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Various Groups Offer Chances For Change

Students who are turned-off by the educational process at UNC, anxious to change the social rules here, or disturbed by the direction that American society and the universities are taking have the chance to do something, rather than just gripe, in the next couple of days.

Four different organizations, most of them working outside the mainstream of the University, are kicking off this year's activities this week.

The Southern Student Organizing Committee, the New University Conference, the Experimental College, and Action Government, a creation of Student Government are the four organizations beginning their work.

SSOC, which held its first meeting last week and attracted about 200 students, is concerning itself with a whole array of problems arising from the University's complicity with American society, such as the problem of women's rules, ROTC on campus, etc.

The New University Conference, a brother organization of SSOC, is concerned with similar problems but is geared mostly towards graduate students and faculty members.

From Student Government comes two organizations: the Experimental College and the Action Government.

The Experimental College, the best thing to come out of Student Government in the last two years, is aimed at those students or faculty members who dislike the highly structured, grade oriented regular classes or who find their interests unfilled by the regular curriculum.

In the Experimental College students and faculty are free to form classes around any of their interests and are free to lead them as they please.

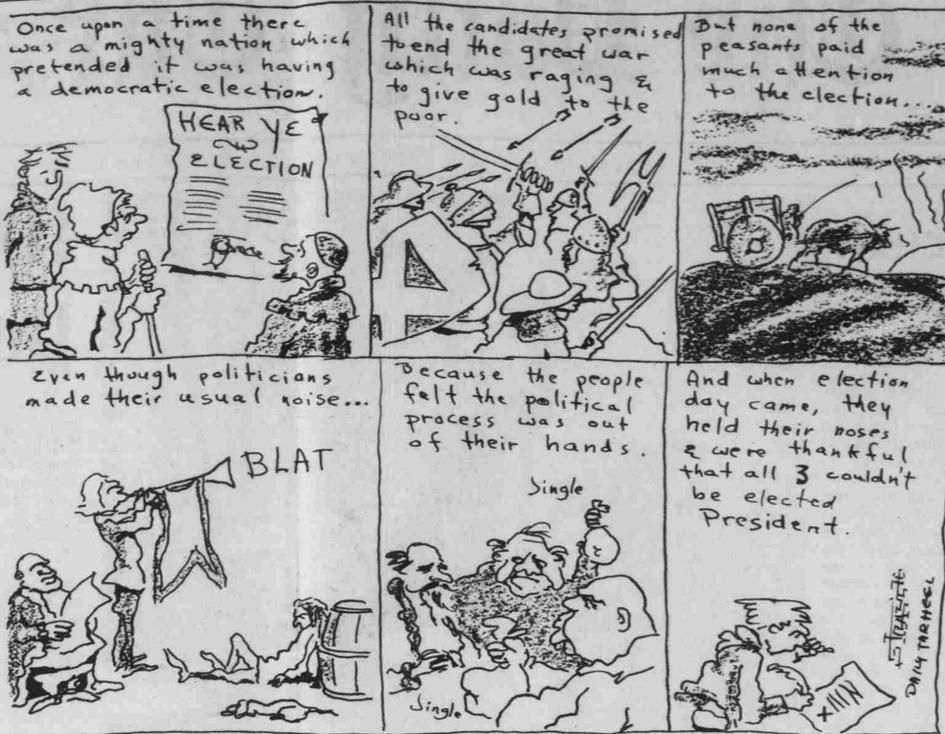
The Action Government, just like the Experimental College is an admission that regular classes are not fulfilling the intellectual needs of the students, is an acknowledgement that regular Student Government is doing little for the students.

In the Action Government students will, supposedly, be able to form interest groups around their own particular interests. While it offers a lot of potential for giving a voice to the many students whose needs have been neglected, there is also the danger with it that it will be dominated by the Student Government types, making Action Government simply a sweet name for old stuff.

Almost anyone who is tired of the status quo at the University can have the opportunity to do something through any of these four groups.

Anyone who in the past has sat around and just griped about his conditions because he could find no group to fit his interests should be able to find some organization to rally around to force some changes here.

If those students who are anxious for change would rather not bother with participation in any groups they should be prepared to have the representatives of the status quo on campus control the organizations and prolong some of the unsatisfactory conditions on campus.



Man, Woman, Universe, Parking

Small Cars Don't Help

By Scott Goodfellow

By now it is fairly obvious that nothing less than a steamroller can expect to find a parking spot on campus. And it is equally obvious that nothing significant is happening to change the situation.

Between plans for a giant underground lot beneath Polk Place and sprawling parking areas near Horace-Williams Airport, little real progress has been made. A quick rundown of what's happening is alarming.

Rather than increasing our total parking acreage, we have steadily been losing ground because of construction near the hospital and at the Carolina Inn. Last year the three architectural feats beside Wilson Library (that domed building near the Bell Tower) gobbled up several large parking areas.

And meanwhile, certain key areas around campus find that at peak hours, there are up to 800 cars too many for the spaces (note the hospital and the C-parking areas). No longer are there areas with a surfeit of space (like the

term bonds available in North Carolina (30 years), parking fees would have to be hiked to at least \$40 in order to build four parking garages—and that would only satisfy Main Campus needs.

Another answer, and probably the best yet, is to construct outlying parking lots. There would be paved, fenced, lighted and guarded—all for a relatively small fee. This choice may have to be taken if student cars are ultimately to be preserved.

It is not only awkward, but dangerous to continue fussing about the parking problem when the major solutions are known. The preliminary Wilbur Smith Report ends speculation on how much garages would cost. Legislature won't give us parking money.

Let's get on the stick and do something. The problem we solve five years from now will be much harder.

A complete solution using garages would call for individual parking fees in the neighborhood of \$100.

Parking Lots Best

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Letters To The Editor

Two-Team Intramural Limit Hit

Editor:

We have been informed that this year there will be only two intramural football teams allowed each fraternity and dormitory house. Reasons offered include: limited number of officials and higher pay scales, crowded playing fields, and playoff turnover into basketball season. We have come to expect to be shortchanged by the administration; but to be shortchanged by the Intramural Athletics Department, which was created for use and financed by us, is a total and disgusting shock.

In the dormitory the student's first exposure to extracurriculars is intramurals, especially football. Intramural football is what gets the ball rolling to develop in each boy the sense of spirit, belonging and self-identification so vitally needed in a university of 15,000 social security numbers. It is the first few months that determine whether a student will be a bookworm or a well-rounded participant.

Consider a personal experience. I came here rather doubtful of my athletic prowess, but signed up and went out just the same. Before long I learned that it wasn't how well I played but how hard I tried that made the difference. It was the old "field as many teams as there are boys who'll play" system that helped me grow as a total individual.

It was the old system that fostered the sense of belonging and unselfishness of team spirit that many of us had missed in high school. It is the new system which promotes ruthless competition and dominance by the "jocks," and marks the end of intramural football for the average guys who so vitally need it. We know of no area where so little can accomplish so much. The old program really worked; why flush it down the drain?

We call on Coach Hyatt, director of the Intramural Program, to make public the reasons for the changes so that obstacles may be overcome. If money is the only real problem, we call on Student Government to appropriate the necessary funds to return to the old system.

Sincerely,

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Strauch Castigated For Fraternity Bias

Editor:

During the past year fraternities and sororities on this campus have been constantly plagued by the attempted heckling and ridicule of a certain Bruce Strauch. I believe it's time a critical eye is focused on our favorite cartoonist.

First, I consider it important to inform the freshmen and transfer students that the ideas expressed by the whimsical Mr. Strauch are not necessarily those of the campus or administration. Secondly, I'm sure all the Daily Tar Heel readers have trouble believing all the evils Mr. Strauch seems to find in the fraternity system.

I am sure it only slipped his mind momentarily that all fraternity q.p. averages are consistently higher than the all men's all average. Also, I am positive that someone with such infinite insight as Mr. Strauch apparently possesses, would not overlook the many positive facets of fraternity life.

Apparently, there are no advantages to being in a fraternity, because who would know better than a non-fraternity man? Third, if all the readers will remember when Mr. Strauch was running for president of the Student body last year, the derogatory cartoons mysteriously and conspicuously ceased. Instead, attacks were made on university policies and shortcomings in the political system.

These are without question areas

which could use much work. Not one cartoon concerning fraternity or a sorority was published while Mr. Strauch was trying to woo the systems' vote. I am certain our esteemed witticist was honestly oblivious to this inconsistency in policy. It was only a temporary lapse however, because immediately after his defeat, another wave of annoyances was launched at the fraternity and sorority systems.

The purpose of this letter however, is not to condemn or make false accusation, for there will always be a shortsighted someone to carry on that tradition. My object is only to publicly say to Mr. Strauch that "we in the fraternity and sorority system appreciate your interest in us, and we'll look forward to seeing you in rush!"

Doug Wallace
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Registration Not GSA Shortcoming

Editor:

As the faculty adviser to the newly formed Graduate Student Association I would like to reply to Mr. Zan White's absurd charges in Sunday's Tar Heel. Why should the G.S.A. be blamed for inefficiencies of our registration system? I'm sure that if Mr. White has any constructive suggestions for solving the logistics problem of handling large numbers of transfer students and incoming graduate students, both the administration and unhappy faculty—who must undergo this purification ritual every year rather than only once—would be eternally grateful. Fortunately, the G.S.A. has more important problems to consider.

During my five years at U.N.C. I have been extremely impressed with the quality of our graduate students and the constructive, though sometimes controversial, role they have played on campus. They played a major part in the demonstration that helped to integrate Chapel Hill.

It was a graduate student group that

Steve Enfield

Day Sets New Pace For SG

Last spring all of UNC got excited over the possibilities of changes in the women's visitation rules. Interest built up; petitions were passed from room to room; and many student groups, in particular the MRC, drafted proposals.

Net result: a faculty-student-administrative committee, the Lehman Commission, was formed. Big deal.

Now it's fall and once more the concern over the rule changes is growing; the ad hoc groups are re-assembling.

The reason for the magnificent failure of last spring and many other similar defeats was painfully clear. But only one person out of the some 15,500 enrolled at UNC-CH was able to perceive it. He discounted the oft-repeated theory of faulty communication between administration and student and laid the blame for the blunders on the students themselves.

He realized that there was no clearly defined relationship or channel of communication between the MRC, the Residence Colleges, and Student Legislature. In short, one arm of Student Government didn't know where the hell the other arm stood on the issue.

The man who possessed this amazing perspicacity was its new leader, Ken Day.

Day has learned from his mistakes and is doing something about them. He has just last week set up a liaison between himself and the MRC, WRC, and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Residence Colleges. He has also established a vital research arm through the work of the Residence College Commission. And he has dispatched special assistants to the legislatures of the eight residence colleges to feel out student opinion on upcoming actions. This is, I believe, the first attempt made by a student body president to get feedback on a problem before definite action is taken.

Especially on the issue of women's visitation in men's dorms, these are not only wise but necessary moves. For the implementation of these rule changes, if and when they come about, involves many constituencies: MRC, WRC, Student Legislature, and Student Judiciary, to name only the most notable.

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took the initiative on the Speaker Ban Law which ultimately resulted in a court test and its final burial. And in the ridiculous affair of Jessie Helms versus Michael Paull, in which a graduate instructor was reassigned from his teaching position prior to a thorough investigation, the graduate students again played a constructive part.

The fundamental purpose of this new organization is to improve lines of communication between graduate students and both the faculty and administration. The hope is that, once a formal channel has been opened up, possible grievances can be handled constructively while they are still relatively minor.

This year, the G.S.A. will be undertaking the task of learning more about the university and supplying much-needed information to the faculty and administration concerning diverse practices of the various departments. I am confident, however, that they will also take the time to listen to constructive suggestions regarding anything whatsoever that affects graduate-student life at U.N.C. But lets not blame them for shortcomings that are primarily the responsibility of the administration and faculty.

H. M. Blalock, Jr.
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Fleishman Blasted

Editor:

Mr. Fleishman's article on George Wallace appeared to be the brain child of a flaming liberal who, while decrying Wallace to be a racist, is in fact himself prejudiced against less fortunate whites who do not have the same education, style of life, or customs that you do.

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University Should Provide More Flexible B.A. Program

From The Columbia Spectator

Amidst all the talk of grandiose restructuring proposals, few people have taken time or effort to address themselves to some of the smaller but perhaps equally important aspects of College life. Today, when classes resume for hundreds of students who would rather be elsewhere, we offer the following non-controversial proposal.

But this need not be the case. All that has to be done is for the College to institute a new policy of an elective four-, four-and-a-half-, or five year B.A. program. If a student wishes to take a semester or

In the days before nightmares about the draft were common, students could take time off from their college education without worrying about Vietnam. Nearly every student would like, at least once in his four years here, to take a leave of absence for travel work, or independent study. But today he is forced to stay at school even when it may be wholly unprofitable. If he dares to leave, he might never come back.

a year off from Columbia, he would simply register for what for now we might call Life C100IX. Upon returning, he would submit a paper on what he had accomplished and receive twelve points of credit.

A student currently needs 126 points in four years to graduate. If he were to elect a four-and-a-half-year program he would have to take 138 points,

twelve of which would be awarded for his semester off. The University would inform the local draft board the student was making satisfactory progress toward his degree.

Several other schools which have degree programs taking more than four years to complete have been able to arrange extended draft deferments for their students, simply by informing local draft boards of their unique educational policies. The institution of extended degree programs in Columbia College would be welcomed by all students and would not be a difficult reform to make. There is no reason why education must be neatly packaged in a four-year dose.

Surely such "complicity with students" would not be an unreasonable role for a University which so eagerly subverts its educational activities for less appropriate ends.

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