

The Daily Tar Heel

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"Doing Our Duty"

If anyone was surprised when Student Legislature dropped campus radio out the fourth floor window of New East a few weeks ago, he shouldn't have been.

Last spring the bill that would have set campus radio on its way to operation was hemmed in committee until it finally died a slow "death by verbosity" on the floor.

Some of our fine and conscientious student representatives said they were worried about spending the money campus radio would require. "We need to know how our constituents feel. Before we authorize this expenditure we have to be sure they really want it," they said. "We want a referendum."

That sounds noble and worthy. But close observers of the phenomenon of Student Legislature were skeptical of the sincerity of that plea of "let the people speak."

The people did speak—4,400 of them—and more than two-thirds of them said "yes." That early skepticism was justified when the legislators, two and a half weeks after the election, neatly disregarded the vote and did what they had intended to do from the start.

Some argued that it was unfair to let those 3,301 who voted for the proposal in the campus-wide election speak for the rest of the students.

But was it unfair to let 2,966 students decide last fall that UNC would continue its affiliation with the National Student Association? Was it unfair to let 2,875 students speak for all the others in selected a president of the student body last spring?

To argue that the turn-out in the referendum was too insignificant for the busy legislators to bother themselves with approaches the ultimate in hypocrisy. Privately, they admit the number of voters and the affirmative three-to-one majority were nothing short of fantastic. Publicly, they try to discount them.

The Campus Radio Committee is a bunch of dedicated die-hards who are not going to give the project up until every possible resource has been used. They have started an initiative petition which, when it gets about 1,200 signatures, will be submitted to the president of the student body. When he determines the petition is "in good order," according to the constitution, he will direct the Elections Board "to conduct an election on this bill in not less than six, nor more than fifteen days after he shall have received the petition and bill . . . A majority of the votes cast in the election shall be sufficient to pass the bill."

Pardon us if we choke a bit whenever we hear any of the 19 legislators who voted campus radio out talk about "representing the wishes of our constituents" in the future. Indeed, that is their job, and for the enlightenment of those constituents whose representatives voted against radio, we offer this information concerning district, name and referendum vote in that district:

Dwight Allen, SP, MD VII, Aycock, Graham, Stacy, Everett, Lewis—384 for, 127 against.

Ellen Allen, UP, WD III, Spencer, Smith, Whitehead—162 for, 32 against.

Hugh Blackwell, SP, MD II, town students—70 for, 74 against.

Jim Brame, SP, MD II, town students—70 for 74 against.

Kathy Cauble, UP, WD I, sororities, Victory Village, town—49 for, 28 against.

Clark Crampton, UP, MD III, town students—88 for 44 against.

Miriam Dorsey, SP, WD V, East and West Cobb—126 for, 28 against.

Gail Feik, SP, WD VI, Winston—54 for, 20 against.

Sandy Hobgood, SP, MD VIII, Joyner, Alexander, Connor—203 for, 88 against.

Don Johnson, SP, MD XI, Craige—313 for, 84 against.

Steve Jolly, SP, MD VI, Grimes, Manly, Ruffin, Mangum—269 for, 72 against.

Bryan McCoy, SP, MD XII, Morrison—524 for, 139 against.

Don McPhaul, UP, MD VII, Aycock, Graham, Stacy, Everett, Lewis—384 for, 127 against.

Jim Robinson, UP, MD VI, Graimes, Manly, Ruffin, Mangum—269 for, 72 against.

Dave Rowe, UP, MD IV, town students—88 for, 44 against.

Alexa Smith, SP, WD I, sororities, Victory Village, town—49 for, 28 against.

Leon Soloman, UP, MD III, town students—88 for, 44 against.

Charlie Morgan, SP, MD IX, Avery, Parker, Teague—229 for, 95 against.

In every instance, save two, these legislators voted against the proposal which voters in their district soundly endorsed.

If we had voted for radio in the referendum and our legislator is one of these, we would be inclined to provide him with a little "feedback" and let him know that once he is elected he should not plug his ears and close his eyes.

The thoughts of yet another petition are not particularly tasteful, but it is the price of dealing with a group of individuals who play by the rules—whenever it suits them.

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"Are You Gonna Bother To Vote Today?"



David Rothman

Speed Traps In Carolina

By DAVID ROTHMAN

Gov. Dan Moore recently asked the State Highway Patrol to see if policemen here pass out too many tickets to Florida-bound tourists.

The Automobile Legal Association, a Boston-based organization, had charged that eight "speed traps" are operating in Eastern North Carolina.

All this is public knowledge, but what isn't known to most people is the secret talk Moore held with the association's representatives.

I didn't attend, but I've got a good idea of the Governor's remarks:

"Of course we notice an alarming increase in law enforcement . . .

"I know it's disturbing that the police are catching more motorists . . .

"Certainly . . . It is totally unfair for us to request anybody to respect the speed limits . . . but I simply can't go along with your suggestion that we remove the radar sets from our patrol cars . . .

"You man we oughta put a governor on the motors of all police vehicles so they couldn't go over the limit to catch speeders . . .

"Yes, I agree . . . it's fine to be consistent . . . However . . .

"That's one approach . . . We could send any patrolman who gives out too many tickets back to driver training school . . .

"Yes, many of younger patrolmen are highly irresponsible . . . If they continue giving out as many tickets as they have been, we'll send 'em to juvenile court . . .

"No, I don't think we should automatically take away the driving licenses of highway patrolmen who bag too many

motorists . . . Doing this would deprive them of their livelihood . . .

"But you've gotta remember that many patrolmen haven't the time to show up in court . . . Why don't we let them pay their fines by mail? . . .

"I know those big patrol cars are too powerful for immature highway patrolmen . . . Okay . . . In the future we'll buy Volkswagens . . .

"I fully realize it gives the police an unfair advantage and costs lots of tax money . . . We'll remove the radios from the Patrol cars as soon as possible . . .

"Yes, sirens are also an unnecessary expense . . . I guess there's no reason in the world why the police can't attract the motorists' attention with hand signals . . .

"Of course the period of twilight is the most dangerous time to be on the highway . . . That's when they give out the most tickets . . .

"I know they are getting too powerful for the good of the state . . . That's right . . . The average citizen is 100 percent against this terrorism . . . I'll recommend that the HUAC immediately investigate these charges of 'extreme police activity' . . .

"Certainly . . . We have good reason to suspect that many police forces are operating under cover and calling themselves hunting lodges or improvement associations . . .

"I am indeed suspicious of any group which conceals its activities . . . The cops will probably take the Fifth Amendment, but we'll at least try and see if they'll reveal the locations of those speed traps . . ."

Letters To The Editor

Social Fraternities Are Here To Stay

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

After reading the Nov. 5 article in the DTH "Residence Colleges Pose Threat" in which Dean Long so expertly expressed his views on the social fraternities here at Carolina, I, as a fraternity member, feel compelled to express my criticism.

I cannot believe the logic I read was quoted from a dean of any school, much less the school at which I decided to pursue my highest education. Dean Long seemed to base his entire argument on the fact that social fraternities are on the decline, or more aptly as he expressed it himself, "I don't know if the social fraternity will make it." Dean Long said that in 1957 UNC boasted an enrollment of 6,000, and 25% of its students were affiliated with one of 24 social fraternities. He further went on to say that currently with more than twice that enrollment, fraternities comprise only 19% of the enrollment with one less fraternity.

After careful thought on this matter and with due respect to Dean Long, I would like to ask out of which comic book he produced such unsound and erroneous logic? I completely agree with the facts as Dean Long presented them, but I do not think that these mere facts should be worded in such a manner as to cause misinterpretation of the entire fraternity system.

The impression that one would obtain after having read the article is that fraternities are declining gradually in size when in actuality this concept is completely contrary to fact. Twenty-five per cent of the 6,000 students of 1957 would result in 1,500 students being in fraternities. Nineteen per cent of the approximately 12,000 students this year would result in 2,200 of the students in fraternities. Is it not true then that there are more students in fraternities currently than in 1957, indeed, some 700 more students. Suppose we divide this figure by 24 (the number of fraternities in 1957,) this would mean an average addition of 25 members to each fraternity. It is rather difficult for me to understand why fraternities are being "threatened."

As for "Brooks Brother bigotry," should it be "Arrow bigotry?"

I quote Dean Long as having said, "I very much want to see fraternities make it." . . . Is this really true?

Gary Hankins
Sigma Nu

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Residence Colleges Pose Threat? Obviously poor-informed and misdirected parties have made the interesting observation that the Greeks' long-established institutions are being threatened by the thriving Residence College System. The fraternities at the University of North Carolina hardly consider the success of the Residence College System a threat since they have endorsed and strongly promoted these newly founded institutions. Last fall at the Reidsville Conference on the Residence College System the participating students, a large majority of whom were members of fraternities helped to develop and gave their whole-hearted support for the establishment of these institutions.

Thursday evening Student Legislature passed three bills whose total of \$3650.00 is to be distributed among three Residence Colleges: Scott, Morrison and Morehead. The bulk of each of these allotments will be spent for social functions. Fraternity members in Student Legislature voted unanimously for these bills.

Dean Long states, "fraternities have almost got an inferiority complex . . ." As I

review the most recent Social Fraternity Scholastic Averages and Rankings for the school year of 1964-65, I find that the all-fraternity average was higher than the all-men's average. Inferior? Going further, it seems that the majority of campus leaders are fraternity members. Inferior? With so many students participating in rush each year, it is quite evident that the Greeks are here to stay, and, may I add, in fine standing.

For many years fraternities have housed and fed many hundreds of students. The University would not be able to provide for these students if they were to suddenly request housing. I am sure that Dean Long would agree that fraternities are a great aid to student housing.

Fraternities as institutions are able to accept but a small quota of those going through rush each year, and thus, those who are not accepted are black-balled. In most instances, those black-balled are refused because of the fraternities' limited facilities to house, feed and entertain them. Dean Long's feeling that, "If fraternities keep up their black-balling and Brooks Brothers bigotry, I don't care if they don't succeed" is misdirected and hardly justifiable. Any reference to Brooks Brothers or their faithful patrons is more properly directed toward individual taste than to fraternities.

Fair consideration is due to fraternities by Dean Long and the faculty. Our position is well-established and will remain so. As to Residence Colleges, fraternities are one hundred per cent for their success.

David W. Goodnow
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Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The article by Fred Thomas surprised us so much that we feel it a necessity to write this letter. Surely Dean Long or Fred Thomas doesn't expect anyone to believe the "information" published in the Friday, Nov. 5, Daily Tar Heel concerning fraternities? In the first place anyone who has had an elementary math course in high school would have sense enough to know that if the number of members of the social fraternities at UNC stayed the same while the enrollment increased the percentage of fraternity members would naturally drop. The fact is 25% of 6,000 students is 1,500; while 10% of 12,000 students is 2,200. This shows clearly, for the benefit of Fred

Thomas, that there has not been "a decline in the strength of the fraternity system," but a rise of 52% or 780 student affiliates.

"The Residence College System was never intended to threaten fraternities," Dean Long, they never will so long as administration allows them to function under their own government. This past year there were no ill effects felt by any fraternity because of the new Residence College idea as Thomas would believe people believe. The only effects felt have been because of restrictions imposed by the I.F.C. or the faculty. The one fraternity that has dissolved since we have been here did so not because of the Dorm Revolution but because it could not survive the strong competition among the other fraternities.

If fraternities have an inferiority complex we would certainly like to see a group with a superiority complex. Surely Dean Long isn't serious. If he is may he never awake from his dream world . . . The shock may shake the snug nest in South Building basement.

There is a term we would like to Dean Long to define, "Brooks Brothers bigotry." If this infers what we think it does, Dean Long is not only in a dream world, he is a long way out of touch with a system in which he used to be an active member and one with which he is supposed to be acting in an advisory capacity. This so called "B B b" is a method used not only by fraternities, to tell if a rushee is aware that other people are looking at him, but also by the numerous companies interviewing on the campus. (I guess Dean Long doesn't "care if they don't succeed" either.) In the fraternity with which we have been associated, and I know in many others, clothes, as well as looks, grades, and background is considered only slightly as much as one's personality and one's ability to impress favorably during rush. I hope Dean Long or Fred Thomas wouldn't have the reader believe that anyone dressing according to style will be passed by every house on campus. If this were true 90% of the men at Carolina would be in fraternities. On the other hand, fraternities do not black-ball a person strictly on his nonconforming dress. If you don't believe this, take a look in big or little fraternity court some Saturday after a football game.

We would like for Dean Long to be more specific about "predominately sophomoric organization." We don't know of any fraternities that allow themselves to be run by last year's pledges. It is true that many

upperclassmen move out of the house into apartments, but they do so for various reasons.

Again we know of no fraternity that has a president or vice president in his second year. We think that if the Dean of Men would spend less time speculating and more time investigating it would not only broaden but also enlighten his thoughts.

Finally we find Dean Long's opinions highly contradictory: "I believe in local autonomy for every fraternity — freedom from the national office and freedom from the university." But he says, "Also, if fraternity men consistently performed higher than the rest of the campus men, they would have no problem with the faculty." Also, he predicted that the fraternity of the future will have to put more emphasis than ever before on academics. He cited two reasons for this: (1) The matter of appealing the faculty and administration, (2) The fact that every year "students are of a higher intellectual potential . . . Many on the faculty wonder if such a selective group is in place at an institution of public education."

Facts: You will find even with "joy-rides," all night sessions, parties every weekend, work details to keep the "sub-standard" house in repair, rush, pledge training and chapter meetings that the overall fraternity grade average is higher than the overall men's average.

Also even with "sub-standard housing," "Brooks Brothers bigotry," "Mickey Mouse aspects" and Residence College threat, fraternity membership has increased by 52%.

It is also a fact that even with their numerous other responsibilities fraternity men have in the past and still do hold the majority of student government and activities offices. This doesn't seem to suggest that they are hiding from responsibility. Fraternities are not dying.

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LETTERS

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