

In Our Opinion...

Dr. Jenkins, What Are You Hiding In That Secret File?

Strange things go on behind closed doors. And, apparently, strange things are contained within certain closed files.

According to a story appearing in yesterday's *Charlotte Observer*, the first blow of a one-two punch that may doom East Carolina College's efforts to achieve university status has been delivered.

Dr. Jenkins has waged a bitter fight, displaying his brazen willingness to tangle with anybody, anywhere. It seems ironic now that the unkindest cut of all may well come from a knife the ECC president himself purchased.

At his request, the 1965 General Assembly voted funds for the college to employ consultants to explore the feasibility of establishing a two-year medical school on the Greenville campus.

The ECC-selected, ECC-employed consultants went to Greenville, and early this year they issued their findings. When questioned about the report Dr. Jenkins issued a four-page summary, suggesting that ECC seek, instead of a medical school, a life sciences and community health institute.

It has since been learned that there was a more complete report — a report that Dr. Jenkins was so anxious to keep secret that it took a ruling from the Attorney General to place the report in the hands of the state Board of Higher Education.

Although the board will not disclose the report's full contents, the Observer's man in Raleigh, Jay Jenkins, reports he has learned that among other things, the report says the quality of ECC's offerings in the field of science are inadequate to support a medical school.

The second part of the one-two punch should come from another team of consultants that will be selected by the State Board of Higher Education to study ECC's readiness for university status, probably in late October.

Dr. Jenkins has said time and again that he thinks ECC should be an independent university. But it is unlikely that educational experts will reach any different conclusion about the unfitness of the ECC science program to support university-level courses.

We are disappointed, but not surprised, at Dr. Jenkins' attempt to keep this unfavorable report under cover. This is not the first time he has shied away from particularly sticky issues concerning ECC's readiness for university status.

This only serves to strengthen our doubt as to Dr. Jenkins' true concern for a first-rate educational center for eastern North Carolina as opposed to a college with a "university nametag."

Worthwhile Project At Cobb

The interest and enthusiasm demonstrated by the women of Cobb Residence Hall Tuesday night concerning student activities create an encouraging atmosphere in which to begin a year.

More than 200 Cobb students were on hand to participate in "Student Activities Night." The residence hall's social room was converted into what resembled a carnival midway.

Tables were set up for nearly every activity in which a woman student conceivably might participate, and representatives from the various organizations — UP, SP, YWCA, Di-Phi, *Yackety-Yack*, *Carolina Quarterly*, most Student Government committees, etc. — were on hand to explain how students could get involved and what they could do once involved.

The session began at 10 p.m.,

DU, ZBT Testify

To Greeks' Strength

Delta Upsilon and Zeta Beta Tau fraternities deserve public congratulations on their winning the Robert B. House Award as the most outstanding fraternities at UNC last year.

The award is based on scholarship, representation in campus affairs, participation in the IFC and intramurals, house appearance and faculty-student relations.

Much has been said concerning what some say is a waning trend in the importance and strength of the Greeks on college campuses across the nation.

We believe the very fact that UNC fraternities compete for an award based on such criteria, the fact that our Greeks are mindful of the value that a fraternity can have in getting its members involved in such worthwhile endeavors, serve to testify that fraternities have a definite contribution to make to their members, that they have a well-earned place on the college campus today.

No doubt the DUs or the ZBTs would have been happy to have the distinction of being the best frat on campus instead of typing for the award. But it is a credit to the fraternity system at the University that more than one house could compile such an impressive point record in this competition.

'Oh, East Carolina . . . why?'



NSA A Good Thing

(Editor's note—The following article was written by NSA Coordinator Teddy O'Toole in response to some unfavorable remarks about the NSA Congress made by the Associate editor.)

By TEDDY O'TOOLE

Yes, the NSA Congress is frustrating.

Three times I say yes, the NSA Congress is frustrating, for I have attended three Congresses, and a thousand times I say it's a good thing, for a thousand times I have reflected upon those NSA delegates who return from the Congress frustrated, no longer able to be "satisfied" with our student government here.

Among those once-frustrated delegates need I mention more than Bob Spearman, originator of course evaluation, Paul Dickson, determined opponent of the speaker ban and Bob Powell, champion of education reform.

So it is that I agree with the general idea expressed by delegate John Greenbacker in his editorial "NSA Congress Disillusioning." So it is that I say there are twelve other delegates to this Congress somewhere on this campus who have undertaken the first steps toward true leadership: the clash of their ideas with other student philosophies, the necessary accompanying frustration and the attempts

to articulate their points of view to the students at the Congress where Berkeley meets Salem, Harvard meets Tuskegee Institute, and the University of Chicago meets The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After it is all over, the NSA Congress delegate has some deeper appreciation of John Milton's famous statement in *Areopagitica*, a plea to the British Parliament against censorship of books, when Milton says, "I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue." The delegate can no longer praise a fugitive and cloistered student government.

We have a big, active student government. We have a student government that concerns itself with everything from the price of laundry service to the speaker ban law. We have well-developed political parties. We have dedicated leaders, and as Greenbacker put it, "UNC has every type of character found at NSA on its own campus, and many of them are a lot slicker here."

But make no mistake; we are far from perfect. The one single thing that keeps the system going is a continuing stream of fresh ideas, and it is from NSA that those ideas come.

Obviously, I think that the

leadership-training aspect of NSA is most important for our campus. Of major importance also, however, are the services offered by NSA. The International Travel Card, offering travel discounts; the NSA Insurance Policy, offering the cheapest insurance to students to be found; and the Student Government Information Service, which floods member campuses with resource material for virtually any project, are very important. Likewise, the foreign student exchange programs and foreign relations scholarships of NSA are important.

But most important of all is that the delegates to the NSA Congress will never again undertake a student government project in the same frame of mind as they did prior to the Congress. Bob Powell and Eric Van Loon, student body president and presidential assistant respectively, will examine educational reform having digested material from every major college in the country on that subject. Nancy Ehle, President of West Cobb, will never initiate a Cultural Program for her hall without reflecting on her Congress experience.

John Greenbacker will never write an editorial on the role of the student in civil rights without thinking of the debate on Black Power. Charlie Mercer and Steve Hope, sophomore Legislators, will never act on rule changes for women without comparing our system with that of other state schools. Ken Day, Campus Affairs Chairman, will not approach the parking problem as he did last year before attending a Congress.

Bill Miller and Phil Kirstein, members of the Men's Honor Council, will think of NSA's Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities when hearing cases. Ellen Sugg, Vice-Chairman of the Carolina Women's Council will never plan another mixer without thinking of the entertainment plans at the NSA Congress. David Kiel, Chairman of the University Party, will never plan party action again without thinking of the "Slat" party at the University of California or the "Action" party at Florida State University.

Jonathan Gibson, President of the YMCA, will never organize his foreign exchange projects without consulting the NSA national office for aid.

Ann Brownlee, student legislator, will never consider a bill on student discounts in Chapel Hill in the same light that she did before attending the conference. Yours truly, the veteran of three Congresses and NSA Coordinator, will never again run a campaign the way he did last spring.

Yes, they all went to the NSA Congress. They all returned frustrated; they all clashed with alien philosophies, collected ideas, and came home the better for it. It's a good thing.

John Greenbacker

Alienation Shows In Rights Cause

The American public got another look at racial violence at its worst last week when a mob of white men savagely beat a group of Negro children in Grenada, Miss., after the children tried to enter a newly desegregated school.

The beatings, which were administered with chains and ax handles while police watched motionless, were denounced Saturday by a federal judge, who ordered policemen to protect the children in the future.

When he issued his order, Judge Claude Clayton described the incident as "savage and senseless," but in fact it is something more than human words have the power to describe. It is very difficult for reasonable men to understand in their hearts and minds the motivations that prompt people to commit an act of this sort. If the victims had been anything but children, the deed might be easier to forgive.

What happened in Grenada serves to show the public that although Mississippi and other deep South states have been out of the headlines recently, there is still a long way to go before the South is completely transformed. This transformation calls for the complete reordering of a pattern of thought that has been embedded in the minds of many Southerners for years.

Because this task is so difficult, it is very important that efforts to end racial prejudice among whites not be hindered by any roadblocks. We might define these obstacles as actions which have as their end result the senseless alienation of the white population or the division of the civil rights movement.

Unfortunately, this destructive alienation has already reared its ugly head in America. Black nationalism, black power or whatever one chooses to call it has done more to hurt the civil rights movement than any other philosophy.

Notice who spawned these ideas: the Muslims started it several years ago. Now prominent "civil rights" leaders, in a desperate attempt to achieve political power and glory, are playing on primitive emotions and animosities to achieve their goals. Notice the recent statements of Stokely Carmichael and Adam Clayton Powell, who actively sow the seeds of discord for personal gain.

Carmichael, during the riots in Atlanta which he helped to instigate, spoke vaguely of notions to form a black republic out of certain areas that now comprise part of the United States.

The essence of American democracy and the key to its success after nearly 200 years can be attributed to two factors: its ability to compromise in a political situation in order to find the best course for the majority of the people, and its indivisibility. The black nationalists, like all racists, apparently have a limited knowledge of history when they advocate their views.

It is time that all persons, both black and white, realize that the fruits of alienation and closed-mindedness divided this nation over 100 years ago. A group of men untied under the banners of segregation and the denial of civil liberties attempted to carve a section of a democracy off for themselves. They failed, and we have a great country today because of it. The very thought of secession in the twentieth century is ten times more ridiculous, and infinitely more tragic.

From the school house at Grenada to the Negro sectors of Atlanta, the forces of ignorance and alienation are fast at work. It falls on the shoulders of the people to stop it now, before it causes another century of anguish.

Partially out of vanity, partially out of anger at an old situation, this columnist is going to impose upon what readers he has to make a correction of an error in the editorial page two days ago.

The worst thing that can happen to a serious writer in this business is for his column to run so long that someone at the print shop has to cut it in places. This is not necessarily bad, except when the guy that does the editing has the taste of a butcher rather than a feel for the copy. The butcher's way of cutting a story is to unceremoniously chop off the ending. The ultimate effect has one of two consequences: It can either destroy the meaning of the piece and make the writer look like a fool, or it can lose the power of the story's ending.

If any of you remember the article called "On a Spring Eve" you will remember that a great rain-storm had just driven a bunch of drunks off the street and was cleaning the land of their refuse, much to the delight of one character called Frank. Here's how it ends:

"Even the tiny glistening particles of emerald and amber glass were carried with the water. All of it was being swept away."

Frank suppressed a sudden desire to jump out into it himself and let it wash him clean to the skin.

Then, heralded by a roll of thunder, he remembered the calm, unfeeling voice of the newscaster that afternoon:

Meteorologists of the U. S. Weather Bureau announced today that a high-flying radioactive cloud from last week's Red Chinese atomic blast will pass over the central United States tonight.

The rain still distorted the puddles on the porch, and at every impact the pooled water leapt up into the air to catch each succeeding drop."

As you can see, friends, the column had not as its purpose a moralistic condemnation of a widespread weekend drunk. Rather it sought to point out that the follies of youth are echoed on a universal and infinitely more perilous level by an irrational humanity.

Watts Study Shows Most Rioters Adults

From The Christian Science Monitor

The California Attorney General's final disposition on the Watts riots of August, 1965, reveals quite a different profile of the typical rioter than had been previously reported.

Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch says that a statistical analysis of the rioters shows that the majority of rioters were male Negro adults who were employed and long-time Los Angeles residents.

Up to now, most reports have characterized the typical rioter as a juvenile—18 years of age or younger, out of school and unemployed, and recently transplanted from the Deep South.

This report — issued by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics — indicates that only 556 of the 3,927 people arrested during the Watts riots were juveniles.

It also shows that 60 per cent of the adults booked were convicted either of misdemeanors or felonies. But more than half of those convicted were placed on probation. There were 732 jail sentences—but these averaged one month or less.

Of the juveniles arrested, 88 per cent were returned to their own homes under probation supervision. Only 35 youths were sent to the juvenile camp program or the California Youth Authority.

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