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South Building Ignoring Student Right To Know

Sneaky, sneaky, sneaky. That's what South Building is. And that is exactly how the Administration is running this University.

For example, new parking lot proposals were aired Friday at a meeting of the Faculty Council — proposals designed "to create additional parking spaces for faculty and staff at the expense of the students."

The meeting was behind closed doors, of course.

Rebel Good, news editor of The Daily Tar Heel, managed to slip in more or less unnoticed, however, and find out what was happening.

And what was happening was that the students were getting the raw end of another deal — once more from behind closed doors.

Now, parking certainly is an increasingly grave problem at Carolina, and one which must be solved in very short order.

It is, however, a problem which affects both students and faculty alike, and both are entitled to have equal knowledge of how the University proposes to handle it.

But then, there are a lot of problems like that round here — ones which affect everyone in the University community, and ones which should not be handled in such underhanded manner as this parking problem.

For if the Administration desires to maintain any semblance of good will and rapport with the students here, then it is going to have to change its tactics.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Administration is maintaining only masters-to-subjects communications with student leaders on matters of student interest.

The only time students know about a decision is after it has been made. Seldom are they brought in to the decision-making circles, and then only on a token basis.

Even the token was lacking Friday, however, as Allan T. Waters, chairman of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee, informed the faculty of his group's recommendations to the Chancellor — recommendations sure to meet with student disapproval.

Now, we are not asking that the Faculty Council be expanded to include students. That sort of proposal, we realize, would completely alter the nature of the council and would undermine faculty self-government.

It does not seem too much to ask, however, that students be allowed to know what is going on. Since the decisions being made will have great effect upon the students, they have a right to know what is being said and by whom.

This right to know is what prompted The Daily Tar Heel to send Good to the meeting, even after Reporter Terry Gingras had been told he could not attend.

And this right to know is a right that either the Administration is going to have to observe, or there will result a total lack of trust and communication between students and South Building.

Already, that lack of trust is festering. Before the gap grows too wide, however, it could still be closed, and good relations could be preserved.

They won't be, though, if this sort of high-handed, behind-closed-doors decision making continues to be the key stone of faculty and administrative policy.

Campaign Nitty-Gritty

From the Raleigh Times

Primary day still is two months in the future, and the taxpayers of North Carolina surely must be grateful for that fact, and must be hoping that at least some of our many candidates for many offices will get around to in-depth discussions of some vital issues before voting day.

Take the Democratic gubernatorial campaign as an example. Lt. Gov. Bob Scott has been actively campaigning for about four years. His major opponent J. Melville Broughton Jr., has been hard at it for about three months. Yet, candor compels the feeling that neither has really gotten into some of the issues which must be discussed, and that so far the campaign seems to be one of organization and platitudes.

There has been considerable talk about new highways, such talk usually being given down East and centering about how the East really will get its full share this time. But, there has been no talk about where the money will come from. Perhaps there will be such money talk before May 4.

And, there has been talk about doing better by our teachers. But, that, too, would involve money, and nobody has done any talking about new taxes to provide that money. And, there has been talk about law and order, talk which seems to be aimed chiefly at those who pick their candidates from racist motives, though both the candidates have pointed to poor home life, poor education, joblessness, etc., as being some of the major

causes for lawlessness, and have promised to attack such causes at their roots.

When is some candidate going to take a real deep breath and come out with a proposal for actually raising enough money to do something for the teachers? When is some candidate going to take another real deep breath and say what he'd recommend to help local governmental units with their finance problems? Candidate Broughton has said he's favor a statewide local option sales tax measure, but that would be a patchwork solution at best, and wouldn't give the local units near the help they deserve.

Wonder if some candidate would be interested in proposing that the statewide sales tax be raised from three cents to five cents? One cent of the additional tax could be split evenly between the really great needs of public schools and higher education. The other cent could be returned to the local units on a per capita basis, with some of it on a matching basis for units which provide special funds for local public schools.

The needs in those areas are great — and those needs should be enough to inspire one of the candidates to take such a plunge as recommending such a sales tax increase.

The people of North Carolina haven't yet made up their minds on the next Democratic gubernatorial nominee. A bland campaign such as they're getting now won't help them much in that process.

Pamela Hawkins

There's A Certain Kind Of Fear

There is a certain kind of fear that goes along with hearing about men breaking into a dorm at night, even if it was two dorms down.

It's the kind of fear that keeps you from going down to the basement to get a Coke at 3 in the morning when you are up studying. It's the kind of fear that makes you hear footsteps in the dark when there's no one there and the kind of fear that makes figures out of doorway shadows.

I used to go down to the basement of

Connor to study every now and then. Most nights it would be heavily populated with girls cramming for quizzes the next day or girls doing their laundry.

The basement isn't used that much anymore.

"Anymore" has been since a coed in Joyner woke up several weeks ago with a man in her bed and his hand over her mouth.

Her roommate woke up and screamed. That was luck.

The hypotheses surrounding the in-

cident pointed to the man's having hidden in the basement until that silent hour.

The girls in Connor were notified of the incident the next night in an "emergency" called house meeting. After the meeting that night I started to go down to the basement to get a Coke, and several girls stopped me. One whom I didn't even know offered to go with me. She was scared for me. . . more scared than I was at that time.

But time has a way of magnifying things. . . especially fear.

When I go down to the basement now, I keep looking behind me. I don't know what I'm expecting. The low push open windows that open into the basement seem to veil all sorts of distorted images.

You can feel the graveyard that lies right behind the dorm and you hear the wind playing tricks with the doors. The back doors are locked but still enough air passes between them to cause a chill breeze to whip down through the basement.

I've looked out of my third floor window at night for a watchman or a patrol car. The coeds have been told that the area is patrolled regularly. But I've never seen a patrol car or a policeman on foot anywhere around the eerily illuminated graveyard.

I've seen patrol cars pass in front of the dorm at a slow 20 mile per hour cruise. Maybe that's what is meant by our tight protection.

For two years of living in a dorm on another campus, I never even thought about being scared. Sure, there were "peeping toms" and you had to close the shades, but there was never the scare, the fear that has festered on this campus in the women's dorm.

The Administration has refused to grant WRC's proposal for no closing hours for senior women saying the University has no obligation "to foster an environment conducive to the students' personal development and safety."

Thanks a lot!
If everyone is so gung-ho about safety, why not do something about the security of the dorms now?

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson has said that he has directed Dean C. O. Cathey to "explore the full dimensions of the problems of providing for the security of persons on campus, and to initiate corrective measures where such are indicated."

Hasn't "such" been indicated already?



Letters To The Editor

Hope Of Aborting The Embryo Monster

To The Editor:

Those among us who are still supporting the Johnson-Nixon policy of steady escalation of the war in Southeast Asia will be interested to know of recent reports concerning the moral and ethical shortcomings of the Saigon government.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy recently returned from a trip to Saigon. In a speech he delivered before the World Affairs Council (as reported in the Christian Science Monitor, Jan. 29, 1968) he raised some disturbing points about the capacity of the Saigon government to provide a democratic form of government for the Vietnamese people. His remarks (as quoted in the Monitor) are worth quoting at some length.

"In essence, I found that the kind of war we are fighting in Vietnam will not gain our long-range objectives; that the pattern of destruction we are creating can only make a workable political future more difficult; and that the government we are supporting has given us no indication, and promises little, that it can win the lasting confidence of its own people."

"At one point he spoke of the officials in Saigon as truly colonialists in their own nation."

"I say that most of the officials in Saigon do not care about these stricken people (the refugees); that they are more interested in maintaining their own positions of power than in helping the victims of the war; and that from the way they look upon the people outside Saigon, and the way they treat peasants elsewhere, they have become much like the colonialists who trained them."

"Citing examples, the Senator said: 'Our government decided it would be helpful if veterans of the Vietnamese Army could come to the United States to study. . . We asked the Government of South Vietnam to select some qualified men for this opportunity. The list they gave us consisted mainly of relatives of government officials. . . We asked them to find other men, unrelated to them. After the second list came in, it was discovered that all of the new applicants had been made to promise a percentage of their scholarship payments to the officials who chose them.'"

Senator Kennedy also said that literally 25 percent of the nation's population are refugees. (Four million people out of a country of sixteen million). "He

said the vast majority of refugees — 80 percent, he said — asserted they were driven from their homes by the Viet Cong."

Columnist Jack Anderson has reported (February 28) that less than half of the \$30 million per year that the American taxpayers contribute for refugee relief actually reaches the intended recipients. (Incidentally, this was also noted by Senator Kennedy in his speech mentioned above.) The missing \$15 million goes to the Vietnamese military commanders who run the provincial governments and distribute U.S. aid. These Vietnamese officials have kept food which was to have gone to the refugees, and have auctioned to the highest bidder homes which were supposed to have been built to house refugees. Supplies which should have

gone to refugees have been scrupulously issued to them just before the inspectors arrived, and then taken back after they departed. Anderson uses the term 'war lords' to describe the commanders of the four army corps areas; there are rumors, he says, that these commanders have salted away large sums of U.S. dollars in secret Swiss bank accounts.

Corruption is not confined to minor officials, however; it goes to the highest levels as well. The second in command, Vice President Ky, is a man who:

HAS CENSORED the press;
VIOLATED ELECTION campaign regulations by using his post as a government official to flagrantly begin campaigning before it was legal, and in so doing used any government transportation which was available;

DECLARED TO Western newsmen that if defeated in the election, he intended to oppose the winner militarily; (i.e., shoot him)

REPLIED 'ADOLPH HITLER', when asked by newsmen about the historical figure he most admired.

This is what 17,000 Americans have died for.

And not until the American people become sufficiently aroused from their complacent acceptance of the half-truths being spouted forth from Washington will there be any hope of aborting this embryo monster, the war in South Vietnam.

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What The Press Didn't Say

There was more to last Tuesday night's Student Party Convention than was reported in the press on Wednesday morning.

True, the convention was every bit the thriller everyone had predicted it would be. And the best demonstration of this was a look at the voting statistics: Jed Dietz got 373 votes; George Krichbaum got 321. A shift of 26 votes would have changed the outcome.

Understandably, the Dietzites were overjoyed that their man got the nomination. But to those who had co-ordinated the Dietz campaign against overwhelming odds, the victory was more than the simple process of one man getting more votes than another.

For the Dietz Lieutenants — Bucky Goldstein, Parker Hudson, Dick Blackwell, John Murray and the rest — their success was a victory of direction, a victory of emphasis and of initiative. Bob Manekin declared that "a new breed of people entered campus politics, and that's what the difference was."

Dave Kiel, Dietz' campaign manager, said the difference between the candidates was style. Perhaps that's the best word for it.

For Krichbaum, the style was one of confidence. It was the assured feeling that a smoothly operating party organization was behind him. Look who held the key party positions, and this is obvious.

The party chairman was Bob Farris; Chairman of the credentials committee was Tom Bent; and the titular head of the party was Student Body President Bob Travis. All were supporting Krichbaum.

With organization like that, Krichbaum had every right to be confident. For Dietz the picture was entirely different. The cards were stacked against him, and Jed had to scramble with a

desperate attempt to get hundreds of people into campus politics who usually don't give a damn. For the Dietzites style meant an unsure blend of reformers and idealists who were cemented together by their candidate's charismatic sincerity.

This is not the kind of thing you can demonstrate with facts and figures, but to those who sat in the crowded auditorium, the difference between the two candidates became apparent when the question of party loyalty arose.

Voiced in a question by Arthur Hays, "the grand old man of student politics," party loyalty became the focal point of the convention. Hays asked both Krichbaum and Dietz directly: Will you support the candidate who is nominated by this convention?

For Krichbaum, the answer was simple. Confident of victory, George pointed out that he had always supported the party's nominees and that he would continue to do so.

For Dietz, the question was a potential cup of hemlock. There was talk that he might run an independent campaign if Krichbaum got the nomination. Jed replied that he had supported the party's nominees in the past and he hoped he could do so in the future.

That wasn't enough for Arthur Hays. He badgered Dietz for a more specific answer. Dietz was on the post, and everyone at the convention knew it.

Jed paused a moment to brush a boyish wisp of hair across his forehead. And then he took a deep breath and told Hays that the principles he was fighting for were more important than party loyalty.

To Hays and the other "pro politics," this was heresy of the greatest magnitude. But to those people who had come to the convention with open minds — and there were more of them than the

politicos wanted to admit — Dietz' answer was something new and different. It demonstrated conviction to an idea rather than blind devotion to a party.

It was at this point that the pros lost control of their convention. And it was at this point that Dietz became the favorite.

A quick look at the up-coming University Party convention, which is scheduled for Tuesday night, reveals that there will be several potential candidates.

Right now it looks as if Ken Day is the front-runner. Day has been chairman of the Campus Affairs Committee, and he was recently appointed Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court by Bob Travis. If Day gets the nomination, it will be interesting to see who Travis supports in the election.

Other prospective candidates include Charlie Mercer, President of State Student Legislature; Bruce Jolly, chairman of State Student Legislature Committee; and Ken Starling, chairman of the Student Legislature Ways and Means Committee.

And finally, there is perennial-candidate-for-something Dick Levy. Levy has applied for and received endorsement from the Publications Board to run for Tar Heel Editor. But he refuses to say that he is running for that position.

Levy ran for DTH Editor last year and finished a poor third in a three man race. The main issue used against him in that campaign was his lack of journalistic experience, and he has done little since then to improve his qualifications.

Levy must know that if he runs for editor this year, he will have to face the same issue again. So it is understandable that he might be interested in the presidential nomination instead.

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