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Bulletin Editor Retorts:

Di Group Tells Public Senate Has No Faith

by Grady Elmore
An editorial in this week's Di Senate Bulletin, the mimeographed weekly newspaper and announcement sheet of the debating society, slams the statement issued to the press and indirectly to John Clark last week, labeling the action a misrepresentation of the Senators' true feelings and an attempt to "appease" the Senate's public, "at all costs."

A committee empowered by the Senate to answer for their action in endorsing non-segregation after a debate on the issue recently, prepared a statement which read in part:

"We should like to explain that the Dialectic Senate is a debating organization with no faculty advisor. We, as an organization, do not participate in politics on any level. The issues to be discussed are selected on the basis of debatability and general interest. The actual vote is often the outcome of the calibre of debate in which case, the issue may be incidental. The purpose of the vote is, in fact, recognition of superior preparation and forensic talent."

Hit Communism At Origin Point Russell States

University efforts should be pointed towards dispelling inertia, poverty, ignorance, torpor, and decay—the things Communism grows on—instead of fostering programs of suspicion and doubt, said Professor Phillips Russell Tuesday night at Gerrard Hall.

This should be particularly true of a University which is the beacon light of the citizenry, the creative writing-instructor and prominent author asserted.

"Communism is a gage; when people are exploited, when they get desperate, they become Communists." By wiping out illiteracy, sponsoring long range educational and health programs, a University destroys this fungus.

"If we were spending time in improving the State, there would be no time for midnight circus hunts," Russell declared.

Commenting on trustee and administration efforts to scout out subversive elements, Russell blasted the use of a question on application sheets for prospective faculty members. The question asks whether the applicant has or is a Communist Party or Communist affiliate member. Since the Communist Party is still legal, it is still a political party, Russell believes.

He mentioned age-old fears of trustees that certain faculty members were or are subversive. In a letter written to a distinguished board member in 1949, Russell spoke of a "trial" held by the visiting committee wherein a leading professor was called out of the classroom and examined behind closed doors by trustees on his views concerning racial matters. "There was no doubt that it was trial on academic freedom," he said.

"We have passed the era of religious heretics. Now we have political and heretics to be placed on trial," he noted in the letter.

"If this develops, we'll have a form of excommunication and inquisition."

The '49 hearing reminded him of the time when a physics professor named Hendricks was discharged because he intended to vote Republican in 1856 and opposed slavery. "Voting Republican then was the same as being a Communist now," Russell declared.

Professor Wayne A. Bowers, associate professor of physics, and the other faculty speaker at the meeting, thinks that the question creates a bad general atmosphere for present as well as prospective faculty members. A man should be judged for his capabilities, character, and other merits, not membership in a political party. "I'm not convinced

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Bulletin Editor Tom Sully, pointing out that the editorial was strictly "an individual Senator's personal opinion, and in no wise is to be construed as constituting an official statement of the Di," attacked primarily the sentences in the committee statement which said "we, as an organization, do not participate in politics on any level", and "the purpose of the vote is, in fact, recognition of superior preparation and forensic talent."

"It is impossible," wrote Sully, "to conceive of the phrase 'participation in politics' as having a scope so narrow as to exclude from its meaning the influencing of public opinion in general and of the opinion of politicians in particular."

The other factors influencing a vote cannot be ruled out and the vote attributed merely to recognition of "superior preparation and forensic talent", the editorial contended.

"You have put the Senate in a position which makes it appear that we do not have the strength of our own convictions," the editor continued.

John A. Clark, University trustee and Greensboro industrialist, wrote the Di Senate two weeks ago requesting the names of students and faculty who had participated in a segregation vote. Clark stated in his letter, "I will appreciate it if you will be kind enough to send me a list of the members and where they are from and also names of faculty advisors advocating this position." (of non-segregation)

In concluding, Sully's editorial urged that the Di must now present a united front to the rest of the campus. "In so doing we can all profit from this lesson and derive greater strength to uphold the Senate in future times of crisis."

Election Date Set

The Student Legislature in a special session last night passed by voice vote a bill providing for the vote on two contested constitutional amendments to be held simultaneously with the spring general elections.

A vote had originally been scheduled for Tuesday, but was declared void by the Student Council since the Legislature had failed to give six days public notice.

Scheduling the new vote for next Thursday, the bill, introduced by Syd Shuford, was amended so as to have only one election. If passed the amendments will go into effect next fall. (of this spring.

Valkyries Tap Six Seniors

by Bruce Melton
In traditional pre-dawn ceremonies this morning, black robed figures paraded through three dorms and three sorority houses to tap six senior coeds into the Valkyries, the campus' highest women's honor organization. Joan Erskine, Jo Wood Gaither,

Erline Burwell Griffin, Caroline Loretz Hassinger, Margaret Stewart and Barbara Kathryn Wooten are the new members. Selection is based on leadership, scholarship, character and service.

Hailing from Charlotte, Miss Gaither is a major in sociology.

She has served on the Women's Council and Yackety Yack staff and is also a member of the YWCA and Chi Omega sorority.

Miss Griffin is a history major from Goldsboro and has taken an active part in student government since she came to Carolina. She is at present serving as chairman of the election board, a member for the second year. She is also a member of the University Club and the Interdormitory Council.

A political science major from Raleigh, Miss Stewart is an ADPI. She is at present serving in the Student Legislature, on the Publication Board, and is one of the ten Carolina delegates to the Greater University Student Council, a member of the University Club during her junior year and she has been a member of the YWCA for the past two years.

Last fall's women orientation committee chairman, Miss Wooten is from Gastonia. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority and is a member of the YWCA cabinet. She is majoring in commerce.

Associate editor of the Carolina Quarterly this year, Miss Erskine is also president of Chi Delta Phi, honorary literary society. She is an English major from Selma, Ala. Also a member of the YWCA, Graham Memorial Board of Directors, Interdormitory Council, and the Independent Coed Board, she has served in the Coed Senate and on the Student Government Council during the summer session.

The last of the six coeds is Miss Hassinger, Bristol, Va. A sociology major, she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, YWCA, Wesley Foundation, and the Recreation Club. She has also served as student advisor.

Alumni Set Wants Members

WANTED: One thousand Seniors by the Senior Class Alumni Committee.

This committee, headed by Al House, is sponsoring a drive to bring the total membership of the Alumni Association to 10,000, and aims to enlist 1000 persons from the class of 1952 in order to more than reach that goal.

Members will receive ten special football communiques during the fall, in addition to ten monthly issues of the Alumni Review. Membership for the first year requires a payment of one dollar. Dues are set at three dollars annually for each subsequent year.

Invitations to join the Association are mailed to Seniors at

the end of their last quarter here, but the Senior Alumni Committee plans to sponsor a special drive to solicit members during Senior week with booths set up in Y-court.

"Membership in the Alumni Association is the connecting link between the University and its former students," Chairman House commented.

Committee members include Bill Bostic, Carolyn Butcher, Allen Tate, Luke Hill, Mike Carver, Jackie Quesenbury, Dalton Ruffin, Helen Brundage, Ed Love, Ann Van Kirk, Catherine Blue, Jim McIntyre, Betty Bowles and Charles Brewer.

BRIEFS

Planning Meet

There will be a meeting of all those interested in planning for the joint YWCA-YMCA conference at Roalyn today at 8:00 p.m. in the Y.

Phi Assembly

Phi Assembly meets in executive session (not open to the public) tonight at 7 o'clock.

Young Pascalians

Young Pascalians meet today at 4:30 in the Episcopal parish house.

Gripping Again

Seniors complaining about most anything should meet with the Student Complaint Board which convenes at 5 p.m. today in Roland Parker No. 1, Graham Memorial.

The board has already considered several complaints and members are compiling a report. The board is recognized by the University administration as well as student government.