

President Bello Likes Role As Activist Leader

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Student Body President Tom Bello has frequently been referred to as an "activist student leader" by his constituents, the press and administrative officials.

It is a name he tries to live up to rather than deny.

Since taking office in the spring of 1970, Bello has played a major role in student political activism on the University campus and around the state of North Carolina.

In last spring's class boycott and student strike, the senior English and history major from Raleigh vocally supported the boycott and later led a student march on the state's Capitol.

"I'm not afraid to express myself or act in the concern of the student community," Bello said.

As for the name tag "activist president" Bello said, "The name sticks and it will stick in the fall. There is a need for the nation to hear what college students have to say."

One of Bello's most important roles in previous campus unrest has been to advocate the use of political demonstration as opposed to violence.

"My personal philosophy is one of non-violence," Bello explained. "My beliefs can be identified with those of Cesar Chavez and Gandhi...those of mass, non-violent demonstration."

Bello attributed last spring's peaceful demonstration to the unity of the demonstrators and the cooperation of the different committees organizing the activities.

"Another important factor," he added, "was that the moderates seemed to approach the left more than usual, which motivated the radicals to move back to the left more."

Since no one student controls the closeness and rapport of the students, there is no need for violence," Bello said.

"I cannot advocate violent protest," he said. "If you're protesting repression within a society then that protest must be peaceful."

"I do not mean students should be passive by the expression non-violent... they should employ 'active



Tommy Bello

non-violence'."

In last spring's presidential election, Bello won the race with an independent political party campaign.

"I'm anti-party," he said. "Political parties have stagnated the Student Government in the past."

"I have a liberal policy towards Student Government—anything that helps the student in any way or makes them a part of the student community is a legitimate policy."

Bello pointed to the individual student as the main concern of any student body president.

"A president must have a willingness to listen to the students, to talk to the students, to understand his feelings and his wants, maintain visibility, to convey to the administration and state legislature the message of the student while assuring the student of the president's concern for him," Bello said.

Characteristically, Bello acts as a go-between with the administration and the students. Although he feels he must be actively involved with student affairs, he understands that a communications system between the officials and the

officials is very necessary. "I maintain that communication is the first step towards understanding," Bello said.

One sore spot between the administration and the students is the Disruptions Policy, which is reportedly set up to keep University functions operating in the midst of campus unrest.

During the class strike of last spring, several hundred students signed a petition saying they were in violation of the Disruptions Policy forcing administrative action.

Bello praised the administration's reaction. Friday (President William C. Friday) handled the situation well in that he dismissed litigation against the students.

"I feel the present administration feels burdened by the Disruptions Policy," he said. "I feel the policy was handed down to the administration by the Trustees. Having the policy was unavoidable."

In the coming year, t.l. Bello administration has several plans underway in accord with the Student Government motto of "inform, protect and serve."

Under the heading of "protect," Bello listed hopes for obtaining a consumer protection service, a sex education service, a general complaint service for students and other basic services intended to further student rights.

The consumer protection service would be aimed at putting a check on the spiraling living costs for the University students while the complaint service and sex education services would be directed towards the individual student, according to Bello.

"I plan to use every communications network available—radio, newspapers, editorials and television—to keep the students informed," he offered.

Serving the students, in Bello's estimation, would include possible establishment of a student co-operative for needy students and residents of Chapel Hill, obtaining a bus transportation service, a print shop for the students and several other services for dorm residents.

On this fall's projected happenings, Bello spoke bluntly and without hesitation.

"It's going to take incredible cooperation on the part of the students to overcome the housing problem," he said. "Admissions has always overadmitted students due to the fact many of those admitted never show up."

"The same number of students was accepted this year. The only problem is that all of them seem to be showing up."

Asked about this year's possible unrest, Bello called on every student to "get out for this fall's campaigning" as the most effective means of activism.

The Visitation Policy struck only one sour note with Bello.

"My main concern with the policy is Section G which punishes students severely for violations...I do not think they should be," Bello said. "However, I think the policy on the whole is about as liberal as this University is willing to accept right now."



Rick Johnson, DJ for WCAR, broadcasts live from the Carolina Union lobby Sunday afternoon. The live broadcast was arranged as part of an open house for the benefit of new students.

Frats, Sororities Prepare For Rush; Convocation Set

by Jessica Hanchar
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A fraternity convocation for freshmen and transfer men students will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The convocation will explain rush procedure for students interested in participating. Transfer students will also have the opportunity to sign preference cards.

Sorority rush for sophomore, junior and senior women begins September 22. Freshmen students may not rush until second semester.

Until October 15, freshmen may have contact with fraternity members under the provisions of the modified "strict silence" system. Freshmen may not visit living quarters of fraternity men and fraternity men may not visit living quarters of freshmen.

Any students participating in rush may not visit fraternity houses during rush except during scheduled rushing hours. During rush, fraternity men may visit rushees in their living quarters or communicate with them by telephone. Only under these two conditions is contact between a rushee and a fraternity agent allowed.

Rush counselors will be in the dorms prior to and during rush to inform girls of procedures and answer questions. The counselors will not identify themselves by sorority and will not actually "rush" a girl.

Prior to rush, a woman student planning to go through rush may not visit a sorority house.

During rush, a policy of strict silence is

enforced. A participant may visit a sorority house only during rush parties. She may not communicate with a sorority member.

"This policy actually protects the girl going through rush," explained Julie Jones, assistant dean of women for sororities. "A girl will not be cornered by a sorority member and be persuaded to join that sorority."

Peter Hall, president of Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), said, "Fraternities are becoming a much more living and learning experience. It is not a 'social' waste of time."

IFC is planning a fall Greek Week to raise money for the Upward Bound program. The program gives disadvantaged high school students a chance to attend college.

Fall Greek Week will be held around

the middle of October in conjunction with the sorority Panhellenic Council.

"I am optimistic for this year," said Hall. "Fraternities are not dying. They are changing for the better. They are reaching out toward the world around them."

"Sororities at UNC have changed for the better," said Miss Jones. "Being a member is not a necessity on campus but an asset. It is a great starting point for philanthropic projects and other activities."

"Girls don't join just because it is the thing to do. They put more thought into it and they gain more from it than they did before," she added.

Thus far 355 girls have signed up to participate in fall rush.

Handbook Available

A student wives' handbook will be available at the Dean of Women's Office beginning Thursday.

The booklet has been prepared to acquaint wives with services and facilities available within the University community.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Jane Poller compiled the booklet with the assistance of representatives from student wives' organizations on campus and the office staff of the Dean of Women's Office.

A detailed section on available housing—who to contact, facilities and cost—and a list of restaurants and shops in the area are included in the book.

Information on local medical, dental, counseling and legal services is given.

There are also sections on voting registration, taxes, banking, financial and consumer aid, child care and employment opportunities.

Entertainment and recreation in the area are listed, as well as this year's Student Union and campus organization activities.

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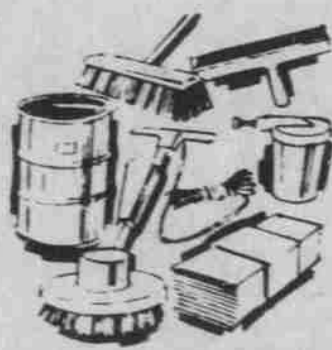
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