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Gravy in Government

More interesting—and important—than the main show itself is the conflict between better government and practical politics involved in the struggle to reorganize class government.

The bill, as unanimously endorsed by the student government committee, will not alone be the gigantic broom needed to sweep class government clean.

But it is a step, perhaps the opening shot of a far-reaching series, in the right direction. It will abolish the traditional class committees, often totalling more than 50 students, packed with political debris, cumbersome and unwieldy. It will clear the way for efficient action by class governments, if ever action by them is needed or required.

It does away with one more elective office, lessening the bewildering number of candidates the average student must face each spring.

More vital, however, has been the reaction to these provisions in political and legislative circles—which after all are not very distinct from each other.

In its early stages the bill met almost unanimous approval from everyone concerned. But practical political leaders indicated they would not support it. They foresaw a lessening of political "gravy" and interference with some of their unannounced nominations.

At first these political leaders were pretty frank about indicating why they opposed the bill. But by yesterday afternoon they had rationalized themselves into arguing that their opposition is based on altruistic grounds.

Their motives in providing most of the opposition are certainly questionable. It would be a disgrace to the student legislature and to the campus if these party leaders succeed in blocking an improvement in class government because they think it might curtail or interfere with political plans.

This is at least possible. It is possible that political parties—absorbed in their own maneuvers—are trying to tell the legislature and the campus what to do and when to do it.

The issue is better government versus practical politics. That means the time is far past due when students must put into practice the age-old right to tell their elected legislative representatives what they want done.—C. B.

Sheep and the Goats

The library took a wise step when it changed the regulation for checking out reserve books overnight. These special works may now be taken out at 6:30 p. m. instead of 9 o'clock.

In the past everyone arrived at the library between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. A few students tried to study but gave up as the bedlam broke loose around them. After all, at least half of those present were just killing time and socializing until they could check out books at 9.

Now the studious students will be able to study and the playboys and playgirls will check out their book early and go to more appropriate spots for their tete-a-tetes.

Tut-Tut, Chillun!

We won't set ourselves up as musical Emily Posts, because we are authorities on neither music nor manners. But we remember being told once by someone who knew that a musical selection should be applauded only at its conclusion, that the audience should remain silent at the end of the movements of symphonies, sonatas, etc. Director Hans Kindler and the National Symphony were applauded incorrectly Tuesday night. Such action by the audience does not upset the plan of salvation, but it does show that we could brush up on our musical manners to good advantage.

There are 78 official members of the DAILY TAR HEEL staff.

She Walks Alone-With Men

By Martha Clampitt

So you think the Tin Can is cold? Well, let me assure that in comparison to another spot on this fair campus, it is a hot box. A veritable tropic spot. For 111 Murphey, in which room 100 people gather at 9:30 (or thereabouts) every morning to shiver and shake and watch their breath turn

to icicles before they very eyes, is worse. The usual procedure upon entering a classroom is to take off your coat, etc., and prepare for intellectual pursuits. But not so in 111. You button up your overcoat, tie your scarf around your head, and put on the gloves you grabbed when you left the room at 8:26. Then you find a seat and begin to prepare yourself (mentally, of course, you've done all you could physically), for the slow, sure chill that turns you into a numb form by the time that 10:20 rolls around. What about the radiators, you say? As Dr. Harland has so aptly described them, they are like the sheath on the door of the Greek temple—once a functional apparatus, but at present purely decorative. To keep class morale high (how, I'll never know) Dr. Harland has instituted temperature read-

ings, which he calls out at about 15- or 20-minute intervals. I suppose this is to make us realize how lucky we are to have the great outdoors to live in.

Other odds and ends of social significance include . . . can anybody tell me why the Dance Committee gets ferocious over some poor little guy that had a beer at 6:30 and forgot to chew a stick of gum, and leaves the girls to hold up the most polluted Joes on the floor. Funny part is, they're all so big, too . . . the polluted Joes, I mean, not the D. C. . . . the South's problem No. 1 at present, is what to do with Perrin Quarles after the South Americans leave . . . Politicians thinking of the gray train they'll lose if this new bill goes through the Student Legislature . . . Idea for an inventor: if somebody could only think of some way to utilize the steam heat recent contributors to Letters to the Editor have been blowing off . . . might have to write lengthy columns to take up the space the Letters now have, and wouldn't that be hell? Wow! Please, somebody, do something . . . If the University Laundry used even half the amount of starch they do now, with the money saved we could probably add a Library extension in no time at all . . . B. C. and his parrot make wonderful companions . . . and by the way, John Rosser was certainly a good flu patient . . .

Lend An Ear

By Louis Harris

The Self-Help Boys

They're behind the library counters getting out the nightly load of rechecked reserve books . . . they're

in the book exchange out our 10:30 coke . . . they're helping us make our life more enjoyable in the dorm stores, in taking care of our laundry and other painful duties . . . they're everywhere on the campus.

They are the grit boys who have hitched the destiny of their future to the star of work and their own ability to carry out a job well . . . they make us proudly claim that Carolina is the place for a poor boy to get a break . . . they bring us down to the harsh realities we will have to face when we are out in the world away from this paradise of cokes, Gimghoul, night clubs, and bright, red-lipped coeds.

Latest figures show that 550 of our fellow students wouldn't be in school now, unless they knew that they had it in themselves to do a dual job well. They know that they can do their school work and also do their self-help jobs.

Always when a boy thinks about college and knows that the family finances are low, because the crops weren't so bountiful this year, or the store wasn't making money like it used to, or sister was sick and all the available funds were used for medicine or doctors, he is faced with the problem of working harder than most of his fellow classmates up at the University.

The potential self-helper is faced with study when other boys and girls are down at Aggie's. He is faced with the struggle to get the most out of his studies, make enough to eat three good meals a day, and to slice off a lot of the hell-raising that most of us don't want to give up.

It takes guts and grit — and plenty of it.

Yet, the facts bear out the healthy and admirable proof that self-help students actually do their job better than the rest of the student body.

Last quarter 65 out of 350 NYA students made the honor roll. Eighteen percent of the self-help students made the coveted honor lists, while an average of only 10 percent of the student body made it. Four of those boys who help serve you a more enjoyable breakfast in the Dining hall made it. Four of the fellows, to whom you show your little pink slip to get your basket down at the gym, made it. Many others scattered over the campus proved it could be done.

Credit is certainly due these unsung heroes of the tray collecting, soda jerking, office typing crew. It is "The Vichy government in unoccu- jege.

NEWS BRIEFS

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key may declare war under her alliance with Britain and Greece.

Anthony Eden In Egypt On Surprise Visit

CAIRO, Feb. 20 — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and the chief of the British imperial staff arrived in Egypt as smashing drives carried British forces across the Juba river toward the Italian Somaliland capital of Mogadiscio and captured the town of Mega in southern Ethiopia.

General Sir John Dill, chief of the imperial staff, and Eden arrived on their surprise visit as British quarters asserted that Italy's African empire is crumbling rapidly under Britain's assaults and that "the end is in sight."

Eden and General Dill may outline strategy for a complete "knock-out" of Italian resistance in Africa and perhaps the rushing of land and air forces across the Mediterranean to the Greek-Balkan warfront, it was said.

British Forces Fortifying Aegean Island of Lemnos

BELGRADE, Feb. 20 — British forces, intended to resist any attack on Greece's Aegean seaport of Salonika or the vital Dardanelles, were tonight reported to have occupied and to be hastily fortifying the strategic Greek island of Lemnos in the upper Aegean.

Germany's huge Balkan army in Rumania is testing pontoon bridges on the Danube between Rumania and Bulgaria, according to reports reaching Belgrade tonight, and marching troops as well as heavily loaded lorries have entered Bulgaria at Ruschuk, Mikopol, and Vidin.


The British were said to be moving swiftly to establish themselves in strongholds around Greece, including the fortification of Lemnos as a strong naval and air base, before the Germans can strike across Bulgaria and down upon Greece.

LONDON, Feb. 21—(Friday)—Political quarters reported last night that some important United States or Canadian figure may be asked to seek a mediated settlement of the Anglo-Irish dispute, particularly in regard to Britain's desire for Irish naval and air bases.

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