

There is more than meets the eye to the petition for separation of the College Union, presented to Dr. Cone by the College Union Governing Board. Before we discuss that, however, we would like to comment on a few things that do meet the eye in the body of this petition.

The first four paragraphs are fine, giving a brief but fairly competent resume of the history of the College Union from the time of its inception to the sixth of November, at which time "the administrative body of the College Union, the Governing Board, held a meeting to discuss its function and responsibility." (sic)

It is in the fifth paragraph that questions begin to bother us: "In considering the consequences of a decision on a matter that might well have been unpopular with the Student Legislature, it became evident that the Governing Board was in an untenable position." This statement bothers us not only because it is rather vague, to say the least, but also because we are well aware of the constant effort by the Student Legislature to cooperate in every way whenever they are asked to act in the only matter of College Union business which concerns them—changes and revisions in the College Union Constitution.

This last point, we feel, is the crucial one. Despite the implications in this petition, the Student Legislature has absolutely nothing to do with the Governing Board in respect to creation, direction, or destruction. The only contact the Student Legislature has with the College Union, other than liaison, is through the Constitution; and this is only at such times as the Governing Board seeks Legislative approval of changes in that document. In other words, the College Union already has complete autonomy, bounded in its actions only by its own Constitution. Could it be that this reasonable boundary is proving to be too much?

Even more important to us is the fact that separation of the College Union (which has the largest membership of all the Charlotte College organizations, the entire student body) from the chartering procedure of the Student Legislature (which uses this procedure to safeguard the democratic rights of student members of Charlotte College organizations) would violate the very basic principle, exemplified in the present delegation of authority by the Administration, of student self-government.

We are not saying, however, that the present system should be maintained. Dr. Slechta's desire for a realistic, legal and proper definition of lines of authority and responsibility is well founded. What we are saying is that the divorce of the student membership of the College Union from the Student Government is not necessary to accomplish this definition—nor is it wise, proper, or democratic.

Furthermore, it would behoove the Governing Board of the College Union to look within its own organization, if it can do so objectively, to see whether it possesses the organizational maturity and responsibility to be on its own. We think it is not. For one thing, the student membership of the College Union is powerless to bring about any structural changes in its organization. Also, there is no provision for the democratic safeguard of impeachment of the executive officers of the C. U. by the student members of that organization.

Finally, we would ask Dr. Cone to once again demonstrate her faith in and support of student self-government by giving strong consideration to the wishes and desires of her students in this matter which so greatly concerns us. We ask her permission only to keep our own house until such time as we show ourselves to be incapable of doing so responsibly—a time which we feel will not come as long as we have the benefit of her guidance.

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Student Commends College's Enthusiastic, Pioneering Spirit

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Charlotte College is the fourth college I have attended in the past three years. I have, therefore, encountered many different faculties and student bodies, none of which had the enthusiasm and quality of Charlotte College.

For one thing, in none of these three other colleges, two of them of high national rank, was there such a preponderance of highly qualified and highly educated instructors. While there were some highly qualified teachers at these other institutions, a student may never have even seen one of them, since classes were usually taught by graduate students and assistant professors, none interested in the student, but only interested in their own self-esteem and self-advancement.

Also, there seems to be a pioneering spirit here at C. C. Possibly I am mistaken, but I have the impression that, besides the contractors working busily outside, the student body is busily building Charlotte College internally, striving, even if they do not realize it, to better themselves, and, in so doing, Charlotte College.

I have mentioned some good points about C. C., but I would also like to register just one complaint, a seemingly contradictory remark to what I have just said, but not really so, since there are always exceptions to even the best things. Last week I spoke to someone who used to teach here and he mentioned that, when C. C. began, there was a great demand for teachers and practically the only ones available at the time were high school teachers. They were probably well qualified at the time, but in time the stature and quality of teaching at Charlotte College increased. These teachers have not been adequate and, understandably, have been dropped from the faculty. However, there are still some remaining. I have been caught with one of these and find the experience most unrewarding. I feel I am in a freshman high school class. Possibly something could be done about this problem, since the class as a whole feels as I do and I hate to think of the classes of the future going through what we are experiencing.

Except for this minor complaint, I have, as I said, never seen such an enthusiastic feeling as at C. C. Learning, and the whole educational process has never been so enjoyable, and rewarding, as it has been here. The students of Charlotte College should truly be proud of a fine institution.

—Name withheld by request

C. U. Chapter

Editors, The Collegian

I have been informed by the Chairman of the College Union

that that organization's subordination to the Student Government Association has been terminated by vote of the Board of Governors, pending approval by the President of the college. I take advantage of this letter to state my hearty approval of this move.

The College Union should, by its very nature, be in the top echelons of organization in a college, since it, in direct contrast to the Student Government Association, provides valuable support services for the college's main purpose, that of formal training in various fields. Up until the time of the reorganization, the College Union, as simply another chartered organization on campus, was in the position of the priest who had to be told by the choir boy how to run the service—a singularly inappropriate position, to be sure.

It is right and proper for both students and faculty members to serve in the organization of the Union, when and where their personal schedules permit. However, all parties concerned (in the final analysis, all persons of any relation to the college at all) should keep in mind the fact that the College Union is a permanent organization, with a mission of professional import, and should be best run by the professionals. For this reason, if for no other, the S.G.A. is entirely out of its jurisdiction in attempting to "charter" an organization which will exist and function, "charter" or no "charter".

Taking this thesis a step further will lead to the conclusion that the S.G.A. is out of its territory whenever the permanent

physical plant of the college is involved. This is something that our senior institutions in Raleigh and Chapel Hill found out the hard way, and, as a result, anything with any permanency to it at all is a function, not of the student government, but of the administration through the Chancellor's office, from the campus cop directing traffic at a football game to the resident advisor in the dormitory. Proper responsibility for a function or piece of equipment cannot be assumed unless the organization or individual assuming such responsibility can be expected to be around to do so. This is the secret of the success of fraternities with national charters — their continuity, regardless of who is in control at any given time.

No student government can expect to have this kind of continuity. Student Government, indeed, cannot be expected to conduct its affairs in the polished professional manner that must be required of permanent support services. Strictly speaking, then, student government, by its very nature, is amateur—and the reader, in this particular case, is welcome to take that word in any manner he sees fit. Amateurs do not tell professionals how to do their job.

Samuel O. Lindeman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Lindeman is slightly mistaken in his letter. The College Union "subordination to the Student Government Association" has not been terminated. However, a petition has been submitted to Dr. Cone for such a measure. See Story on Page 1.-

Dear Boss

dear boss

this is the story of peter and the wolfman
 each character in this tale is represented by a different instrument of political propoganda
 the bird by the truth
 the duck by low snow
 the pussycat by a martinet in very cash register
 grandmama by wisdom
 the wolfman by the horns of a dilemma
 and peter the hero is represented by strained inference
 and now dear boss the time is right and here is our story
 early one evening when the full moon was coming over the mountain and the long wool was coming over the eyes
 peter went out into the field to play in the crabgrass
 and grandmama came out to stand by the gate and watch over peter who could do no wrong
 everyone was blissful as the duck played with little Peter
 everyone felt safe in the knowledge that should conflict arise then truth could be found in the voice of the bird
 suddenly came the howl of the wolfman on horns of a dilemma
 the bird opened its mouth to sing its cantata of truth
 but peter had trouble hearing the song because the pussycat was meowing in very cash register while it crept stealthily through the crabgrass on its paws of velvet
 the duck saw the pussycat coming and tried to hide its head in its low snow and then

but that is another chapter boss so tune in next issue for another installment of peter faces strife
 parably yours
 vw the beetle

postscript
 beauty is only skin deep but ugliness goes all the way down
 vw