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Grad Students: Why Get Involved

Presently University politics involves three bodies of persons: the administration, the faculty, and the students. The students and administration are generally considered the two groups most often in conflict with each other and the faculty is generally considered more closely associated with the administration than with the students.

These persons represent a large untapped source of ideas, a possible strong link with the faculty and administration that might improve relations between students and the administration, and a potential force for change in the University.

position because they often are both teachers of the "children" the citizens of the state are interested in dominating, and they are students.

The most important contribution that involvement of graduate students in University politics could make would be as that now-lacking link between undergraduates and the administration.

As persons who have just finished their undergraduate work they are acquainted with the problems that undergraduates face. As teachers they have something in common with the administration and faculty.

While relations between the administration and students are fairly good and the administration is generally open-minded, there is still a natural lack of complete understanding between the two because they are in different positions.

They are capable particularly of performing a vital role in the areas of reforming education and rules—the relevance of which increasingly is coming under attack.

The administrators have been put in a position of being parents for the students by the citizens of the state, while students feel that they should be breaking away from their role as children who are dominated.

Graduate students in their unique positions might be better able to get the administration and the persons in the state to understand why students are demanding changes in certain aspects of the University.

Graduate students are in a peculiar

They, however, cannot be expected to get involved in University politics just because it would be helpful to the other participants. They have their own in-

terests which need to be protected, especially two major ones.

First, many of them are instructors and as such are involved in the General College, an area of the University that will probably undergo great change through educational reform.

Secondly, as graduate instructors they have interest in preserving their academic freedom. An incident such as the Michael Paul case last year, in which a graduate instructor was relieved of his teaching duties after pressure was put on the University, exemplifies their need to have an organization to protect their academic freedom.

One is that they generally are department-oriented. Because graduate students tend to associate with the other people in their own departments, more so than with persons outside them, it would be difficult to organize them cross-departmentally.

Secondly, graduate students have a lot less time to spare than do undergraduates—particularly if they are holding down an instructorship.

So far what has been considered has been mainly the organization of graduate students as a separate body. An alternative to this would be involvement of graduate students in Student Government and, through it, into University politics.

Now that Craige is becoming an all-graduate student dormitory which will have three representatives in Student Legislature, the graduate students might take a greater interest in Student Government.

Also, since they come under the jurisdiction of the honor system and help support Student Government financially they might be inclined to work with it. One strong deterrent to the idea of participation in Student Government, however, is the conception of it as a sort of Mickey Mouse farce.

While certainly true to a degree, in many of the areas it functions—such as efforts towards judicial and curriculum reform—Student Government is doing a sound, constructive job.

Whether organization is done within Student Government or without, though, graduate students should come to realize that their participation in University affairs can be crucial both to the other participants and to themselves.

Administration vs. Coeds: It's A Waiting-Out Game

We're waiting. We're waiting for the Administration to either okay or veto the proposal, passed by the Women's Residence Council Jan. 9, to abolish closing hours for senior women and those over 21.

And we're beginning to get very tired of waiting.

It has been a month now since some 500 coeds massed in Gerrard Hall and marched over sleet-slick sidewalks to pack the WRC meeting.

They walked in and told WRC that they were tired of closing hours, and the council voted overwhelmingly to abolish the curfews for seniors.

Then the proposal was sent to the administration for its approval.

That, we repeat, was one month ago.

And still no action. Perhaps the Administration is trying to stave off the abolition of closing hours by simply outwaiting WRC. After all, the people in South Building have been there for some time, and plan on staying there for some time still—a long time after every student at this University has gone.

So, it doesn't hurt them to wait.

It does, however, hurt the women of this University who want to get rid of closing hours. It especially hurts the senior coeds, the ones for whom the proposal is intended to benefit, because if the Administration keeps beating

around the bush long enough, these coeds will all be gone by the time the new policy goes into effect.

It's hard to say, though, whether any progress is being made on the proposal by the Administration.

Reason: they don't want to talk about it.

The closest anyone is South Building has come to revealing what's happening with the no-closing hours for seniors policy was Thursday when Dean of Students C. O. Cathey's secretary informed a Daily Tar Heel reporter that she was sure Cathey would "make an announcement at the proper time."

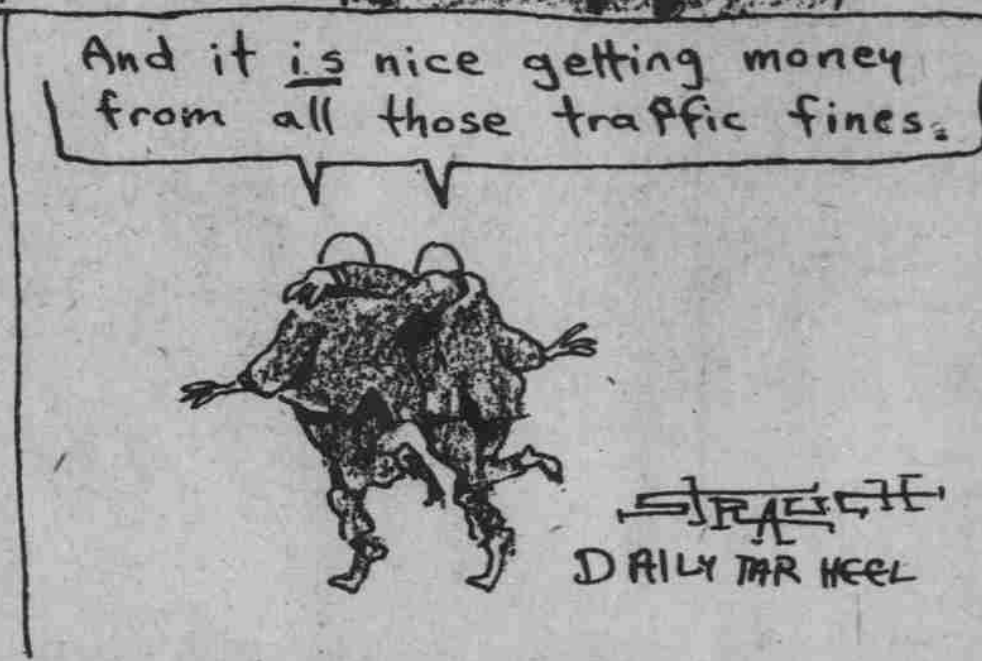
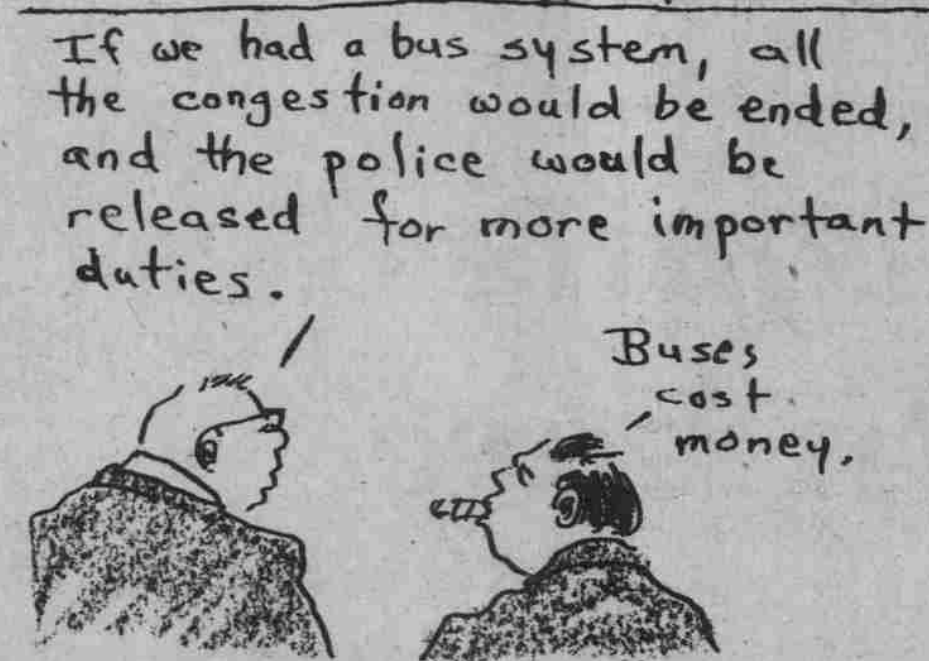
But just when is that "proper time" going to get here? Perhaps it will come during the recess between summer school and next fall semester, when the Administration is fond of making announcements of something that will be unpopular with the students, as it did in revealing the plans for Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Residence Hall to be converted into offices.

It seems though, as if a little further action on the part of the coeds here might hasten the Administration's taking action.

Since the women marched once, to tell WRC what they wanted, why couldn't they march again?

Right into C. O. Cathey's office, 500 or 1,000-strong.

Maybe then it would be the "proper time."



Letters To The Editor

Campus Cops Nail 'Mob'

To The Editor: We feel that a special word of recognition should go to our campus policemen. Saturday, in a daring daylight raid reminiscent of the golden days of prohibition, two of our dedicated law enforcement officials risked life and limb to disperse a gathering of the most desperate criminals on campus. Armed to the teeth with lethal weapons (including a plastic machine gun, several, historic rifles, and a civil war saber with less edge than a Lenoir Hall knife) the subversive elements were crowded around a 1939 Chevrolet coupe parked on the sidewalk in front of the Old Well.

One of the hoods, no doubt the mouthpiece of this underworld mob, casually reminded the officer that the sidewalks of Chapel Hill abound with un-ticketed vehicles on such diverse occasions as ballgames and date nights. The policeman countered with a statement that "no exceptions were made for violation of this ordinance" and that this auto must be removed immediately. Who were these hardened men? They were the members of that heinous mob best known to the campus as Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

This group of social problems is credited for such crimes as canvassing for the Campus and Community Chests, giving guided tours to visitors on campus, ushering at basketball games, donating time and money to Project Hope, relinquishing what few cubic feet which remain in their underground headquarters in the basement of Smith Hall to a central campus Lost and Found Department and sacrificing time to save the students money by providing a Student-Operated Book Co-Op. This team of hoodlums has even been known to forfeit their time to providing an aid to wheelchair students on campus. It is most apparent that such elements have no place on this campus. It is heartening to see that once again justice prevails and the evil of the world is squashed under the heel of good works.

What crime were these outcasts committing? They were simply attempting to recreate a scene out of our not-so-glorious heritage in an effort to provide the Yackety-Yack with an interesting photograph of their "brotherhood." Yes, friends, we've got trouble in Chapel Hill. These rebellious characters were rightly deprived of the privilege of having their photograph made on the bricks of the state. Such actions should be dealt with harshly. Men who adhere to the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service to Campus, Community and Nation are definitely a menace to us.

We are indeed happy to see that a change in the leadership of this epitome of law enforcement has brought a more stringent interpretation of the law to our

fair city. We look forward to continued improvement in the system, including removal and impounding of that horrible and offensive weapon of war—Silent Sam's rifle. Here's to our heroes in blue—the Campus Police—who fight the never-ending battle for Truth, Justice, and the American Way.

The Brotherhood of Alpha Phi Omega

Cartoon Refuted

To The Editor: Few criticisms of the inadequacies and failings of student government arouse my ire. For the most part, the complaints voiced by genuinely concerned students are well-founded and justified. However, Bruce Strauch's cartoon which appeared in the February 6 issue of the Daily Tar Heel was, in my estimation, ill-founded and unjustified. I would briefly like to refute Strauch's proposition and present all the facts, of which Mr. Strauch obviously did not bother to inform himself. After artistically portraying the "sandwich" theory of student government, Strauch contends: "That's student govt. double talk (sic) meaning the money will be squandered in some way beneficial only to student government members." This statement seems to me to be lacking in truth and accuracy. I would draw your attention specifically to the words, squandered and only.

First of all, that the "money will be squandered" is ridiculous. The leadership training program has been in large part conceived and directed by Dr. Douglas Sessoms, Director of the OEO Multipurpose Training Center, Dr. Gene Watson, Associate Professor of Education, and Mr. Howard Henry, Director of the Graham Memorial Student Union. These are men who have distinguished themselves in the area of developing an individual's leadership abilities. Moreover, it seems foolish to me to imply that the Directors of the Sears Foundation are so reckless that they would allow their resources to be "squandered." I don't think anyone on this campus would deny the existence of the need for better leaders and more effective government. The ranks of faculty and students who believe that sensitivity training techniques offer a revolutionary and workable solution to the problem of enhancing an individual's potential are swelling with every passing day.

Secondly, that the program will prove "beneficial only to student government members" is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. During the months of November and December four well-

publicized public meetings were held to determine the need for a leadership development program. The students in attendance at these meetings not only decided that such a program was genuinely needed, but they also outlined a format for the program. The eventual result of their labors was the issuance of the request for the grant. In the DTH, notices appeared prior to each session stating the purpose of the meeting and requesting the participation of any and all interested students. In addition, personal invitations to participate were mailed to approximately one hundred students who held various positions of leadership. During the past three weeks articles have appeared in the DTH which stressed the fact that all students were urged to apply and that the selection committee would base its decisions on diversity of backgrounds, interests, goals, etc., rather than on previous or present involvement in student government activities.

Thus, I think we see in Mr. Strauch's cartoon an example of poor research and misrepresentation. Many of us working on this project feel that such a leadership development program is necessary on this campus. That student leaders perform with effectiveness and efficiency is the fundamental building block for an effective and efficient student government. I personally hold that in a democratic society a reasonable and legitimate role of any student government organization is helping the individual student to realize his full leadership potential. The anticipated enhancement of the participants and expected gain for the entire student body through improved leaders is great in magnitude.

Noel Dunivant Jr., Chairman, Committee on Leadership Development.

Insurance Men And Nitro

It's a pity that there is no orientation program for rising seniors who have been here for three years. A definite need exists. Certain surprises spring up in the extra-curricular life of a male student in his last two semesters, surprises with which he is usually unprepared to cope.

For example, before the senior has unpacked his car in the fall there is a life insurance peddler underfoot, breathing fire and damnation of a contract is not immediately signed.

So what happens?

Either the usually urbane senior is sucked in on the spot or, not to hurt the feelings of the policy pusher, he begins a series of maneuvers known as The Great Put-Off.

Only the Put-Off doesn't seem to work so well.

If he falls for the line on the spot, the agent is quite helpful in the establishment of a number of hangups.

But what about the majority who just "don't know"? The agents employ a stand and two-play offense, geared for use in any situation.

The first is for the student who lets himself be badgered into admitting that he may possibly get married within the next ten years. He is the favorite target of the agent, and the one upon whom he uses his favorite line of attack.

You hear ingenious versions of how terrible it would be if you died at age 35, leaving the little lady holding the bag and the kid.

As soon as the agent marries you off he subsequently blesses you with one or two children (based on his estimate of the twinkle in your eye).

In his prophesy session you are

pictured with a \$40,000 home, two late-model cars, and a healthy \$5,000 investment in the stock market—all because you are a college graduate.

And his argument has plenty of merit: that is, you had better sign up before the end of the week if your figure you'll die at 35.

The agent fails to mention that the odds in favor of this happening are pretty slim.

THE SECOND STANDARD - offense is designed for the rugged individualist who cannot foresee getting married in the near future, but would like to hear what he has to say about the investment advantages and loan ability of his policy. This time the twinkle is in the agents eye—which is quite appropriate, for the senior is about to become one of his children.

After the agent dazzles you with his data, you are lost and compelled to agree that this here little policy is a real moneymaker.

Doubtful. Most bank savings accounts and mutual savings banks pay a greater rate of interest than does a life insurance policy.

This is not to say that all life insurance policies and agents are to be avoided. If viewed intelligently and objectively they can have much value.

But the next time an agent rushes you to the dotted line, ask for a discount because you have been hired to drive a nitro truck and don't want the aircraft clause.

Then watch his expression, which should resemble that of simultaneous sea sickness and lockjaw.

It should also be the last you see of him.

Conflict Needs Understanding

To The Editor: There have appeared in recent issues of the Tar Heel a number of letters concerning the Arab-Israeli conflict. Several of these have discussed the terrible plight of the Arab refugees. (None, however, seems to have noted that during the past 20 years there has been a comparable number of Jewish refugees from Arab lands; perhaps this has been overlooked because the Jews have resettled their co-religionists instead of confining them to camps such as Egypt did in the Gaza).

The point is that all of us—Arab, Jew, and Christian alike—are dismayed over the fate of the Arab refugees. Nothing is gained by trying to prove that the Jews did or did not prod the Arabs to leave. Either answer can be factually demonstrated, depending on which Arabs, Jews, or British officials one consults, just as the participation of the U.S. Air Force in last June's 6-day war can be "proved" by accepting the facts offered by President Nasser.

One fact which does seem indisputable is that the refugee problem was created by a war which the Arab countries, not Israel, initiated in defiance of the United Nations' compromise solution. Another demonstrable fact is that while for 19 years the Israeli government has made repeated attempts to negotiate an end to this state of war and a settlement of the refugee problem, the Arab governments have refused even to open the most tentative of discussions. It is also known that President Nasser kept the Gaza refugees tightly imprisoned within the Strip for all of these 19 years.

It has been argued that Israel is not really that moral since, for example, Israeli Arabs cannot serve in the army and hence are second class citizens. The reply should be obvious: there is still a state of war, a situation which the Arabs are willing to solve, according to their own testimony, only by the annihilation of every Jew in Israel. Meanwhile, nobody seems to notice that in Arab countries the Jews would have been very lucky to have suffered no more than such second class citizenship; instead, many have been stripped of their possessions, beaten, stoned, and sometimes killed. Unfortunately, one must view wartime situations within the context of the times.

All of us, then, grieve for the useless suffering being inflicted on Arab and Jew. It would seem, however, that we could best serve our humanitarian instincts not by reviling Israel for a problem the solution of which she has consistently tried to work out with her neighbors, but rather to use whatever little persuasion we may have to try to induce Egypt, Jordan, and Syria to negotiate a fair peace settlement—including the refugee problem—instead of acting as the Russian puppet in yet another holy war.

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