

# The Daily Tar Heel

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# Statements Of UP Candidates

## A Misunderstanding With Paul Dickson

In an editorial in Tuesday's DTH, we stated that we felt Presidential candidate Paul Dickson had been somewhat contradictory and inconsistent in his statements concerning a public accommodations law. We stated that Dickson had earlier said he felt an accommodations law was necessary, but was now saying that he was not in favor of it. We took Dickson's avowal of the necessity of the law to mean that he favored its passage.

Apparently we have done candidate Dickson a disservice. He, and others, now tell us that what he originally said was that a public accommodations law might be necessary barring productive community action in the situation. He

says that he does not favor the law, and never has favored it, but that communities which refuse to act to solve their own racial problems leave little or no choice.

He says that it is now, and always has been, his opinion that local community action is much the best way to eliminate discriminatory practices. Dickson also makes quite clear that he is firmly committed to the elimination of those practices and strongly backs the student boycott as a means to that end.

We apologize to Mr. Dickson for the misunderstanding, and we now believe that his position has been consistent. However . . .

## Over A False Issue

There really is no point in finding out what the various candidates think about public accommodations in the first place. And not all of them have anything to do with the boycott either.

There is no question but that students should find out what candidates for president, vice-president, DTH editor and legislative seats think on the boycott. All of these officers may have some influence on this issue as it pertains to students during the coming year.

However, asking candidates for secretary, treasurer and Honor Council seats this question is irrelevant to the campaign. The offices of secretary and treasurer are set up so that they have little or no say in administration policy other than in their specific areas of concern. It is already a policy for Student Government funds not to go to segregated establishments, so that the boycott can not affect the treasurer. And heaven knows what students think the

secretary can do about it.

Even more irrelevant are the questions on public accommodations. Not one of the candidates running can possibly do anything about a public accommodations law either in Chapel Hill or in Washington. They're not running for the Board of Aldermen and they don't plan a Washington lobby as a Student Government function. Their opinions on this bill are of no importance to their campaigns.

The only candidates who will have a chance to express their views on this issue other than DTH editor, are the candidates for NSA delegate. The civil rights bill before Congress came up last summer at NSA without the FEPC provision and was passed. It is likely to come up again in one form or another.

Students should try to get to the issues that will affect the campus while they still have a chance to query the candidates.

## Pete Ivey, Manatees And Drift Theories

Greensboro Daily News

U.N.C. news bureau chief Pete Ivey, who fortunately enjoys a good prank, was victimized the other day by a hoax that tells us more about science than about gullibility.

It seems that as Mr. Ivey and his crew were preparing releases on a conference on evolution at the Chapel Hill botany department they received what purported to be a jazzed-up popularization of a paper which Prof. Thomas Barr, Jr., of the University of Kentucky, was to read to the conference. It was entitled "Alpine Speciation of Tracheus (Coleoptera Trichechidae) in the Southern Appalachians." The gist was as follows:

... The Coleoptera, popularly known as the manatee or sea cow, spend most of their lives under rocks, since cosmic radiation is fatal to those large beasts. During the mating season, however, it is necessary for these primitive coleoptera to emerge from their retreats.

This proves the correctness of the continental drift theory. The Alps and

the Appalachians must once have been parts of a single mountain chain, perhaps continuous with Mount Ararat. The story of Noah's flood is a distorted version of the disruption of this mountain chain.

The "release" went on to compare the behavior of the "sea-cow" to the now-mythic behavior of the lemmings and to the behavior of college students flocking each spring to Daytona and St. Augustine.

Pete Ivey and his staff obligingly (and innocently) sent out a news release which was widely printed around the country, only to discover too late that the sea-cow story was a hoax perpetrated at Professor Barr's expense.

Well, as a matter of fact we remember reading about the sea-cow and its peregrinations and about the possible continuity between Mount Mitchell and Ararat, and the telling thing is that with eyebrows arched in only slight surprise we thought: "Possibly true for the moment, but sure to be overthrown in five years." For the truth is, as Jacques Barzun tells us in his stimulating new book on science, that scientific hypothesis has been in rapid flight from the world of ordinary common sense for half a century.

Two things, in our world bombarded by accelerated scientific discovery, have become nearly commonplace: The way the scientist sees the universe has little or nothing to do with the universe as reflected in the everyday eye; and for every new theory there is an equal (and equally surprising) counter-theory.

It is nothing new to read, as we did the other day, of the sighting from Mount Palomar of a retreating galaxy whose speed breaks every yardstick of age and distance in the universe. We read, we shrug, we move on to Little Orphan Annie.

If the sea-cow hoax duped the public, it is difficult to say whom the laugh is on—if there really is a laugh involved.

## Bob Spearman - President -

The year 1964-65 is one of both unprecedented challenge and unprecedented opportunity for student government at Carolina. In September, the University will have a new chancellor and a new administration. Many of the old stereotypes of student government-administration relations will no longer be applicable. The working relationship which SG sets up with this new administration next year will in a large part determine our effectiveness and strength in the years ahead. The broad lines of policy which I feel we need to follow in this area include: effort to work in close cooperation with the faculty and administration on matters of mutual concern, insistence on the integrity of the student judiciary, and pressure for student positions on faculty committees. Such a program will not only maximize our own authority, but it will also enable us to best serve the interests of the student body. But such policies can only be successful with a student government which is clear in its goals, and experienced both in dealing with the faculty and administration and in the running of student government itself.

The most important challenge which we face is to remodel and redirect student government so that it better serves the academic, social and cultural needs of the student body in mens and womens residence halls, in fraternities, and in sororities. In the past student government has centered too much upon its internal mechanics and perfection. A consistent and coherent set of laws and better internal organization are important only as a means and not as an end themselves. The end or purpose of student government, as of any government, must be to promote the welfare of those whom it governs.

In the area of residence hall life, the work of the Residence Hall Improvements Committee, initiated by Don Carson, will be of prime importance. This com-

mittee will receive strong student government support as it works jointly with the University Administration to improve the living conditions and social facilities of residence halls.

The further investigation of the Residence College System will also be a top priority program. Such a program would promote residence hall life not only within each hall, but also within groups of residence halls such as the upper and lower quads. It might entail the division of the MRC into smaller governmental units. These local units would be in close touch with the needs of their constituents to provide suitable social and academic programming.

Another phase of the redirection, involves an increased concern with the student's academic life. Essential here are the creation of a Fine Arts Festival, the publication of a course booklet describing elective courses from a student viewpoint, and work with the administration and faculty to secure more seminar sections and decrease the use of mass lecture classes.

In the area of fraternity and sorority life, there is need for stronger self government through the IFC and Pan Hellenic Councils. In addition, extensive efforts will be needed to help fraternities meet the demands of deferred rush.

Finally, Student government must take greater cognizance of the increasing problem of relations between the state and the University exemplified by the gag law enacted by the last N. C. General Assembly. It is essential to the long run best interests of both our school and the state that student government play a large role in communicating the nature and goals of this institution to the state at large. This can be done through press releases, student personal appearances, and the use of TV and radio.

If student government is to continue to play the large role which it has traditionally held in this university, it must emancipate itself from trivia and attend to these real and important concerns of the student community.

## Don Carson - Vice-President -

Each year, as spring elections get into high gear, we naturally begin to think about the real meaning and purpose of Student Government. At the present time it costs in excess of \$130,000 per year to operate Student Government. This sum, of course, comes from our own pockets through student fees. I firmly believe that Student Government must put greater emphasis on those things which are of real and direct benefit to the students.

Needless to say, the philosophical aspects of Student Government have their place, and certainly the judiciary is the backbone of Student Government. These areas, however, rarely if ever directly affect a large part of the student body. There is a very real danger that Student Government could reach a point where it would just manufacture committee reports and revise its own by-laws.

Most of our residence halls are almost devoid of social facilities and social programs. Over the years, the University Administration has failed to face this problem. Last fall, through the work of the Residence Hall Improvements Committee, Student Government initiated a social room "pilot project" which is now under construction in Joyner Residence Hall. More important, however, is the fact that the University Administration has agreed that it will finance other such improvements in other residence halls throughout the campus if the "pilot project" is successful. In the future the work of the Residence Hall Improvements Committee should be greatly expanded. This could be done by assigning a committee vice-chairman to be in charge of the various geographical areas of campus.

The Vice President of the Student Body is, of course, the speaker of the Legislature and is directly responsible for the conduct of that body. In the past, the Legislature has not had optimum effectiveness because of a

mere lack of communication. This problem could certainly be alleviated by publishing copies of the legislation which could be posted in the residence halls and in the fraternity and sorority houses, and through more adequate coverage of legislative sessions and committee hearings in the Daily Tar Heel.

There are many other areas to which Student Government must direct its attention in the coming months. One of these is certainly deferred rush, which is going to effect the residence halls as well as the fraternities. This system is going to cause overcrowding in the residence halls and financial problems in many fraternity houses. It will be an important function of Student Government to study and make suggestions for the alteration of the system.

The University Party has presented a concise platform of specific suggestions for a more effective Student Government. I believe that we must commit ourselves to programs of direct action rather than mere idealism and high-sounding philosophy; and ever more important, Student Government must represent as it leads.

## Priscilla Patterson - Secretary -

The backbone of any office is the secretary. This is true not only in industry but also here on our campus in Student Government.

But during the past year, the secretary and the secretariat have been unusually inefficient. As a result of this inefficiency, Student Government has been hampered in its progress.

My platform would revamp the secretariat and make Student Government an efficient, worthwhile organization. I would combat Student Government's inefficiency by the introduction of three procedural changes. The first of these changes would be

a new filing system. At present there is no systematic method for finding letters, bills, or other relevant matter as everyone who has access to the files uses a different method of filing. I would establish a new system where correspondence, research material, and Student Government material would have separate files, each of which would have a standard topic index and thus alleviate many of the present method's shortcomings.

Another area of concern has been the lack of interest among the secretariat members. Here, too, I believe my platform would solve this problem by assigning each member of the secretariat to a specific department or executive member of Student Government. In this way there would be more interest built up as each person would only have one area of responsibility and concern. I would also ask Student Legislature for funds so that the secretariat's members could be paid without resorting to the sub rosa methods used by the present administration.

I would also change the present mailing system. Here I feel a new routing procedure could cure many of the present ills. At present mail is redirected to the appropriate persons but this may take several weeks. I propose a regular schedule with the committee heads or secretaries so that they might get their correspondence at regular intervals and not have to wait for it. In this way, the various branches of Student Government could react to important issues without waiting for a long time before hearing about them.

My last area of concern is shouldering some of the President's work. Instead of directing all correspondence to him, I would answer all letters that did not require his attention and time.

Thus, I believe I have a very sensible and workable platform to revamp the inefficiency of Student Government. I will devote the necessary time to this program and am willing to take full responsibility for it. I hope that you will consider my platform and vote for me as Student Government Secretary.

# Statements Of SP Candidates

## Paul Dickson - President -

With the arrival of a new Chancellor, next year will be vitally important for Student Government.

It is mandatory that Student Government show strength, and at the same time, a willingness to work with the new administration.

Therefore, we propose a 3-day conference with the Chancellor and members of his new administration and with Student leaders, past and present. We feel this gesture will establish a good working relationship upon which we can build this year and in the future.

As President of Everett this year, I am more than aware of pressing problems facing the residence halls and will offer a program to alleviate these needs. establish a speaker bureau to bring outstanding campus speakers into the residence halls.

We advocate strengthening the Editor's Roundtable so that each residence hall might have a newspaper, with advertising, which would establish a closer relationship between students and their government. We have found the Daily Tar Heel lacking in this area.

In the past, the Student Party has worked for physical improvement of residence hall facilities. It was the Student Party that established social rooms and the television sets in those rooms. This year, we shall continue efforts in this area. We would like to see students on faculty and administrative committees such as the Faculty Committee on Curriculum.

This year, we began work on a free course evaluation booklet for which the Academic Affairs Committee has been compiling information for publication in the near future.

We are seeking to re-establish University reading day (s) before examination periods. We now have faculty support and we feel this program will be a success.

Through my work on the Men's Honor Council, and the Attorney General's staff this summer, I definitely see a need for redefinition of the campus code so that it applies to the students in conduct directly related to the University and not at all times, as it is now.

We will work in cooperation with the Consolidated University Student Council to bring more girls to the campus from Raleigh and Woman's College on CU Day and the Jubilee weekend. This program was started this year, but more girls and better organization are needed.

We will work with the Women's Residence Council to grant Senior women open hours and the right to live in apartments with parental permission. I want to establish an international students' director and an international students' house. I have seen a similar program in action in Viet-Nam, and I know it can be successful. It is important that we be concerned with the image of our University in countries abroad.

As the executive of Student Government, I would feel obligated to seek free and equal service for all students. I would not pretend to represent the entire student community, however I would ask you on a personal basis not to patronize those businesses that do not serve all of our students.

## Jeff Davis - Vice-President -

Student Government must benefit the Student Body. There are two categories of action by which it can achieve this. One category is improvement in its own internal machinery—rewriting, if necessary, its bylaws, election laws, and statutes to insure that it represents the students more fairly and more effectively.

There are (other) areas within or related to Student Government which warrant thorough investigation and reevaluation in the coming years, such as the Resident Advisor Program and the Campus Code.

The other field of action in which Student Government can benefit the Student Body is the field of direct action on specific problems facing students at our growing university. Such direct confrontation of problems has produced in the past the Coed Visiting agreement, the Television Loan Fund, and other beneficial programs. But this field is practically inexhaustible in providing opportunities for strong action. The increase in enrollment and the changes precipitated in the academic and social context

of the student by that increase alone have created manifold problems—and opportunities—in this area, especially in the fields of 1) communication between the students and their student government, 2) social opportunities for all students, and 3) academic programming and student representation.

In the first of these fields, the Editors Roundtable is the best potential solution. A bill presently before Student Legislature would make the Roundtable a permanent committee of all dormitory newspaper editors. Reorganization of the Roundtable could provide a News Service to all dorm papers and also stabilize and expand the role of dorm papers in university life.

To improve available social outlets Student Government must support more projects like Consolidated University Day. Not only are physical facilities for dating unfortunately inadequate, due to past oversight of the administration and the state, but the ratio of men to women students makes dating difficult. Pending long range solution of this situation, Student Government can alleviate the problem by bringing women students from area colleges to our campus for selected social functions, such as Jubilee, throughout the year.

In the area of academics, Student Government must this year take a more active role in seeking representation on faculty committees on Curriculum and Planning. We might investigate the feasibility of establishing a Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor on Academics, such as exists at UCLA, the University of Minnesota, Sarah Lawrence, and other colleges and universities.

The office of Vice-President is centrally important in the complex operations of Student Government; experience in administration and leadership is essential. Insights gained through direct experience in Student Government will be of vital importance this coming year. For this reason I ask your support for Vice-President on April 4.

## Madeline Gray - Secretary -

The duties of the Secretary of the Student Body are often misunderstood. The Secretary does not take minutes in the Student Legislature nor does she occupy merely a figurehead position. Ra-

ther, the Secretary of the Student Body is in charge of establishing and coordinating a secretariat which is responsible for the typing and filing of Student Government correspondence and records.

A well organized and efficient secretariat would contribute directly to a more efficient executive and would be indispensable for more effective student government. This would be my overall objective as Secretary of the Student Body.

Having worked directly in the Student Government office and with the secretariat this semester, I am completely familiar with the problems still confronting the office and the procedures which should be changed. However, because we are students administering a student government, we are limited by several factors such as the length of the daily office hours, the budget, and the secretarial experience of members of the secretariat. Therefore, I would advocate simple and direct office procedures. I would establish a secretariat with more ability resulting from selection based on office work experience and knowledge of Student Government. There must be a well organized and proficient secretariat which I would effect by means of an initial orientation of general office procedures and a delegation of secretarial duties so that through familiarity with their job the girls would increase their skills and remain interested in their positions.

The position of Student Body Secretary is directly involved with the executive branch of Student Government. However, all branches depend on the Secretary to help with lengthy and complex projects. Therefore the Secretary must have a practical knowledge of all aspects of Student Government, a knowledge which can only come from working directly in the Student Government office. It will also be essential to have a Secretary who has had specific experience in the Secretariat and can help orient the new Executive Secretary who will be hired on a permanent basis next year.

Since I know the technical responsibilities of the position of Secretary of the Student Body, I would be able to extend the position into the field of creative contributions to Student Government—contributions of permanent and practical value.

It is true that I have served as Student Executive Secretary this semester. But in order to reorganize the office procedures and

establish a secretariat which would be a more valuable asset to Student Government, I must have the authority that will come through the campus-wide election on April 14.

## Notice

The statements appearing today are those of the University Party and Student Party candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Student Body. Space limitations prohibited the statements of the candidates for Treasurer from appearing today. They will appear in the DTH tomorrow.

All candidates for Big Four offices, DTH Editor(s) and NSA are reminded that endorsement letters are due this afternoon at 3 p.m. They are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Two letters may be submitted for each candidate for President, with the total number of signatures on both letters not to exceed 30 names.

2. One letter may be submitted for each candidate for the remaining offices listed above. Candidates for Big Four offices shall be allowed 15 signatures, NSA candidates 10 signatures, and Daily Tar Heel editor(s) 20 signatures.

There are no specific restrictions on length for endorsement letters, but conciseness will aid handling and speed publication. No letters will be accepted for publication after today.

## LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel encourages its readers to express their views on any subject of interest, but reminds them that space requirements place certain restrictions on length.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not longer than two pages in length. As the editorial page is made up one or two days in advance, and the volume of correspondence is often quite large, letters may not appear until several days after they are submitted. We will make every effort, however, to print ALL letters that do not violate standards of good taste, and which bear the name and address of the sender. Names can be withheld only under most unusual circumstances.

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