

Bowers Seeks Hazing Court Change

Farber After DTH's Top Post

Linguist, wrestler, Phi Beta, columnist, globe-trotter Barry Farber yesterday decided to try for editor as he declared independently for The Daily Tar Heel.

His entry—on the last possible day—made it a three-way Greensboro race.

Farber, author of the unique column, "Not Guilty", is opposed by two staffers, Dave Buckner, (SP) and Beverly Baylor (UP). Buckner is managing editor and Baylor associate editor. All are from Greensboro.

A journalism major who will graduate in June and go into graduate school, Farber is best known for his Daily Tar Heel column and his continental on-again off-again antics. Last fall he bounced off to Yugoslavia and

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this winter to Brazil. In both places he represented the National Students association in which he is an officer for the current school year.

"How," he was asked, "do you expect to edit a newspaper and do all the other things you're in?"

"If elected I shall stick to the job and cease globe trotting," Farber asserted. "I don't see how I will have time for anything else." All terms of office he holds expire this spring, he said.

Farber has been on The Daily Tar Heel for three years as a

columnist. He was first brought to the campus' attention with a zany letter to the editor he wrote. He also was connected with Tar-nation, old campus humor magazine.

The editorial candidate is president of the Monogram Club, secretary of the Old Well, and a varsity wrestler. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Farber is a charter member and vice-president of the Press Club.

Farber's name will appear on the April 9 ballot twice, as he also is running doubly endorsed for the presidency of the Carolina Athletic association.

Acquittal Of Phi Gams Cited As 'Inadequacy'

President Henry Bowers yesterday asked that the right to try hazing cases be removed from the Interfraternity Council court after the court this week acquitted a fraternity of charges.

In freeing Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of hazing charges, the IFC court, Bowers asserted, showed its "inadequacy to handle hazing cases." He called for student support of a Constitutional amendment to remove such cases from the jurisdiction of the IFC court and place them before the Men's Honor council.

That Phi Gamma Delta "was guilty of crude and vile hazing is beyond question," Bowers said. "In finding them not guilty the IFC court has done an injustice not only to the fraternity system but to the students and the University. . ."

The Phi Gamma Delta incident came after pledges allegedly stole the fraternity's silverware. They were placed nude in a shower stall and told to "return the silverware or (deleted) upon each other." The Daily Tar Heel was informed by members of the IFC.

The court found the fraternity not guilty under a campus statute which defines hazing as an act involving physical abuse, public display, or scholastic interference.

According to Bowers, even though the local interpretation might have been inadequate it was the court's duty to try the fraternity under the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina. They define hazing as annoying "any student by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him, to frighten, scold, beat or harass him, or to subject him to personal indignity."

Bowers gave several additional reasons for removing the hazing jurisdiction from the IFC court.

"Hazing, and more specifically 'Hell Week', he said, directly affects the whole student body, not only in criticism which it brings to the student body but also in direct disturbance, as well as a lowering of standards."

"The IFC court has continually failed to deal with the problem both under general and specific laws, he continued.

Bowers pointed out that the court had acquitted seven of the eight cases tried in the past five years. Only after "great insistence by the Administration," did it levy a \$50 fine for the one conviction. In this case a pledge was seriously injured during "Hell Week" and almost died. It also involved the Phi Gams.

The pledges were fed a concoction of onions and tobacco juice, and were then given exercise. One became very sick, and spent eight days in the Infirmary. He had to be fed by intravenous injections for several days as he had fits of vomiting. There had been a previous death in the pledge's family due to a fraternity hazing, The Daily Tar Heel was told.

Several other incidents had occurred prior to the IFC action last fall abolishing hazing.

In one fraternity the pledges were stripped and had eggs broken upon their bodies. They were then forced to lie down in a room of the house and chicken feed was scattered upon them. Next, chickens were put into the room and the door locked.

Another fraternity chained all their pledges together in (See TO LOSE, page 6)

N.C. Hazing Statute

The following is quoted from the North Carolina general statutes:

"It shall be unlawful for any student in any college or school in this state to engage in what is known as hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense. For the purposes of this section hazing

is defined as follows: To annoy any student by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him, to frighten, scold, beat or harass him, or to subject him to personal indignity. Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

"Upon conviction of the offense of hazing or of aiding or abetting in the commission of this offense, he shall, in addition to any punishment imposed by the court, be expelled from the college or school he is attending. The faculty or governing board of any college or school charged with the duty of expulsion of students for proper cause shall, upon such conviction at once expell the offender, and a failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor.

"In all trials for the offense of hazing any student or other person subpoenaed as a witness in behalf of the state shall be required to testify if called upon to do so: provided, however, that no student or other person so testifying shall be amenable or subject to indictment on account of, or by reason of, such testimony.

Wreck House At Ga. Tech

Special to THE DAILY TAR HEEL
ATLANTA, March 27—Three Georgia Tech Sigma Chi's who said they "wanted to have some fun" left their fraternity house looking "almost like it had been dynamited," police reported.

Arrested at 1:15 a.m. on charges of suspicion of malicious mischief, the trio was guilty of "the worst case of wanton destruction we've ever seen", officers said today.

"They battered walls, splintered chairs, jerked chandeliers from (See SIGMA, page 6)

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'Uncertain Birthday'

Post Mortem On Greek Week: It's Here To Stay

(Last year a Daily Tar Heel survey revealed that only 50 percent of the campus' 22 fraternities supported the first annual Greek Week. We feel the importance of Greek Week to the University as well as the fraternities merits a repeat survey this year. This we have done. The results of conversations with the officers of every fraternity on campus are merged into the following story Ed.)

By Rolfe Neill and Wood Smethurst

Greek Week, championed by some and scoffed at by others, passed an uncertain birthday yesterday. It was two years old.

It was uncertain because fraternities said 12 for to 10 against they wanted to see the return of a modified Hell Week. It was uncertain because Stunt Night and Field Day—the two events that included pledges from all the fraternities—came off poorly. And it was uncertain for many more things themselves that were uncertain.

Yet by the same analysis hope could be drawn by studying the results of this year's five-day Greek Week program and correlating it with a Daily Tar Heel survey.

Only one fraternity refused to participate altogether. It was one of two holdouts from last year's initial program. The other group swung into line this year.

The president of the hold-out group said, "We don't like it because it doesn't build unity in our pledge class, what with pledges wandering all over campus. Greek Week might make them better Carolina students, but it doesn't make them better . . ."

The thing incurring the dislike of the majority of fraternities was the vagueness and disorganization of the week itself. It couldn't be laid to Chairman Arthur Spough. The fraternities as a unit simply didn't back Greek Week enough to insure success. However, this year still was a great improvement over last.

Many of the fraternity presidents lauded the Stunt Night and Field Day, yet these two features

got relatively poor reception. The Stunt Night had a smattering of an audience but showed the hasty concocting of the skits. Only about eight or 10 stunts were presented.

Field Day was run Wednesday before about 30 people excluding the participants. But about 30 percent of the presidents commented on these two particular aspects and said they would like to see more events of this type.

There was a unanimity of opinion that the Interfraternity Council went too far last fall in its definition of hazing. (The council abolished hazing and set up stringent rules for the punishment of offenders.) A some president put it, "The IFC was wrong in abolishing hazing completely, or at least the so called hazing. There are many things such as the scavenger hunts which were fun to the pledges as well as the actives. I think it (the definition) needs mitigating . . ."

Those fraternities favoring the return of the old Hell Week in a "modified form," complained that Greek Week: "let the pledges run wild," "took them from our control," "promoted disunity rather than unity."

"The purpose of pre-initiation activity is to bind the pledge class together and make it a working unit; this isn't doing it," declared the president of a large fraternity.

"It's hard to keep pledges in line," said another.

"Something constructive is in a modified Hell Week," stated the president of a smaller chapter, "leave it up to the pledges to see if they want some of the old fun."

All in all it appeared Greek Week, whether some like it or not, was here to stay. For the IFC, now that the step has been made is not likely to revert to the old practices which brought so much criticism.

"You can't go home again."

Solons Fail To Get Bill Curbing IFC

A bill to amend the constitution—authored by President Henry Bowers—that would take hazing cases out of the hands of the Interfraternity court was scheduled but never reached the Legislature last night.

At a caucus prior to the meeting, Student party legislators decided not to introduce the bill because it had not been given "sufficient study." (The president can not introduce a bill but may have it done by a legislator.)

However, a UP legislator claimed after the session it was done for "political expediency." He said introduction of such a bill so close to elections (April 9) "might undo a lot the SP is trying to do."

The Legislature passed two bills at last night's session. One would spur the completion of arrangements to set up a University quiz file. The other provides for a committee to talk to University laundry officials about "unnecessary wear and tear to wash" sent them.

Bill Neely was approved by the Legislature as member to the Publications board. The Legislature ok'd the appointment of Robert Jackson to replace Bill Wolf in the Legislature.

There were 10 UP and 2 SP legislators absent from the session. The UP held a candidates' meeting last night at a conflicting time.

Members absent were Buck Barkley (UP); Paul Barnes (UP); Saralyn Bonowitz (UP); Peggy Brown (SP); Bob Gorham (UP); Eddie Gross (UP); Buddy Herman (SP); Har Horton (UP); Brock McMullan (UP); Al Mebane (SP); Stuart Miller (UP); Emmett Nesbit (UP); Bob Pace (SP); Syd Shuford (UP); Peggy Stewart (UP); and Thatcher Townsend (UP).