

# GPSF loses recognition, to appeal

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"Recent developments at the Chapel Hill campus of the University of North Carolina concerning the aspirations of graduate and professional students for a separate and independent student government have made a direct appeal to the Board of Trustees necessary."

This is the opening statement in a letter which was recently sent to each member of the Board of Trustees by the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF).

After learning on July 19 that the administration would not recognize the GPSF as an independent governing body, the Federation has decided on two courses of action.

Plans are already under way to hold a student referendum this fall, as well as asking the Board of Trustees to resolve the controversy.

Walter Baggett, president of the GPSF, is doubtful that the Board of Trustees

will consider the matter before December.

"We hope they will consider our position at their August meeting," Baggett said. "But the administration has assured us that since they control the agenda for the Board, the Trustees won't act until December."

If the Board of Trustees does not resolve the controversy, the GPSF can gain independence only by successfully calling for and winning a student referendum.

There are presently two established procedures for amending the student constitution: calling a referendum by a 2/3 vote of the Student Legislature, and calling a referendum after receiving a petition signed by 10 per cent of the student body.

"Joe Stallings has said that the student body should be consulted before altering the constitution," Baggett said. "The Student Legislature has had the necessary amendments bottled up in their Constitution Committee since

mid-December. If they passed these amendments, then a referendum could be held to let the students decide.

"We have not circulated a petition because we saw no reason for circumventing the Student Legislature," he continued. "But after eighteen months of fruitless attempts to cooperate with the undergraduate-dominated Student Government, we will begin circulating a petition this fall."

The GPSF received a letter from Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson on July 19 in which the Chancellor "approved University recognition of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation as an organized semi-independent agency of Student Government, but not as an organization or governing unit separate from and independent of existing Student Government."

Student Body President Joe Stallings was in favor of the Chancellor's decision. "Since the graduate students have not

made use of the established procedure for obtaining their independence, I feel the Chancellor has made the correct decision," he said.

"The role the GPSF should play is that of a semi-independent body as established by Student Legislature last spring," Stallings added. "This would put them in the same category as the Residence College Federation and the Black Student Movement. They would be allocated money by the Legislature, and could advocate plans for the interests of their grads quite effectively."

Stallings said he feels there should be only one student government at Chapel Hill.



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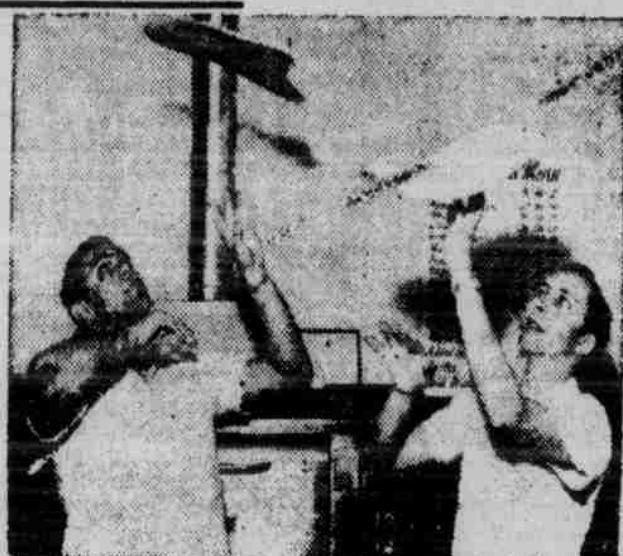
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### SUMMER FLICKS—GREAT HALL—8:30 P.M.

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| Sunday, Aug. 15    | MacKENNA'S GOLD (1967)—Gregory Peck, Omar Sharif. "A great big, sprawling, beautiful Western... An action film plus grande... It's good!"—Jean-Luc Godard   |
| Monday, Aug. 16    | THE BELLES OF ST. TRINIANS (British, 1953)—The truth about English boarding schools. A crazy comedy; obscene and hilarious. The headmistress is played by the great Scottish comedian Alastair Sim (in drag). |
| Tuesday, Aug. 17   | WAIT UNTIL DARK (1967)—Excellent suspense melodrama. Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin.   |
| Wednesday, Aug. 18 | FACE ON THE BARROOM FLOOR with Charlie Chaplin<br>THEM THAR HILLS with Laurel and Hardy<br>THE PHARMACIST with W. C. Fields   |

### AN EVENING OF CHAMBER MUSIC

The Carolina Union, in cooperation with the Music Performance Trust Fund, Local 500, A.F. of M., will present An Evening of Chamber Music Friday, August 13, at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union.

The program will include Marchenerzahlungen (Fairytale) for clarinet, viola and piano by Schumann; Brahms' Sonata for Violoncello in E minor, op. 38; Mozart's Trio in E flat, K. 498, for clarinet, viola and piano; and Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (The Shepherd on the Rock) for soprano, clarinet and piano by Schubert. Featured in the concert will be Kirsten Falke, soprano; Theresa Fay, cello; Phillip Magnuson, viola; James Fay, clarinet; and Brian Chapman, piano.

The program will be free to the university community.

### THE WATERING PLACE

Free tickets are still available for Thursday and Friday's performances of Lyle Kessler's The Watering Place. They may be picked up at the Carolina Union or at Graham Memorial. The performances will be at 8:30 p.m. in the Playmakers Theatre.

The play is directed by John Whitty with sets designed by Gordon Pearlman and lighting by Mary Mac Moore.

The show will feature Ric Spencer as the father, Betsy Mason as the mother, Donna Davis as the daughter-in-law and Jim Bissell as the young man.

### ART SHOW

The works of students and faculty from Converse College will be featured in the Union Galleries through second session.

### BUILDING HOURS

The Carolina Union will close at 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 020. The building will be closed August 21 and 22. Hours on Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24, will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Regular schedule will be resumed on Wednesday, August 25.