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Louis Harris (right) chats with members of TEP and Chi Psi fraternities Wednesday night. (Staff photo by John Gellman)

Louis Harris

U.S. Is A Collection Of Minorities

by Karen Jurgensen
Staff Writer

The challenge of the 1970s is to close the gaps of alienation, said pollster Louis Harris.

Harris spoke in Hill Hall as part of a program entitled "Students and Politics: the Elections of 1970." The program is sponsored by the Carolina Forum and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alienation, said Harris, is shown by the fact the country is split asunder. Some groups see change as a necessity for survival and others fear change, Harris added.

"Today this country is a collection of minorities. There is no such thing as a real

majority. The basic tendency is to attack each other as groups rather than attack common problems," he said.

The minorities that make up the pro-change coalition are the blacks, the young, the Spanish-speaking, the affluent and the educators. They are the least and the most privileged, Harris said.

He said the anti-change minorities are the older people, the deep south and border city whites, the traditional conservatives and the people of lower-middle income in the industrial north.

Those for change want restrictions on U. S. power and the use of that power

abroad, efforts for peace and stiff penalties for pollution, Harris said. They back desegregation and want law and order but only with equal justice for all and believe in frankness and candor in the arts, he added.

Those against change said Harris, are hardliners on the war, bitter-enders on race, violently anti-student and worried about crime. They abide with environmental pollution as a trade off for jobs in the community and are bitter about drugs and pornography.

The people want and need strong leadership to face and cope with the problems, said Harris. In response to a question from the audience, Harris said he believes New York Mayor John Lindsay best fits the need for leadership.

In 1968 the no-change coalition was made up of 55 per cent of American voters. Today it is about 50 per cent, he said. The pro-change coalition has gained five per cent in two years and Harris predicted that in another two years it may gain ascendancy.

He said neither coalition fits the patterns of old politics, but most political leaders today are following those old patterns.

Earlier, in his speech Harris explained what, in his opinion, has led students to become one of the major critics of American society. He used figures from a poll he took of U. S. students late last May.

Fundamentally students polled want a change in the values of society from materialism. They want peace not war, an end of establishment hypocrisy and racial equality.

Harris said 63 per cent said the solution to problems is to work within the political system. Still more, 93 per cent, are dedicated to the use of non-violent means and 70 per cent want definite action taken against those who create violence. Alienation is termed a critical problem by 81 per cent.

Random statistics show 80 per cent of the students said conflict will continue until the older generation comes to understand the new priorities and life styles of the young.

Also, 80 per cent said there is too much pressure in education and too much of education is not relevant.

Four out of five said the real trouble with American society is that it lacks a real sense of values, is too conformist and too materialistic.

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Stewart Alsop To Speak Here

UNC News Bureau

"Newsweek" columnist Stewart Alsop will speak at the University at 8 p.m. Monday in Carroll Hall.

Alsop is the third speaker in the "Students and Politics—the Elections of 1970" forum, which is bringing well known political authorities to campus to discuss the issues of the 1970 election.

Alsop is best known for his weekly column on the last page of "Newsweek" magazine.

He wrote for the "Saturday Evening

Post" before joining the staff of the weekly news magazine. Alsop came to nationally syndicated new column "Matter of Fact."

born in New York City in 1914, Alsop attended Groton School and was graduated from Yale in 1936. He now lives in Washington, D. C.

The special election year forum was organized by Dean Raymond Dawson of the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Body President Tom Bello, Carolina Forum chairman Peter Brown and Student Government.

Beard Quits Conservative Party

by Lou Bonds
Staff Writer

Conservative Party member Joe Beard has resigned from the party's executive committee, possibly shaking the conservative faction's unity.

Beard, one of the party's organizers, said his resignation resulted from his disappointment with party members' goals and lack of time to devote to student politics.

"It isn't worth anybody's time if you don't do anything," Beard said of his party membership.

Beard added he still maintains friendly relationships with other conservative members, but "they want to do things I haven't got time to do."

Other reasons he gave for resigning were employment interests and his third-year enrollment in Law School here.

Fellow conservative Charles Gilliam said Beard has been trying to quit student politics for some time now, "but he just couldn't get out."

"He tried to narrow down his political activities and eventually pull out of politics. He just quit sooner than we expected him to," said Gilliam.

Raleigh Group Plans Watch On University

by Bill Pope
Staff Writer

A private group called "Education-Uninterrupted" has been formed in Raleigh to act as a watchdog over teachers and officials of the Consolidated University who "interrupt" classes "for political or non-academic involvements."

The group was organized this summer apparently in response to the university's policy of letting students out of classes to participate in political campaigns.

A mimeographed letter from the group says it intends "to formulate legal actions for reversing the present trends where it is felt necessary and effective."

J. S. Kovic of Raleigh, chairman of the group, said members will "take whatever action the law would permit" if any classes fail to meet for any non-academic reasons.

This summer the group sent two letters, one to each of the Trustees of the Consolidated University, another to the members of the Andrew Committee, formed to select a successor to retiring Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson.

The purpose of the group as stated in the Aug. 3 letter to the trustees is "to audit and protect the principles and policies enumerated in the charters granted to the universities and colleges supported by taxpayer funds."

"And to make sure that students are delivered an uninterrupted education contracted between the school and/or parents or guardians."

The group has been in contact with several trustees and administrators of the Consolidated University.

President William Friday said Thursday it has contacted him twice.

He said Hal Thompson, a member of the group's board of directors, "talked with the Consultative Committee and the sub-committee of the executive committee (of the board of trustees) this summer."

Both committees were meeting to discuss revisions of the disruptions policy.

Thompson informed the committees about his organization and asked some questions about last May's strike, said Friday.

During July, three women on the board of directors of Education Uninterrupted met with Friday.

"They wanted to know what happened here during last May's strike," said Friday. "I answered their questions and gave them any material they wanted," Friday commented.

Friday said he has not heard from Education Uninterrupted since then.

Kovic said in a telephone interview he would not comment on the organization other than what is in the letters.

Other officers of Education Uninterrupted are listed as: secretary, Nancy P. Holloway and treasurer, E. N. Pope.

The group's board of directors are Garland Bobbitt, Sue Tucker Briggs, Sally Crockett, Hal Thompson, Ben Herrin and Lorraine G. Simms.

A mimeographed letter sent to anyone inquiring about the organization suggests the formation of local chapters of Education Uninterrupted which "would further insure that our objectives and purpose are championed in your local community."

"We wish to assure," the letter continues, "that the traditional mission of education by tax-supported universities and colleges is not obstructed by political or non-academic involvements by school faculty or administrators."

The letter says Sitterson's statement on July 29 that "He believed that all faculty and staff should meet their regularly assigned duties" is disturbing. Faculty and staff must meet their assigned duties as part of their contractual obligations to the people of North Carolina.

The letter said the group has no political affiliations or interests but is only interested in uninterrupted education.



Congressman Nick Galifianakis talks with ROTC cadets here on campus Thursday while campaigning in the Chapel Hill Area. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)



Rainy days in Chapel Hill are days to stay in bed late and just forget about slushing your way across campus to class, but this couple found Thursday that one of the best things about rainy days in Chapel Hill is that it brings couples closer together. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)