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SCA Reports

by JUDY TIMMONS
 Sec. of Student Council
 Having approved five of the seven recommended constitutional changes, the Student Council hopes to present these suggested changes to the entire student body for their vote after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Those suggested changes approved by the Student Council gave the Chief Justice the power to vote, and put an optional monitor system under the Honor Council jurisdiction.

In addition to the Student Council members on the club committee, there will be a representative from each club, chartered by the Student Council; the appointment of the Board of Elections committee will be left to the discretion of the President.

Finally, for minor offenses, there will be immediate and oral punishment; only in the case of refusal for punishment will a warning be sent, and for repeated refusal, a summons.

Chairman Pam Warren reports that the *Dial*, CHHS student directory, is almost ready to be sent to the printers; this project is hoped to be completed by early December.

Day in the Life of Navy Recruit

Leng's 'Edisto' Tours Poles

by JUDY ANDREWS and BRENDA BETHEL

(Donald Leng is a 1960 graduate of Chapel Hill High School who is presently a seaman-first-class in the United States Navy.)

Donald Leng does not seem to be a typical "old salt." He has clear-cut, almost delicate features. He is slim. He speaks rather quietly.

"I first became interested in the Navy when I was a junior in high school. My uncle was in the Navy, and he persuaded me to join the Naval Reserves.

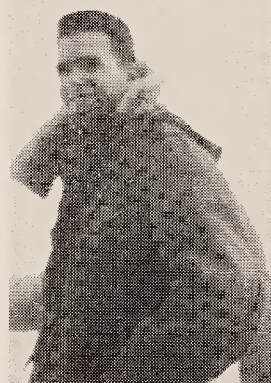
Boards 'Edisto'
 "After high school, in August, I went into the real Navy. I boarded my ship, the *Edisto* in September.

"We worked at the South Pole for three months. For one month we had two other ships down there helping us break the 9-30-foot-deep ice that we had to plow through. Then both of them had to leave for repairs. That left us down there alone.

"We had some real adventures, too. Our ship has a crew

of over two hundred men, so you can see that it's big. We once got in a heck of a storm trying to find a ship with a lot 'av gas' (aviation fuel). She had gotten loose from her moorings and was floating around on the high seas.

"Nobody knew where to look, and we couldn't send out reconnaissance flights because it was too foggy. So off we went.



DONALD LENG takes time out from duty at the South Pole.

men would roll out of their bunks while they were asleep.

"Then the captain announced that we had only one choice—to pray.

"But we made it finally.

Goes To Hawaii
 "We went to other places, too—Hawaii, Greenland, and the North Pole. While we were there we worked with 'Operation Deepfreeze.

"But I'm getting sort of tired of the ice now. When I go back to my ship in Boston on the 26th, I'm going to try to swap duty and get a cruiser on a world tour.

"Joining the Navy made me grow up fast. It's tough, but it's really good for boys who are just floating around. I think any boy who isn't sure of what he wants to do after graduating from high school, should go into the armed forces. It sure helped improve my own sense of values. I'm determined to go to college now. Before, I would have gone, but I might have dropped out.

May Re-enlist

"I don't know whether I'll go back into the Navy after college. I might as an officer, out never as an enlisted man. 'Non-coms' don't ever have to think—they follow orders, and that's all.

"It's one of those things that you have to go through, and I'm glad I am doing it—but I'll be glad when it's over."

Library Needs More Room

Chapel Hill High School's library is one of the finest libraries in the state. This fact can be proved by comparison with other high school libraries. The number of books, almost 11,000, is higher than the number of books in many libraries of schools three and even four times as big as CHHS.

But all is not perfect. The main concern of the staff who maintains the high standard of the library is lack of space. There is no room for books, people, periodicals, working space, or storage space.

We feel that our library is rather an unsung hero, deserving of more than inadequate space. Therefore, it is our hope that steps are taken to insure that our library remains excellent.

SCA a Representative Body

One of the most important officers elected in each homeroom every year is the student council representative. Students give due consideration to the election of a highly capable individual.

However, since this person is elected by his homeroom and for his homeroom, his capabilities are to be directed in their interest.

It must be admitted that frequently the opinions held by the homeroom will coincide with the opinion held by its representative. But if this is not the case, the representative's vote should reflect the homeroom's opinion, not his own. But the representative cannot know what his constituents think unless he discusses SCA matters with his homeroom before he votes.

The fact that the "representatives" are not being so representative is one which has long been in existence—too long.

An improvement has been noted in some cases, but there is room for still more. We believe that the unity brought about between homerooms and their SCA representatives will strengthen the unity of the student body by increasing student interest and student participation in the Student Council, an organization which is, after all, working to produce a better school.

Poll Results Are Expected

If we had not suspected the results of the recent, informal poll which two of CHHS's English teachers conducted (see article on page two), the PROCONIAN would never have initiated the idea. The extent to which our premonitions were justified, however, raised some serious questions in our minds.

When approximately half of a fair-sized sampling of CHHS's student body shows complete ignorance of ALL of the proposed constitutional amendments, there needs to be a shift in emphasis.

Two possible sources of blame for the existent situation suggest themselves. The first is the student council representative, whose duty it is to report to his homeroom on such matters and explain them thoroughly. The most striking condemnation of the student council's failure to go over the changes with the student body was delivered by an SCA representative himself, who seemed rather proud of the fact that, "I could only name three of the six myself."

Because we suspect that many students who claimed ignorance of the changes merely failed to listen to the reports, however, another source of blame becomes apparent—CHHSers themselves.

When we consider the various ways in which one could have learned about the changes—through the last edition of the PROCONIAN, through the homeroom representative, by going to the open SCA meeting where they were discussed, by listening to the PROCONIAN's weekly radio show, or by way of the petitions which were signed by 10 per cent of the student body (who had supposedly read them first)—we are appalled that anyone could remain ignorant of the proposed amendments.

Perhaps it *doesn't* really matter who presides over our board of elections. What *does* matter is you—and your concern for the world you live in. What good is freedom of speech if no one wants to be heard? And of what use is the right to vote if no one exercises it?

We can only add that it must be difficult to vote on changes in a constitution when one has never read it.

The staff of the PROCONIAN wishes to extend their sympathy to Rose Mary Adams on the event of her father's recent death.

The Proconian Goes to Play Rehearsal

Practice Can Be Riotous

by ANNE NEVILLE
 (The junior play *The Singing Freshmen* will be given on December 9.)

The dark auditorium was lit only by the stage lights. Figures stood or sat, crouched over their scripts. Everyone seemed impatient to begin.

but I don't think the word *snowed* meaning *fell* for was used in the 1920's. Think of a better word, please."

"QUIET BACKSTAGE!"
 "Johnny, I don't think a notorious gangster would stage a hold-up with a piece of wood which had the words, 'a gun',



Members of the cast of the junior play (l-r) first row: Henry Turlington, George Thompson, Wally Shytle. Second row: Skip Hudson, Charles Jennings, Dwight McAllister, Richard Ellington, Tone Lunnas.

"Entirely too many people are late. Where are they? If anyone's late Thursday night, they'll be replaced. All right, everyone, we're ready to begin."

"Quiet backstage!"

"Honestly, must you guitar players strum while someone's reading his lines?"

"Everyone must learn his lines by the next rehearsal. Okay, now you've just finished your song. Proceed on page seven."

"What song? That was really quick."

"No, Wally, you exit by the kitchen. It's over there."

"Henry, if you fall over backwards that way, you'll get a brain concussion. Move your chair over a bit. And please fall gracefully."

"You're supposed to be crying, Richard, not blowing your nose. Now quit upstaging."

"Oh, Mrs. Kouns! The crystal on my watch just fell out."

"Crystal, watch—I don't see that line. Are you sure it's in the script?"

"Everyone down on hands and knees to look for Tone's watch crystal. Keep reading, Tone and Wally."

"Yes, George, you may ad lib

printed on the side of it. We'll have to get you a better prop."

"All right, let's wind it up now. Everybody be here Thursday night, on time. And learn your part."

In a few minutes the Singing Freshmen had deserted the auditorium and all was dark.

Students Unaware of Vital Change

At least 81 CHHSers, one-half of the students asked, could not name a single one of the proposed student body constitutional amendments on November 13.

In an informal poll conducted among 157 students in predominantly junior and sophomore classes, only 9 students could cite all proposals which will soon be put before the student body for approval.

Yet the *Proconian* ran a front-page article and a lengthy editorial on the proposed amendments November 10, and 73 students participating in the poll indicated that their Student Council representatives had discussed the proposals in homeroom. A total of 74 said that representatives had made no report, however.

Family Uses Only French In Paul Rhyne's Household

Paul Rhyne has grown up in a family which, at home, speaks only French. French was his first language.

Four years ago, Paul took his second trip to France with his mother, who is French.

Paul stayed with his grandmother for three months in Dijon and made many friends his own age.

"We got along very well, although they thought my ideas were funny. All the pioneer and Davy Crockett business had gotten over there, and all they wanted to do was play cowboys and Indians. I wanted to explore the place and look around, but I had to conform.

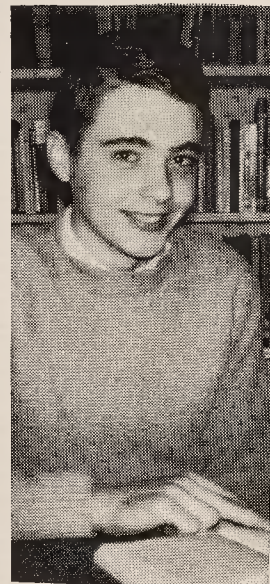
"Most of the people there had a real interest in Americans. They wanted to know 'what are these cowboys?'"

"I got noted for my size. People over there are small, and I was bigger than most of them.

Clumsier, too.

"When I left, I felt France was my country. I had affection for France and respect for America."

Paul is a sophomore at CHHS. Here he takes French II, for although he knows the language, Paul has never studied formal French grammar.



PAUL RHYNE

Happy Birthday

December 1: Jane Cottingham; 2: Joe Andrews; 3: Carol McGuire, Johnny Patton; 4: John Larsh; 5: Jim Lloyd, Paul Rhyne; 6: Gene Williams; 7: Carol Cheek; 8: Bill De Merritt; 9: Mary Ellen Lane, Sharyn Rasmussen; 10: Wynne Carter; 11: George Thompson; 12: James Andrews, Sue Tyree; Nancy West; 13: Roger Bowden; 14: Susie Beck, Sally Crabtree, Ricky Williams; 15: Jean Morris; 16: Carolyn Brauer; 17: Charles Riggsbee; 18: Danny Caston; 19: Tommie Jean Blackwood, Glenda Sykes; 20: Earl Sparrow; 21: Jane Pendergrass; 22: Steve Wall; 23: David Ripperton; 24: Mary Lou Boone, John Hinson; 25: Susan Alexander, Anne McCrary, Lois Mainwaring; 26: Billy Jean Merritt.