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MAJORITY PROBLEMS—MINORITY PARTICIPATION

The Carolina campus is rich in the varied organizations and activities open to the student body: organizations and activities the majority of which are tackling the major problems of the people of the South, the nation, and world. There are few fields of human thought not covered by some group, yet the sum total of the combined membership of these groups is a very small minority of the student body.

The Council for Religion in Life and the YMCA, attempting to apply Christian thought in the solution of campus and world problems, the University Veterans Association and the American Veterans Committee, tackling the problems of veterans, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, fighting to put into practice the democratic ideals of the American heritage, the Conference of Southern Students, building a united southern student movement, the Carolina Political Union, the Philanthropic Assembly and Dialectic Senate, thrashing out the issues in world politics, student government, race relations, and much more—all of these groups are begging the student body to participate.

The activities of all these organizations are covered thoroughly by the Daily Tar Heel. If they fail to arouse the interest of the student body, it is neither the fault of the organizations or the Tar Heel, but apathy and misunderstanding upon the part of the student body.

College life is in its totality an intellectual experience, a period of learning which extends beyond the classroom. Joint discussion and action by the students is imperative if one wants to get out of college more than a high class trade. The classroom provides a bare minimum of raw facts in isolated fields. The campus club helps develop a rounded, compact, rational attitude toward life and some basic healthy reactions to its problems. The student who graduates without actively participating in extracurricular activities will graduate a complete bore, unfit to participate during his life with the intellectuals of the country, condemned to the stultifying company of the poker players, the Babbitts, the respectable drunkards, and the sweet, sweet ladies and gentlemen that infest the nightclubs and country clubs.

Your problems are being discussed every night on this campus. In the long run your problems will be solved in the manner that this minority of students who are training themselves to responsible citizenry shall see fit to solve them. They are a minority because the majority has chosen to allow them to be a minority. They want you in with them.—D.K.

CONSTITUTION DELAYED

Things are not going well with the constitution. Until Douglass Hunt, Lorena Dawson, and Pete Pully assembled in the DTH office yesterday afternoon there was not an accurate copy of the document on the campus.

The constitution committee spent about a year in drafting the document and the student legislature then spent over three weeks of intensive debate in approving it. Eight days ago the constitution was fully approved by the legislature, and turned over to the elections committee to come up before a campus vote. Time is growing short, and still there has been no meeting of the 15-man elections committee. Jack Hester, chairman of the committee, admits that he is overworked, and suggests that he may resign. Although he showed a great deal of interest during the constitution convention, we think that he is responsible for the confusion which has become apparent.

The campus needs a constitution, and through what seems to be a stroke of providence, almost all of the campus leaders have agreed to compromise their individual differences in order to accomplish a great good which most of us see in a constitution for the student body.—R.M.

Strictly Detrimental

Levin, Kinberg Give Views on UP Speech

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted for publication by Jud Kinberg and Bob Levin. We feel that it will provide serious reading for some and a very amusing conglomeration for others.

To keep things completely on the level, may we say that anyone wishing proof of the inefficiency of past presidents of the student body can approach any of the following students and receive tons of evidence: Bill Crisp, Douglass Hunt, A. B. Smith, Jr., Jimmy Wallace, Harvey White, and others to whom these gentlemen will give reference. They made a study of the subject. Also we might remind our readers that the editorial to which Levin and Kinberg have reference was positively not our first attack against the UP. On more than four other occasions we have pointed out the faults of the UP in our editorials.

Here it is:

Editor Bob Morrison's grand display of "principal" across six columns of a recent Tar Heel is, by his own statements, a long time coming.

In his first paragraph he admits that "it should have been said long ago," and yet Morrison waited until all hope of gaining a University Party nomination for himself was gone before levelling his big blast against that party.

Principals were stifled when there was still a chance for re-nomination. Only when he could no longer benefit from affiliation with the party was Morrison aware that he suddenly "had waited too long to talk" to UP leaders.

It seems to us that as sole owner of a powerful weapon—the press—it was Morrison's duty to publish defects in UP Party makeup as soon as they became apparent. Publish them in bold type with headlines comparable to his six column blast and not in scattered paragraphs. As editor, he should have made and published his break long ago and not waited until the party renounced him. As it stands now, the whole thing reeks of personal vengeance and not of a cleanup crusade against questionable politics led by "a man of principals."

The role of the Tar Heel should always be that of a vigilant watchdog over all that happens on campus. But, because of the peculiar status of the newspaper, we believe that it must remain objective and non-partisan. There is no means other than the DTH of making articulate the charges and counter-charges that are the camp-followers of every campaign—Koral's views on Russia, Stern's views on poetry, Farrel's opinion of the NC Symphony... or politics.

Admittedly there is plenty in Carolina politics that must be aired. But the treatment should be unbiased and complete. Morrison, in spreading his walkout address down half of a day's DTH edit page neither sought nor left room for any counter-statement from responsible campus leaders. Not satisfied with this advantage, he resorted to the use of a trite cartoon in Sunday's paper which served as a "gentle reminder" to those who might have forgotten that Mor-

risson was leading the "little people's" cause on a charging white typewriter.

While the past record of both Student and University party leave much to be desired, there is little solid fact to back up the concrete statement of Editor Morrison's that the UP has "a notorious record for nominating for president men who never discharged the duties of their office." 1942-43 was the first truly crucial year for Carolina student self-government. In that year, two presidents of the student body devoted themselves to streamlining campus organizations so that they might last out the war. The efficacy of their work is proven by the elections next month. The two presidents were Bert Bennett and John Robinson, both nominated by the University Party and elected by the student body.

We are positive that this year's elections will show a strong response on the part of a usually apathetic campus. Both parties have awakened to the fact that the campus is rapidly returning to normalcy. A normalcy not marked by students electing the candidate with the most keys and datebooks but a normalcy into which has been injected 2000 veterans that want the most for their money—be it food or representation.

If the Daily Tar Heel is to fully play its important part in this awakening, its edit page must not be the testing board for personal vendettas of a disappointed and disgruntled editor. It must be the meeting ground for well thought-out and substantiated opinion.

Letters To The Editor

Anti-Constitution

To the Editor:

It goes without saying that one can desire better student government without demanding a written constitution, and one can favor a written constitution without favoring the present proposed Constitution of the Student Body. From my study of the constitution as an interested student, and my acquaintance with it as a member of the Legislature I am convinced that it has serious flaws which have not been sufficiently publicized, and that it will result in less efficient, rather than better student government.

The true heart of Carolina's student government throughout the years has been the Honor System, and rather than strengthening that system, the proposed constitution weakens it. The outstanding characteristic of the new government is a tremendous concentration of power in the Legislature, with a resulting decrease in the power and effectiveness of the Student Council, the body chiefly concerned with the enforcement of Honor System. Instead of confining itself to the simplicity and workability of the Honor Code and the Campus Code the constitution gives the Legislature power "to determine offenses against the Student Body" and to fix penalties and punishments therefor. And the only veto over the Legislature's action is in the President of the Student Body, who cannot be a member of the Council. The constitution also requires anyone who reports another student for a violation of the Honor or Campus Codes to face that student before the Council; the effect of this provision can only be to sabotage reporting without any balancing gain in protection of students before the Council.

Unlimited power in any one body has always been opposed by the American people, and rightly so. Although the proposed new student government is divided into legislative, judicial and executive departments, the real power lies with the Legislature. Through its power to levy, collect and appropriate student fees it controls every organization on the campus dependent on those fees. It is specifically given power over the Coed Senate and all class organizations. Through its power over appointments it controls the personnel of the executive branch. Through its power over offenses and punishments it controls the Student Council. The only limitations on the Legislature are the President's veto, the initiative, referendum and recall, the restriction of fees to \$20 annually per student, and the state and federal constitutions.

The problem of student government and fraternities and sororities is not expressly handled, but it is clear that through its power to "make all laws necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the Student Body" the Legislature has power over rushing and other fraternities and sorority functions. Women's government under the new set-up loses its independence and becomes a subordinate and minority group functioning within the whole framework.

There is no argument but that our student government, the fruition of a long and worthy tradition, needs improvement and coordination, but the proposed constitution is not the answer. I urge all students to read and understand what this document contains before voting in favor of it at the election.

Wallace C. Murchison.

Veterans Want Effective OPA, Your Support

By Garrick Fullerton
 (The material for this article was gathered by the National Policy Committee of the Chapel Hill Chapter, American Veterans' Committee.)

On Wednesday, April 17th, the House of Representatives passed a bill extending the life of OPA for nine months after having so crippled it by amendments as to render OPA ineffective for any practical purpose. Thus our representatives indicated that their interest lies on the side of big business rather than the veteran, the common man, the average consumer.

What will probably happen now, (unless the Senate develops some miraculous curative powers), is that an inflationary spiral will be started resulting eventually in another great depression. Veterans will be among the first hit and the hardest hit by a rise in prices. Big business will do all right with its increased profit; even organized labor reserves the right to negotiate for higher wages to take care of the higher cost of living. But the student veterans, the pensioned widows, the people with fixed incomes, will feel the pinch. Their income will remain the same while prices go up. It is indeed possible that some veterans will be forced to leave school.

Fortunately these congressmen who disregarded the will of the common people by crippling the OPA will not be able to escape the responsibility for their acts. They attempted to do so, to be sure. The bill was discussed in Committee of the

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Political Personalities

Bill Woestendiek Is Keen, Meticulous, Allen Declares

By Eddie Allen

About the closest mild-mannered Bill Woestendiek has come to politics in his first 22 years was the seven miles that separated Newark, N. J., his birthplace, from Jersey City, seat of the notorious Hague vote machine.

Even at that, Bill moved to Saugerties in upstate New York when scarcely one year old. Since then he has indulged in journalism (for eight years), a little athletics, cryptography in the AAF Communication services—and up until now he has never run for anything more than the 8 a.m. bus.

Thus it was not strange that most of the campus, the majority of which had neither heard of Woestendiek or Saugerties, looked upon him as a political horse of the darkest hue when the Student Party last week nominated him for editor of the Daily Tar Heel. Although a rising senior and a better than capable sports writer on the pre-war Tar Heel, Bill had been absent from Carolina since January, 1943, when he acquired a new khaki suit and went to North Africa to wear it.

The campus also did not know, but undoubtedly will quickly learn if it puts him into the editor's chair in September, that he is a "newspaperman's newspaperman," a meticulous, sharp-minded and unbiased person who does his job—and well—and leaves the backslapping to those who have time for it. Never connected in the slightest way with a political party in his three years at Chapel Hill, he received the SP nomination not because he asked for it, but because his experience and ability pushed him forward.

The writing bug first nipped Bill in 1938, when he was man-

aging editor of his high school newspaper, also editing the yearbook in his final term. Keenly interested in sports, he soon began doing articles for the local paper in Saugerties, continuing until he reported for freshman orientation at Carolina in 1940.

In the spring of 1941 Woestendiek joined the sports staff of the Daily Tar Heel. After covering a bevy of smaller sports, he attained the rank of night sports editor in September of his sophomore year, and by the autumn of 1942 he was covering varsity football and handling many of the sports department's executive duties.

January of 1943 found him in the Army, with a few other fellows his age, and four months later he was overseas in North Africa in the code department of the Air Forces communications service. There Bill remained until November of 1945, by which time he had acquired the stripes of a staff sergeant and was more than willing to leave Allied Headquarters in Algiers for home.

Woestendiek got his ruptured duck in January of this year.

Bespectacled, soft-spoken, on the surface serious of mien but with an agile sense of humor, he looks like a student—and he is. He writes and acts like an A-1 newspaperman—and he's that, too.