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The Challenge Before Us

Three checks came to the office of the Student Auditor for him to sign, which action would have completed their round of dignitaries for the affixing of names. But the checks did not surmount the final barrier. The Student Auditor declined to sign them. They are collecting dust on the auditor's desk in Graham Memorial and will continue to do so for many days to come. The appropriations for which they were intended had been duly passed by what is generally regarded as a responsible body—a class executive committee—but the auditor refused to be party to the expenditure of class funds in the manner the responsible body of executive committeemen directed.

Executive Committee Holds Beer Party

The senior class executive committee, composed of members of the senior class appointed by President Benny Hunter, sometime ago voted itself a social—a beer party—to be financed by class funds. The committee members and invited guests—male and female—held their party in the American Legion hut. Shortly afterward, Class Treasurer Morris Rosenberg, acting on authority vested in him by the executive committee, drew up three checks (referred to above) for a total of \$31.82 to pay the expenses of the party.

The senior class executive committee, composed of members of the senior class appointed by President Benny Hunter, also voted that the members of the class executive and dance committees should receive keys, that \$30 of this amount should be supplied out of class funds, the remainder of the expense to be divided by those members purchasing keys.

Chronology of Senior Class Affairs

The story of the juggling act performed with the senior class budget must have background information supplied in order to be really understandable. Much of the history can be gleaned from fall quarter files of the DAILY TAR HEEL. Attitudes of the committee members concerning their responsibility to the class they represented are obtained from other sources. Here is the chronological story:

Back in the fall President Hunter called his executive committeemen into session to work out a budget for the spending of approximately \$6,000 of class funds. The budget published November 10 had in it an item of \$50 for observation and travel; one for \$350 for senior week; \$100 for banquets and smokers; \$100 for miscellaneous; and \$150 for unallotted. Printed with the budget was a statement: "The class authorizes the executive committee to change the unallotted fund to any expense item not sufficient. Money not spent under an expense item is to go into the unallotted fund."

Travel and Observation

Much controversy arose in the executive committee session over the \$50 item for travel and observation, but it remained in the budget. On November 15, the day of the class meeting, Hunter issued a statement in defense of the travel and observation fund: "Fifty dollars has been appropriated for travel and observation. The present class executive committee feels that Senior week programs in past years have been mere threadbare repetitions of old stunts and games. Therefore, it has decided to set aside a fund, minute in comparison to the total amount of the budget (\$5,900), which will enable fellow classmen to visit other colleges and universities to observe how students there celebrate Senior week and to incorporate in our program any new ideas found to be suitable.

"The last item on the budget is \$100 for smokers and banquets. It is hoped to have several of each during the year, and to make them more elaborate and entertaining than ever before."

(The Student Auditor in refusing to sign the checks for the beer party ruled that a social function attended by only a part of the class (the executive committee and friends) could not be paid for by the class as a whole. Nor would he sanction the beer party being charged to "miscellaneous" or "unallotted.") Parliamentary Rule Is Stumbling Block

On November 15 the senior class met in Gerrard hall to pass its budget. The budget at this time had in it all the items listed above. Tom Keys, a member of the executive committee, rose in opposition to the travel and observation item and moved it be stricken from the budget. But another member of the committee moved that Keys' motion be tabled and the motion to table took precedence over that of Keys. The result was: By a parliamentary trick the travel and observation item remained in, without even a discussion of its merits. As it happened, a quorum was lacking, so the budget could not be passed.

But the pressure of Keys and others began to tell on the majority membership of the executive committee. Their long and lonesome cries for deletion of the travel and observation item finally were yielded to. On the morning of December 7 the DAILY TAR HEEL had a story that controversial item had been stricken out because a "majority of the group seemed to feel that criticism which had arisen over the allotment might hurt the chances of the budget to pass."

"A motion that 'Travel and Observation' be stricken from the budget by Martin Harmon passed as quickly as the following motion to switch the money involved to the 'Unallotted' fund. This increases this section to \$200."

Once again a quorum was not secured for the class meeting. The budget passed by a postcard vote, travel and observation being omitted.

Attitudes of Certain Committeemen

Here the story ends. No public mention has been made of other budgetary

affairs, other executive committee disputes over the legitimacy of class expenditures. The 600 or so members of the class, even if they knew an executive committee beer party was being held, did not know that they were the intended financiers of the social. They did not know that \$30 of their money would be appropriated for keys for committeemen.

Neither did they know that one committee member proposed that "travel and observation" be left in the budget, with a \$1 appropriation, the difference to be shifted from "unallotted" as soon as the budget had survived the scrutiny of the class. They did not know that many members of the executive committee acknowledged that some of the contemplated manipulations of class funds might not be exactly "cricket," but that past action of other committees rendered excusable such manipulations on their part.

Persecution Not Intended

The whole story is told not with the idea of persecuting anyone or any group. The senior officers and executive committeemen have had budgetary requirements explained to them. The Student Auditor halted the beer party checks and then set forth his reasons. For the sake of the record, it may be said that senior finances are in good order.

Personal Responsibility Vital

But the challenge is present. The muddled situation of this year, the misunderstandings, the occasional personal viewpoints as to responsibility to the class in handling its funds—all are unwholesome. There is a challenge for higher standards among those controlling class finances; for a better understanding on their part of their responsibility in spending nearly \$6,000; it is quite possible that legislative action may prove necessary to give class finances the stability of control which they need.

The challenge is not to Senior President Hunter, to Junior President Kimball, to Sophomore President Alexander, or to Freshman President Crudup. Their class monetary affairs are in nearly every case now past history. There is every reason to believe that class finances in general are in order.

But the fact that the auditor halted certain checks or that other conflicts of opinion straightened themselves out, is not a guarantee that all will be well in the future. If class executive committees are to be unrestricted in drawing up their budgets, to be able to squelch discussion on them by parliamentary rules at class meetings, or secure their passage with postal cards, there is always the possibility that budgetary appropriations may be made which in the light of clearer understanding on the part of the class as a whole, would not stand one chance in 500 of passage. Once an item has secured the approval of the class (even though this approval be secured without proper enlightenment of the class) there is no recalling it. The Student Auditor and anyone else is powerless to prevent its usage.

Possible Solutions Advanced

This is clearly a problem with two possible solutions. One is essential; the other may prove necessary. First of all, class executive committeemen and officers must have instilled in them a strong sense of responsibility to spend money intrusted to them only in behalf of the class as a whole. They must constantly question each expenditure and ask themselves, "Would the class approve of this expense? Is this expenditure being approved because an executive committee did the same thing five years ago, or is it really justifiable?" That is one solution, the one we strongly urge upon new class Presidents Hardy, Elliot and Hearn. They must appoint class executive committeemen who will place their standards of responsibility on the highest of levels possible.

The other solution is a distasteful one; but for good class government in the long-run, it may be necessary. It may be apparent even now that the only hope for permanent good government rests in legislative action. A legislative committee to conduct a searching investigation of each budgetary appropriation recommended by class executive committeemen may be needed. It might prove wise to have the legislature pass on class budgets before the classes record their judgments. Or review by the Student Audit board may be another good alternative.

The complete answer is not apparent now. Study of the problem of class finances by class officers, by the legislature, and by others interested in better class government is needed before anyone can say that class finances are on sure ground.

There is no crisis in student government over events of the past year, but the future may bring trouble, and plenty of it, if past set-ups and attitudes are not altered.

Is There a War?

(Editorial)

"Why Mazie, of course I want peace! Who doesn't over here? Wait just a minute; let me finish this coke. There! It's so hot these days. Why bother your mind about all that fighting over there? I always say: what can one poor soul like you or me do about it anyway. Just let 'em fight. By the way, wasn't Gable delicious in GWTW? What's that you say? Ought we to help the Allies? Well, I just haven't thought about it. You know with comprehensives here right on top of us I barely ever read the headlines any more. England's winning, isn't she? Those Nazis just shouldn't have a chance in Holland, not with all those dykes and dams and things. By the way, are you going to the Blackout Ball tomorrow night? Ought to be a whiz! Joe's dragging me; got

sorta friendly over the weekend. What's that? Am I going to "Bury the Dead"? Heavens, what's that! Oh, a play. Is that all? Well, I didn't know what you were talking about. Sounds morbid. I don't go for plays much. Oh, it's about peace, eh? Well I don't know. Wanna cigarette, Mazie? Just changed to Luckies; Joe likes 'em. You say it's at the Playmakers theater? Well, Maizie, I'd like to go but you know how much I like Cary Grant. He's on at the movies tonight. "Bury the Dead". Oh, I get it now! Catchy title, eh? Well, gotta catch a class, Maizie. Don't do anything I wouldn't do. See you at the "Y" tomorrow morning. Be good!"

Memorandum: If you are interested in peace, the Co-op group will present Irwin Shaw's "Bury the Dead" at the Playmaker theater tonight at 8:30.

Banquet Starts

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Stauber, Gibson's maternal urge, will give forth with the class will and testament, and Morris Rosenberg will review the class history.

W. A. Olsen, public speaker No. 1, will be on hand if he survives the ball game between the Serious Seniors and the Foolish Faculty.

Don Rosenberg (no relation to the well-known historian) will go through an act which is used as proving ground in microphone factories.

Commander-in-Chief of Foo and ex-Major-General of Stuff Jim McCallum last night demanded that all Se-

Dean Bradshaw

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restrained sponsorship of beer parties. "There is so little to be gained by beer parties when they cause such reactions out in the state," he continued, "and so much to be gained if there are none, and the University is permitted to pursue its policy of freedom."

He held that the fraternities are just as responsible units of the student body as are the dormitories and any self-restrictive action by one should be enacted by both.

niors wear Senior jackets to the banquet as well as to all other events of Senior Week.

Couch, Ericson

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tors, such as Dave Clark might extol. If I must choose between one and the other, I would choose the little dictator. That is not Communism as I understand it. My preference is for a democratic society."

He was asked about the publication of Red literature and that struck a worried spot. "The American people must wake up to that. Radical literature is cheap, attractively presented and may be had in any book store. Radicals see to it that it is available everywhere, but where are your cheap, attractive, authentic books on American political philosophy? The University Press is anxious to publish such books, and would have published them before now if they could have been financed. We are making a strong effort to do so now."

Doesn't Attempt to Influence Students

Mr. Couch added that he does not come in contact with the students, makes no effort to influence them. He was the Orange County chairman for the "Fighting Funds for Finland" drive and raised \$800 or so in the Chapel Hill community alone. That was significant, as will appear.

Another Chapel Hill figure whose name comes swiftly into any talk of the Red Menace is that of Dr. E. E. Ericson. This professor of literature has drawn the severe attacks of critics. He, they have charged openly teaches Radicalism in his classes. He, they say, is a sort of Red leader on the campus. He displayed his position some years ago when he had dinner with the Negro Communist Vice-Presidential Candidate Ford in a Negro hotel in Durham, and when a demand for his dismissal arose he was protected by President Frank Graham. Dr. Ericson has been under the deep suspicion of many since then—a "bogy man," if you will.

Rebels Easily Against Reactionary Influence

You will think as you like about Dr. Ericson. That he is a meticulously honorable man his associates do not question. That he is a very liberal thinker also is accepted. In what degree does not appear, whether he is a Communist, a Socialist or plain Democrat. Intentionally or not, he strikes an attitude. His associates on the faculty like him whether they agree with him or not. His students hold him in admiration. He is a character on the Hill. One guess is that he is not so much a crusader for any cause as he is the rebel against what he considers to be reactionary menaces to academic freedom.

Your correspondent questioned many students and four of them happened to be in Dr. Ericson's

BIRTHDAYS

(Students having birthdays may get free tickets to the movies by calling by the boxoffice of the Carolina.)

- Bronson, Mary Jean Dalton, Lacy Augusta Isenhower, Samuel Holeman Kushin, Harold Nathan Locke, William Arthur, Jr. McRae, Cam Owen, Jenness Russell Raoul, Mary W. Vincent, George Jackson Wood, James Frederick, Jr. April 11 Aycock, Jesse Bardin, Jr. Dees, Fred, Jr. Fuller, Marion Miot, Jr. Furr, Walter Eugene Hobbs, Claude Elton Kirkman, Cordell Clement Lubman, Seymour A. Moser, Bernard Prior, Carl Rose, Abram Hewitt Steinbach, Arlene

classes. Speaking separately, each said that he had never been subjected to any sort of radical persuasion by the professor. None said he understood Dr. Ericson was a radical and two said they understood that he was a liberal. Asked what they meant by the terms, they said they did not know—only what people said.

Not a Communist; Voted For Morrison

Dr. Ericson says of himself: "I am not a member of the Communist Party. In 1932 I voted for Norman Thomas. As I saw the trend of the present national administration I began to feel that its reform program had high possibilities of lifting us out of the depression. I then decided to register as a Democrat. I have forgotten the date but it was the Summer that Senator Reynolds ran for office, because I remember voting for Mr. Morrison. I have kept this registration active since."

Does Not Teach Communism Or Socialism

Parents of University students will be very much interested in Dr. Ericson's next statement:

"I do not teach either Communism or Socialism in my classes, or any other political doctrine. I could not look myself in the face if I were to destroy my professional and intellectual integrity by using the classroom as an instrument for propaganda."

At this point your reporter had looked in at three Chapel Hill citadels of the Menace. They—the Carolina Polit-

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