

NCC Campus Queens Abound

Every year this time, pretties, politics, and pigskins dominate the campus life at NCC. This year is no exception.

With each organization picking a "chic" young lady to represent them, it seems that every girl and her sister are some type of queen. Not that NCC cannot afford this superfluity of royal majesty, but one wonders exactly which queen inherits the highest rung in NCC's regal hierarchy.

Miss NCC is elected the previous year but her coronation is not until a week after Miss Homecoming is elected and a week before the Homecoming spectacular. It might appear that Miss NCC is treading upon the hallowed ground of Miss Homecoming. Evidently not, this is a precedent at NCC and precedents are not easily changed. But does this make it right?

Among proposed solutions to rectify what some might call a problem, one suggestion stands out above the rest. Elect one campus queen and let her represent the college at all functions. This idea might have some merit except for the fact that there would be no one to crown during the half-time ceremonies. Miss Biology or Miss Political Science might do but it just would not be the same.

The sororities which for a long time held the key to the title of Miss Homecoming failed to capture the prize this year. Is this indicative of a change or were they overconfident and complacent this election? Only time will tell.

In one unpublicized election, Miss Organic Chemistry was chosen in a landslide vote. It seems as though the other candidates were prettier and had more pleasing personalities, but the winner could balance equations better. This makes one wonder just what are the attributes needed to be elected.

Political Consciousness Dawns

It appears that NCC is more politically conscious this year or maybe this is just a fleeting illusion. Charles Daye, President of SGA, could be partly responsible for this. The intrepid Mr. Daye is going about his task with the zest that only Lyndon could muster. A persistent rumor is that Daye is overly conscious of criticism. This, however, is yet to be proven. Of course, he does not have the problems that Paul Dickson has at UNC-CH.

The freshman class might be the reason for this birth of political consciousness. They brought to life the apathetic upperclassmen who thought campus politics was only for political science majors. The Action Party especially projected much vigor and resourcefulness. Daye's Student Party did not fare so well in the last election. In fact, they were almost obliterated. Of course, Daye did not "beat the bushes" as he did before, and he has said time and again that he wants a two-party system on the campus. I think when he said it, that he intended his Campus Party to be one of the two.

Some left-wingers over in the History Department tried to get a Communist Party set up on campus. It failed for lack of speakers. The Gag Rule saw to that.

Anyway, the elections on campus were run very smoothly. Words of gratitude go to the Election Board and SGA for the fine job and also for counting the votes.

As far as football is concerned, the game should be an exciting contest with the Eagles winning. The outcome is not assured, but this is the case in all contests, except maybe at the Annual Christmas Sing.

CAMPUS SCENE

(THE DECEASED SCHOOL SPIRIT)



BOY! WHEN THEY STARTED CHEERING I REALLY GOT SCARED.

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President: I Do Solemnly Swear

By CHARLES E. DAYE
President Student Government Association

To the office of President, I come with humility and confidence. I come with hopes and fears. I come with the goodwill of many students and the contempt of some. Yet most of all, I come to the highest office a student can attain, with one overriding ambition—to be the best Student Government President ever!

When the election was over, only one thing was entirely clear—I had been "officially" chosen to lead. I had ideas, hopes, and plans, without any degree of absolute certainty, how many of them could be executed.

Now that I have embarked on this greatest journey of my life, so far, I find that there is much to be done. Regardless of how much experience one may claim, being President of the Student Government is a day by day "crash" course in leadership. Each day presents new challenges, new alternatives, and new opportunities to serve. Each day presents new chances to gain greater endearment to some, at the cost of alienating others. This is the constant barrage of choices that meets me daily.

Classes at eight and nine, a meeting at ten, class at eleven, three conferences during the lunch hour; on the Student Court appointments, on homecoming, on whether to buy new office desks or wait to see if the school can supply them.

Lunch at one. Return to the office, read the daily mail, the newspaper, return three phone calls—the President's office, Youth Education Services, the President of State Student Legislature. Check the appointments calendar (one tomorrow at 2:30). Three to five; read, talk with office visitors, check on a requisition, confer with members of the Elections Board. Draft replies to three letters. Draft a letter to a Bulletin Board Company. 5:30 P.M.

What a day! One day gone. One day less to do what needs doing. This is what one day looks like to the President of the Student Government. That's what most of my days look like to me.

At the end of each day, I study, reflect on that day, and think about how much can be accomplished the next day.

As President, there is only one thing that I can do—the best I can. There is no more political maneuvering for a position; the election was last May. There is no more trying to hold on to erratic friends who seek only personal gain; my responsibility is to every student and to North Carolina College.

Too often the buck may be passed on to someone higher, but it stops in the Student Government at my desk! There can be no more shirking responsibility. Each task must be confronted, conquered, for the welfare of the student body is at stake.

Each act, every decision must be balanced between what is possible, what is best, what is wanted and what is needed.

The choices will not always be so clear-cut—for how will the student body react; how will the administration, from President Massie downward, feel toward this or that proposal? These too must always be considered.

The office of President is under constant scrutiny, always surrounded by many, still lonely. There is the President's Cabinet, students who have accepted the role of helping promote student welfare; there is the Student Congress, students elected to help and to check the President; there is the Student Court, students appointed by the President, responsible not to him, but to the student body and the college; and then there is the President—many jobs, many responsibilities and one student, held responsible to all.

This is how I see my job.
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Letter To Editor

To the Editor,

What is the Student Government Association (SGA)? Is it supposed to be a liaison between the administration and student body? Or, is it an information center for only friends of the officers? Are the offices filled by qualified persons? Or, are they filled by the officers' girl friends and other friends of the officers? Is the SGA fulfilling its duties? Or, is it a place for socialization?

In my opinion, I do not think that the SGA is keeping the students of NCC informed of things that are happening. I will cite a few instances. (1) At the freshman assembly, October 6, 1965, the candidates for the office of the President were supposed to deliver campaign speeches. Yet, one of the candidates was not notified to be there.

(2) The date for election was not made clear to the students, and (3) the SGA was supposed to charter buses for the St. Augustine's Falcons and North Carolina College's Eagles game held on Saturday, October 9, 1965; however, the students were not informed until the buses were crowded. In accordance with the last statement, 98 students were allowed to make the trip. The bus capacity for three buses is 37 times 3 which equals 111. The other seats were saved or, better still, reserved for the "cabinet." The reason for this is that the SGA is paying part of the fare to reduce the cost. If this is the case, why are not the students allowed to pay the full price or why are not enough buses chartered for persons wishing to go on trips? The question still remains, can the SGA reserve seats for its "cabinet."

I know some people might say that I should read the constitution and "get a load" of the president. As of yet, I have not read the constitution, but from what I am told, Are we going to let the SGA be "totalitarianized?"

I feel that something should be done about the situation of the SGA. Are we to sit by idly and let the SGA President appoint his girl friend and his other friends to offices in the SGA? Or, should we challenge the Student Government Association?

A fellow Eagle,
Norma Brown

Student Gov't. Posts Its Briefs

Congress Ratifies Court
Student Congress in an emergency session on Thursday night, September 30, ratified Presidential appointments to the new Student Court.

Under a new amendment to the Student Government Constitution, the Student Court will receive cases directly from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Ratified for one year service on the court were Ida Leverette, Chief Justice; Richard Cagle, Clifford Haye, Linda Wilson, Jessie Dafford, Samuel V. Thomas, Artina Kane, and Vardreane Kellum, Associate Justices.

The full Court will have a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. President Daye at press time had appointed only seven. He explained to the Echo, "I had to appoint at least
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