

## Who Cares? Several Thousand, Mr. Park

College youth are peculiar beings. We are "impatient". We are "adolescents" who try to learn our government my "holding mock legislative assemblies." This is how we are described by John Park in an editorial appearing in the October 31 issue of the Raleigh Times.

The editorial does much more than call us impatient adolescents. It states that the North Carolina Student Legislative assembly has been cancelled and "who cares?" Mr. Park, we will tell you who cares. There are thousands of college students throughout the state who care, and they are not going to remain idle and take a mere "it has been cancelled" for an answer without putting up a good fight for an assembly which they deem worthwhile.

And it is worthwhile even if it does no more than create a feeling of good will and understanding between the colleges of the State. It is worthwhile if only in that it helps a student become acquainted with parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order. Some of the major advantages of a Student Legislative assembly are to teach a student how to entertain a thought, to give him practice in getting on his feet and expressing his thoughts, to familiarize him with the jargon used in legislative bills.

The college student is not trying to muscle-in on the "legislative and other irrelevant matters which should be left to their elders," as was inferred in the Times' editorial.

We college students may be immature and adolescent. If we are we must have become so within the last eighteen months. We were mature individuals when the War Department called on us to give our service and our lives in the war.

If there is an attitude such as expressed in the Times' asinine editorial prevalent it should be an incentive to the Debate Council, the Phi, Di, IRC, etc., and the campus in general to instigate an assembly this year. It had to be done last year.

Practically everyone, excluding Thad Eure and a few other individuals, thought the initial plan of having an annual legislative assembly was a erstwhile idea, until 1945 when Buddy Glenn, of the Carolina delegation, introduced a bill which gave the Negro youth of the colleges in the state the opportunity to attend the annual assemblies. Since then there has been one excuse after another for calling off the assembly. Last year Carolina had to threaten and formulate plans to sponsor the affair

before State college condensed to continue as sponsor.

It is true that State was the original big gun behind the first assembly. But now that they want to pull out of the group (since Negro students have been invited to attend the one-day meet) they are not strong enough in themselves to squelch the assembly.

Last year's meeting which Negroes attended was, according to delegates present, quite harmonious. If the assembly were of a social nature, and sponsored dances, parties, banquets, or even required that the delegates spend the night in Raleigh, then there may be a major problem to face. But none of these are required.

Now, more than ever before, we should initiate a plan for the continuation of the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly.

The following is the Raleigh Times' Editorial in its entirety:

"The North Carolina Students Legislative Council has dissolved and the Student Legislative Assembly slated for November 28-29 has been cancelled.

"And who care?

"There have been hints that the organization blew up because of a 'racial issue' brought to the fore and there are further hints that New Yorkers were attempting to pull strings in the Student Assembly. But the cause of the Council's dissolution is immaterial. The fact that the Council has blown up is pleasing. It should have been dissolved several years ago. In fact, there never was any good reason for its creation.

"It is well enough that college students learn about government, but these mock legislative assemblies of adolescents are premature.

"Out of the total number of students entering colleges, only 44 per cent manage to graduate. This percentage ought to increase. It can increase if college students spend more time on their regular studies and leave legislative and other irrelevant matters to their elders.

"After all, our college youth should not be impatient. They'll grow into maturity someday—and all too soon. Then they can devote themselves to politics in a big way—if they still have the desire.

"The wise college student will devote the lion's share of his or her time toward prescribed studies in order to be fitted for a constructive role in government and business when college life becomes just a pleasant memory."

## Poll Suggests DTH Improvements

By Pete Gerns

"Get a few good writers," "Improve your editorials," "More local sports pictures" are characteristic of suggestions for improvements of DTH content.

Many of the criticisms were not of a constructive nature and because they were not signed by the writer they were thrown away. Few members of the student body were fair to sign their monikers to their ideas on improvements and, in fairness, each will be quoted in full.

"Eliminate that often inane, usually illogical and sometimes vicious syndicated

cartoon." J. P. van de Velde.

"Less Communism." Jack Fakoury.

"Use clearer print and more ink." Edward Holmes.

"Don't publish Billy Carmichael III's column." R. P. Moses.

"Refrain from unjust criticism of visiting athletic teams (sports page)." "Less publicity given to Junius Scales and his misguided bunch of dissatisfied pervers. Why a boy from a good family would affiliate himself to and organization which is so opposed to the American way of life is beyond me and it must be from

a warped viewpoint. I think such publicity is just what a guy like that thrives on." Donald L. McKinney.

The question for Tuesday's column centers on "Constructive criticism of the latest issue of the Carolina Mag." It is hoped that the critics will not refrain from signing their names this time. Deadline has been set for Sunday eve.

Other anonymous criticism runs something like this: "Don't be so liberal." "You're too damn afraid." "Try to have headlines that don't give too false an impression of the material in the article."

# Tar Heels, Not Yankees, Invited Negroes; More Than Meets The Eye Behind Abolition

## Shropshire Doubts Motives

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Don Shropshire, who served as speaker of the House of Representatives in last year's session of the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly.)

The announcement by Ira Helms of State college that they would no longer sponsor the State Legislative Assembly is on only one unfortunate, but also very hard to understand. One cannot help conclude that there is more to this announcement than meets the eye because the reasons given for the action do not make sense.

Many of us throughout the state have been aware for some time of possible pressure on the Student Legislature hosts since the Assembly voted two years ago by a overwhelming majority to invite delegates from the Negro colleges and universities. In fact, a prominent faculty member there immediately withdrew his support and co-operation when this action was taken over his protests.

The planning was immediately thrown in the laps of the students and they handled their jobs voluntarily well.

After a successful meeting of seemingly perfect harmony, the students unanimously adopted a final resolution which said that "this session presents convincing evidence that the races can cooperate to build a better Southland." The delegates from State College, one of which served as Speaker Pro Tem of the House, seemed to be as pleased with the results as did anyone else.

Now we receive word that the racial question "had a large part to play" in the cancelling of the meeting this year. This is mighty strange, for it is in effect a reversal of their original stand. They had even gone so far as to reserve the Capitol for the meeting and to invite the Governor and Chancellor of State College to speak to the delegates at the first session.

It has also been announced that an investigation by State College students revealed that the resolution of the

1945 Legislature to invite Negro delegates originated from "some organization in New York." This without any doubt is nothing short of ridiculous. I was present when the matter first came up and was there last year as it was carried out, and I can assure anyone without reservation that the "New York" charge is completely false and misleading.

Helms additionally stated that the University was not represented on the "council" because it had not complied with the rules for membership. If such is the case, I accuse someone for not supplying us and the other schools in the state with adequate information concerning this whole matter. Last year, upon election, four Carolina men donated their abilities to serve as officers in the Assembly and even those four were not notified of any rules or regulations or of any meeting of the "council."

In this strange chain of events, the true purpose of the assembly seems to be lost. It is not to bring the Whites and Blacks together. The objective is to train students in parliamentary discussions, and to help broaden the outlooks of the young citizens of the state in matters which directly concern them. Never before do we need more the realization of this objective.

Therefore, I am calling upon Carolina to take the lead in the revival of this very important part of our state life. Students from Meredith and Women's College have already expressed to me this desire and have stated their willingness to cooperate with the ones who take the lead. I am convinced that others will do like wise in this project.

Why Carolina? Because we are students on a campus free from "behind-the-scenes" pressure, and we have a distaste for a minority which tries to overrule a majority by distribution of "observations" which are extremely misleading and which cloud a noble objective.

Don Shropshire



DOUG HUNT



BUDDY GLENN

## NCS Council Jurisdiction Challenged by Glenn, Hunt

Ralph "Buddy" Glenn of Shelby and Douglas Hunt of Rocky Mount, former student leaders at the University both now in Washington, D. C. released the following statement in answer to the announcement that the North Carolina Student Legislative assembly has been cancelled. Glenn introduced the resolution to invite the Negro colleges at the 1945 session of the Student Legislature. Hunt was speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1944 assembly and spoke for the resolution in the 1945 session. He was vice-president of the student body here, a position which carries with it the speakership of the campus student legislature.

"The article in question related two important points: first that the Council of the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly (composed entirely of students of State college) had decided to cancel the 1947 session largely because of the race issue; second, that the council had traced to an organization located in New York the resolution to invite Negro colleges to the 1946 session of the Student Legislature.

"In regard to the first point, it is exceedingly doubtful that a committee of three from one college has the authority to abolish an organization composed of all the North Carolina colleges. The council's reason, moreover, was that it disagreed with the action of the Student Legislature in its endeavor to broaden the base representation in the assembly. If the council had the power to abolish the Assembly, it certainly had the power to remove the part which seemed to it undesirable. It seems that

the council, which is properly the servant of the Legislature, rather than its master has committed an illegitimate act for an undemocratic reason; that is, to force its opinion on the students of North Carolina. The question is appropriately one for the contemporary students of North Carolina. If the students do not defend their rights, this clique will destroy their assembly because the students refuse to take ideological dictation.

"The second assertion—that the resolution originated in New York—is clearly erroneous. Every Southerner realizes the value of smearing anything you dislike as a Yankee product. However, the fact is that the idea to present the resolution occurred to its Tar Heel author only some twenty or thirty minutes before its introduction on the floor. The assertion represents not the results of an investigation by a collegiate Sherlock Holmes, but rather low-grade slander used as a smoke screen to cover this usurpation of the Reichstag fire technique.

"The reason for the Student Assembly's admission of delegates from Negro colleges can be found in the hearts of all true Americans: it is the belief that the good society needs for its achievement the talents of all its members. It is to be hoped that this conviction is not dead in the home of liberty and justice.

## Cat Market Opened With Newspaper Ad

Rogers, Arkansas, November 6. (UP)—The "Cat Man" finally has identified himself. He is W. W. "Doc" Simpson of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Simpson caused a mild furor in Rogers on Halloween day, when he placed an advertisement in the Rogers Daily News—offering to pay 50 cents apiece for a thousand full grown cats. The cat man offered his readers a rendezvous at the "Old Sales Barn" in Rogers.

Today Simpson explained that he and his son-in-law, E. J. Cook, sell cats to a Saint Louis biological supply company for use in medical experiments. Individuals who protest are countered by Simpson with the proposition that the cats are giving their lives for society for medical experiments to aid humanity.

## Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Down: 1. Frying pan, 2. Regret, 3. Trust, 4. Troubled, 5. Quantities, 6. Large waves, 7. Adjective, 8. Turkish ruler, 9. Dice, 10. Steer's weight, 11. Explosive, 12. Zany, 13. Dearest, 14. Observe, 15. Seams, 16. Fastest, 17. New Zealand, 18. Partisan, 19. Matter, 20. Wander, 21. Village, 22. Solids, 23. Sicily, 24. City's east, 25. Deers, 26. Roman, 27. Tactless, 28. City.

29-Across: 1. Charged particle, 2. Giant, 3. Conjunction, 4. Cantaloupes, 5. Christian festival, 6. News paragraphs, 7. Viper, 8. Hunters, 9. Still nymph, 10. Chicks, 11. Water bird, 12. Pilot, 13. Syrian deity, 14. Mountains, 15. Wagnerian heroine, 16. Fall flower.

## Write Away

# The Solution: Pass A Law!

(Editor's Note: Due to the increasing amount of letters written concerning Junius Scales and the Communists on campus, letters other than those now on hand, will be forwarded to Scales rather than monopolize this column. This holds true only unless further developments occur which warrant comments.)

Dear Sir: Hurray for the solution! Let us pass a law. We have already curbed our trusts, once completely cut out liquor drinking (for a spell, at least) and now we can rid ourselves of communists—merely by passing a law.

But wait a minute, Mr. Stevens. Who did you say was going to administer this law? What angel this side of the late Mr. Goebbels. How much money will have to be appropriated to carry out the intent of the law? Will possession of such economic treatises as Marx's "Capital" be sufficient to convict the suspect?

Such realistic, if you will, considerations force us to re-examine the need for such a law. Why is it that you fear Communism in America, Mr. Stevens? Speak up, please. I am concerned along with you.

Do you think that Communism poses more of a threat in the present, than do such long time professional hate-vendors as Mr. Rankin of Mississippi, George Sokolsky, Gerald L. K. Smith, and Upton Close? Or do you feel that Communism poses the only solution that can be accepted by those of our people who are ill-housed, poorly educated and, at present, lacking civil rights as reported by the President's Committee on Civil Rights?

Don't you think that in a free market of ideas, TRUTH will stand its own ground? Or do we have to control the market, thereby hoping to maintain the status-quo in perpetuity? Mr. Stevens, I believe that you have just done what the communists have hoped would

## Truly Subversive

Dear Editor: The founding fathers wrote that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain INALIENABLE rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights governments are instituted among men. To secure these rights the founding fathers instituted the government of the United States, whose very constitution, in the Bill of Rights, guarantees these inalienable rights. Your suggestion that the United States deny these inalienable rights to Communists is a suggestion that we depart from the very principles upon which our government is founded. Your idea, Mr. Stevens, is the truly subversive one. It is the fascist one.

Dick Koral

Let's discuss this over a beer, Mr. Stevens.

W. C. Dutton, Jr.

## Rhode Island Red

Dear Editor: Mr. Macrorie's story in today's Tar Heel brought to my mind the sad plight of my uncle who, deviating from the family tradition of squirrel hunting, encountered

ed a lot of trouble fox hunting.

My uncle had a flock of Plymouth White Rocks in charge of a capable rooster named Liberty. In the woods nearby, there was a fox who was jealous of the freedom the flock of chickens enjoyed, so he resolved to ensnare them. Dressed as a Rhode Island Red, he strutted into the barnyard and called to the White Rock flock.

However, my uncle wasn't fooled by the disguise. He loaded his shotgun and aimed at the fox.

"Hold!" cried the fox, "I'm just a peaceful chicken. If you shoot me you must shoot that big bag wind called Liberty."

Taking no heed, my uncle shot the fox. Immediately the SPCA charged him with violating the rights of free chickens and as punishment made him contribute \$100. to the Fund For Feeding Famished Forrest Friends.

James A. Hancock

## Cops Get Skull Practice

SPOKANE, Wash. (UP)—A human skull, found in a city dump here recently, caused a stir among police. It finally turned out to be one belonging to a physician. The doctor's wife raised so much objection to having it around the house that it was tossed out with the rubbish.

New York pioneered in closed hunting seasons. It ordered an end to deer hunting as early as 1706 and closed the season on wild turkeys in 1708.

## Just Here UNC Delegation Did Not Discuss Inviting Negroes

By Larry Berry

This week we really seem to have State college on our campus, the Capital building, the football field, and sundry other places.

Since we were present at the 1945 State Student Legislature we would like to set forth a few facts and opinions. Contrary to my statement, the Sunday's Tar Heel, that to admit Negro schools to the Legislature was not discussed by the Carolina delegation at delegation before being introduced.

Some of you will remember that in '45 the delegation was split into two factions. One was by some definitions radical, while the other was a very nice group going over to represent the conservatives. The bill in question was substituted by a delegate in place of his assigned bill. Of course if the Conservative element had known of the before we held the Assembly the bill would not have been introduced. Some warning to the leaders against the bill would have assured their handing it over sufficient opposition to prevent its passage. Thus Sunday's Tar Heel I made a mistake and will probably make many more of them. However, I have been able to find no basis for the belief that the bill was New York engineered.

Dropping out of the column would just like to talk with you about the State Student Legislature. I believe everyone who has attended a meeting of the mock Legislature has received very good experience in the realm of politics. The chance to argue for and against a bill of the floor of the legislature does not come out of political science books. Most of us will never again speak in the State Legislature, so this is our initial and final appearance. For a few it is the first of many appearances in the legislative branch of our democratic government. I guess I have gone far enough in my argument for the Legislature.

Last Monday at the I. R. C. meeting we were to discuss means of keeping peace between our nation and Russia. We had to say this, but we believe many people came to see "real live Communism" and not to discuss the question on the agenda. To our mind the most definite thing accomplished during the meeting was a frightened yelp from the back of the room. We believe this to have been done by someone accidentally stepping on a dog; maybe we will also reach a plan for world peace by accident, though.

Since this is a new column we would sincerely appreciate all comments so that we may improve our quality and may be cut some of the quantity. One last thing, a citation to "well done" to the late "Uncle Gorge" Washington. He first personified the Carolina Spirit to many people, including the writer.

## What's Up in Graham Memorial

3:00 Debate council, G room  
6:30 Recorded dinner main lounge  
7:00 Wallace Democratic parker No. 2, 3  
GRAHAM MEMORIAL:  
Tonight's recorded music concert, (6:30-7:00) main lounge) will include following works: Puccini's "Tosca" (from Swan Lake Ballet (excer) Bizet, Carmen Overture, fenbach, Barcarolle (from "The Tales of Hoffman" Beethoven, Twelve Cor Dances.

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