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EDITORIALS OPINIONS

An open letter to the junior class

When Ed Wayson moved to dissolve legislature first semester, I voted against it. Now, I believe I made a mistake.

At the time I felt I could best use the trust you had placed in me by fulfilling my obligation to you by serving my term as the best legislator I could possibly be.

I tried to follow rules set up by legislators of the past and the present, hoping that these plus new bills would make student government an instrument of the student body.

Again I was mistaken. Legislators, for the most part, show little or no interest in the proceedings. In fact, more than once the legislative sessions have been likened to a circus.

In a recent conversation with a high-ranking S.G.A. official, the conversation turned to student power.

This I favor. When a university controls so many aspects of our lives, we students learn that participation in university affairs can be pleasant but may also be essential.

However, the S.G.A. official acknowledged a lack of power of student government, as well as apparent lack of interest by the present Student Legislators. His justification? Simple. "How can you expect a legislature with no power to take student government seriously?"

There is one obvious flaw in his reasoning. This official forgot to consider an important factor, that of what are they doing to give student government power in administering student affairs?

There are various methods of making this step. One is to get rid of inequities, and unflattering aspects of the legislature. These detrimental practices include Absenteeism and lack of order in meetings.

As your vice president, Marlene Whitley observed "When we (the legislature) don't live a rule we simply change it."

Yet this legislature is supposed to provide the base of "student power."

I beg to disagree, since "student power" can evolve into "student government power"--and the two are not necessarily the same.

I believe that student government should be empowered to play an increasingly large role in student administration, but somehow we must keep the student government from becoming dictatorial. The move to having a totalitarian student government that runs everything from the course evaluation to all publications should be blocked. Since the proper role of government according to the ideals of the United States is to all the people, not vice versa.

With a new student government constitution to be unveiled in the near future, let us study it closely to prevent any oversights, since like our forefathers, we want a "more perfect union".

At the same time, remember the covenant should be between the government and those it represents.

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the student speaks:

Study on student fees was a farce

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First of a series

In reading a sub-committee report on Student Fees by Dr. Perzel, all I can say is "Bullshit". The Administration and their selected friends did what they called an "indepth report" on student fees. What it really looks like is an indepth study of the administration's perception of student feelings.

The committee report is full of unique statements which represent those whose opinions had a major influence on their findings. The committee stated they could justifiably conclude that the student fee structure "is of no concern to the majority of the student population at UNCC." This conclusion, alone was not bad enough. They continued with their interviews with representatives of the administration. In trying to contact students, they announced open hearings. However, there were no other attempts to contact student representatives.

As far as most students are concerned, the whole study was a farce. The whole thing was geared towards what the administration thought and was controlled solely by faculty and administration.

Next week I will state some facts on the findings of the committee, and, probably, you can guess what type of findings were implemented.

Gym's policies not geared to student's needs

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the use of the qymnasium by the students. The gym's policies are not geared up to the students' needs. For example the hours that you can swim, most students would swim Saturdays but can not because no one swims if there is a basketball game. Further more I see no reason why you can not invite someone who is not a student to swim, play hand ball or shoot a few baskets! There has been much said about maintaining a social life on this campus over week-ends this is just one example of why students have to go other places! I can see the value of perhaps registering visitors as they enter--a signing in policy--I can not see police-ing for outsiders who might be using the gym. I can see having the authority of removing persons who were not following safety rules or damaging property; I can not see prohibiting my friends from entering the gym after 6 pm Monday–Friday. The gym is unquestionably a marvelous facility; students should use it more–they should feel free to do so and the hours established for it's use should be reasonable and constantly maintained. I have walked all the way over to the gym to go swimming and found it locked tightly at 7o'clock on a week-night! This is ridiculous. If the gym is to be more than a skeleton or for the private use of the basketball players, then it should take in to consideration the needs of the students and their friends. If it is not going to take into consideration the student and his friends then let's not pretend it is for recreation. Police-ing for outsiders is rather an ethnocentric practice of a Gestapo not a gym.

'Power still controlled by men'

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the "masculinity" personality, "invented just to perpetuate a system." For her, there is a great distinction between the culturally-acquired areas of masculinity and feminity and the biological differences of male and female.

Millett blasted the "plastic hedonism" and "commercialized libertinism" of PLAYBOY and much contemporary writing. In the past, she noted, "sexuality was not based on freedom but upon exploitation." What is "sexy and erotic to us is shaped by the patriarchial framework of our development."

Actually, according to Ms. Millett, we are still very far behind in our "unsophisticated approach to sexuality." The easing of censorship, serious sexual investigation, and the release from imposed morality "is just beginning as a ripple in a far greater shift yet to come."

The bigotry and fear and guilt of our society is shown in the "sophisticated hyprocrisy of our official morality." One of the most harmful occurrences, Millett indicated, is that "persons disapprove of themselves if society disapproves of them." She believes in "defying the code of secrecy about sexual matters; freedom is confronting the rules in this awful society we live in."

After her speech and a standing ovation, Ms. Millett answered some questions from the audience. She stated she had gone through a period of "de-socialization," and as she learned about "unfairness in the system and met other women with common dissatisfaction" she became involved in the movement.

When asked about her projections for the future, Ms. Millett was consciously not willing to predict any clear-cut limitations to the movement. She did indicate, however, a desire to work toward offering "alternatives to marriage." She stated, "If you mean the emotional, spiritual, and psychological relationship of those who love, then marriage is not necessary for that." She suggested communal and collective living situations could be more beneficial ways of life than the present monogamous system.

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