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Operation Interface

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Operation Interface: Profile and Prospect
"Mistrust, rejection, downright hostility --- these are prevailing attitudes of bright college students toward the business world." So speaks a noted authority of Administrative Sciences on the interrelationships of campuses and corporations, with, it appears, no small measure of truth. In an effort to determine the real nature of this "mutual grudge," its extent and its causes, over fifty representatives of our state's businesses, campuses, churches and government organizations met this weekend in Reidsville, N. C., the effort being prompted by the Carolina Student Government Association. The banner... "Operation Interface." Attending for UNC-C were Bud Stewart, Rod White, Bob Welch and Dean Dan

MacKay.

As the conference progressed those present found themselves continually confronted with a variety of insights and arguments. As a sampling, the preformed opinions and ideas students had on business were (1) that business is ruthlessly competitive, (2) that it is much too profit-oriented, (3) that its activities are humdrum, routine, and there is little room for creativity, (4) that businessmen are intellectually narrow, shy away from important social issues of our time, and at times stoop to dishonesty in the pursuit of the "glorious buck." The businessmen, by the same token, found the students generally too idealistic, expecting too much too soon when first entering, hypercritical and unfair in their preformed stereotypes (e.g., ulcers and gray-flannel suits,) and far too often completely un-informed as to the highly progressive, self-accrued roles of businesses in social activities.

The most surprising turn taken by most of the small group discussions was that of renewed good feelings between the different elements. As each of the points of mis-information were laid aside, a growing feeling that goals of the young and old were not far apart became more apparent.

In retrospect each of the members of the conference saw that the majority of the problems which arise between the various circles were ones founded on poor communications, and so the direction and emphasis turned to determining methods by which the problem could be solved. Keeping in mind the fact that these problems can be of various degrees and reach, for instance those of Mecklenburg County vs. those of North Carolina et al, the members focused their ideas on an organization which contained effective information inputs and outputs on all levels, state, regional, and local.

It seems that what has started with Operation Interface is the first coherent effort of all factions of our communities to both solve and preclude the misnomers and disgruntlements which exist between them. The exact mechanism has not been specified yet, but suggestions have and are now being rendered, and so it is but a matter of time before the time, effort and money is put to work. The dissolutionments and fears which have so long plagued the campuses, the industries, the churches and the halls of government about one another are within the realm of correction, it appears, and so the continued efforts of Operation Interface will warrant close observation in the months to come.

Per the statements of Mr. Stewart, UNC-C can expect to assume a leading position in this undertaking, providing its own personnel to man the effort.

good pre-publication reviews, including one by John Hall Wheelock, who said that Slavitt's "originality is the genuine expression of his personality. It is this, combined with great technical skill and accomplishment, that makes his poetry memorable and exciting."

Slavitt is the author of two other volumes of poetry and two novels, ROCHELLE and FEEL FREE under his own name, and two novels, THE EXHIBITIONIST and THE VOYEUR, under the pen name of Henry Sutton. He was born in White Plains, New York, in 1935, and went to Andover, Yale and Columbia. He was formerly the movie critic for Newsweek. He now devotes full time to writing and has homes in Cape Cod and Miami.

George Garrett is the director of the writing program at Hollins College.

He first appeared in print in the POETS OF TODAY IV, published by Scribners in August, 1957. Among other volumes published since then are KING OF THE MOUNTAIN and COLD GROUND WAS MY BED LAST NIGHT, two short story collections, published in the U.S.; A WREATH FOR GARIBALDI, a collection published in England; and the novel DO

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Rings 'n Things, now appearing at the Green Garter.
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Legislature over-rides veto

By Joe H. McCorkle

By a vote of 12 to 2, the Student Legislature on Friday October 24, over-rode S.G.A. President Bud Stewart's veto of a "Moratorium resolution" which the Legislature had approved on October 10.

The motion to over-ride the presidential veto was made by Junior Representative Barbara Brenizer, and resulted in much discussion among the legislators.

The main points of argument was neither the Moratorium nor the resolution itself, but whether or not the S.G.A. President should be allowed to veto a resolution (as opposed to a bill).

Earlier in the meeting, Legislative Chairman Alan Hickok stated that the veto of the resolution was legal according to the way in which the S.G.A. Constitution is written (President can "veto acts of the Student Legislature, provided that he shall exercise such power within ten school days after the bill is placed in the executive offices;").

Mr. Hickok also stated that an interpretation of the Constitution is not possible because no body of the S.G.A. has the jurisdiction to interpret the Constitution.

Legislators opposed to the veto felt that the Legislature had a right to express any opinion in the form of a resolution, and they felt such a resolution should not be subject to a presidential veto.

The minority of legislators who supported President Stewart's veto felt that the resolution was not representative of the entire student body and that the Legislature should not be allowed to express opinions of this nature.

Mr. Stewart also spoke before the Legislature and explained his reasons for vetoing the resolution.

The S.G.A. President told the Legislature that his veto was based on the fact that the resolution said nothing. He also stated that the Legislature had no right to express this opinion because he felt the student body "was not 100% behind it".

After more discussion, a vote was called and Senior Class President Charlie Brown requested a roll-call vote.

The motion to over-ride the veto carried by a comfortable margin of 12 to 2.

After the vote, President Stewart told the Legislature that the motion was erroneous because it referred to the Moratorium; he went on to say that the October 10 resolution never specifically mentioned the Moratorium.

The Legislature then counteracted Mr. Stewart's accusation by introducing another motion to over-ride the veto.

Instead of mentioning the Moratorium, this cleverly-worded motion made mention of this resolution of October 10, 1969" since it was the only resolution of that meeting.

After a small amount of discussion, a vote was taken with Charlie Brown again requesting a roll-call vote.

The result of the vote was 12 to 2 in favor of over-riding the veto; identical in both number and person to the first motion.

In other action, the Legislature re-approved Ed Stone as Attorney General to the S.G.A.

This highly unusual action was brought about when a motion was made by Rules Committee Chairman Robert Welch to waive the 2.00 grade average requirement for Assistant Attorney General so that Gary Williams and Greg Eckard could fill this position.

Questions then arose about Mr. Stone since it was known that he did not have a 2.00 and that the Legislature did not know about the 2.00 requirement for Attorney General when he had been initially approved on October 10.

The motion to waive the 2.00 requirement for Assistant Attorney General was approved unanimously and was followed by a successful motion to re-approve Ed Stone as Attorney General. The motion to re-approve Mr. Stone was also approved unanimously.

Later on in the meeting, Senior Class Vice-President Jerry Hammond made a motion that the Attorney General Act be amended so that the 2.00 requirement could be eliminated. His motion will be tabled until the next meeting of the Legislature.

The Legislature also dealt with some problems concerning vacant offices and run-off elections.

For the purpose of clarifying the Election Regulations Bill, Representative Barbara Brenizer introduced a successful motion which provides a specific procedure for elections resulting from a vacancy within the Legislature.

The procedure will be that the class from which the vacancy arises will hold a meeting in which candidates will be nominated and elected.

Concerning run-off elections, there is no set procedure so the Legislature approved a motion to hold a two-day election for the Freshman Class Vice-Presidential run-off election.

The Legislature, in maintaining its close scrutiny of campus clubs and organizations, approved the re-chartering of the Blackfriars but refused to approve the constitution of the University Band.

The University Band's Constitution was sent back to committee because a question arose over a section in the constitution which requires new members to be approved by a 2/3 majority of a voting quorum.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Student Legislature will be on Friday November 7, at 11:30 A.M. in U209-210.

Slavoitte and Garrett here Nov. 4

The second reading in the UNC-C Visiting Writers Series will be given Tuesday, November 4, in the Parquet Room and will feature two novelist-poets, David Slavitt and George Garrett.

Slavitt's new volume of poetry, DAY SAILING, will be read the next day by the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill. It is the newest volume in their Contemporary Poetry Series, and has received