

Mills Stones

Gen. Holdridge: Chief Crackpot

By Barron Mills

A man who may very well, in my own estimation, wear the badge denoting him as the chief crackpot of all the crackpots, is the General H. C. (no relation to Court House) Holdridge. The retired general is a man who would have us believe that he endured the caste system of the army and the kicking around of the military-minded for 30 years (until he reached the grade of Brigadier General) suppressing the pressure inside of him which was not relieved by the normal safety valve of all army gripes—bull sessions.

I just can't tag along with the man who pats the crowd on the back which happens to be in his surroundings. The caste system in the army is not something which was built up over night. Even the General readily admits that the caste system is a hangover of the Prussian militarism. It would seem that as an officer in the army, who must follow the command of the higher link, he himself would have had to practice the caste system. Now that the general is out of the army he is taking it upon himself to plug for the vice-presidential nomination (we will not say democratic) and sees that the army methods peeve ex-GI's and can be shaped into a vote-getting device.

Don't misunderstand us. We do not approve of the army's methods, but neither can we trust the general's sincerity.

This one thing was not enough to set us dead straight against Civilian Holdridge. His inconsistencies in statements confused the issue and again tagged the speaker as a hypocrite.

In answer to a statement concerning Wallace, he stated that he did not string along with Wallace because he is in no position to accomplish anything this year. Later he stated that his own "People's Party" was established, not as a hope of accomplishing any political victory, but solely for educational purposes. Would someone kindly inform me what the general means. He says he did not go in with Wallace because he thought Wallace was not in a position to accomplish anything and yet the group he did go in with is only for educational purposes???

"In 1952," continued the speaker, "Wallace may be in a position to accomplish something." Evidently the General had received the wrong pitch from the tone of the question about Wallace. Little did the general know that a high percentage of the approximately 150 present were active Wallace boosters.

Still, in pushing the question further, the Wallacites did not catch the cue dropped by the ex-general. So lives in the shadow of the Pentagon building. He did in effect, that after the Democratic Party nomination he may be in a position to say nothing about Wallace. This word indicates that if Holdridge does not get the Democratic Party nomination for vice-president (and there's no reason in his kidding himself; he won't) he would join up with the Wallace faction.

WHAT'S UP in Graham Memorial

Spring (if such be the case) is great stuff. . . Where the main lounge and Rendezvous used to draw fair sized crowds both afternoon and evening, on unfettered students now lounge in the halls vacant except for the usual student groups.

intercollegiate tournament. Should be a kibitzer's heaven, if you can stand to be indoors. . . Bill Shuford journeys to the Natural Bridge YM-YWCA conference today to lead one of the many forums.

The final recorded dinner music concert this week will include the following selections this evening: Schubert, Fantasie; Tchaikovsky, Swan Lake Ballet; Rimsky-Korsakov, Co D'Or Suite.

Campus Forum

Want a Literary Quarterly?

By Pete Gerns

We had originally intended to discuss the matter of reestablishing dormitory stores in today's column. This will have to wait until next Tuesday since something of greater importance has come up.

Much has been said about the referendum on the magazines since the results were first made known. The student body voted in favor of a humor magazine. The legislature must bow to the will of the student body.

We are now presented with a problem. Shall those students who have literary inclinations be denied a medium of expression? Yes, if that shall be on a tax per capita basis. Let us therefore approach an alternative. This column proposes a contemporary quarterly associated with both Journalism and English departments and published on a voluntary subscription basis. Under this system an editor and board of review consisting of three faculty and three student members could be chosen. The name "Carolina Magazine" could be used for this venture.

The Forum contacted Dr. Coffin and Mr. Russell of the Journalism department, Dr. Lyons of the English department and Dean Weaver of the administration besides many students to question them on their opinion as to the feasibility of such a project.

Dr. Coffin and Dr. Lyons, heads of the respective departments, stated that in their opinion the matter was entirely up for the student body to decide. Dr. Lyons was very sympathetic toward the establishment of a quarterly. "The English department will gladly consider any measure and lend it its cooperation if the students should wish to consult with them."

Resolutionists in Raleigh

Lynn Nisbet in his column of chatter around the State Capitol informs his readers that the Trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina narrowly averted a flare up in their meeting last Monday. Says Nisbet, who states that he got his information from those who are in the know, says "Copies of resolutions vigorously demanding continued race segregation and abolition of Communists in the whole university set-up were discreetly shown around ahead of the meeting, but at suggestion of some older members the resolutions were not offered."

The column continues with the statement that the older men on the Board said the executive members were already handling these matters in a manner that was satisfactory. They persuaded the resolutionists that they would accomplish nothing.

It is fortunate that we have on the Board of Trustees men who are broad-minded enough to realize that naught good comes from resolutions such as the one mentioned in the Trustees meeting.

The segregation portion of the resolution speaks of the notorious "White Supremacy" of Mississippi and Georgia. It brings visions

Political Spotlight

Student Government Investigation Asked

By Charlie Long

On Tuesday afternoon the special committee appointed to investigate and make recommendations to the legislature on the issue of removing the appellate power from the Student Council met for what it thought was its last session. At the opening of the meeting a representative from the law school appeared before the group and asked that they consider recommending that the law school be given a separate judicial council to handle honor cases in the law school.

During the discussion that followed it came out that for some time the medical school already had such a court for their operation. Strangely enough this fact seemed to strike none of that group as being anything important. Mr. Broughton, chairman of the Student Council and a member of the group seemed very disinterested. It could be that they have become accustomed to illegal courts sitting around the campus and no longer care who sets them up. In order to clarify this issue, let's see just what the constitution says about judicial power on the campus.

Article II, Sec. 1: "The judicial power shall be vested in a Student Council, a Men's Council, a Women's Council, the Men's Intermidatory Council, and the Women's House Councils. The Student Council shall have final jurisdiction in all cases involving offenses against the Student Body." At no place in the constitution does it give the medical school the right to set a private illegal court and for that matter neither does it give the Interfraternity Council the right to set up its private court.

Yet in spite of that, the constitution does say they exist. Preferred classes are being recognized all over the campus. In order to get your own special brand of justice you get control of a vested interest and set a court to take care of you. Somewhere in this degeneration of student government someone should stand up and cry halt. If someone doesn't—then some bright morning the student body is going to wake up and find out that it no longer has a student government. That a council such as the medical school's has should exist, without any constitutional basis, is an outrage against every student on the campus.

The Spotlight now calls upon President Tom Eller to appoint a special grand jury if necessary and an Attorney General to find out just what is going on in our student government, and by a special investigatory jury it is not meant a group such as is sitting on the appellate power issue which is already so prejudiced that its decision is known before it is ever made.

The special group sitting on the appellate power of the Student Council is the biggest force that has been perpetrated against the student body yet. Such people as Bob Broughton, Student Council chairman; Bill Tate, Men's Council chairman; and Donleek McDonald, head of the Women's Council and others had prior to their appointment already adamantly stated that the appellate power must go. Who considered them competent to arrive at a just and fair decision?

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Democratic political struggles bear a certain similarity to wars, but, unlike the situation in a military struggle, the army must be built up while the fight is going on. And since the political war is going on in our country is a deadly serious matter, involving the welfare and happiness of the great majority of the American people, it is necessary for all of us to learn the lessons of previous defeats for democracy as soon as possible. If we do so, the untold sufferings of millions of human beings (as a result of the temporary victories of fascism in Germany, Italy, and Japan) will not have been in vain—and we, by our own united efforts, will be able to defeat the enemies of progress. We shall thereby continue and develop further the great democratic traditions of our country into an era of world-wide peace and prosperity.

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in handling appeal cases, yet they are ready to scuttle the whole system because they don't know how or don't care to know how to work it. As to constitutionality cases, it is a serious question in many minds if they have the necessary knowledge to interpret the constitution, especially when you review the manner in which the judiciary board of the Interfraternity Council received its powers. As matters stand now, it looks as though we shall have to start considering the capabilities of the officers we elect or quietly admit that the students can't govern themselves and return the power we now hold to the administration and faculty.

This 'n That

Do You Know the Words?

By Bill Buchan

On the Passing Parade—song of the week (pick your choice). "You made me what I am today, I hope you're satisfied" or "It was sad when that great ship went down." Referring of course, to the Carolina Mag and Tarnation

... the sudden interest of the Tarnation staff in promoting a literary quarterly means but one thing to yours truly—somebody's conscience is bothered.

... incidentally, no date has been given for funeral services of the Mag. There will be quite a few present however. Many sincerely sorrowful mourners. . . all this talk about the good looking babe at the Marathon. Maybe these guys looking for her never go in the place between one and five in the morning. Wonderful coffee at the hour.

It Happened Here—Political interests seems to be forming over the candidates for the Publications Board. Everybody

wants the job but nobody wants to hurt their fellow writing mates. . . Speaking of songs (ten lines up) we're offering a genuine 100,000 mark note for the words to the third, fourth and fifth verses of "My Own Grampa." Swell song. . . almost rivals the unofficial song of DTH, "Four Leaf Clover."

... the man to be envied is the graduating senior who has no reason to be particularly worried over politics. Some people get all the good deals. . . Comments Here and There—new rule. . . only couples allowed in the Rendezvous on Friday nights. What're they doing, getting classy? . . . This Y conference at Natural Bridge sounds good. Fine experience for those going. Such get-togethers should be held more often. . . this stuff about the meeting in Philadelphia to draft Dr. Frank as Democratic vice-presidential candidate doesn't sound good to us. "Course we're prejudiced 'cause we'd rather think of the good man here in Chapel Hill. Watch where you jump children, you may be sorry."

Names and Faces—Speaking of faces, everytime we see either Tom Kerr and Charlie McRea, they're dressed to kill. Complete with tweed or plaid suits, double-breasted or single. Must be nice to have a suit for every day of the week. . . good friend Dick Bowen is one of the fighters against UMT. He and Martha Aiken among the dozen or so. Doesn't look like the bill is going to pass anyway. . . Spring weather brought the usual crowds out on South Building's steps. Among those taking in the sun and gabbing away were Bunny Davis, "Butch" Daniels and the Moore twins. . . those not taking in the sun were the usual afternoon bridge players in GM's lounge. . . also the crowd that plays or kibitzes (mostly kibitzing) during the sessions every morning on the second floor of the Y. Especially between 10 and 11.

Sudden Thoughts—Wilbur Amberson has announced for the information of anyone interested that he is now on a strict milk diet. Reasons purely financial.

Giving vent to an innate piebald intellect, we voted our literary magazine off the campus Tuesday. Once more we gave proof that when humans have to choose between a poor serious work and a bit of smut masquerading under the name of humor, the groundlings will prefer the latter. The use of "groundlings" is rather bad, since in Elizabethan times a college student would probably have felt insulted to be thought of as the vulgar, unlearned man.

I readily admit the Carolina Mag (R.I.P.) was far from what a literary magazine should be, but the Mag was in the peculiar position of having to please the groundlings in order to exist. We may as well accept the fact that compromise in order to exist in a modern world just does not promote progress. The Carolina Mag died as a frustrated recluse. Enough other people have spoken or written about the referendum and its results to make this superfluous to most of you, so take it as you like. Man definitely seems to have been on the decline since Adam, so this may be merely indicative of our present vitiated state. In passing I have to acknowledge that Adam must have been a very wonderful man.

During the thawing period of the last snow Dr. Frank returned. He was well received by a number of students personally and the Student Body in general. Our only hope is that we do not wait to hope for another thaw to bring him back.

For the last few weeks people seem to have been throwing the question of hot coffee in Lenoir Hall into the "Write Away" column very frequently. I am not a coffee drinker to any extent, but I do like milk. Chapel Hill's usurper to the throne of good milk has always been easier to stomach in the chocolate version. Lenoir seems to be about the only place in town not serving "ground roasted cacao beans" in solution with milk. I would like to know why they do not allow the students to avail themselves of the less obnoxious form of the take from near-by bovines.

The skeleton of our Planetarium is rearing itself majestically from the ground, but our new dormitories seem to remain in a suspended state of animation. These were for you Quonset hut boys last year!

Chapel Hill Teachers Seek Appropriations

At a recent meeting the classroom Teacher unit and the North Carolina Education association unit of the Chapel Hill schools voted in favor of asking Governor Cherry to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of studying the possibilities of increasing school appropriations.

Because of the sharp rise in the cost of living, the lack of necessary equipment in many of the public schools, and because of the shortage of adequately prepared teacher personnel, the teacher groups of Chapel Hill feel that an increase in school appropriations is imperative.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small grid for 'ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE'.

The Daily Tar Heel masthead and publication information. Includes contact details for Barron Mills, Howard Bailey, and various staff members.