

Students Ask For Clean December 'Buc'

Bradshaw Lists Events That Led To Action Of Council

Seeking to give the sequence of events which led to the student council's action directing that the November issue of the Carolina Buccaneer be destroyed, Dean of Students Francis F. Bradshaw sent a letter to the DAILY TAR HEEL yesterday in which he describes the "steadily growing volume of criticism" which has come to administration offices.

Dean Bradshaw emphasized the administration's efforts to keep student problems within student governmental processes. He also said that no threat of administration action on the Buccaneer was made.

Dean Bradshaw's letter follows:

To the Editor

Dear Sir:

Your readers as members of the Publications Union may be interested in the following statement of events preceding the Student council's action of Friday night regarding the Buccaneer:

1. There has been a steadily growing volume of criticism of the Buccaneer among members and friends of the University. Sample statements from two people who work to promote good-will for the institution are these:

(a) "These criticisms have come from high school students, from high school teachers and principals. They have come from members of the State Legislature and from parents of students of the University. At times friends of the University have donated contributions to place the University's publications in the high and prep school libraries. It has been asked that the Buccaneer be left off, Carolina students have said that they would not dare to have a copy of the Buccaneer found in their homes. It has been my lot to have high school boys tell me that their parents will not let them go to Carolina because the University permits the Buccaneer to be published."

(b) "You have pointed out to me that your theory here is that students will best regulate their own affairs. With that in general I agree. But year after year the Buccaneer continues to provoke criticism. Not infrequently students call for a cleansing of the Buccaneer and resolutions are made. But the publication slips back into its evident natural form. It stands as a paradox how otherwise substantial campus citizens can get out the sort of publication the Buccaneer is. It's a sort of campus Mr. Hyde. The magazine actually does more damage to the University's good name than documentary evidence can show. I still hope that students will regulate the magazine, but I believe that outright abolition is the only solution."

Weaver Says Buc Is Hurting UNC

Fred Weaver, who advanced from the vice-presidency of the student body to a position in the office of the Dean of Students, wrote the following letter yesterday:

To the Editor

Dear Sir:

Out of such occurrences as Friday's Student council action there usually arises the cry of tyranny and the



FRED WEAVER
Assistant to Dean of Students



Dean Francis F. Bradshaw, protagonist for student self-government, who catches criticism from both the more student control faction and the faculty domination faction.

FINANCIAL GRIEF CAUSED BY DELAY

Most Serious Trouble Will Arise Over Ads

Disregarding the pros and cons of the rightness of the Buccaneer, technical difficulties in either killing or delaying the humor magazine amount to quite a bit of financial and personal grief, Bert Premo, Buccaneer business manager, said yesterday.

"It will be difficult to estimate the losses due to the action of the Student council until it has been decided what will be eliminated from the November issue," Premo stated.

Actual printing of 4,100 copies now under padlock cost \$400, he said, although this loss will be slightly modified by use of a few sections of the

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Take A Middle Course—Pugh

Carl Pugh, last year's Buccaneer editor, who is still on the campus, submitted the following requested statement on the present situation:

"There is nothing more virtuous than a reformed Buccaneer editor. He has heard the music of praise, seen the glory of printer's ink and felt himself infamous, an experience not without sweetness. He has stood apart from the crowd, a little boy with a red halo. Mine is pinned neatly on the last page of a dusty



CARL PUGH
Ex-Editor of Buccaneer

Buc Editor Goes Home Unaware Of All Happenings

By last night everyone on the campus had learned either the entire story, part of the story or at least a few rumors as to the monkey wrench the Student council threw into the works of the Buccaneer—everyone, that is, except one person rather intimately connected with the publication—Bill Stauber, the editor.

Stauber went home to Rural Hall on Friday afternoon, attended the Carolina-Davidson game Saturday and from all accounts has not yet returned to Chapel Hill to find out that the issue he worked on this past month will not be allowed to reach the students.

There have been at least four meetings concerning the Buccaneer in which either Dean Bradshaw, Fred Weaver, the Student council, the PU board, or various campus leaders have participated. But Bill Stauber was only at one of them. Jimmy Davis, Mac Nisbet, and Ed Rankin visited him in his room Thursday night to tell him there had been several objections raised to certain parts of his November Buccaneer. He was very amiable about the matter—told them that he put out the humor magazine as he thought best.

Bill Stauber was given no inkling that this warning was anything more than the numerous squawks all Buccaneer (and other) editors received. He was not told the pressure put upon the administration for the last few years by influential and affluent persons in the state would descend in one tremendous avalanche upon his head. He was not told the Student council would order destroying this issue.

Crisis In Student Government

We devote today's front page to the most important issue of student government to arise since the discovery of the ill-famed cheating ring in the winter of 1936: student council suppression of the November issue of the Carolina Buccaneer.

There is one fundamental question: Is the action of the council authorized under the present student government setup; or stated differently, is the action of the student council high-handed and arbitrary?

Facts of the case appear in this issue but there are some particularly salient ones which should be brought to light:

- 1) According to the present organization, the student council could merely issue an injunction delaying distribution of the Buccaneer.
- 2) Action was taken in the absence of Editor Bill Stauber.
- 3) Besides the minor argument against "scrapping" the present financial loss of approximately \$500, there is the possible loss of national advertising contracts, dealing with irate advertisers who had planned synchronized advertising programs, and short time between release date of a two-weeks-from-now November issue and the December number.
- 4) Warnings to Stauber were mere hints which could not be interpreted as official administration or student regulation which would suppress this issue.
- 5) After evidence that the December issue and subsequent editions were on a higher plane, President Jim Davis did not relate this evidence to the administration.

We agree in toto if the Buccaneer is harming the University's prestige and endangering its esteem with the fund-providing state legislature its policy should be raised and "smut" deleted.

It is understood many administration members and faculty members, along with a few students, were disgusted with the first, but illegal, action of the student legislature which approved the Buccaneer.

Few will contend that any member of the legislature was aware of the mounting outside criticism. The bill was not presented aiming at a "clean-up." The bill called for taking the Buc off the administration's fee-collecting list.

Dean Bradshaw says that no threat was made that the administration would take action if "something wasn't done," and it is hard to believe one issue, not materially (if any) more obscene than the last, would cause a state-wide revolt.

But just as student government and the democratic process was nearing its goal with the two-party system and division of powers between a legislative and judicial body, one branch steps out of bounds and, with a paternal attitude, hastily directs an action involving the basis of student self-government.

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Editor



THEFT OF STORED BUCS ATTEMPTED

Door, Lock Tamped At Orange Printery

It was reported yesterday that the Orange Printshop was entered Friday night and the lock on the door to the room where the November issues of the Carolina Buccaneer are stored was tampered with. It is known that a printshop employee was repairing a door reputedly leading to the Buccaneer storage room yesterday afternoon.

An employee of the printshop said no copies were missing "after an accurate count."

Every window was locked before the printshop was closed and the only person in the building was the pressman. The storage rooms are in the basement and the noise of the press would prevent the hearing of any ordinary noise.

Circulation of the magazines, scheduled for Friday afternoon, was delayed when the Publications union board, cooperating with the Student council, agreed to delay distribution until tomorrow (Monday).

No Action Is Taken On November Issue

By MARTIN HARMON

Twenty campus leaders called together Friday afternoon by Jim Davis unanimously recommended that the Buccaneer be "cleaned up" in December, but took no action on the November issue—which then lay in the Orange printshop awaiting delivery.

Discussion ran from Editor Bill Stauber's family background to the reaction of the board of trustees. Stauber was not present.

The conclusion was that the Buc, whether favored by the student body or not, may cost the University too much prestige in the state, if the present editorial policy is not modified.

But the conferees, in their resolution, seemed to believe that December would be early enough to clean up.

(With this simple expression of student opinion under their belts, the Student Council Friday night ordered the Publications Union board to destroy every copy of the November Buc, and issue another one.)

PURPOSE

The meeting Friday afternoon was called by invitation, but the doors were opened to all who had heard indirectly about it. The purpose, Davis said, was to find out what the student body really thinks about the Buc, and to tell Stauber. It was intended, he added, that Stauber be present, but the editor had gone home before his invitation could be delivered.

(Stauber lives in Rural Hall, 12 miles from Winston-Salem, where Carolina played Davidson yesterday afternoon.)

Fred Weaver, Dean Bradshaw's assistant who had been invited, Davis said, to answer questions, delivered himself of a lengthy tirade against the Buc. He painted a black picture of resentment which, he said, the humor mag is causing throughout the state. He cited instances of protest in high places.

HINTS

Davis reviewed numerous hints and warnings which the Council had given Stauber, and partly inferred that promises had been made. Less it be thought that the editor had broken his word, Mac Nisbet, senior class member of the council, hastily put in that no "definite" agreements or concessions had been concluded.

Davis said that Stauber told him he sends his Buccaneers home to his mother—who approves of them as college humor magazines; and the president remarked that Mrs. Davis would not.

Whereupon Vice-President Jack Fairley declared that he likewise sends the Buccaneer home, and Mrs. Fair-

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Head of PU Board In Thick Of Fight

Ed Rankin, senior member and president of the PU board, has called a special meeting of the board tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to consider the student council recommendation that the Buccaneer be destroyed.

Elected last spring to a position that seemed minor in the extensive student government setup, he finds his organization drawn into the front ranks of the battle for student self-rule.

Other student members on the board are Ed Megson and Don Bishop. Faculty members are Walter Spearman and R. B. Sharpe, J. M. Lear is the permanent non-voting auditor.



ED RANKIN
President of PU Board



Jim Davis, president of the student body, who led the movement for suppression . . .

BURNING OF MAGS REAL PROBLEM

No Precedent In 12-Year History

While the November issue of the Buccaneer began to yellow in a printshop cellar, campus historians sought precedent or parallel in the humor magazine's 12 hectic years of existence—and found none.

The Buc was banned in 1934 by the student council. But the action then was taken after the publication of an issue—not before. Never has a student council found itself in possession of 3,000 new magazines which it didn't want and wouldn't give away.

It's a physical problem now, as well as an ethical one. Who's going to destroy nearly a ton of printed paper?

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Fairley, Nisbet Against Abolition

Regardless of how he voted in the Student Council action of Friday night, Jack Fairley, vice-president of the student body, made no bones about his position in the "4 o'clock Friday afternoon" meeting when he said he favored distribution of the issue.

Mac Nisbet, senior class council representative, also present at the meeting called by Jim Davis, student body president, expressed the same opinion as Fairley. Both Nisbet and Fairley concurred in making unanimous the opinion that change in policy is necessary.



JACK FAIRLEY
Student Council Member