

Let Trustees Decide Who Speaks

As odious as the Communist Speaker Ban Law is, outright repeal would not represent a satisfactory solution. The paramount question which has engendered from this controversy is: how much control shall the North Carolina General Assembly exercise over the policy of State-supported colleges and universities?

At the present time the General Assembly and the trustees and administrators of the State's colleges are engaged in a violent tug-of-war with the General Assembly apparently winning. The final outcome is due to be decided in the near future when the Speaker Ban Study Commission makes its recommendations. However, the Study Commission is only empowered to make recommendations; therefore, the conclusive decision is left with the Governor. Since he led the drive to establish the Study Commission, this would tend to indicate that he would rigidly adhere to its recommendations.

The Governor is too astute a politician to snatch this plum from the General Assembly without having a State-wide consensus behind him. The most distressing fact surrounding the entire controversy is that most polls indicate that over half of the people of the State are in favor of the law. All is not as ominous as it might overtly appear; more rational men might succumb to the threat of loss of accreditation by State-supported schools if the Speaker Ban Law is allowed to remain in existence.

Since the tumult appears to be primarily concentrated around the Consolidated University, this may foster beliefs that there might possibly be a way for North Carolina College to escape the entire labyrinth. Unfortunately not. This time North Carolina College and the Consolidated University are in the same bag.

Student Congress Must React

The *Campus Echo* predicts great accomplishments from President Daye and the new Student Government administration. The "Great New Era" might blossom into a small scale replica of the "Great Society." This does not mean that the present Student Congress must also be a replica of the Eighty-Ninth Congress.

The Student Congress should exist in fact as well as in name. It should not rubber stamp any legislation submitted to it for ratification without first scrutinizing it and, in some cases, presenting constructive alternatives for consideration. In this way the Student Congress can do its part in promoting the "Great New Era" on the North Carolina College campus.

The *Campus Echo* feels that Greek Letter Organizations play a vital role in collegiate affairs. As long as the Greeks continue to enrich the lives of North Carolina College students, the *Campus Echo* is unequivocally behind them.

The *Echo* also expects big things from the basketball team this year. With all the talent on the present squad, a seeding in the CIAA Tournament should be virtually assured.

The luxuriously new Chidley Hall Annex represents the epitome in affluence on the North Carolina College campus. However, unadjustable shower knobs and the absence of soap trays and clothes hangers all go to show that you cannot have everything.

The hammering rising from the new women's dorm under construction focuses attention on a deplorable but hopefully moribund condition at North Carolina College. Our women students deserve the opportunity for on-campus residence and this hammering is helping to make it possible. The new dorm will not solve the problem completely, but it is a step in the right direction.

Perry Views Roles Of Students

By Raymond Perry

I would like to begin by extending the hand of welcome to the freshmen and new students and to the Eagles who have returned to the nest—Welcome. Together we can make this year one of the most glorious years in the history of North Carolina College.

With this in mind let me point out some of the duties performed by the vice-president of the Student Government. First, he is to assist the President in the implementation of various plans during the course of the year. Second, the vice-president of the Student Government automatically becomes the presiding officer of the Student Congress.

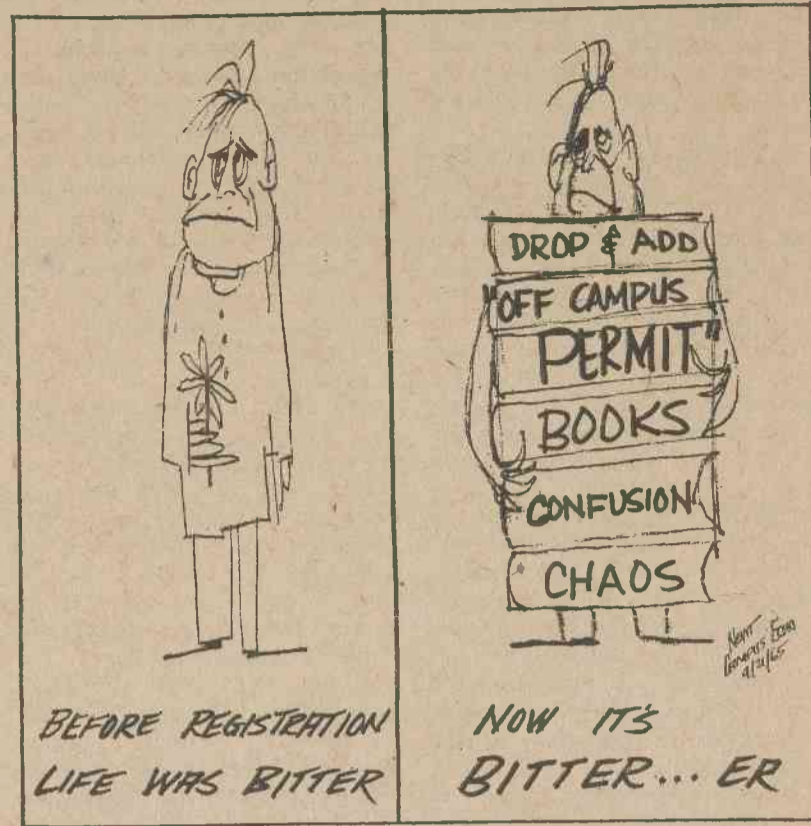
As the official student legislative body, the Student Congress, with a membership of 52, can be one of the greatest forces for instituting desirables, effective measures that will expose and correct the worse among all who are concerned about the growth and development of "dear ole NCC," from the college president to each freshman. The Student Congress of last year made great strides. As our college expands, however, it becomes vitally important that its students become more politically aware.

Last year the student body attempted, with some measure of success, to formulate a strong two-party system on campus. The Student Party (which is now the party in power) and the United Campus Party fervently debated many campus issues. The most formidable opponent of both parties proved, however, to be the lethargical attitude of the general student body. Even though the Student Party swept the campus by an overwhelming margin, political victory on campus is questionable, because out of a student body population of over 2,600 only 757 voted.

Freshman elections are now pending. An invigorating sense of political awareness is anticipated. The freshmen are urged to seriously consider becoming one of your 13 class representatives to the Student Congress. New measures in a new era demand new people with new ideas—meaning you. The challenge is yours.

Concerning the welfare of our campus, I say to the returning seniors, juniors and sophomores, let us reinvigorate. To the freshmen, let us rejuvenate the political atmosphere of our campus so that all students working together can make our President's "Great New Era" not only new but rewarding.

Campus Scene (REGISTRATION)



New Law On Homosexuality Viewed

By Reverend Henry Elkins

The N. C. Legislature, passed, in May, a new law which incorporates changes advocated in a resolution prepared by the N. C. College Baptist Student Union. Last spring the Baptist Student Union did extensive research on the problem of homosexuality in North Carolina. As a result of their study they introduced a resolution in the North Carolina Baptist Student Leadership Conference. The resolution was passed and was forwarded to every member of the Legislature at the end of April. The Legislature was then involved in preliminary study of the problem. The new law was passed at the end of May. While the Baptist Student claims no credit for the passage of the new law, the B. S. U. did add substantially to the enlightened public support for the bill by helping to focus the attention of many citizens on the problem.

The old law, Code 14-177,

under Article 26 read as follows: "Crime Against Nature—If any person shall commit the abominable and detestable crime against nature, with mankind or beast, he shall be imprisoned in the State's prison not less than five or more than 60 years." The old law came from the English penal code and dated back to the time of Henry VIII, 1491-1547. This law was probably enforced on his fifth wife, Catharine Howard, who was executed. The case of Maxine Perkins (male) of Charlotte made national news in the fall of 1964 when Howard was sentenced to 20 years under the North Carolina law.

The N. C. C. Baptist Student Union argued that a primary defect of the old law was that it provided for no rehabilitation. Prison was mandatory and once in prison homosexuals tended to be grouped together. As Alexander Bickel of Yale Law School argued, putting a homosexual in prison was like throwing Brer Rabbit in the briar patch.

The new law deletes the adjectives "abominable and detestable" and does away with the mandatory prison sentence. A convicted individual may now be "fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court." The Baptist Student Union still feels that the new law is weak in that it does not provide explicitly for psychiatric care for those who desire such treatment and could profit thereby. The Institute of Government is now studying this aspect and will make a recommendation to the 1967 Legislature.

The premise on which the Baptist Student Union based its argument is that since all men and women have latent homosexual tendencies, overt homosexuals must be considered not as members of a third sex but rather as human beings who deserve Christian love and concern.

Andrew Kingberry served as Chairman of the Committee which prepared the resolution. Other members of the committee were Frank Williams, who is president of the B. S. U., Tom Richardson, Shirley Barfield, Lillian Avent, Naomi Myers, and Helen Lucas. The Baptist Student Union is a part of the United Campus Christian Ministry at North Carolina College.

Wake Up, Study

By Carrie Barnes
Honor Graduate 1964

"Oh, what's the use of studying? I'll go to the dance tonight even if I do have a physics test tomorrow. I can always make up the grade on the next test."

Many students at North Carolina College are taking this attitude toward their school work considering it a secondary vexation to be done only when there is nothing else to do. They do everything else first and their studying as an afterthought. To top that off, these same students who are not willing to study and earn good grades end up being parasites at examination time—either by using a "corral of horses," for they can no longer be called "ponies," or by copying from a classmate's paper.

In many cases, students do not know how to study correctly; consequently, finding other things to do is an easy way out for them.

When they do study, they usually attempt it with the radio or television playing, accomplishing nothing of great significance.

A capital suggestion would be to study in a designated (Continued on Page 3)

Campus Pulse

By Pat Washington

Oh! So "cleanliness is next to Godliness," eh? Yet we must eat with hands hardened with the filth accumulated from carrying books and handling pens, pencils, chalk, and other class instruments from opening doors, and—even that filth accumulated from the mere rhythmical swinging of the hands while walking. After all there are no basins available in the area of the cafeteria, you know. Oh yes! Of course, we could go in, get our trays and place them at our places and then run quickly over to the Health Center to wash our hands—Oops!—That's closed during lunch hours. Then may- (Continued on Page 3)

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