

SP Member Tells Why Party Lost



What Goes On Here

Physics Board Meeting

The Physics Club meets tonight at 7:30 in room 212 Phillips hall to arrange for its annual picnic.

Professor To Speak

Louis Katsoff, professor of philosophy here will speak before the Greensboro Kiwanis club today at 1 p.m. on "The Impact of Communism on the American Way of Life."

Unitarian Fellowship

The annual business meeting of the Unitarian fellowship will be held Sunday, at 8 p.m. in the new assembly exhibition room in the Library.

Men's Glee Club

The Men's Glee Club will meet today at 4:30 in Hill hall.

School Children

All pre-school children entering elementary school in September must register next Tuesday between 9 a.m. and noon at the school. Each child must bring with him his birth certificate and record of immunization from a doctor or the Health department.

Coffee Klatch

A picnic for the Cosmopolitan club will be held today by the Koffee Klatch of the YWCA at Paul Green's house. All members meet at the Y at 5:30 p.m.

Dormitory Men 'Duped,' Says 'Clique' Spokesman

(The following article was written by a member of the Student party who asked that it be by-lined as we have. It was intended by The Daily Tar Heel that the UP also should write their version and that the two run side by side. The UP comments have not been prepared. We shall run them when they are.—Ed.)

By an SP 'Clique Member'

When Pickett's charge failed, observers at the battle of Gettysburg knew that the Southern forces were defeated. The remainder of the battle was necessary but uninteresting epilogue.

The Student Party, long and exponent of fair representation in the town legislative districts, made its Pickett's charge in February when it sought, in the Student Legislature, to have the town redistricted. By the terms of the bill, the fraternities would have been separated from the remainder of the town districts, and the unfair and amoral condition whereby some 800-odd fraternity men succeeded in grabbing virtually all the seats allotted to the 2000-or-more town students would have been remedied. The fraternities would have retained their fair share, and no more.

The bill failed for want of a single vote, and to skilled observers, the result of the coming Spring Election was clear. Thus we have the tragic overtones. The SP came tantalizingly to obtaining a fair and just bill through the legislative victory quite probably would have been avoided.

Why did the SP lose the election?

1. The fraternity houses are too small. As a result of this, the UP has agents, both pledges and members of fraternities, who sleep in the dormitories and serve to dupe the dormitory crowd into voting for the fraternity party. (This duping is not too difficult, because the more alert students have already been drained off into fraternities within the first two weeks after their arrival on

the campus. These students are the reasonably smart, reasonably well-heeled, reasonably handsome, reasonably presentable red-blooded Hammerican type which is anxious to advance itself through the dubious prestige and undoubted social advantages to be derived from fraternity life. Thus, the low-brow, misanthropic, indigent and not-so-smart generality which remains, euphemistically called "Dorm Men," constitutes an easy target for all types of political propaganda. 2. The UP knows what it wants, and the SP doesn't. The UP, consisting of fraternities and sororities constituting about 25% of the student body, desires, quite naturally, the political prestige necessary to complement the social prestige already possessed. In order to acquire office, it is necessary that the UP convince the dormitory bunch that the UP has the best interests of the dorm men at heart and it seeks to accomplish this by a constant braying of unity. Thus, with a solid block of fraternity votes at its back, all the UP gets out of the dorms is so much gravy. The SP, on the other hand, starts about 700 or 800 votes in the hole and has to slug it out with the UP in the dorms and gets accused by UP moguls of spreading dis-unity in the process! The SP continues to think in terms of being a campus-wide party and therefore admits anyone to its ranks. But, by trying to serve the dorm interests and the legitimate interests of fraternities, it frequently finds itself in a position of weakness when the two interests do not coincide. Thus, it succeeds, at critical times, in serving neither. Sooner or later, the SP will get wise and quit banging its many heads against a stone wall. When it orients itself in the dormitory direction, the days of UP minority domination will be over. 3. Anti-Intellectualism. The UP was very successful in selling the notion that the SP was composed of a group of in-

tellelectuals intent upon running all the little North Carolina peasants out of the University with a comprehensive examination, and keeping out any further crops of same with a wicked admissions test designed to let in out-of-state nigger-lovers and Communists. Needless to say, the dormitory glands were highly stimulated over this prospective demise of the not-so-gentleman's C. To personify this horror, the UP used the hoariest political device ever tried on the illiterate masses. They employed a catch-word slogan: "Beat the Clique." Now everybody is in favor of beating a Clique. Whether one exists is quite beside the point. But that it should be beaten is obviously necessary. Once again, the essential fact became obscure; to wit, the UP had the fraternity in its pocket and was administering opium to the dorm men in the hope that they would not wake up in time to see that they had been sold down the river. 4. Failure of communications. The ultimate blame for their execrable behavior, however, should not be laid at the door of the dormitory men, for they knew not what they did. Rather, it should be placed at the feet of the SP which miserably failed to communicate the issues to the dormitory citizens. The SP, democratic to the bitter end, consisted of about thirty policy-makers, each with his own brand of policy. To carry out this mass of pottage, there were about six leg-men. In the battle between a centipede and a hydra, the many-footed is a cinch to win.

Epilogue: To comfort us in the hours of darkness and tragedy as our cup runneth over, let us remember that while the intelligence of the dorm men is sluggish, it also runneth deep. Perhaps, yet, they will waken from their sleep upon a fraternity-made garbage heap named "unity," to realize, concerning the recent election, that never was so much sold to so many by so few.

Entries Due Tuesday

Short Story Competition

Special to THE DAILY TAR HEEL

CHARLOTTE, April 16—President Leslie A. Outterson of the Charlotte Writers' club, today announced the rules for the club's annual short story contest.

Entries must be fiction, not less than 800 nor more than 1,800 words. The author's name must not appear on the entry, but should be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the story and attached to the manuscript.

Three copies of the entry are to be mailed to J. C. McLarn, 251 Hillside avenue, Charlotte, 7.



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