

Almost Unanswerable They Flow as an Undertow....

Mysteries Shroud Facets Of New Registration System

By Roy Moose

This is a story—a MYSTERY story. It contains one of those almost unanswerable mysteries that flow as an undertow; one belonging to the species that tend to submerge students, snuff out student freedom, and draw tighter the bonds of the straight jacket.

The characters in this conflict are a heterogenous group of faculty members and students lumped together under the heading of "DIVISION OF STUDENT WELFARE" versus those who seek to circumnavigate this group when contradictory issues concerning student welfare are devised.

Under the guidance and chairmanship of Dean E. L. Mackie, the Division of Student Welfare has the responsibility of "discussing and advising on matters pertaining to student welfare." That was before a recent incident arose that relegated the board to the status of D.P.'s, existing in name only and serving a purpose only when some benevolent person drops in for its advice.

The culprit in the story is that "big, bad controversial" issue known as the Lanier plan of registration that so recently permeated the emotional epidermis of approximately 7,000 students. No, this is NOT a story about the merits of said plan, but rather the method used to transform the "theory" into a "law".

Interpretation of the Lanier plan would without a doubt place it in that category of issues known as "matters pertaining to student welfare", and somewhere along its evolutionary trail the plan should have reached the attention of the Division of Student Welfare.

But, was the plan submitted to the board of faculty members and students representing the student body? In Dean Mackie's words "NO!" Next naturally comes the question, should the plan have been submitted to the student welfare board? Again in Dean Mackie's words: "There is no compulsory, written regulation, but according to the customs and tradition Yes! Yes, it would have been wise to consult the representative board."

Then follows the mystery, WHY WAS THE PLAN OF REGISTRATION THAT WOULD PERSONALLY AFFECT ALMOST EVERY STUDENT ON THE CAMPUS NOT REFERRED TO THE "DIVISION OF STUDENT WELFARE?" That is the question to which everyone concerned turns an embarrassed about face. To my knowledge, that is a question that has yet to be answered. Dean Mackie has received neither an answer nor an explanation.



"Were you a member of the Student Welfare board, too?"

swer nor an explanation.

The recent hike in laundry prices was one of the more important issue submitted to the board. The 33 1/2 per cent increase, touching as many students as does the registration plan, was given careful consideration, and the advice given was "Put the plan into effect, the students will approve it." That raise was put into effect, and although the extra fee caused still another dent in the students' already trampled pocket book, NOT ONE STUDENT LODGED A FORMAL COMPLAINT. In fact, to the contrary, the overwhelming majority of students thought the raise justified and fair. In this instance, the students' representatives were consulted, and that which the representatives approved the students concurred with completely.

This only brings us right back to the question of the registration plan. What was the reasoning behind the decision to withhold the plan from the welfare board? By ignoring the one group that could give a combined student-faculty opinion, the instigators of the plan immediately placed themselves in a defensive position. The mere discovery of such evasive action would immediately stir up a tempest of WHY's. To paraphrase, a stink by any other smell would still bring forth a deluge of protests. As seen in the editions of the Daily Tar Heel for the last month, that is exactly what has happened. The chasm of animosity between student and administration has widened more and more. A breaking point is bound to come soon. And yet, the matter, at most, could have been avoided by submission to the empowered advisory student-faculty board, the Division of Student Welfare; it, at least, could have been tempered by their advice.

As matters stand now, the welfare board has been relegated to the position of Displaced Persons looking for somewhere to alight. It has not met for over a month. When it will meet again is problematical. Whether there is any further use for it is questionable. Disuse fosters withering and death. One may well ask, IS THERE NO MORE STUDENT WELFARE ON THE CAMPUS, OR ARE ALL STUDENTS SO SELF-SUFFICIENT AS TO INDIVIDUALLY LOOK OUT FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FREEDOM OF CHOICE AGAINST ALL OPPOSITION?

Member list follows:

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Missing Leaders

In the midst of all the recent grumbling and complaining coming from the students about registration and books, any strong student leadership has been noticeably lacking.

This is a sad commentary on some student leaders, the men elected by the student body to lead its student government and protect its rights and interests. Student leaders should always be the first to rally to the students' cause in any case in which the students' rights are about to be trampled underfoot.

Yet, local campus leaders have remained quieter than the proverbial mouse, or mice, consequently the recent controversies. Student protests have been received in the DTH office in a steady stream, but scattered protests can never achieve any result unless concentrated, concerted leadership assembles the crowd and leads it towards definite action. This newspaper has constantly fought against the registration system, the fouled-up bargain-basement book sale and other minor operations. Yet we have remained a voice in the wilderness of verbally active but actively passive students.

If student leaders fail to take the initiative in investigating and seeking changes in faulty administrative action, they are letting down students who placed their faith in them. The lethargy which has existed on the campus all year is slowly seeping into the veins of the leaders of most campus organizations. No action means no results. Our student leaders too often tend to be dormant at a time when the need calls for immediate action. Spring fever can be a dangerous disease.

IRC Forum....

Chinese Brand of Communism Today Is of Foreign Origin

By Lincoln Shiao Hing Kan International Relations Club Member

What does Communism mean in China and in the world?

In my opinion, Communism in China is a challenge against the established government by a minority political power with an independent army... Force is the Communist method for political control of China and their means to world domination.

We in America are faced with the same problem. However, Communism here has not yet become armed insurrection, because of the high literacy and political know-how of the American people.

But in China for thousands of years, the Chinese have experimented with many forms of government—Absolute Monarchy, Democracy, Fascism, Socialism and Communism. They were all of native birth. Communism failed in the Middle Soong dynasty almost two thousand years ago, and with its failure Communistic thought died an inglorious death.

Wellington Koo, the Chinese ambassador to the U. S., hit the nail on the head, when he said, "The existing brand (of Communism) in China is of foreign origin, and like that which flourishes in several other countries, it pays homage to one and the same shrine abroad."

Communism cannot succeed in China or elsewhere, as long as it does not spring from the people who till the soil.

"It is "Down with the Mei-Kuo (American)" season in China today. That is a fact which cannot be blinked at. The days of the Flying Tigers and American popularity in China are gone.

What is the source of the mass anti-American demonstrations? Some people say that it is merely the pent-up emotions of the people of China who had to remain silent for the long years of Japanese occupation. Other people insist that the inspiration for the anti-American wave can be linked with the Russian Bear.

Way back in 1920 right after World War I, a similar reaction took place in China. It also was very definitely anti-American. There was a boycott on all U. S. products and large student rallies. When the smoke cleared away, we found the American

business men flat on their back, with Japanese and British interests well entrenched in the industrial world of China, such as it was in those times. I am making no accusations; however, Russia is not the only guilty party in China today.

"Buy American" may soon be replaced or subdued by "Buy British" and possibly "Buy Russian." I play down the "Russian" because I feel that the issue is ideological, not commercial.

What is the defense against Russian-Communist infiltration? That is the real question.

Actually, the world is afraid. Fear has gripped us, made us immobile, hysterical, irrational. We must throw off this blinding fear and try to really understand the Communists.

Naturally, world affairs sometimes confuse me and you. We have classes to make, papers to write—we want to enjoy our loaf of bread and wine with a few dates tossed in when we can get one. But, we must be selfish.

Eventually, what happens in China and elsewhere hurts us. (Uncle Sam's draft notice to me, way back in 1941, is still fresh in my memory.)

Therefore, let's start to KNOW the Russians better. Let's stop blindly fearing. Only by self-education can we devise our counter-weapons to preserve democracy and our compromises to preserve world peace.

Above all, let's start really THINKING... for that is what separates man from beast. (We have seen enough bestiality in this world.) By real thinking, we can give the use of force back to the Devil.

An Apology

To Rep. Kennedy and the CPU:

I deeply regret that the conflict of the mass meeting of veterans last night with your program prevented many students at the University from hearing the worthy lecture delivered by the Honorable John P. Kennedy. I, along with others, was very much interested in his chosen topic, a topic that should be delivered to every American.

However, the time element necessitated a mass meeting LAST NIGHT concerning the registration system, for at the very same time we were holding our meeting the Registration committee was meeting in Memorial hall for the purpose of formulating a registration program for the summer terms and the fall term.

Since registration concerns each individual student on the campus directly and since the fate of the students' course of study at present seems uncertain and vague, it was

felt that while there was YET time, the students should make known to the Registration committee their formal grievances.

Every effort was made to hold the meeting earlier to prevent conflict with your program, but all meeting halls on the campus were booked for the night. In fact, the Freshman Orientation committee consented to move their time of meeting up to 7 o'clock in order that we could hold our meeting. TO HAVE DELAYED THE MEETING UNTIL ANOTHER NIGHT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE, SINCE THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE TOOK ACTION LAST NIGHT.

It is hoped that you will understand that our meeting last night was in the interest of the Carolina students and will judge accordingly.

ROY C. MOOSE, President, U. V. A.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of answers for the previous puzzle.

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