

Heartiest Commendation For Scholastic Prowess

"I consider an human soul without education like marble in the quarry, which shows none of its inherent till the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein that runs through the body of it."
—Joseph Addison

Heartiest editorial congratulations to Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Dormitory and McIver Dormitory for their top positions in the men's and women's dormitory scholastic races.

McIver took top overall honors in the academic race with an average of 1.652, an "A" or 3.000 being the epitome of academic prowess.

Battle-Vance-Pettigrew had an average of 1.363 for the fall semester to take lead position among men's dormitories.

Spencer was second among women's dormitories with a 1.579 average. Whitehead was a close second among men's dormitories with a 1.354 average.

All women's dormitories placed higher than the top men's dormitory which certainly appears to indicate that University coeds are applying themselves more vigorously to the scholastic grind than men students.

Carr Dormitory, low among the women's dorms, had a 1.458 average as compared to men's leader Battle-Vance-Pettigrew with a 1.363 average.

At any rate, the winning dorms

are to be highly commended for their demonstrated academic excellence.

As was the case with University fraternities and sororities, The Daily Tar Heel repeats this advice to those low men on the scholastic totem pole.

Do not feel maliciously envious, but do use these academic success stories as incentive toward forwarding your respective averages.

It should be universally agreed that the main purpose of this University is its academic program. It is to be subordinated to nothing else, neither athletics nor social life nor Lenoir Hall.

Again we offer laurels to McIver and Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Dormitories for their academic achievement.

Again we feel obligated to verbally chastise those dormitories which placed as low as .980, .986 and .989.

We look for improvement in the present semester.

International Smear On The State's Face

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the utmost. —Aristotle.

It is indeed unfortunate that an international delegation must be submitted to and embarrassed by southern racial prejudice.

Such was the case as the University Cosmopolitan Club attempted to picnic at the Umstead State Park over the weekend.

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THE HILLTOP: Committees: Pro And Con On Functions

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Delimiting Student Government committees is a job for the Job-like. Cataloging the committees set up since the reformation of student government in the late '40's as to origin and jurisdiction would probably be worthwhile, but it is too big an undertaking for one column.

However, several of the many committees currently operating under Sonny Evans have turned out or promise to turn out valuable results. The student committee on class cuts, for example, worked with the administration in bringing about the ruling now in operation. And it was the student committee's recommendations, accepted by the administration, that formed the basis for the new system. A basic problem in drawing up the system, incidentally, was to find a way to keep students from cutting before and after holidays. The eventual aim of the student committee is complete freedom from cut rulings.

One of the larger standing groups is the Constitutional Revisional Commission. Established five years ago, the commission this year revised the structure of the student government constitution. In doing so it accomplished what previous committees, hampered by attempts to revamp the principles of student government as well as the document itself, were unable to do. Two years ago the commission concentrated on judicial organization alone, redefining the jurisdiction of Honor and Student Councils and establishing a court of appeals. The appellate court includes the chairman of the Honor Council, Student Council, Women's Honor Council and three faculty members.

Two groups were not enough to handle the traffic and parking problems on the Hill. Set up recently by Sonny Evans was the Campus Traffic Board, to aid the Student Affairs Office in processing traffic violations. Already functioning were the University Traffic Committee and the Traffic Advisory Commission. The University Committee has two student members and is working with the University, particularly with the engineering department, to find ways of alleviating parking congestion.

One of the most interesting reports to come from a student government committee is in the working now. The Campus Stores Committee, with four student and four faculty members, will release a detailed report on profits and expendETA from the Book Exchange, Circus Room, Scuttlebutt, Y Court concession and campus vending machines next fall.

There's no doubt of the value of some Student Government committees—others have yet to prove their worth.



THE STUDENTS' FOPHIM.

Student Dislikes Psychology

Editor: There were two patches of light emerging starkly from the darkness of the room, one on the blind, one on the ceiling. I was staring at the one on the blind, waiting for the noise to stop. It would not stop, but grew louder—it was a plane, a plane with a crazy noise like a cymbal. It was coming over, and it was not safe to sit up your foot but flatten yourself. Be still and wait.

This occurred at 3:15 a.m. on the morning of April 25. Earlier in the semester a similar event occurred—the awakening of the strange, inexplicable noise—something not of this world at all, not pertaining to human beings—but frighteningly inhuman, and swelling louder and louder past the point of endurance. That time it was a gong, beating a weird long-short-short rhythm. That time I prepared myself for either an atomic attack, a Martian invasion, or Judgment Day. Also, it happened that the foster sister of my roommate, a Korean girl who suffered the terrors of the war, was staying with us that night—attending a conference of foreign students. To her, the noise of the gong was the noise of bombers; and she suffered moments of fear which I am sure she will remember long after the favorable impressions of the conference have worn off.

Both the noises, both the experiences of fear, both of my personal mental preparations for death were occasioned by

one organization—the Valkyries—in pursuit of one end—the induction of new members. And because my only two experiences with the Valkyries have been shocking and painful ones, I know nothing better to call the highest honorary organization for women at the University of North Carolina than a terrorist organization.

According to the Daily Tar Heel, "the purpose of the Valkyries is to unite in a common bond those women who have shown by their lives such a devotion to the ideals of character, attitude, service, sound judgment, leadership, and scholarship that they may inspire this devotion in others and that they may strive together toward these ideals." And the women individually, at least the ones I know, fulfill this definition admirably. I have also heard that some of this year's initiates were extremely frightened by the initiation ceremonies. Because of this and because of the fact that these women are recognized for their sound judgment and service, it seems impossible to me that they can carry out this ceremony with good conscience.

I was told that they wear masks covering everything but their eyes (there is an anti-mask law in North Carolina under which one University student was prosecuted this year although his mask was much less frightening I am sure than those of the Valkyrie). I was told that last year one girl had

hysterics as a result of their middle-of-the-night, weird invasion of the dormitory. I was told of a girl's being forcibly pushed into her room by one of these masked and hooded creatures upon her merely stepping out into the hall to discover the cause of the horrid noise. I was told that once the Valkyries, with gong, even invaded the infirmary for a tapping. I have just heard of an inductee's waking up to find herself in a hell of fire (do the Valkyries carry torches?) and silent creatures, of roommates wanting nothing but to get the creatures out of the room, of the group's traveling to Raleigh, with gong, to tap (and to terrorize some neighborhood?).

I do not mean to imply a dislike of mystery in general. To me, mysteries, colorful ceremonies, symbols are the things which make life meaningful. My objection here is to the time and place of the initiation; and I strongly noted that the initiation of the Golden Fleece was announced in advance to be just that and was held in a public place in the daytime with those attending being emotionally prepared for monsters roaming the aisles.

None of these things are fair to the fine women honored by the Valkyrie nor to the idea of a women's honorary organization. I can only hope that the next tapping will be a more appropriate mirror of the Valkyries' ideals.

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By A! Capp



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