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Is Something Wrong?  
Tragedies such as the Phi Delta Theta shooting prompt questions of self-evaluation, says Editor Russell. Have we gone wrong? See page 4.

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## Visiting Committee Suggests Retaining Semester System

GREENSBORO, May 24 — Continuation of the semester system and "top priority for the critical faculty vacancies, present and in immediate prospect," were among six recommendations for Chapel Hill made to the UNC trustees here this morning by the Visiting Committee.

Other suggestions were: 3. Orientation of new students to the aims and traditions of the University at Chapel Hill should be improved. 4. More weekend activities should be arranged for students. 5. Efforts should be made to increase the housing facilities for married students. 6. Efforts should be continued at fostering improved student-faculty relations. The report, written by committee chairman Victor S. Bryant of Durham, was accepted by the trustees at their annual spring meeting, held at Woman's College.

Seven recommendations for "immediate consideration" concerning permanent improvements for Chapel Hill were made even though the committee "deemed it advisable to give primary consideration to the other needs of the University" since "physical needs have heretofore been submitted by the Budget Committee."

The seven recommendations were: 1. Apartment units for married students. 2. Additional dormitories, especially for medical students. 3. A new building for the school of Pharmacy (the Journalism School will get Howell Hall when pharmacy vacates.) 4. Enlarged and improved quarters for the School of Education. 5. Renovation of Saunders and Murphey halls. 6. Adequate facilities for the Extension Division. 7. A study of the fire escape system of the Carolina Inn.

Physical recommendations at Woman's College "should be called

### 'Critical Vacancies' On Faculty Should Have 'Top Priority'

to the attention of the board" and at State were considered "highly important."

Other committee observations included, on salary schedules: "At Chapel Hill, there was expressed by some members of the faculty and of the administration the opinion that the University had been brought, by the last 10 percent increment, to a reasonable competitive position with the bulk of colleges and universities in the nation. . . . (However), there should be no relaxation in efforts

to maintain present scales . . . and to increase these scales if possible."

Faculty Retirement: "Representatives of the AAUP at Chapel Hill brought specifically to the attention of the committee the fact that at present the provisions of the State Retirement System are not as liberal as those in many colleges and universities. . . . The committee can see clearly that this situation will have subtle but powerful effects on the future of the University, and it urges serious study of ways to mitigate it."

Travel Funds: "Reasonable funds for travel by faculty members should be provided, and some flexibility should be allowed in their use."

## Chapel Hill Concert Series To Be Organized On Thursday

Formal organization of the Chapel Hill Concert Series will take place at a public meeting this Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the court room of the Town Hall.

The new organization, which is being underwritten for its first year by the Graham Memorial board of directors, will replace the Civic Music Association which was tentatively organized last winter. The latter was to have been affiliated with a national artists booking agency, while the new group will be independent and locally operated in every respect.

Jimmy Wallace, director of Graham Memorial and treasurer of the University Student Entertainment Committee, announced the calling of this Thursday's meeting today. He emphasized that the new Concert Series would be wholly independent of the University, except for the underwriting of the first season's four concerts by the student union directors. Students will be eligible for membership in the subscription series and all concerts will be in Memorial Hall.

Here are the four attractions already signed for the first season: October 20, the American

Chamber Orchestra, (formerly called the Vienna Mozart Orchestra) conducted by Robert Scholz; February 15, 1955, afternoon and evening performances by the world-renowned Salzburg Marionette Theater; March 31, 1955, Walter Gieseking, pianist, in his only North Carolina appearance during his continental tour; and April 15, Metropolitan opera tenor Jan Peerce.

Subscription price for all four attractions will be \$6 for the general public and \$5 for students. A goal of 1,800 subscribers has been set, and the sale of subscriptions will begin with the opening of the University next fall. Individual admissions to these concerts will be sold on performance nights if space is available after subscription ticket holders have been seated.

Everybody interested in the promotion of this Concert Series is urged to attend Thursday's meeting. It is tentatively planned to set up the organization as a non-profit corporation with student, faculty, and townspeople all represented on the corporation board which will have complete control over its activities.

## Band Players Given Awards At Concert

Awards for outstanding achievement during the year were presented to a number of members of the Chapel Hill School Band Thursday night when the band gave its spring concert.

Earl Slocum, director of the University Band, said it was one of the best high school bands he had heard. He pointed out that he group drew first classification ratings in the district and state contests this year.

The Olsen Medal for Best All-round Junior Musician went to John Hanft. Keys were awarded to Carolyn Bennett, Gordon Blackwell, Rupert Bynum, Frank Carlisle, Richard Jackson, Ka Smith and Carol Yeager.

Letters were awarded to Henry Andrews, Roy Armstrong, John Adams, Carolyn Bennett, Gordon Blackwell, Robert Blackwood, Rupert Bynum, Frank Carlisle, Elizabeth Carlisle, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Guthrie, Tom Grassmann, John Hanft, Richard Jackson, Ross Jervis, Billy Jefferson, Gordon Johnson, Calvin Lee, Dianne Laughon, Marilyn Markell, Wayne Poe, Ray Ritchie, Ka Smith, Rickie Thurman, Remsen Voorhis, Carol Yeager, Dale Glover and Gordon LeGrand.

Majorette pins went to Kay Williams, Kristi Pendergraft, and Pat Duke.

Milton Bliss, who has had excellent success in his first year as band director, was presented an electric razor as a token of the group's appreciation.

The Band Parents Club and Mrs. R. W. Madry and Grey McAllister were praised for their work in putting out an attractive program that carried a great deal of revenue producing advertising or the benefit of the band.

An interpretation of "Stars and Stripes," as rendered by several different nations, and flute and horn solos by John Hanft and John Adams, respectively, were among favorite numbers on the program.

Mrs. Ralph L. Blackwood, president, announced that the final meeting of the Band Parents Club or the year will be held tomorrow night, May 25, at 8 o'clock, at the school.

### \$10,000 Budget Hike

A \$10,000 increase in the municipal budget for the coming year will be recommended to the board of aldermen tonight by its finance committee. Alderman O. K. Cornwell, committee chairman, will recommend total expenditures of \$240,072 for the 1954-55 fiscal year, as compared to \$229,724 for the current year. Included in the recommended increases are \$4,000 for a new dump truck, \$900 for a signal light at the Raleigh Street-Raleigh Road intersection, and \$1,200 for electrically-operated doors to the fire station.

## First Doctors Will Graduate Here On June 7

A class of 48 doctors will be graduated Monday, June 7, from the Medical School, the first group to receive diplomas under the four-year medical program.

Commenting on the Division of Health Affairs, the Visiting Committee told the University Board of Trustees this morning in Greensboro: "We were told it (Division of Health Affairs) is being well operated. . . . Some additional staff is required."

The committee reported there are 808 students in the Departments of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health. There are 247 beds now activated in Memorial Hospital with a daily average of 200 bed patients. When 225 bed patients have been reached the hospital will be able to operate within the present appropriations made by the General Assembly, according to Dr. H. T. Clark, director of the Division of Health Affairs.

The Visiting Committee said information furnished it "indicated the present difficulties are in line with those encountered in operating other similar teaching hospitals."

### Partly Cloudy, Warmer Weather Outlook Today

The weather for Chapel Hill and vicinity will be fair and slightly warmer today and tomorrow with a high of about 80 and a low of 52 for today.

# 'Incorrect' Report Is Charged On Dental Practice Proposal



NEW HIGH SCHOOL OFFICERS—Student body officers at Chapel Hill High School, chosen for the coming year in general elections at the school on Friday, are (left to right) Martha Ann Cheek, chief justice of the honor court; Janelle King, head cheerleader; Clarice Merritt, president; Robert "Peanut" Blackwood, outgoing president; Michael Alexander, treasurer; Duck Ray, vice-president; and Connie Ridout, secretary. (News Leader Photo)

## Stories Wrong, Five Dentists Jointly State

By ROLFE NEILL

Newspaper reports last week which said the North Carolina Dental Society endorsed limited private practice here by Dental School faculty members were "wholly incorrect," Chapel Hill's five dentists said in a joint statement today.

"Exactly the reverse occurred," they said. "An advisory committee did recommend such a practice but the House of Delegates voted not to accept the recommendation. This was in line with our feelings expressed on the matter at the 1953 annual meeting."

The statement was signed by Drs. Duncan M. Getsinger, William T. Burns, Edward R. Burns, (brothers), Thomas H. Darden, and Carl W. Dickens. These five are all of the private dentists here.

Dean John C. Brauer of the Dental School here had no comment to make on the private practice question. He said the two Universities' representatives who addressed the society on the subject gave the University's policy. "I will stand on what they said," he added.

What happened at the Pinehurst meeting last week was this, according to the local dentists: An advisory committee of 15 acted as liaison between the society and Dental School. The committee report, made Sunday night at the opening session of the House of Delegates, suggested that the UNC Dental School faculty be allowed a limited amount of private practice—not to exceed 10 hours each week. This is referred to in the dental profession as "intramural practice."

Turned Down Report

The Society's House of Delegates, composed of 39 dentist delegates of whom Dr. William T. Burns of Chapel Hill is one, turned down the committee's report and also said they believed the committee to be illegally established, since it was not according to the society's constitution.

Last year, the Society General—made up of every dentist attending the meeting—had already voted to go on record as opposed to the intramural practice. The society's position does not itself determine the UNC policy but is intended to be a representation of private dentists' views.

"We do not object to the competition from these men," the five Chapel Hillians said. "We object to that teaching time which will be used for private practice and the idea of the state setting up a man in business. It is not the competition but the method. If any of them want to establish an office (See HOUSE EXPLAINS, page 2)

## High School Student Body Elects Clarice Merritt As New President

Clarice Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben G. Merritt, was elected president of the Chapel Hill High School student body in general student government elections at the school on Friday.

A total of 365 out of the 385 students at the school—or 94 percent of them—voted in the secret ballot election. Robert "Peanut" Blackwood, outgoing president, conducted the voting. He was assisted by a committee composed of Mike Gallagher, chairman, and Kay McGavran, Connie Ridout, Vic Huggins Jr., and Barbara Cole.

Miss Merritt has been president of the junior class this year, director of the youth choir at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and treasurer of the student council. She was opposed in the election by Peggy Hinson and Barbara Cole, both rising seniors.

Duck Ray, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boy Ray, was elected vice-president. The other candidate for this office was Rosalind Johnson.

Connie Ridout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ridout, was elected secretary. She is a rising junior. Cecilia Husbands also ran for this post.

Elected treasurer was Michael Alexandria, a rising junior, and son of Mrs. Louise Alexander. Nancy Davis was also a candidate for this office.

Chosen Chief Justice

Martha Ann Cheek, a rising senior, and daughter of Mrs. R. G. Cheek, was elected chief justice of the high school honor court. She has been one of the four associate justices on this court and secretary of the student council this year. The associate justices are elected, one each, by the four classes of the school. Penny Martin ran against Miss Cheek for chief justice.

Janelle King was elected head cheerleader for the coming year.

Other candidates for this job were Bryte Abernathy and Nancy Trison.

Outgoing officers, besides the president, are Kay McGavran, vice-president; Martha Ann Cheek, secretary; Clarice Merritt, secretary; Mike Gallagher, chief justice; and Jackie Partin, head cheerleader.

To run for these offices the candidates had to submit petitions signed by 50 students. Where there was only one person so nominated a student council nominating committee presented a second nomination. The president and chief justice must both be rising seniors and must maintain "D" averages in their studies.

Candidates To Appear Before Carrboro PTA

Candidates for the Board of County Commissioners will be quizzed on their recommendations for the school program at tomorrow night's final meeting of the year for the Carrboro Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Mrs. R. B. Studebaker is in charge of the program and Walter Clark, Jr., will be chairman of a forum on the schools' situation. Candidates will be given three minutes to speak on this matter and the floor will be opened for questions.

### Measles, Midnight Oil, And Rain—

## Heroes Behind The Headlines Of The First Edition Were Actually The Printers And The Carrier Boys

Despite the mishaps of measles, edgy dispositions, worrisome intermittent rainstorms, and the general confusion that's bound to be part of such a new venture, the first issue of the Chapel Hill News Leader rolled off the press last Thursday afternoon.

The front office staff began receiving good wishes in the community soon after the paper hit

the streets. Whether fully merited or not, the praise was gratefully accepted as the staff kept a stopwatch eye toward the Monday issue deadline.

But the men in the back shop, and the boys who home-delivered the News Leader throughout the Alamance News, all while the News Leader's first issue was going to press. For all of the printers this meant long and hard labor.

Still, the paper was rolling off the press early Thursday afternoon. It remained then for the approximately 20 carrier boys to distribute their product. Right away a bundle of papers was rushed to a waiting salesboy in front of the post office downtown. He was selling 'em as fast as he could make change, but the established newshawks resented his moving in on what had formerly been their monopoly territory. A pretty hot dispute arose and the circulation manager had to stop his distribution rounds to arbitrate the conflict.

Crossed signals between boys who waited at the wrong locations for their bundles of papers put several of them hours behind schedule and accounted for a number of distressed mothers. (Some boys didn't finish their routes until 10 p.m.) The intermittent rain continued and bicycles mired in ruts, boys delivering on foot got soaked to the skin, skinned their knees, and tried in vain to keep their papers dry. Monogrammed paper bags had been on order and were several days past due to arrive. Through it all, however, the carriers exhibited a dogged determination and loyalty to their new jobs akin to the traditional dependency of the U. S. mailman.



'ROUND-THC-CLOCKERS—The first issue of the Chapel Hill News Leader came out as scheduled last Thursday, but only through the vol-unt-clock efforts of the mechanical force of the paper, some of whom are shown above just after Vol. 1, No. 1, rolled off the press. Left to right are linotypists Bernard Holland and Charlie Inman, plant superintendent J. B. Holland, and linotypist Neal Clark. Not shown are A. L. Strum and Tom Shanklin. (News Leader Photo)

## Sixty Delegates From Orange County Attend State Democratic Convention In Raleigh

### Several Are Elected To Political Offices; Delegation Is A Center Of Scott Spirit

Orange County Democrats—60 of them—were among the several thousand party delegates who converged on Raleigh last Thursday for the biennial party convention.

The political doings began Wednesday night at the county caucus, held in a parlor room of the Carolina Hotel. County Chairman Bob Forrest of Hillsboro presided over the meeting at which various county representatives to higher political bodies were nominated. They were all formally elected in routine fashion at the Congressional district caucus later that evening.

Those elected from Orange were Mrs. George Nicholson, assistant district secretary; state executive committee members, Bob Forrest and Roland McClamrock; judicial

committee, Mrs. George Shepard, William S. Stewart, and Jerry B. Stone; solicitorial district committee, Charles Hodson, Mrs. Manly Snipes, and L. J. Phipps; state senatorial executive committee, Mrs. Charles W. Stanford; Congressional district executive committee, Oscar Coffin, Alexander Heard, and Miss Harriet Herring.

Mr. Forrest was temporary chairman of the district caucus Wednesday evening. Mrs. Nicholson was elected an assistant vice-president of the state convention by this group, and sat on the platform at the convention Thursday afternoon.

Orange County Rep. John W. Umstead Jr., as has been his habit in past years, gave the Orange

delegates a buffet luncheon of sandwiches and salad in the Carolina Hotel on Thursday noon before the convention. He told the group that the purpose of the convention was to promote party harmony for the November election though they might be elected before the primary. Mr. Phipps, speaking for the delegation, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Umstead for the luncheon.

Scott and Lennon banners were sprinkled all over Memorial auditorium during the convention. The Orange delegation of course wasn't on record favoring either of these candidates. But it was definitely a big center of Scott demonstrations which took place several times during the meeting. A number of the conventioners from Orange waved large Scott banners during the hullabaloo for the various state primary candidates.