-S D-A-Y assembly this month.

This is a simple fact!

### FINDING SOLUTIONS

Members of the News Argus staff have been sought out repeatedly as a kind of sounding block for many of the gripes and grievances which we, as students of W.S.S.C., seem to be heir to. These complaints vary from the lack of stimulating activities during any one calendar month to the almost absurd kind and number of restrictions set by the administration which degrade our existence as mature individuals attending an institution of higher learning.

These various indignations are noteworthy, and they do merit all of the consideration that we can possibly give to them. But a new type of spirit will have to engulf the entire student body long before any appreciable constructive results can be obtained. Students must first learn to pull together like each and every last link of a chain or continue suffering the same fate which apparently seems so hard to bear.

Summer vacation is now at hand. Perhaps the fall term may bring with it more of a desire to work for tangible results. Not only should students be able to articulate the ends they seek, but they must also be prepared to labor for them. And if there are those who are not willing

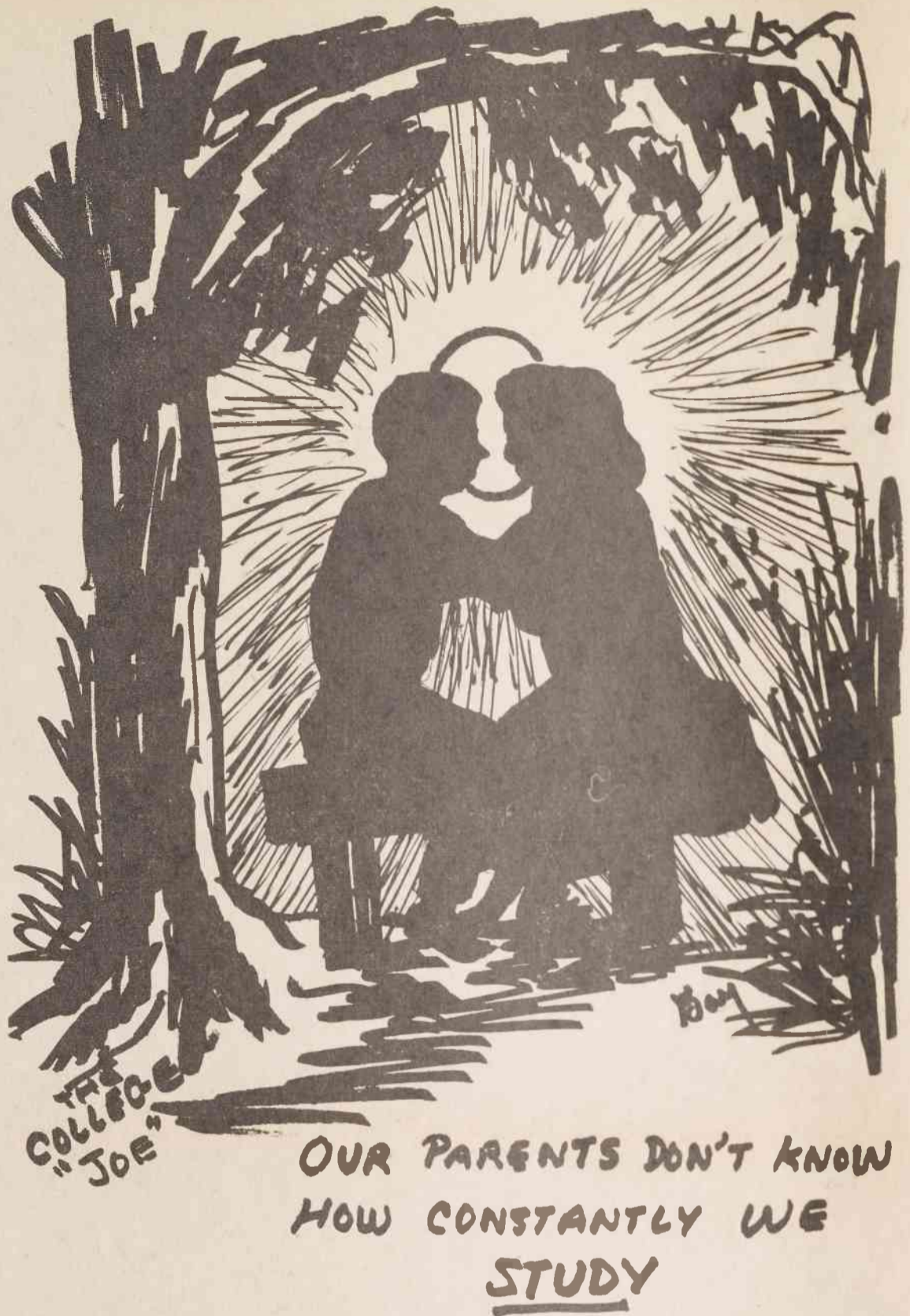
to put any effort into such endeavors, then it would be wise for them to stand aside and not interfere with the attempts of others.

It is too easy to convey mere words of vexation to a respectable ear without ever having to be identified with them but this in itself will never bring about the expected change. It is tragic that in many instances the very persons who complain most are the last to strive for the ends they seek. Rather than support or build up the organizations working directly with student interest in mind, these people tear down the very foundations that they refuse to help build up. An example of this was seen in the lack of support, or even common courtesy, extended to fellow students during the fashion and talent shows held this semester.

Students are inclined to forget that if they do not choose to support their own, surely no one else will.

This newspaper is forever seeking new ways to serve the campus as a whole. It would gladly support that which creates the spirit we must have in order to be heard, and heard we must be.

—John Blunt



### Liberal Party Answers Questions Posed by Mayo

In an interview with Liberal Party heads, President Ira McCollough and Vice President Coleman Freeman responded to statements made by Melvin Mayo, Student Council president. They expressed the opinion that the lackadaisicalness of the students described by Mayo is partly due to an inefficient council and inactive party leadership.

"Although Mr. Mayo was elected through our party, he has not exhibited the exuberant type of leadership that the party expected," stated Freeman. "Everyone knows that the council has been inactive through-

out most of the year after holding a few meetings at the beginning of the year. However the blame certainly should not be placed entirely on Mr. Mayo, the council, or the students."

McCollough interjected that the greatest portion of censure belongs to the leadership of both parties. "We were not active enough; we did not push them," he said. "The party machines must become active and continue to be so throughout the year. If both parties had been active this past year, they could have been stimulants to the council. Failure to serve this purpose in the future will continue to cause serious deficiencies in our student government and eventually will lead to the death of the two-party system on this campus."

They stated, however, that since this was the first year of operating the two-party system at Winston-Salem State, they felt improvements would come. The Liberals feel that Mayo

is in error when he states that students do not channel their problems to the right people. Freeman said:

"We thought we were electing a sensitive council, one that would be able to feel the student problems through contact. We are of the opinion that problems that are informally brought to the attention of any Student Council member should be duly reported to the council for investigation, and if needed, further action."

Both McCollough and Freeman made it clear that this difference of opinion does not mean that the party is not 100% behind Mayo. They agree that the student body should push for academic concessions as well as social activities.

Freeman said, "It is time for everyone to stop trying to find a scapegoat on which to place the blame for the problems that occur. Only through the combined efforts of the entire college family can these problems be eliminated." —Lawrence Starks

### For Better Intramurals

The intramural program for the 1966-67 year was carefully planned and organized at the start of the school year. The program never got to first base.

First, the gymnasium was closed on some occasions, and it was not available on others. Second, games were supposedly rescheduled, but they were never played. Third, other games were cancelled for no apparent reason.

It is hoped that the Physical Education department will draw up another program next year — and that the student body will participate fully in intramural sports. —Raymond McKie

### THE BEER DRINKING SERVICE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The sanctuary is a beer hall, dirty and crude The congregation is dusty, red-faced, and dry The hymn is a loud and raucous din The prayers are for good yields, good prices, and rain It is the religion of the farmer of the northern plain Where men worship the God of golden grain And give their souls to a section of land. —Carol Leiboldt

### THE NEWS ARGUS

The News Argus is published periodically by the students of Winston-Salem State College with offices in the Student Lounge Building on campus.

Editor ..... Mary P. Bowman  
Associate Editors ..... Peter Davis and Sonny Goodman  
Business Manager ..... Lawrence Starks  
Art Editor ..... William H. Gay, Jr.  
Reporters ..... Barbara Tuck, John Blunt, Roslyn Banks, Janet Beckett, Mattie Guy, Yvonne Govan, Carolyn Gilmore, Rosa Sherrard, John Brown, Carol Leiboldt, Joyce Pettis, Raymond McKee, and Brenda Lattimore.

Typists ..... Lois Harris and Selma Glaise  
Photographer ..... James M. Graham