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EDITORIALS

OPINIONS

Re: Hensley's letter

Sutton differs with Hickok on constitution

Dear Editor:

After having been referred to several times in the JOURNAL, I would like to exercise the right to reply. Mr. Jerry Henseley and I have never met (obviously since he wanted to change my name to Sitton) as we have never discussed anything about the new SGA constitution.

At any rate, Jerry seems to think that I had a great deal to do with the new document, quite the contrary is true. Alan Hickok asked me to work only on the Student Bill of Rights and the Judicial System.

After reading the present SGA constitution, I certainly do think change is necessary. Concerning particularly the Student Activities Board, it was painfully evident this year that students did not get their money's worth of entertainment. Students have paid for top rate entertainment, but have yet to receive it. I think students should be in charge of their own entertainment since we are paying the bill.

Ed Wayson's article was a bit puzzling. It had been my understanding that the new SGA constitution was only a working document—a proposal to be worked on in the ensuing weeks.

As I noted earlier, I had personally only worked on the Student Bill of Rights and Judicial System. As a matter of fact, I have several changes for the proposed constitution that I would like to recommend.

With regard to the conflict of interest rhetoric, Ed and I have on many occasions discussed SGA operations, and as he knows I have repeatedly said that there should be check and balance in Student Government.

Also, I have said that SGA should be for and open to all students and not controlled by one clique. Anyone who knows anything about Student Government affairs does not want an executive dictatorship which caused me to wonder why Ed made a motion recently that the Student Legislature be dissolved—leaving only the Executive Branch, not a very democratic check and balance at all.

I think Students are beginning to wonder if anyone is looking out for their rights and interests. Why have we never had a Student Bill of Rights before?

And any student who has had his car towed away wonders who is looking after his interests.

As Jerry Henseley pointed out students knew of NOTHING that SGA had really done for the students. I think it is about time SGA do something for students and stop all the verbage and rhetoric and get to work.

Charlie Sutton

LETTERS

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Editorial:

No wonder Hickok was upset

How could one student write a constitution that is supposed to govern 4000 students at UNCC? Yet this is what Alan Hickok did, with negligible help from

Charles Sutton.

After attending one of the two open hearings scheduled for the new proposed Student Constitution, we believe it is inconceivable

that Mr. Hickok could spend several months writing a constitution (that is to govern 4000 students) without once consulting a review committee to advise him in the right direction.

In the second open hearing, much to Hickok's verbal disgust, the Rules Committee moved that a review committee be established. The Student Legislature approved the motion. It was then left up to the Ways and Means Committee to choose the members of the Constitutional review committee.

During the open hearing, Mr. Hickok's reaction to questions and outright disapproval of "his constitution" was very surprising to many students in that Mr. Hickok couldn't believe that every student wouldn't fall in line with his ideas.

A case in point was the section dealing with appointments to the Chancellor's student-faculty committees. Whereas, now Hickok recommends prospective appointees, under the new constitution the SGA President will have the power to appoint, outright, the student members.

Under fire on this point, Hickok's reaction was surprising in his remark that the Chancellor would naturally go along with him on this point. Commenting, Dr. Ben Romine, the Chancellor's assistant, said he thought that the Chancellor should be consulted. THE JOURNAL agrees. After all, this proposal denies the Chancellor the right to appoint his own committees.

Since the whole Constitution needs drastic alterations, the Student Legislator's wisest move this year may have been to refer it to a committee.

Mr. Hickok believes that this is a time for decision. We agree. The difference is, we want the students to make a good decision; possible only after studying all sides of the Constitution question.

Wayson declares constitution oriented toward executive control

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some points which I made last week in my article about the newly proposed constitution. Unfortunately, when the paper came out some of the information was already outdated and incorrect. The constitution has been placed into a review committee consisting of 18 students from various factions of the University Community. The revised document will be presented to the Student Legislature on or before April 15th of this month.

First of all, I would like to thank and commend Alan Hickok and Charles Sutton for their dedication and time consuming efforts in writing this constitution. But, another point must be taken into consideration when reading my article, in one of background and standards. When two men who consider executive control valuable decide to write a constitution, the finished product,

then, will be oriented toward executive control. This is a logical result but I still question if this executive control represents the interests and concerns of the

students. This is why I insisted the constitution be sent to a review committee which would more likely represent the student body.

Ed Wayson

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This was once a creek

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Scum is foaming on the water and the rest of the creek is DRY. (photo by dean duncan)

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