

# Responsible Student Action Urged

By Patricia Washington

My Colleagues:

Have we forgotten our true purpose for attending college? I agree that we do have some rather eccentric rules, especially those governing our young ladies. But are they really so absurd? Just think, you have a dorm-mate who doesn't quite deserve to be referred to as a "lady."

You know as well as anyone that everyone just wasn't blessed with the training which might afford him or her the privileges associated with a well-trained gentleman or lady.

And then too, we must take into consideration the fact that there are hundreds of times more persons to be governed here at NCC than were at home in the comforts of our private family residences.

Have we really ever thought of the fact that there is a possibility that these rules were

made in our best interest. I mean just think,—REALLY now—if we were given later curfew hours, during the week days particularly, would we actually be honest enough not to deprive ourselves of ample study time—that is two hours per class hour of each subject? Surely you can probably truthfully answer yes to this, but what about the other guy. I mean some of us just aren't gifted with aptitude as you are. We literally have to struggle for every point we obtain.

Oh no, I am not against more mature government. But we've got to think about this thing, analyze it from every angle, question ourselves, so that when we do join together in effort to demand and secure more privileges we will know what it is exactly that we've asking for further, we will have considered the position of our administration as our governing unit and the position of our deans as our parental and or counseling units; we will be sure that these requests or demands are deserved and can be afforded by at least the majority of all of our colleagues; and most of all we will, before time, have acted, each himself as a committee of one, as a judge of his own character, worthiness and maturity—academic and social — to assure that he will handle these new privileges, and responsibilities in a manner becoming of a true gentleman or lady.

## Eagle Restored

By Charles E. Scott

Just a few short months ago, dissension was running high on our campus. Women students were crowded into dormitory rooms, men students were crowded "out," the right of individual student's responsibility was being challenged, school spirit was almost nil, and the fall of the Eagle was predicted.

To conceive of this situation, would have to envision some troublemaker taking all of the college problems, and emptying them into a huge pot to boil until they boiled over. Yes, there was unrest in Eagleland. Last year, apathy among the students became a problem; therefore, what is known as the "March 19th revolt," came about. Positions of the Administration were challenged and something was accomplished in favor of the student body.

Initially, a student court was established. This court restores the principle of student self-government. Needless to say, women students' hours were extended. Surely, no one has missed the sound and sight of construction work taking place. A brand new wing was added to Chidley Hall. A new cafeteria is being built. And, if you ever have the time, you will see that the frame of the nine-story women's dormitory has reached the top. Other student benefits have also been added this year.

The question is, "How has the student body reacted to the new standards that are being given to them?" Appearances have indicated thus far that the mood and overall spirit of the student body is in direct contrast to that of last year. Yes, the student body may be content, but this may only be for the present. As an old philosopher once said, "When the old problems are solved, new problems evolve." One might say "Where and when will these new problems come about?" For one, the student body fight begins to put pressure on the Administration because of the delay in the building of the Student Union and the new cafeteria wing.

I am sure that the student body does not want to encounter such problems this year. To overcome the last remnants of apathy and restore the spirit of the Eagle appears to us to constitute the problem.

# Roving Reporters View H'coming

By Quentine Finch and Bessie Dingle

**QUESTION:** "Do you think that the dawn dance, bon-fire, homecoming dance, talent show, and mock funeral improve NCC school spirit?"

**Gene Hatley, junior in political science, from Apex:** "I think that the mock funeral and the talent show have quite a bit of influence on the spirit of the students. In the two years that I have been here, however, the bon-fire and dawn dance have not contributed to the spirit of the students because of the very limited participation in these two activities. I also feel that all of these activities will have a greater effect this year, as I have heard much more talk among the students. Most students seem to be looking forward to this week of events."

**Carolyn Campbell, freshman in psychology, from Charlotte:** "Of course . . . definitely. I feel that if we do not have these activities, folks can't get in the swing of things. It helps to liven everything up; it puts pep in our step and cut in our strut. Hearing the cheers and seeing the bon-fires gives the boys that zoom to get out there and win for their Alma Mater."

**James McDuffie, senior in Spanish, from Winston-Salem:** "No. This is homecoming regardless of these activities, the spirit is up anyway. These festivities give opportunities for us to display our high spirits at this time, but they do nothing to improve our spirit."

**Mrs. P. H. Fellers, Secretary of the English Department:** "I believe that the pre-homecoming activities stimulate and arouse the students that attend and participate in them. I feel that these activities should be continued and improved."

**Brenta Jones, physical education, senior, from Chapel Hill:** "Yes. I think the students have more to do. It makes things more exciting and it gives us something to look forward to."

**Anthony Ward, senior in business administration from Tarboro:** "Yes, I think so. It seems to get the students in a mood and to make them want to participate."

**Ora Taylor, junior in business education from New Jersey:** "No. it doesn't because we don't have the type of entertainment to improve the spirit, especially at the homecoming dance. If we had a better program, it would improve the spirit."

**Philip Marable, Campus Policeman:** "For the mock funeral—it depends on your speaker. If you have a good speaker, I would say, yes. For the dawn dance—no, because the average student doesn't want to get out of bed and dance that early in the morning. The dawn dance doesn't boost their spirit because they really don't want to go. The bon-fire does boost their spirit."

**Milton Satterfield, junior majoring in biology from Virginia, Va.:** "I think these activities improve school spirit. We need something to build our spirit up, and without these things we would have a game with less spirit. I do think that these activities help."

**Robert Chavis, sophomore in accounting from New York:** "Yes, because these activities give us a chance to do some-



MISS VERONICA TUCKER

# NCC Crowns Her Majesty Veronica

Miss Veronica Elizabeth Tucker was crowned Miss North Carolina College in R. L. McDougald Gymnasium Friday, October 22, at 8 P.M. This event touched of the NCC gala "Homecoming Spectacular."

The crowning of Miss NCC by Dr. Samuel P. Massie followed the procession, which included Miss Senior, Marlene White; Miss Junior, Queen McLean; Miss Sophomore, Yvonne Flowers; Miss Freshman, Vera Shaw; and a host of other campus queens.

Charles Daye, president of the Student Government Association, presented a bouquet of 18 long stem red roses to Miss Tucker. Daye said, "You are the embodiment of truth and service and the personification of beauty and honor. We wish for you a grand and glori-

ous reign your highness, Veronica."

A reception sponsored by the Women's Personnel Department followed the coronation ceremonies. Immediately after the reception, a Coronation Ball was held in the McDougald Gymnasium. The Show Stoppers were the featured band.

Miss Tucker, a senior English major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fordan of Columbia, South Carolina. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the College Choir, the NAACP, and the English Club.

Miss Tucker's escort, Leroy C. Laten, is a senior English major from Charleston, South Carolina. He is Basileus of the Tau Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, president of the Pan Hellenic Council, and a member of the English Club.

thing together. I think that there is a lot of spirit raised during these activities, especially at the bon-fire. A lot of people are there and naturally, there is a lot of spirit."

**Vivian Roach, senior in business education from Elizabeth City:** "Yes. These things give a feeling of belonging as a group. They also build up morale for the team."

**Donald Duncombe, senior in chemistry from West Palm Beach, Fla.:** "These things, as such, don't really improve the school spirit. School spirit comes from within and if one does not have this spirit, no matter what is done in the way of activities, it wouldn't improve the spirit."

**Caulbert Jones, History Department:** "Recently, I haven't been connected closely enough with activities to really give an opinion."

**Amos Williams, junior in business administration, from Durham:** "Yes, I think so, because these activities are the best we can provide for the entire student body to get together. The dawn dance especially shows a lot of spirit by the students getting up early in the morning just to participate for their Alma Mater."

**Rosa Williamson, senior in** See Roving Reporters, Page 4

## Daye, Perry Talk

The SGA President and Vice President conferred over an hour with President Massie on Thursday, September 30. They discussed a whole range of problems, proposals, and ideas for the year. Among the things discussed were finances for a Debate Team, the Four-Point System, a night spot in the new Student Union, and a Student-Faculty Relations Board.

Daye, in a statement after the meeting said, "It was a useful exchange of ideas, very helpful."

## Daye To Speak At Savannah

Student Government President Charles E. Daye has accepted an invitation from the President of the Student Body at Savannah State College in Georgia, to address an assembly on Wednesday, November 17, 1965. Daye will speak on the topic, "The Significance of Student Government in Total Education."

Also accompanying Daye will be James DeLorme, Director of Intercollegiate Affairs, who has arranged the address.

## Freshman News:

### Women Set Plans

The freshman women of Annie Day, McLean, and Old Senior Dormitories have started the ball rolling for the year by establishing several social welfare and civic committees.

The Social Committee has plans in the making for two events. The Apple Polishers' Tea for Freshman women of the three dormitories was given on October 24. The purpose of the tea was two-fold: (1) to enable the teachers of freshmen to get to know the students, and (2) to enable the girls to know their instructors and to provide a forum for asking questions that they have in class.

The second event, the Freshman Ball, is planned for the spring. The plans for this formal event are still incomplete.

Presenting baskets to needy families at Christmas and Thanksgiving is the main project of the Welfare Committee. The committee also sends sympathy cards to those girls who have lost close relatives.

The Civic Committee plans such affairs as sponsoring programs for the community. These programs include assisting bed-ridden patients in the various hospitals, and giving service that will make the patients comfortable and their stay in the hospital more pleasant.

## -President-

(Continued from Page 2)

This is how I accept it. From the Oath of Office, I remember the words, "I do solemnly swear" the pledge that I made.

If the students support the Student Government, I know that together we will make the "Great New Era" truly great.