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## THE WRITTEN LAW IS BEST

Another chapter, appropriate to Battle's *History of the University of North Carolina*, is being written in the annals of student life here as the student legislature meets in Gerrard Hall to consider the nearest approach in 150 years to a constitution for the student body.

We see the constitution not only as the crowning triumph of another James Madison, now masquerading as Douglass Hunt, but as a triumph of students over the stigma of adolescence which has permeated these ivy-covered walls.

As Fred Weaver (soon to be Dean of Men) aptly put it, "Several years ago I might not have approved of the idea of written law, but today we need a constitution to tie up the ends loosened by the war." We aren't so sure that Carolina's tradition of the "unwritten law" is a source of pride. It is true that we do not want volumes of complicated legislation, but the idea of the same body making laws, apprehending offenders, trying the accused, and levying punishment is repulsive and contrary to a greater and more sacred tradition—Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. When men are free and able to regulate their own affairs by the decision of the majority, we find duly elected legislatures, vested with the power to make laws for the people who elected them; there is then an executive branch, vested with power to execute the laws; and there is a judiciary, which finds violations of the laws and sets the punishment.

We have heard the expression, "If we elect capable, honest, substantial officers to the supreme body, we can trust them adequately to carry out all the functions of student government." This hypothetical imperative would be a reliable guide IF we could always and uncompromisingly elect or even discover men who are without imperfection. The student councils of the past have been characterized by both the highest ideals and the lowest dishonesty. Overwhelming evidence has been amassed to prove that capable, honest, and substantial officers are not invariably elected.

Today another argument against national democracy, based upon checks and balances and restriction of executive power, has been augmented by the development of the technology of modern war and more specifically by the disaster of Pearl Harbor. Undeniably, national democracies with all-powerful deliberative assemblies are often at a temporary disadvantage in instantaneous modern war, but we, who believe in America's present governmental structure, are willing to sacrifice the power to wage instantaneous war for the security and personal justice which we enjoy. Of course, student government has impunity to this major objection to democracy and deliberative assemblies today—our student government will not find it necessary to wage instantaneous war on other student governments.

As Hunt pointed out, "The student legislature under the proposed constitution will have too much to do to find time to pass laws prohibiting walking on the grass in front of Spencer." Much will be left up to the councils, which according to the constitution will take cognizance of the honor code and campus code, and the pre-constitution proceedings of the councils.

The new constitution does not alter the present system to the degree that some have alleged. The present student legislature has power to make specific laws prescribing specific punishments for specific offenses. The Student Council recognized this power when they vetoed the much discussed "vandalism bill."

The new constitution creates a greater analogy between student government and the government of the United States and increases the value of student government as a laboratory in political science. It is well that we have three branches of government modeled after the kind of government under which we as American citizens live in the great community of which Carolina is a part.—R. M.

## YOU FELL FOR IT, JOSEPHUS!

The following is an editorial from yesterday's *Raleigh News and Observer*:

### BEST NEWS YET

"The jittery world, with many in Europe and Asia lacking food, will be gratified to learn that poverty and crime in the world have been abolished. This will be good news to Food Administrator LaGuardia and to Hoover who says he found desperate conditions in Poland.

"Here is the cheering news taken from *The Chapel Hill Tar Heel*:

"A bill to abolish all poverty and crime in the world passed the Di Senate last night by a narrow margin of 2 to 3, the chair voting to break a tie. Dave Pittman, president of the Senate, said: 'The future of humanity seems now secure. Although those who opposed the bill did so for purely selfish reasons, I am happy to announce that the world will now be able to live in peace.'"

It may interest Editor Josephus Daniels to know that the news item his newspaper quoted was not taken from *The Chapel Hill Tar Heel*, but from *The Damn Tar Heel* which except on April 1 is known as *The Daily Tar Heel*. April Fool, Mr. Daniels!

## With Big Funds Available Disgusted Students Demand Better Entertainment in the Future

By John Giles

Thursday night the Phi discussed ways of improving student entertainment. The discussion consisted of a defense of the poor entertainment by Mr. Pannill, and an attack of the same by the various members of the Phi. The important thing though was that while it is regrettable that the shows were not up to par this year, the committee (composed of four students and three faculty members) should now realize that the whole student body, and not just the Phi alone, wants better entertainment next year. Next fall already disgusted students will not continue to accept the excuse that inadequate funds make it impossible to obtain good entertainment. Furthermore, the committee should be aware of the fact that a vast majority of the students would much rather have one really great show per quarter than a flock of poor quality or even mediocre ones. However, funds next year may make it possible to have more than one per quarter.

Mr. Pannill stated the other night that the Phi should encourage students to attend the shows put on by the SEC. However, the writer believes that when first rate shows are presented, no one will need to urge students to attend. When Paul Whiteman, Bertrand Russell, and Albert Spaulding and other stars appeared no one needed any urging to attend their performances.

During the winter quarter 3,186 students were in the college of Arts and Sciences, General College, and Commerce School, according to the Central Records Office. Students of these branches of the university, according to Mr. Evans, Cashier, pay a \$1 fee per quarter for student entertainment. With about \$3200 coming in per term as of the winter quarter and students in these classifications approach-

ing 4000 next fall, the entertainment fund should have \$11,000 or \$12,000 to spend next year.

The writer is informed that the committee is endeavoring to get the Don Cossack Chorus for next fall. Certainly the Russian entertainers are top flight artists, and this observer earnestly hopes that we get them. However, the other shows should feature entertainers of equal merit. They should be great performers and not some mediocre performer that an agent builds up.

The American public has been a rather good judge of an entertainer's worth. It isn't very difficult for John Q. Public to determine who the better pianists, violinists, dancers, singers, concert or symphonic leaders, or entertainers in any line are. The

task of the student entertainment committee is to see that the student body has the opportunity of seeing three or four of these nationally known artists a year. They have a broad range to select from admittedly, and perhaps it will be difficult to get great performers, but with a \$12,000 sum to spend each year, Carolina should have entertainment comparable with any university in the country. The students want good entertainment, they expect good entertainment, and for the money they are paying they should have good entertainment next year. To attain this goal, conscientious work will be required of all the members of the Student Entertainment Committee. The reward will be the thanks of the student body.

## Protest 'Liberal' Idealism And Emotional Propaganda

By Paul E. Mullinax and Elwood Mintz

This is a disgusted protest to the "liberal" propaganda of Dick Koral. It seems that Mr. Koral was somewhat off the beam in his criticism of Dr. Craig's address encouraging the student body to work and work hard. We did not understand Dr. Craig as advocating working hard for any politician.

We would like to analyze the editorial of Mr. Koral who has evidently received a good education in Union Square before coming from Brooklyn to Carolina to "save the South." Let us try to apply what he says to the actions of the leftists in the United States.

First, he asks WHY we lack spirit, enthusiasm, stick-to-it-ism, etc. (supposedly in a political sense favoring the leftists). The answer is this: we of the South are strong-willed enough to do our own thinking without any dictating from the C.I.O., the SCHW or any other opinion organizing group that generously tells us what we want to do. He must remember that Ameri-

cans are not used to being thought for as are the Russians, Spaniards, and Germans who know little else than dictatorship. Before presenting illogical arguments, he should recall that the majority of the student body is intelligent and critical and will not be strong-armed into "writing your senator" expressing the thoughts of a greedy group of politicians.

They might be controlled through fear, the labor-unions method; but, in the South, the leftists do not have that direct power.

The leftists should be able to figure out the fact that they are hurting themselves by the smear and purge campaigns. Constructive criticism is to be desired but unqualified condemnation of all whom we elect is hard to tolerate except by people whose emotional systems are easily upset.

They should also realize that their pattern of attack is too broad and inclusive. How do they expect to have the support of we who are white-collar workers, farmers, or people with fixed incomes when they support strikes (which deprive us and the rest of the world of critical goods) and wage raises to industrial workers which serve directly to impoverish us and bring

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## Letters To The Editor

### A Lady Speaks

To the Editor:

In the three years I have been at Carolina I have never yet received one single Tar Heel. When I was a freshman I went by the Tar Heel office several times to try to get my Tar Heels mailed, and I wrote postcards. Getting no results, I tried then not to pay the fee. I bought a subscription for a friend at Sarah Lawrence College—paid the five dollars—and she wrote me for about two months that she still had not received a copy. To my knowledge she never did.

During last quarter there used to be a few Tar Heels in the Town Girls room, but not enough, and they were usually all gone by the time I got there. That they were there at all was due to the efforts of Marianne Browne, and not to the PU Board.

The whole damn circulation set-up stinks to hell. Even if they mailed me every Tar Heel this quarter, they still owe me all the money I've paid in for the last three years. Failing getting my money back, I am at least entitled to a three-year subscription. But I've graduated now and don't care if I get the damn Tar Heel for three more years or not.

I repeat. The whole lousy circulation set-up stinks to hell. I want my three years' money back.

Harriet Sanders

(Town Girl)

P. S.: I am under normal conditions a lady. Honest.

## On Having A Baby

To the Editor:

Whether you care to admit it or not, YOU have a son. After such a drastic statement a little explanation is due, I know, therefore I will proceed to explain myself. A few days ago the Daily Tar Heel was privileged to publish a tentative Constitution. That is YOUR baby and you would do well to attend to it. For untold weeks there have been cries and accusations that this or that present system was unfair. It is interesting to note that out of these many cries, there has come no voice of acceptance or ridicule to the prospective Constitution.

At present, this baby of yours is undergoing his baptism of fire, but it seems as though there are only a few people on this campus who care enough about

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## UNC Students Indifference In Campus Politics Scored

By Dave McQueen

It appears that many students on this campus are complaining about many phases of Student Government. Upon closer scrutiny, it appears to this writer that everyone is ready to complain about its activities and yet are refraining from doing anything about them. With these complaints some suggestions would be appropriate. There seems at present to be a spreading mania for criticism pro and con. To a degree this is good, as it represents the freedom of speech which is ever precious, but the latency of the individuals involved, to make suggestions for the improvement of the agency which they are attacking, demonstrates their lack of proficiency in the criticism.

As to the person that is elected to an office, in any part of the many "cogs and wheels" that make up this complex machine called Student Government, what was the basis on which he assumed office? It certainly should have been on the basis of his ability, persistence, and leadership. He also should have the idea that he is taking office not for selfish purposes, but for the further betterment of his particular branch of the government. Upon assuming office, he will at first be a bit confused for a few days until he gets the gist of the procedure involved, but, shortly thereafter, his abilities, whatever they may be, will come to light. If an office is being operated with the utmost of profi-

ciency, and the man holding the leading position in this office has proved his worth, he should be rightfully re-elected. The proper place to try a man that presents many proficiencies in potential form, is in an office that at that time is corrupt.

The voter should select the electee carefully. Do not allow biased opinions to pull the wool over your eyes. He might be a "good boy," but does that alone qualify him for a position of trust?

A good example of an extreme lack of efficiency can be pointed out at the present time in the operation of the PU Board. In my humble opinion I feel the name of the board is quite appropriate. They are undoubtedly one of the most corrupt forms of management on this campus. Let us hope this example is remembered during the next election, and that the proper steps are taken to prevent further recurrence of the lack of interest shown at present, of these office-holders. Try to vote the right man into the right office and don't be afraid to make suggestions and helpful criticisms.

## American Veterans Committee Asks You To Mail This Petition to Your Senator

Dear Editor:

This week the vital veterans' housing bill is up for consideration on the floor of the senate. In the name of the Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Veterans Committee I ask you to print the attached statement so that all those persons interested in the passage of this important measure may clip the statement and mail it to their particular Senator. The importance of action in helping get this bill through cannot be over-emphasized.

Respectfully

Winston Broadfoot.

The extreme national housing shortage and the immediate serious need in the vicinity of colleges and universities require emergency action on the part of the national government. Veterans and other applicants are being turned away from universities daily because of lack of living accommodations. I urge you to resist the minority real estate lobby and aid your constituents by voting for the Veterans Emergency Housing Program (Patman Bill) in its original form, including ceiling prices on existing homes, subsidies for low cost homes, and authority for the Housing Expediter to investigate the building industry.

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