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Students, Newsmen Attend "Bitch-In"

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Rumor had it that there was to be a "Bitch In" last Wednesday at 11:30. The "Bitch In," as someone so cleverly named it, was defined as an opportunity to "air your gripes." One was led to believe that it was to be a calmly conducted, rather purposeless meeting, (purposeless, that is, because no problems were to be solved.)

As about seventy-five students, faculty, and outside observers gathered, one was able to watch cameramen, a WSOC-TV reporter, and newspaper reporters. Perhaps something great was to be said. It took a while for the cameras, microphones, and lights to be set up, so the event was delayed for several minutes. A hush came over the crowd as if they were watching a play. And then it began.

The meeting was conducted by Rick Arnette, who had quite a lot to say, and by Mike Combs, who had nothing to say. Mr. Arnette opened by saying that we were there to discuss several topics—among them being censorship, where Union funds go, the speaker ban law on campus, and the fact that the campus policemen carry loaded guns. He then stated that his first gripe was the removal of a poster advertising the "Bitch In" by a member of the Publicity Committee. He could not understand how

someone could be given the right to censor any publicity on campus as being offensive. When the matter was taken to Dean MacKay, it was stated that Mr. Arnette was unaware of the proper channels to go through about publicity. Bill Billups then pointed out that Mr. Arnette should have seen him or the Chairman of the Publicity Committee and the matter would



Dan Wilson attacks

have been taken care of.

Upon the mention of Dean MacKay, the question arose about the position and authority of Mr. MacKay. Dan Wilson said that Mr. Winniman should be given more authority, and Dean MacKay should either be regulated or have some of his powers given to someone else. Bill Billups pointed out that these questions have been

raised for the past four years. There was quite a bit of response from the audience about this point until someone asked, "What is the purpose of this meeting?" It was then decided that anyone who had a gripe could come up on stage and voice his opinion. The first to speak was Bill Sloan. Mr. Sloan stated that he is paranoid about the police force and the growing concern with conservation. His biggest concern was that the revolver would come

off the hip first if there were any demonstrations. He then requested Jerry Williams, a senior who has not been here since '65, to shed some light on the subject of loaded guns. Mr. Williams then proceeded to explain that men are never allowed to use a loaded clip in their guns when they are trying to control a demonstration, yet the policemen carry loaded guns here. "This is an academic community!" He commented that an article in the JOURNAL about the subject sounded like a Sunday School supplement. Mr. Williams continued with several gripes: the officeholders on this campus are incompetent, the SGA gets nothing done, and there is a Speaker Ban law at UNC-C.

Mr. Eric Anderson suggested that he put his body where his mouth is—to which Mr. Williams replied that he did. He said that he and Rick Arnette asked Chancellor Colvard for several answers, all of which were arbitrary.



Bill Billups defends

Bob Wenton, a freshman, then read his speech about an article in COMMENT (a History Club publication) entitled "Action, Action, Action." Bob then stated that someone is not a "poor, deluded kid" and that he is interested enough to sign his name.

As the drama continued, a casual observer had a chance to notice a few characteristics about the audience. The first thing one noticed was the laughing and ridiculing. If the audience liked the person speaking, there were shouts of encouragement and applause. If the speaker was not liked, there were nasty comments and muffled laughter. A quick glance at the expressions of the members of the History Department was almost appalling. The history professors, for the most part, made no comment.

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Dr. Cone Airs Views On Funds

This article is the second in the series being written as a part of the JOURNAL'S investigation of the General Fee.

On Thursday, November 16, 1968. The JOURNAL interviewed Dr. Bonnie Cone, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to discuss her feelings about the fees.

JOURNAL: Why are students given a part in the allocation of funds;

DR. CONE: Some older institutions don't consult with their students at all. They feel that it isn't up to them, the students, to suggest these things. I'm not sure that the way we're doing it is the best way. We have had controversy between the Publications Board and the Legislature, but I feel that we can trust the Legislature to be discreet, fair, and equitable. We feel that it is a learning experience for the students to participate not just in deciding how much money to spend but in helping put an effective program into operation. Learning to live within a budget can be educational for our students.

JOURNAL: How do you feel about the Memo that Mr. Billups sent to you?

MISS CONE: Just because we've been doing things a certain way, there's no reason to continue doing it that way if we can find a better way.

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Student Court Not Dormant

Although it is the least known branch of the SGA, the Student Court is not dormant. It is active and working to establish reforms which will improve its efficiency.

Of these reforms, John Lafferty, Chief Justice of the Court, says "We are attempting to continue the process of reform which was begun last year under Perry Moser's guidance, but I would rather not comment on the nature of these reforms at this point." In the line of reform, the Court has already adopted a procedure which Mr. Lafferty says will provide a fairer trial than those procedures which were previously followed. In the past, the members of the court have contacted the Attorney General who then called a meeting of the Court. Under the present system, the Attorney General, Wayne Eason, investigates cases and then contacts members of the Court.

Mr. Lafferty feels that one fault in the Student Court is that it does not have the power to handle academic honor violations. Such violations are handled by a faculty committee headed by Dr. Whitaker. The Student Court has been in contact with this committee which is willing to compromise and form a Student-Faculty Court for the hearing of cases of academic honor violations.

So far this year, the Student Court has had one case come before it. This case will not be open to the student body and will not be publicized unless the defendant so requests. All cases are handled in secrecy in order to provide the greatest possible fairness and protection for the defendants. In keeping with this policy, the Student Court will remain an active but little heard of branch of the SGA.

Journal Interview

Miss Mabry "Sells" University

Earleen Mabry graduated from UNC-C last June and returned in the late summer to a position of admissions counselor. She was secretary of the SGA, Miss UNC-C, and a holiday queen. She majored in English and was considering being a teacher in junior high schools.

On the way from the JOURNAL Office to Miss Mabry's office to do an interview with her, this JOURNAL staffer met Miss Mabry in the cafeteria and the interview began during the walk to her office.

Jour: I tried to get in touch with you Wednesday and was told that you were on a trip to Virginia Beach. Was it business or

pleasure?

Miss M.: It was a lot of fun but some business. If you write that down and get me in trouble...

A JOURNAL photographer was taking pictures at the time and Miss Mabry made the comment: "that's not fair to take pictures of me on Fridays." Miss Mabry had noticed that the staffer was writing and she quit talking. After a moment she asked to see the staffer's pad. The staffer refused believing that Miss Mabry intended to do destruction to the pad. "Tell the photographer to get a picture of me hard at work. I'll have to fake it..."

Jour: What made you take this job?

Miss M.: I get to travel and also be here at the school.

Jour: you graduated from this school didn't you? What made you come back?

Miss M.: I didn't enjoy teaching. I may go back to it.

Jour: Would you go back to teaching junior high?

Miss M.: No. I'd like to get a masters degree then, teach in high school or maybe college.

Jour: What is your job here?

Miss M.: When I'm in the office, I'm usually working on admissions or trying to help those who have questions about admissions.

Jour: What is your official capacity?

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Alpha Kappa Psi Tours Wica Chem

On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 30, the brothers and pledges of Alpha Kappa Psi toured Wica Chemicals. Wica is a producer of textile chemicals of different types. They produce the chemicals that go into the making of permanent press fabrics of all types, and also the chemicals used in backing indoor and outdoor carpeting. Wica representatives guided the tour through the accounting department, research and development department, production department, and warehousing facilities. Brother Larry Smith, who is employed with the firm, set up the tour and

also helped in guiding the brothers through the plant. During the tour, the brothers asked questions of the Wica employees in each department.

A. K. Psi is also working on a fund raising project on campus. The project will be a campus clean-up. The Pledge class also has a project. They are working in the library to get a financial statement and brief history of the top five hundred corporations in the nation for future reference by students. This date is obtained from FORTUNE Magazine's yearly listing of the top five hundred corporations.

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CampusCops Speak Out!

The Journal is sponsoring a set of petitions in the University Union in an effort to gain some sort of insight into student petitions opinion concerning the issue of the campus security force.

The facts: The University has recently hired a campus security force to regulate traffic and to insure the security of University facilities and personal property. These guards are armed with loaded revolvers which they carry at all times while on duty.

Does this bother you? Does it in some way psychologically impair you in your pursuit of education? Are you pleased to see that the University has finally gotten a real police force?

There will be three Journal-sponsored petitions. They will read: (1) We the undersigned are in favor of an armed security force on campus to guard our property, rights, and university property; (2) We the undersigned are in opposition to armed security guards on campus. We feel that this represents a deterrent to our pursuit of education in an atmosphere of academic and personal freedom; and (3) We the undersigned wish that it be known that we are informed members of the University community. We are aware of the issue of armed guards on campus, but we do not wish to choose a side in the issue.

Copies of the three signed petitions will be presented to the Dean of Students, the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the President of S.G.A.