

All-Out Vote

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majority of those voting may override an act of the Legislature or change the Legislature's constitution. The proposed amendments reduce these requirements to 25 per cent of the student body voting.

The Student Legislature is the most representative governing organization on the campus. Its purpose is to serve the student body by looking after its interests. If these amendments are passed, the Student Legislature will be even closer to the student body because students could then make its opposition of an act or its approbation of an amendment more readily felt.

These issues are very important. In fact, they are the most important faced by the student body since the Legislature was first established April 12, 1938. If these amendments are passed, it will mean that the representatives will have to be more on their toes than ever before. They would have to know more than ever what the student body wants because the campus could more easily override the Legislature's actions. These facts are certainly for a more democratic form of self-government.

How the campus votes on these questions is really a test of democracy. It is a gigantic task to get half of the student body to vote on any issue. Some feel that it is too much trouble to go to the polls to vote. This attitude is one of the fundamental weaknesses of democracy. And dictatorship or autocracy would be much easier to give. But how would the student body like to TAKE it?

If we are to have student self government, then there are certain duties that we must perform. If you want us to continue our present form of student government by, for, and of the students, then you will go out to the polls and cast your vote one way or the other on these issues. We ask your cooperation with us and we urge you to perform your duty so that you may retain your privilege for action.

Sincerely,
W. J. Smith
Speaker of the Legislature

There is hardly any "one way or other" about today's voting on the Legislature's constitutional amendments. All four amendments are indisputably for the good of the campus.

But the bigger issue than the pro's and con's of any one of the amendments is whether or not the student body will turn out to vote.

Last spring when asked to vote on some of the same amendments at the general elections polls, enough of the student body refused to spend the few calories necessary so that the solution to the representation problem of the Legislature went unapproved.

But last spring Legislature leaders disappointed with the don't-give-a-damners could look forward to another vote this fall.

Now there can be no "next vote." The Legislature is already running behind the ambitious but essential agenda which its leaders have set—readjustment of student fees, treatment of the recreation problem, establishment of a campus constitution. The new amendments give the assembly the representation and constitutional flexibility to go ahead with these critical problems before they get out of hand. They also give the student body the power of rejecting acts of the Legislature, a power which can be wisely used if the time ever comes when that organization becomes so autonomous that it refuses to listen to the deans of its campus constituents.

And a vote that fails will be disastrous for the campus and its student government. If they fail now to get a majority, Speaker Smith and company can look forward only to muddled months of inaction that would allow the campus to develop enough apathy about its student government to let the whole works go to pot.

Apropos

Another appeal to cut down week-end travel by bus and train has been issued by the Office of Defense Transportation. A further shift of eight per cent in traffic from week-end to midweek is imperative, it is said, to relieve congestion on these carriers. College students have been asked not to contribute to mass movements of fans to football games this fall.

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SPORT SLANTS - - - - By Pap

DONT PULL MY PUNCHES



Keeping Tab

With Stud Gleicher

One of the campus mogul journalism majors asked his prof for a higher grade after looking over the dismal mark he received on a quiz. The prof turned thumbs down on the request and the journalism major, a very modest fellow, quipped back: "O. K., but when I become famous and they check back on my grades in school you're gonna feel awfully damn silly."

Helpful Hint Dept.: Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker.

Wanna win a bet from your room- mate? Bet him he can't tell you the first name of President Wilson. If he comes back with Woodrow, you win 'cause World War I's prexy's first name was Thomas.

A recent advertisement in New Yorker modestly states: "Cartier's Roses in gold—to lift the spirit. A lovely ensemble each petal faithfully real. One of a pair of clips \$250 each; the pair of ear clips \$275 . . . At Cartier's it always has been, and always will be, quality at a moderate cost." Are they kiddin'?

The WPB lists silk stockings as a necessity. That is, of course, up to a certain point.

If you think running the obstacle course (ed. note: what again?) is tough, cop a gander at the schedule all the lads in school followed in 1917 when this was an SATC camp: 6:00 A.M. first call; 6:15 Reveille; 6:30 Breakfast; 7:15 Assembly (physical exercise); 8:00-12:15 Academic Work (except Sunday); 1:30 (Saturday) Military Instruction; 2:35-3:55 (Mon. Wed. Fri.) Academic Work, and (Tues. Thurs. Sat.) Military Instruction; 4:00 Military Instruction; 6:00 Retreat; 6:15 Supper; 7:30 Study Call; 10:00 Taps.

And in case you think there were many coed shoulders around on which to rest your tousled brow please be informed that in 1917 there were 32 coeds in Chapel Collitch.

Suggested Song Titles: For my car tires: "You're An Old Smoothy." . . . For Hitler: "Just Plain Loath-

CAMPUS GRAPEVINE

By the Staff

We dropped by the Yackety Yack office yesterday and watched the business staff and editors begin work on their 17-thousand dollar plaything. Coeds, much up to par, were busy typing, filing, skulking. Knowing now that his coeds are fast enough, Editor Hobbs is worried now only about the slowness of the seniors in getting their pictures taken. He emphasized with brusqueness and some profanity that a Y-Y editor might make good for the first time the perennial threat of leaving the camera-shy out of the book.

Upon having seen "Iceland," we are wondering with considerable worry whether the Hays Office ever did wake up or just slept on through the preview.

Incidentally, the theater seems to have conjured up the excellent idea that if it opens the box office 15 minutes early and sells tickets as prospects come up, the mob scene may be avoided. Credit to the theater for some overdue thinking.

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What with the Navy accepting women recruits and President Roosevelt setting ceilings on salaries, America may become known as the "Home of the Freeze, and the Land of the WAVE."

One of the boys who drove up to Fordham swears this happened to him on one of Virginia's back roads. He got stuck in some of that red clay and after paying a farmer three bucks to haul him out asked the farmer how much he made a day pulling cars out. The farmer answered: "sometimes as high as ten or twelve dollars a day." Our hero asked, "Do you pull them out at night too?" "Nope," was the retort, "gotta haul water at night."

That's all for now. Gotta study for a couple of quizzes in Public Shrieking 45; Interpretive Analysis of Comic Strips 62; and Pinball Mechanics and Ethics 132.

STRICTLY DETRIMENTAL

October 12, 1942

A large percentage of the male population of the University find themselves in a peculiar position: Many of them have gone blithely ahead inviting their "one and onlies" to Homecoming weekend, and now they find there ain't no such thing. National defense, which has been blamed for everything from lack of gasoline to the scarcity of good liquor, has now sabotaged the Rice game.

As things shape up this afternoon, the only football game that will be played Saturday afternoon will be between Alderman dorm and the Boys Down at Harry's. Campus bookies have no line on either of these teams, but coaches think some good material for the varsity may be hidden on the dorm squad. If Kenan stadium isn't used in the afternoon, the least University officials can do is make sure that the sports arena is ready to hold the throngs that will gather there Saturday night, about 12 o'clock. These night "games" are quite the thing, with no holds barred.

Tonight the Athletic Association meets in solemn conclave, and holds the fate of those Homecoming dates in their hands. If they can get us a game with some team, even the Terrible T, the Chicago Bears, all will be saved—except the football players' constitutions. If they fail, all will be dismal. After all, what can you do to waste time until the evening, with only fifty cents in your pocket?

There is one more thing that bothers us. Every possible room in town is being used by seven students for sleeping and various other sundry purposes; which leaves nothing for our dates but Dan's dog house and the bell tower.

We looked at Dan's house today so we could estimate repairs needed, but three freshmen shut the door in our faces. So we beat it over to the tower and began figuring out how to make beds out of the bells, as the other space was used by students—hanging by their feet.

The bell ringer told us that all reservations would have to come by mail because the Tower Apartments were busy for the whole coming year.

B.L. and J.K.

Weary Wisher

Campus Life Crumbles While Leaders Sit By

By Hayden Carruth and Sylvan Meyer

Today student leaders are plunging headlong and unequipped into the greatest period of University turmoil ever experienced in Chapel Hill history, and most of them don't know it. It's a broad, long-range question, one of those things that creeps along underneath the monotony of daily life for a couple of years, and then smashes apart that monotony so fast that pretty-boy politicians gape and stare and look like the stupid fools most of them are.

It's the problem of the unprecedented decentralization of the student body. A University, despite the arguments of professors, is not held together by classrooms and academic interests. A University is not a bunch of classrooms and a library—at least a successful University isn't—because students are human beings and must live in a closely knit social community.

But what happens? The Navy, no longer begrudged by most, has moved in, lock, stock and Kessing. Cadets took over most of the University's dormitories; students took it on the lam. Autumn rolls round and finds the scramble for rooms in town an intolerable hodge-podge of high rents, stinking rooms, and not enough to go around—the fault of Rogerson, Armstrong, and some other South building unworkables. When things finally do get settled down, the student body, formerly living on the campus for the most part, is scattered from wood's edge to wood's edge around Chapel Hill.

The result is this: little knots of students who gather in rooming houses all over the village form isolated and unconnected social units. Nothing but football games brings them into contact with the general student body in any way except for classroom routine—and in all probability football games will be a fond memory this time next fall.

In a year, or maybe two, when old students trained in University traditions have passed into that

great beyond that looms after each commencement, the student will be spread all over like a bunch of fallen leaves, and just about as stable. Those manifestations of a student spirit and community interest—Entertainment Committee, IRC, CPU, OSCD, Grail, publications, cooperatives, Sound and Fury, et cetera—will crumble and fall apart. The things that today hold the student body together like the Book Exchange, Graham Memorial, Memorial hall will no longer be significant in student life.

In other words, the whole business will disintegrate and become nothing.

What is anybody doing about it? Nothing. Damn few are even worried. Hobbie McKeever's Social committee is the closest thing to a corrective agency so far as this problem is concerned, but even it shoots about 359 degrees wide of the solution. The Social committee is a very fine organization indeed for sponsoring dances, but so is the Grail. The Social committee is a very fine organization indeed for Sunday Night Sessions, but Sound and Fury might do a better job if it were incorporated into the organizations falling directly and financially under student government as it should be. Otherwise, the Social committee isn't doing much of anything. (This is not a criticism of the committee as it is now established. McKeever's done a fine job.)

There is nothing now on the campus to analyze the details of this problem and correct it. Nothing could be more necessary. People had better get to thinking about it . . . people like Bennett, Peck, Smith, Gambill, Osborne, Harward, Snyder, Webb, Frankel, Meyer, Carruth, etc.

They had better start thinking right now.

How come there's a great, big, useless, ugly iron fence at 215 Pittsboro street when there's a scrap drive on?

—H.C.

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

COOL WEATHER Calls for HOT CHOCOLATE Come to SUTTON'S

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Clues include: 1-Shove!, 5-Attend, 10-Ascending steps, etc.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 69.

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