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SG: Will NSA Get The Ax?

The Student Legislature considered three major bills Wednesday night: a National Student Association referendum, an Agromeck name change referendum, and the proposed calendar change.

Senator Bill Howle, Textile senior and chairman of the Investigations Committee, introduced a bill calling for a student referendum to be held in the spring elections, in which students would decide whether or not State should disaffiliate with NSA.

SG treasurer Jim Miller spoke in the negative, arguing that the student legislature is "better suited to vote (on NSA disaffiliation) than the student body," as the students in general know little about NSA and would tend to be prejudiced against it.

"A student referendum is the weak way out," he said, because it is the senators' job, as representatives of the students, to decide such matters themselves.

Steve Johnson, newly-appointed NSA coordinator, pointed out that, although NSA affiliation in the past has not been worth the \$889 spent on it per year, this is failure of SG more than of NSA. NSA, he claimed, is only as effective as Student Government makes it, so, he concluded to the legislature, "A vote against NSA . . . is a vote against yourself."

Senator Billie Jones, PSAM senior, offered a substitute motion that a committee be appointed which would hold a public hearing on NSA and decide whether or not to present a referendum to the students.

Alternate Willard Preussel suggested that Jones was "insinuating that our student body is less intelligent than those other (Wake Forest, Duke, and UNCCH, who held student referendums about NSA disaffiliation) student bodies."

Jones answered that he was saying not that students are unintelligent but that "we are representatives of the student body and should not abdicate our duty simply because we don't want our hands to get burned."

The legislature voted 26-24 to consider Howle's motion.

Senator Steve Hebert, PSAM freshman, offered an amendment that a third choice, "I would like to know more about NSA," be included in the ballot with the choices to remain in or to disaffiliate with NSA. Jim Ferguson, Engineering senior, suggested a further amendment to change the date of the referendum to April 29.

The bill with both amendments passed.

Senator Mike Stenhouse, Engineering senior, introduced a resolution proposing a referendum in which the students would decide whether or not they want the Agromeck name changed.

He pointed out that the problem of a name for the State yearbook has been thoroughly discussed and that it is time for the student body to decide whether or not it wants the

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Chancellor Caldwell and soldier eye the bombs brought from the basement of Pullen Hall. The workmen were surprised. (Photo by Sun Arrenu)

Discovered Shells Are Potentially Dangerous

"Potentially dangerous" are the words with which Colonel Lem Kelly, Professor of Military Science, described the smaller of the two shells uncovered in the debris from Pullen Hall Wednesday morning.

Measuring some 10 by 30", and weighing 400 to 500 pounds, the shell, made for naval or coast artillery, had not been fired, and, according to Col. Kelly, there is the possibility that it may contain several pounds of TNT in its warhead.

He further stated that due to the fact that the cover on the fuse well was still intact, the weapon probably had no fuse.

Such shells can be detonated either electrically or by concussion, but there is no external means to tell which type of fuse the shell contains.

The larger shell, according to S5c Tom H. Babb of the 864 Explosive Ordnance Department of Fort Bragg, probably dates from the late 1800's or the early 1900's. Its overall dimensions are 12 inches by 42 inches, and weighs 800 to 1,000 pounds. As evidenced by the rifling grooves on the rotating band, the shell had been fired, and is not especially dangerous, he said. It is of the armor-piercing type, made for coast artillery.

Serial numbers were lifted

from both shells, and may provide a means of checking the origin of both projectiles.

Both were uncovered by a bulldozer between the retaining wall and the foundation of the building, and were buried underground, which, as stated by Hardy D. Berry, Information Officer here, spared them the intense heat of the February 22 fire which destroyed Pullen Hall.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell expressed no opinion concerning how the shells came to be lodged in the building. However, he stated that to his knowledge, no such materials had ever been stored in the structure, and that perhaps the shells were brought back here by some alumnus as war souvenirs, and later deposited beside the foundation.

Professor Dies

The death of John Christopher Farrell, a 32-year-old State history professor, has been attributed to "natural causes."

Professor Farrell was found dead in bed in his bachelor apartment by Raleigh Police yesterday after absence from class since Wednesday.

Professor Farrell, a native of State College, Pa., had been a member of the history department since July, 1962. He was a graduate of Yale University where he received a B.A. degree

Administration Will Refuse Candidates

The administration yesterday said that students with less than a 2.0 grade point average will not be allowed to run in the campus-wide election April 1 despite the Honor Code Board ruling Tuesday night that declared the requirement unconstitutional.

Thirty-three of 226 candidates who signed for positions were disqualified yesterday because their averages were below 2.0, according to Student Government Elections Chairman Bob Cole.

The nomination books closed Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Honor Code Board will continue to uphold its ruling, HCB Chairman Mike Scofield said yesterday.

Speaking for the administration, Gerald Hawkins of the Student Activities Office said,

"In reviewing the board's ruling, the administration recognizes that declaring the requirement unconstitutional is within the board's power.

"But in defining what is in good standing, the board has ruled on the academic progress policy which is not applicable to the University's policy on eligibility to hold office."

The board was petitioned to rule on the validity of the SG Elections Committee requirement that all students seeking campus-wide offices have a 2.0 average.

The administration also has a long-standing policy that no student be allowed to seek office in an extra-curricular activity unless he has a 2.0 average.

Hawkins stated the administration has upheld its policy "to strengthen the respective stu-

dent organizations by insuring that only students with established academic records may hold time-consuming positions of responsibility."

Under the sliding scale, students may have less than a 2.0 average, depending on the hours carried, without being on provisional status. However, Hawkins pointed out, "this does not mean a student is in good standing in terms of his eligibility to hold office and to represent the University."

Scofield said yesterday the Honor Code Board "interprets the 'good standing' clause of the constitution to mean good academic standing as defined by the administration with the further stipulation that a student is not on disciplinary probation."

Students who signed the petition were Neal Henry Shackelford Jr., Charles C. Creighton, Terry Grant Sparks, Donald M. Nanney, James D. Beamon, John C. Martin, Gil Pitt, Boyd Childers, Peter McGrain, Henry Wheeler, Robert Lowery, Jim Dawson, Dave Fogle, Reece Byrd, Robert E. Lee Jr., David Nelson, Jerry Lee Carroll, David W. Johnston, Edgar R. Chavez, and Charles L. Williams Jr.

Scofield said he notified Terry Lowder, SG vice president, of the petition Saturday and asked Lowder to send someone to present an opposing view to the petition. However, no one came, Scofield said.

Lowder said Scofield called but did not say when the meeting would be held. He said he told Scofield to call the administration because there was "no need to have the meeting."

9 Score And 13 Seeking Immortality At The Polls

A total of 193 students are running for office in Student Government, Honor Code Board, Men's and Women's Campus Code Board, NSA Delegation, class offices, and Interfraternity Council.

Thirty-three candidates have been disqualified because of low grade point averages.

Students seeking the presidency of the student body are Doug Lientz, Ladson Hart, and Jackie Mitchell.

Lientz, associate editor of *The New Southerner*, is a senior in Applied Mathematics from Richmond, Va.

Hart is a senior in Liberal Arts from Brevard, N. C. Mitchell, the present SG secretary, is an Electrical Engineering junior from Guilford College, N. C.

Mitchell, the University Party candidate for the presidency, is one of 31 UP candidates in Student Government.

The office of vice president of the student body is uncontested. Jim Ferguson of the University Party, a Mechanical Engineering senior from Taylorsville, N. C., is the only candidate.

Candidates for SG secretary are Celia Parsons (UP), Jack Sullivan, and Joy Johnson.

Treasurer candidates are John

Barnes (UP), Johnny Handal, and Mike Cauble.

Students running for the NSA delegation, which has six openings, are Kerry Maulden, Harold Hardinge, William E. Graham, Fred Fletcher, Dave Gardner, Bob Pritchard, Joseph Spencer, William Payne, and Zena R. Windley.

Candidates for Permanent Senior Class president are Willard G. Preussel Jr., Terry Lowder, Chan Prince, Harvey

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Prank Firebug Caught, Booted

One State student was suspended from school yesterday and disciplinary action on a second student is pending in connection with two incidents in the fire and smoke bomb epidemic on campus, according to Haywood Starling, special SBI agent.

The incidents involve a waste paper basket fire in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house March 7 and "smoke bomb" incidents in Becton and Berry dormitories January 10.

The incidents have been eliminated as having in any connection with arson at the university, Starling said.

No legal action will be filed against the students since no violations of law were involved, Starling stated. The students were not identified.

The student who was suspended was connected with the fraternity fire, according to Haywood. Chancellor Caldwell issued a statement March 5 calling for suspension of any students involved in the fires or pranks dealing with fires.

The identity of the students was revealed through information received from a State student, Starling said.

Action On NCSU; Scott Pro UNCR

The NCSU bill sent before the N. C. General Assembly has progressed to the level of being referred to the Senate Higher Education Committee.

The NCSU action was successfully carried through the House of Representatives Wednesday by a vote of 100-5.

Reacting to a statement by Senator Ralph Scott, proponent of the UNCR bill, Representative George Wood stated that he did not consider the name change issue had "anything to do with conceit," and stressed the need to keep State's identity.

Scott's statement indicated the State alumnus was concerned that the present state administration would destroy the work of former Governor O. Max Gardner to aid N. C. State. "We have to think about the whole state," he was quoted as saying on the move "splitting this consolidated system up."

The NCSU bill will now first be presented to committee, then returned to the Senate full chamber with recommendations of the committee.

Proper Procedure

Considerable controversy has arisen concerning the Honor Code Board's ruling that the 2.0 grade-point average requirement is unconstitutional. According to the ruling, this requirement by the Student Government Selections Committee for candidates seeking campus offices is no longer valid.

It might be argued that a student with less than a 2.0 is jeopardizing his academic average by running for an office. On the other hand, students with a 2.0 or even higher averages have jeopardized their academic standing by running for offices in the past. However, this is a choice that the individual students make and does not appear to be the center of the controversy.

The Honor Code Board has the right to interpret the Student Government constitution. Also, the wording of the constitution is specific enough so that the Honor Code Board had no choice but to make its decision. The constitution states that a candidate has to be in "good standing." Under the new sliding academic scale adopted last year by the administration, students with less than a 2.0 may be in "good standing" from the board's point of view.

The administration has also made the minimum 2.0 average a requirement for all candidates. It is continuing to uphold this policy despite the fact that a sliding scale is now used.

In effect, the Honor Code Board has declared the administration requirement null and void. It has done so by powers vested in it by the Student Government constitution.

The administration, in maintaining the 2.0 requirement, is, in effect, declaring the Student Government constitution null and void.

While it is true that the administration of any school system has the right to exert any power it pleases—the University of California at Berkeley provides an example—the administration here relinquished the right to determine a candidate's average when this criterion was placed in the constitution.

Whenever the students bring a complaint to the administration, emphasis is placed upon "proper procedure." The same obligation is shared by the administration. "Proper procedure" in this case is an amendment to the Student Government constitution brought before the student body and voted upon.

If the 2.0 requirement has valid reasons for existing, the student body will approve it. If the administration has confidence in the student body, which it has stated in the past that it does, then there is no reason why this procedure should not be carried out.

A constitutional amendment is within the framework of the Student Government constitution and will, in fact, enhance student powers, whereas any other action on the part of the administration would appear to be detrimental to the constitution.

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Campus Comments

By THOM FRASER

EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK:
This one written by the editorial staff of the University of Virginia Cavalier Daily:

... Most Intriguing Book Title of the Month Department: "Lions, 3; Christians, 0."

... Your Wish is Our Wish Department: Fidel Castro said this week that he wishes Cuba were closer to North Vietnam. . . .

The Name Game: Will we ever be able to see a review of a Julie Andrews flick without reference to Audrey Hepburn.

... What Did I Do Wrong Department: If you hear of an up-swing in Weejeun sales, don't be too surprised. The following story recently drifted to our offices about happenings in the basement of Pavilion VIII.

Called into the office of the Dean of the University, a student wearing the popular style of loafer was asked by the Dean, "Don't you have any shoes?"

Somewhat bewildered by this, the student looked down at his feet, and sure nuff, he was wearing shoes. He had thought so all along, but . . .

But he had little time for reflection. Then, as the drift has it, Mr. Runk said, "Come back when you have some shoes on and have left those slippers at home."

... "Put on your high-heel sneakers. . . ." or "Don't you step on my blue suede shoes."

We noted with interest that the *Daily Tar Heel* swiped and printed this editorial from *The Miami Herald* in their 7 March edition:

Try as we do to maintain a feeling of compassion for all mankind. There is an inability to resist satisfaction when a crack showed up in the mirrored world of the image makers.

We are indebted to the marketing director of National Biscuit Co. for revealing a pratfall by those charged with measuring public relations. He tells of bringing out a new cookie for which the name "Snickerdoodles" had been fashioned.

But the public wouldn't buy. So Nabisco changed the name to Cinnamon Sugar Cookies and they started moving off the grocery shelves.

Restores your faith, doesn't it?



CONTENTION

FRUSTRATED GENIUS

To the Editor:

Some of the letters printed in this column are outstanding, some are not. Some are mature and others are immature. But perhaps the crowning achievement of immaturity ever to appear in this paper was the letter written by the frustrated genius and printed in the edition of February 12.

It seems the Lakins' controversy has produced some monstrous children. Some people cannot stand to see someone else get a break or receive preferential treatment when they do not. The virtue of Lakins' re-instatement as a student will not be discussed here. Still it is hard to deny that his athletic skill was an important factor in favor of his reinstatement. But this may demonstrate an important point: as a ball player he showed talent and developed that talent through hard work. This developed talent gives him a certain added value. Had he possessed the talent but had been too lazy to develop it, we think he would find his value as a ball player considerably lessened.

Our self-confessed genius asks plaintively if one as gifted with brains as he claims to be does not have the same value now as he did three years ago. Are not his "potentials and capabilities" as valuable now after three years with a 2.2 as they were when he started college and was considered by all to be so bright and promising? The answer should be obvious. No, of course not! His potential is probably as great but he has proved himself incapable of handling his responsibilities and completing what is expected of him.

Perhaps our little friend would like to live forever in the rosy world of flattery he knew when he graduated from high school. The glory of education is not in the continuation of the attention a promising student receives at the start of his college career, but in the finished student, ready to apply hard-won knowledge to the construction of a better world.

Perhaps our bright young man would like the attention he once knew to continue and that he should be a constant object of veneration by students and faculty alike. If education were a constant quiz show where each correct answer is applauded, we are certain our friend would do quite well. But there comes a time when even the most brilliant must put forth an increased effort in order to accomplish what is expected of him. When this is not done, disappointment and disgust replace hope and admiration in the hearts of those who had expected so much.

He touches a tender spot when he blames N. C. State for the very things he has caused himself to suffer. He proves his laziness by admitting he gets A's in some courses and F's in the rest. Some courses demand work and study regardless of the intelligence of the student; others demand less. If our boy has all the brains he claims he has, then let him pass one of his F courses and prove to all his great brain power.

He mentions further the fact that he sees his adviser only twice a year. Is this the adviser's new job of chasing after students and being father confessors to children too lazy to help themselves? If so, it is news to me.

We see our advisers quite often, but we go to their offices. And we don't expect to be bounced on the knee and have our personal problems discussed unless we do the asking. Advisers are busy men and sad as it may seem to our little friend, we don't think his advisor would crumble upon news of his advisee's difficulty.

One last word for our young genius: Being a "fertile young mind" is not a constant state of

recognition. The glory is soon gone and the work begins. You mention that you were accepted to MIT. Well, we are not impressed. We can only say that it is good you didn't go there because you would have flunked out in the first semester. We have seen many of your kind and we can not find one atom of what commodity you want most, pity. You get what you deserve. Your self-pity only intensifies the contempt you deserve.

If you want to continue your life of laziness why don't you go to one of the beatnik centers and tell all that you are trying to find yourself (that's always a good excuse)? But get out of our school. Quit taking valuable space that could be filled by one more deserving than you. This college owes you no debt of gratitude just because you are smart. If the college is inefficient as you claim, then its chief inefficiency is that it does not get rid of students like you. And the next time sign your letter. We very seldom believe what is contained in an unsigned letter.

David Johnson
David Bevon
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Letters' Policy

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