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Suicide For The GOP?

Despite the crushing defeat suffered by its Presidential nominee, despite the loss of Senate and Congressional seats, despite the confusion which currently reigns in its national headquarters, the Republican Party is not close to death.

However, they can easily kill themselves, and judging from the events of the past few days it appears they just might be making an effort in that direction.

The arguing among GOP leaders—notably Nelson Rockefeller and Richard Nixon—bodes ill for attempts at "party unity."

It doesn't take much to see that the only way the GOP is going to revive itself is for the members to get together and immediately decide not to attempt to purge anyone.

There are excellent GOP candidates left in the fold. Gov. William Scranton, despite his naivete at San Francisco, has great potential as a Presidential candidate and, indeed, as a President. He is one of several.

And he, or someone like him, can be effectively promoted for 1968. The party itself will have a good chance in 1966, as it will not have to run against Lyndon Johnson in the Congressional races.

The GOP is financially in the black, a situation the Democrats cannot claim.

It has at least 25,000,000 people who are ready, willing and able to support it, plus a large, though unknown, number who defected only because Barry Goldwater was the Presidential nominee.

It has made solid gains in the South. It gained one State House in the election.

It gained a senator from the nation's most populous state—California.

The GOP, we think, is a long way from death. Only a lack of reason can seriously harm the party at this time, and there is every chance in the world the party can regain its lost power in the 1966 elections.

It can only kill itself.

Class Officers? Who?

With all the tumult and shouting about NSA, many have forgotten that another campaign is in progress. We speak of the current battle for the right to be a class officer.

With very few exceptions, the two parties have put forth excellent candidates, notably the sophomore class but extending into the freshman and junior as well.

We have often commented on the lackadaisical attitude class officers in the past have taken, and we hope we shall not have to do so again. They can be beneficial, if only those elected to them will take a little time and use a bit of effort.

There are no regulations requiring a straight-party vote, the candidates have made every effort to see the voters and the candidates are good. We urge you to consider your choices well.

A Long, Bad Streak Ends

Yesterday afternoon UNC's seniors played Clemson for the fourth time. As freshmen, they lost 28-27. As sophomores, they lost 17-6. As juniors they lost 11-7.

In Jim Hickey's first five years as UNC mentor, Clemson won by 20-18, 24-0, 27-0, 17-6 and 11-7.

The year before Hickey came Clemson won 26-21.

But bad things, like good, must come to an end, and yesterday Frank Howard and his Death Valley crew were strangely quiet. Virginia and Duke, the teams left on UNC's schedule, took a long look at the score and began to wonder.

It doesn't look like we are going to have to wait until basketball season to see a winning team.

Rational Approach To NSA

By PETE WALES
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We would like to interject a note at this point in the heated and negative war now raging over our membership in NSA.

This column is intended only for those who are still attempting to reason out their vote on Tuesday. Those who don't want to even think about it can stop here.

One of the real issues at stake over NSA is the present trend of the organization and its possibilities for the future.

In the past, NSA has been primarily concerned with: 1) civil liberties of students; 2) the international free world student movement; and 3) services and information for member campuses.

The one area NSA has not really gotten into yet is perhaps the most logical issue for their type of organization: educational reform.

What could be a more relevant topic for mature students of the United States than the problems of the rapidly changing university in American so-

ciety and the radical changes in teaching methods occurring on most campuses.

NSA has run out of many of the main social and political issues involving students. The Congress too has become much more moderate over the past two years to the point that many people found this year's assembly downright dull.

Gone were the days of the 1961 Congress when Fulton Lewis, III, debated Michael Harrington on HUAC, and when William Buckley came to help out Lewis at the end.

In its place were normal everyday students concerned with problems related to student government and the campus. The best debate of the whole Congress was over a resolution to limit NSA resolutions more strictly to students in their role as students on the campus.

The thought of this even coming up for debate three years ago would be preposterous.

Gone were the fire-breathers from the right and left. The YAF had withdrawn to attack NSA from the outside and the liberals got bored with hearing about student government problems.

The Communists, contrary to

popular fiction, were never in it in the first place.

Fortunately, at the same time NSA ran out of political and semi-political issues, it received a grant from one of the prominent private business foundations to establish a salary for a permanent staff expert on higher education.

This staff member, Roland Liebert, from the University of Wisconsin, started work this fall and is already carrying out research on modern teaching methods (TV instruction and the like) and on the massive problems of the expanding university.

Students on this campus and faculty and administrators as well have complained of the impersonal computer university by the IBM card.

Chancellor Sharp said in a major address here recently that he had noticed an intensive reaction to this among college faculty across the country. He said that an attempt is being made to emphasize personal approach in teaching methods.

This debate among educators has really just begun in the face of a boom in the numbers of students trying to get a college education.

This debate is now being carried on in all the professional associations of higher education like the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the American Council on Education (ACE) of which our own President William Friday was just elected chairman.

NSA is currently affiliated with both of these groups and is the ONLY national student group with a seat on the ACE's executive committee.

Where NSA is now attempting to represent you is not on political issues (most of these are defunct, but on matters of educational reform.

The student voice in these matters is invaluable to educators.

The principle that students should have a voice in these matters is the very principle underlying student government itself. This has been primary among the goals of Student Body President Spearman this year.

President Spearman, incidentally, has been the most atrociously slandered individual in this entire campaign. UNC students apparently have no conception of his intelligence and abilities; nor do they realize what many in high positions have realized: that he is probably the best student leader in recent university history.

Intelligent students at Carolina should realize what the most rational criticisms of NSA are directed at are no longer real problems in NSA. They should realize that these objections to NSA, however valid, are being and may be further corrected in the near future by continued participation in NSA.

It would indeed be tragic if the negativism which has pervaded the country in this election year should be used to negate the beginnings of important work in the field of education which concerns us all so directly.

It would be tragic if the voice of partisan politics, being so successfully exploited in this campaign, should silence the intelligent voice of intellectual ideas and educational reform.

It would be a blot on the educationally liberal traditions of the University of North Carolina to vote in the negative on the NSA referendum Tuesday.



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

NSA International Work Helps U.S.

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I would like to add three points to the current NSA debate.

1) The following is a representative example of what I have found without exception to be the anti-communistic posture of NSA leaders.

In 1961 a Fair Play for Cuba Committee was seeking recognition as a campus organization from the administration of my undergraduate college (Carleton College in Minnesota). At the time there was no apparent, disinterested source of reliable facts about the FPCC.

I sent my questions to a national NSA officer I knew and received an informative, cautionary reply which was helpful to the administration. It was highly critical of the national leadership and backing of FPCC. I have never met an NSA leader who was naive about such matters.

2) The outstanding though largely unsung work of NSA through its International Commission should be a matter of real pride to all of us (I should caution those crying for "tangible" benefits that the significance of this kind of work does not often take material form).

Through its overseas representatives NSA's IC has established communication and rapport with national unions of students and their leaders. It has clarified their misunderstandings about our nation, its policies, current events and basic ideals.

Many of these student organizations and leaders have considerable influence on their governments. We tend to ignore this fact as we do the potential significance of relations with these students until we read about visible student influence in South Viet Nam, Korea and Turkey, to name but a few.

This work is more than a force against Communism, though in an indirect manner it has been that too. Rather the IC has effectively represented our nation's noblest bi-partisan foreign policy goals to influential groups and leaders who would otherwise contrast our claim to "free world" leadership with American student complacency.

Much of its work could not have been carried on without the supplementary support of private American foundations impressed with its significance. Yet this work must be done by a national organization like USNSA—a loose confederation of student governments—which can stand on equal organizational footing with international student organizations.

3) NSA's past officers and significant policy guidelines set by the national student congresses have in the main been no more "liberal" than have the central bi-partisan domestic and foreign policies of the last four national administrations. In the light of this and the work of the International Commission, the applause for NSA from national political figures of both parties is understandable.

In short, our potential disaffiliation from USNSA would seriously undercut a bold and exciting endeavor. It would be senseless not to vote to support our present USNSA affiliation.

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Student Bangs Coke Machine

Editors, The Tar Heel:

The fact that NSA only costs 13.6 cents per student, as you have stated, somehow fails to impress me. A coke from the dorm machine only costs a dime, but if I deposit my money and get no results, I usually bang hell out of it.

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