

# No - No - No!

The first item of business which must be cleared up concerning the voting which will be going on in women's dormitories today is that this is not a referendum. It is being called a referendum by all concerned, yet the passage of a referendum can be accomplished by a simple majority of over one half. Yet today's "referendum" strangely requires a two thirds vote for it to be considered passed. Therefore, it is plain that we are faced with a special election, not a referendum. But, all of this is neither here nor there. The issue at hand is whether this special election should pass or fail. We say that women students should defeat it.

According to Miss Kay Boortz, chairman of the Women's Residence Council, the social fee which will be collected from women students if this election passes will be used for the following 15 items:

1. social events
2. Yack contest
3. flowers for illness
4. cards for illness
5. dormitory parties
6. coffee breaks during exams
7. house mother gifts for Christmas and Mother's Day
8. maid's gifts
9. dorm president's gift at end of year
10. graduate counselor's gift at the end of year
11. Homecoming decorations
12. Beat Dook Parade
13. Valkyries entrance
14. Christmas tree
15. newspaper subscriptions for the dorms.

We feel that it is quite possible that some, if not a large portion of the girls concerned, will dislike perhaps their house-mother, their dorm president, counselor or maid. Why should they be forced to contribute to a gift for her? Or suppose, as in some actual cases, the maids have been receiving nice little gifts from individuals. Why then, must the girl still contribute to a gift for the maid at the end of the year?

And what about cards and flowers for illness? Really, this is the sweetest gesture of all. But it is only meaningful if it comes from interested and concerned individuals. If we were latent and prostrate in the infirmary, we certainly couldn't care less if a bouquet of flowers arrived from the dorm, signed by the social chairman in the name of all of the girls in the residence. We would rather have one little weed, or perhaps a sprig of clover coming from a person or people who were interested enough to go out of their way to cheer us up, than the standard gesture from and in the name of people, most of whom don't even know we are ill.

There isn't one single item mentioned in these social fees that couldn't and shouldn't be paid for out of private solicitation in the dormitories. If the dorm wants to do something, then let it collect among those interested. But, let's not tack a fee on people who have no interest in any or all of these functions.

And what about sorority girls living in the dorms? Must they pay both a sorority and dorm social fee. If so, why?

It is the same question as athletic pass-books. No person can or should be compelled to pay for an activity or to support something in which he or she doesn't believe.

It is somewhat unfortunate that the new editor seems to have renewed his predecessors running fight with the Women's Residence Council. But, this new WRC and its officers will continue to be the target of editorial barrage until and unless they begin to have more of a regard for our minorities. When they realize that a freshman coed is the same as a senior coed, and an unmade bed is not a felony, and card playing on Sunday on the sun decks doesn't constitute a sacrilege, then this group will realize its potential and true function. Yet, as long as the WRC continues to have a maternalistic outlook, and passes little rules and regulations such as those just mentioned, we must out of concern be in opposition. We will have to keep reminding the WRC that this isn't Salem, Mass., in the 1680's but rather a great college community which prides itself on individual freedom and initiative.

# Letter On Referendum

Editor:  
Even though I am not a girl, I think that I can speak on the referendum concerning the social fees for women, because I think that the basic question here is one of constitutionality. Even if two-thirds of the girls on campus want the social fee to be collected, which I doubt, and even if the administration agrees to collect the fee after the girls vote on it, the fee is still unconstitutional.

The University has no legal right to collect the fee. The University by law cannot collect a SOCIAL fee. At the present time, the University does collect an activities fee; strictly speaking, this is illegal too. First and foremost, the University is here to offer to its students an education and not primarily to teach them how to "become adjusted to living in a larger society."

If a girl wants to learn how to adjust—if a girl wants to learn how to socialize, she can join a sorority. We already have Graham Memorial, and if this is not enough, we should try to get a bigger student union, and not try to collect more fees.

I see no need for social fee. It may be true that some kind of fee is needed, but a social fee is not the answer. If the girls want to send flowers to the sick, all well and good. But they could collect a fee of some kind for this purpose ahead of time, and not call it a social fee.

There are many girls who live in the dorms who are members of a sorority, who will, if the fee is collected, have to pay a social fee for both their sorority and their dorm. This seems entirely out of place to me.

A girl joins a sorority to have a place where she can go for a party. A girl joins a sorority for what the many call "UNITY." A girl joins a sorority just because it is a sorority. So stop kidding yourselves, girls—you cannot make a sorority out of a dorm, no matter how much social fee you charge.

However, all other arguments aside, the fact still remains that the University cannot legally collect social fees. To do so would be a gross misunderstanding by the administration of its purpose for being here.

Donald Black

# In Election Vote Yes

Editor:  
As a group interested in the dormitory life of women students, Carolina Women's Council unanimously endorses the passage of the referendum to provide social and activity fees for the residents of the women's dormitories.

We feel that these fees have proved beneficial in the past and can continue to do so in the future. It is not impossible to enumerate the advantages a social fee offers to the dormitory resident. One of the main advantages is the elimination of frequent solicitation for activity funds in the dormitories. Another is the provision that such a fund offers for efficient handling of social obligations to women residents in the event of illness and similar situations. Third and all important is the provision that such a fund offers for social life per se. The importance of recreative outlets for students can not be underestimated.

A uniform social and activities fee is an expedient and convenient way to provide for these needs. It is the hope of the Carolina Women's Council that each woman resident will consider these phases of the issue in making her ultimate decision. Carolina Women's Council

# The Supreme Commands



# Growth

## Size At The University

Editor:

The question of size at the University has come up ever since the University was founded, with Old East as its sole building. To relieve the crowded situation of as many as six people to a room, Old South was started as a combination dormitory and class room. Because of lack of money, Old South was sixteen years abuilding.

The enrollment increased from less than one hundred in the seventeenth century and nineties to 450 just before the Civil War. Old West, New West, and New East were built to accommodate the 450 students.

The cry of "Wolf" was raised each time the enrollment increased — to 800, a 1000, 2,000, 3,000, 5,000, 7,000 — "The University is getting too large."

Where would the former editor of the Tar Heel, and other thousands like him be today, if the enrollment had been frozen at, say 450 in the 1850's. The enrollment at the University is small compared with the enrollment of many other state universities.

The purpose of the University of today is to train the youth of North Carolina to do the complicated work in a complicated society. The old Latin school which trained people only for law, teaching, and the ministry is no longer adequate for this day and time. The youths who wish to take other than the liberal arts courses feel that they have as much right to be trained at the University as the liberal arts candidates. They pay taxes and they want to come to Chapel Hill.

There has always been a difference of opinion on the size and complexity of the University. President Venable made this commentary, back in 1900, on the small versus the large college:

"The very heart and soul of an educational institution lies in its teaching force and I hopefully look forward to the time when in our ideal University the excellent faculty of the present time shall have grown into a large body of strong, trained men, eminent scholars, skillful investigators, inspiring teachers. To come in contact with such men and to feel their influence will be in itself an education, and in order to preserve this personal touch and to render possible the highest development of the individual the faculty must be a large one — constantly added to as the number of students grows, so that while no student may know, possibly, all of the faculty, each student shall know his own teachers and feel that they know and understand him and are ready to direct and aid in his self-development. There is some talk these days of the greater

advantages of the small college. It is easy to see that the question is rather one of small classes and that the small college with its over-worked professors and poor equipment can offer little to compare with the fine equipment, high-priced teachers, and small classes of the greater university. — So I have no fear of loss of efficiency and power from the growth at the University that is to be.

President Venable thought the University should direct the intellectual activities of the State and leave other organized activities (trade schools?) to other institutions.

He was opposed to the consolidated University. He thought that the article of the first Constitution of the State that provided "that all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more universities" could be better executed under three heads than under one.

Much can be done to make the University a home-away-from-home for every student who enrolls here. This is now limited almost exclusively to the fraternity men. The first need is for attractive living rooms in each dormitory where the student may entertain his family and friends. After a long while, steps are being taken in this direction. The second need is for a student union.

But the University needs most of all courting parlours, that is, small reception rooms in each dormitory for dating couples. At present there is absolutely nowhere that young lovers can do their petting and necking except in automobiles or out in public. Young people are going to fall in love, and, willy nilly, are going to pet, public or no public, but since it is rather disgusting for other people to have to watch this public love making, provision should be made where the couples can have some privacy. That means courting parlours, with some older person, or hostess, around, but not too much in evidence. The churches, also, could help with this problem, since they already have the accommodations. It is not necessary to have paid hostesses. Volunteer hostesses could fill a big need here as the USO hostesses did during the war.

As for radicals at the University, a few are needed as a kind of thorn in the sides of the conservatives, who might be too contented with the status quo. Radicals nearly always over-step the bounds and defeat their own ends. Because of this, there is not much chance of the radicals taking over at the University.

Otelia C. Connor

# The Rights Of Minorities

Editor:

Thank you, Miss Boortz, for your informative letter, however, I was very aware of the nature of the bill which I spoke against. As I said in my letter, a limited segment of the campus does not have the right to set a mandatory tax on that segment when its members belong to it through no choice of their own—THE FACT THAT THEY ARE WOMEN. Regardless of how the referendum is going to come out or how it is going to be run, the legislature should have killed the bill, not on the ground that there is anything wrong with social activities, BUT ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT A FINANCIAL IMPOSITION OF THIS NATURE IS NOT RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF WHO IMPOSES IT, HOW THEY IMPOSE IT, OR WHEREVER ELSE IT IS DONE.

Consider also that some people come to the State's University for the primary purpose of obtaining an education. Obviously the University does not feel that a mandatory dormitory social program must necessarily be a part of that education. A student has a right, therefore, to live in the University's dormitories without being harassed by a mandatory social fee. If some of the students want to join social organizations and social activities, that is fine. If dormitory residents want to organize social activities, that is fine. BUT NOT ONE OR ALL OF YOU HAVE ANY RIGHT TO MAKE ANY INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OR PARTICIPATE IN A SOCIAL PROGRAM.

I have heard a lot of talk lately about "double-standards" at Carolina and about the desire of some of the women to be treated more like adults, or at least a little less like children. I am all for them. Of all the things I am proud of as a student at this University, it is my freedom of which I am most proud. Without this freedom the rest suffers and there is no true test of what's gained. Unfortunately the women here do not enjoy this degree of freedom. They are told "you must do this" and "you must do that." True, we are all told to do a number of things, but the tradition of our Nation and of the great universities which have grown and survived with our nation has been to keep the "you must's" at the minimum so that the individual can search freely rather than be guided as one among so many sheep. Plato made the observation that, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." Don't you think that one good start would be to let people make their own decisions as often as possible?

Don't make the mistake of blaming the administration and the Dean of Women for all of the "double standard." I have never heard of them going to much pain to make all of the women support a social program. I can think of a few other equally petty contrivances which victimize the women here through the untiring efforts of their own elected leaders.

Not only is a vote against the social fee a vote for the rights of the minority. It is a vote against the "double standard" and for a better University.

Don Dotson

P.S.

Since I wrote this letter the legislature has changed the bill to require two-thirds instead of a majority to pass the referendum and to collect the fee in a different manner. This move in no way affects the reasons why the bill should be defeated. This is like saying that a third more votes can make more right. This is not a referendum on fractions and percentages. Every reason I have presented still stands. The bill should be defeated.

# GEMS OF THOUGHT

## REWARD

The biggest reward for a thing well done is to have done it.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another.—George Eliot

Goodness never fails to receive its reward, for goodness makes life a blessing.—Mary Baker Eddy

For blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds; And though a late, a sure reward succeeds.—William Congreve

No man who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of the place in which he lives is left long without proper reward.—Booker T. Washington

# Message From WRC Chairman

To the Women Dormitory Residents:

Today is the day that you express your desire to the Women's Residence Council concerning social and activity fees. Before you mark "Yes" or "No" on your ballot it is of the utmost necessity that you understand the exact meaning behind your vote.

The bill passed by the Student Legislature made the following provisions:

Article I. The Administration be requested by the Women's Residence Council to authorize the collection of a social and activity fee from all dormitory residents.

Article II. This request can only be made by the Women's Residence Council upon the passage by the majority of the voting women dormitory residents in a referendum on the following question:

"I am in agreement with the collection of social and activity fees provided they are not in excess of \$5 per year."

An amendment was added stating that a 2/3 majority be required because the W.R.C. felt that the simple majority which belongs to a referendum would not be adequate support for the request.

If the referendum is passed the W.R.C. is obligated to formally request the administration to collect the fee. It would then be collected as a part of the room rent as is the men's fee and would go into one fund in the Student Activities Fund office. The money would revert back to the dormitories in direct proportion to the number of residents.

There are several advantages to collection in this manner. First, girls would not be immediately plagued to pay the fee upon entering the dorm. Second, instead of each dorm having an account costing them separately, money will be saved by maintaining a single account.

Note that the \$5 PER YEAR, \$2.50 PER SEMESTER amount stated is already \$1 lower than previously. Women's Residence Council will seriously consider whether or not this amount can be further lowered. The amount cannot under any circumstances exceed the stated amount without another vote of those concerned.

We have been concerned with the problem of social ant activity fees for some time and feel that we have finally come up with the solution. We would not have asked for this referendum if we did not feel that the dormitories need these fees in order to coordinate dormitory activities. We urge you to think of the complications which will arise without a fee such as frequent requests for contributions and the lack of ready source of funds for some immediate need.

Of course, you must remember that even with a fund it cannot be successful unless you back the projects taken on by your dormitory and accept your share of the responsibility. It is up to each of you to elect a good treasurer to manage your money. It is up to you to elect a good social chairman and it is up to you to speak for the benefits which you desire from this fund. If you do speak for your wants and act as an integral part of your dormitory community there are maximum benefits to be gained from these fees.

WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER BOTH THE PRO AND CON OF THE SUBJECT AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL WE URGE YOU TO VOTE. WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND WE WILL STAND BEHIND YOUR WISHES.

Sincerely, Kay Boortz  
Women's Residence Council

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# Wolff Letter

To Anthony Wolff:

In the late nineties the following lines used to be chanted by college students studying the works of George Eliot:

"We're onto you Mary,  
You airy old fairy  
But why did you change your name?"  
With apologies for a feeble parody,  
"We're onto you Tony,  
You brilliant young phony,  
But why do you mis-spell names?  
Since you don't give a darn  
Good spelling to learn  
To the Bad Place with Anthony Wolf!"

Sir Alec Guinness  
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