On Student Governance

Carolina has a student government that does not govern, a student council that doesn't govern, and an annual political battle for student body offices that are little more than honorary posts, fail excuses for O. K. points.

The average student hears nothing at all of class officers after the pledging period, and which is a shame for a freshman-sophomore or a sophomore-junior dance.

Student body offices are little better. The only one who has performed any real service is the one who worked for a freshman-sophomore or a sophomore-junior dance.

For the best knowledge of The Gamecock, the student council has not only once this semester, and on that occasion they met to have their pictures taken for the Garnet and Black. Last year the situation was almost as bad. Several meetings of the council were called, but it was difficult to get all the members to attend.

The Honor Council wields more power the nominal student governing body. While the Honor Council has undoubtedly done much fine work on the campus, and is to be highly commended, it represents only a limited portion of student organizations.

In its former status, the Honor Council was elected by the whole student body, and its members served as the representatives of the different organizations. This is the perfect setup, and is the only way to alleviate the fault of the class and student body officers. The breakdown of active student government through the student council came when the student body of the University was found unsatisfactory several years ago, and was replaced by the present Honor Code, code signs, and their elected heads, the Honor Council. The present system was established after much wrangling and discussion.

The present council is not only not the best, but is altogether a reactionary scheme of "labor reforms", of Honor Council and Student Council. It is a miserable clumsy scheme, especially as the functions of the Honor Council are the same as those of the Student Council.

When asked what he conceived to be the function of the Student Council, when asked what he thought the council should be, "I don't know," was the get the next set of officers elected. This is all too true.

Reorganization and combination of the two "government " bodies into one would be a fine thing for reorganization seems to have sprung almost simultaneously with the student council. The editorial staff of The Gamecock was nullifying the work of the student council, and the spring Discus Group of the Y. M. C. A. announced as their objective to replace the student council with a "student Body Unity." Another campus organization this week, without knowing the thoughts of The Gamecock or the Y. M. C. A., groups appointed a committee to study student governments at other institutions, with the recommendation of student government at Carolina as a definite aim.

Workable student governments, which control effective student bodies, are the best form of useful student government at other institutions. The Gamecock has encouraged the student body of Carolina to believe that it is in no way inferior to the student body at the neighboring institution, and the faculty has put on a very good face.

At one recent meeting, a decision was made to change the chapel schedule so that chapel will meet on Thursday one week and on Friday the next.

Last year the school's decision for Management for Friday was established, so that an hour each week would be left for a chapel generally, and three services are not of the same class.

The main objection raised at that time was that were classes beginning at various times between the hours, students would be confused, and would be confused in the time of class meetings. And that is exactly what happened for the first hour. It was scheduled by the member of the faculty for showing the meetings forrary.

Now, just as students, by dint of hard remembering are getting used to this new schedule, and after the three services, comes the latest faculty action, moving up the schedule exactly one hour.

The chief reason that the action was taken was the fact that Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes have meeting and Tuesday and Thursday-Tuesday-Saturday classes have had the advantage of a full 180 minutes of sleep, and the faculty, who were opposed to the last change, expressed the hope that the new schedule would cause such great confusion that it would be soon abandoned.

Frankly, we hope so too. But it is hard to see someone petition for a new course in memory training, or else ask that the telephone number of the counseling service wake-up service for alternative Thursdays and Fridays.

A Commendation

It is no small job to prepare each week a chapel program interesting enough to attract students attendably, even when attendance is compulsory. It is an even harder job to furnish programs that will draw a satisfactory audience when attendance is not compulsory, so it is at the University.

During the last semester, despite the spring-like days that lured students to spend their free moments on "the wall" or scaring elsewhere on the campus, attendance at chapel services has been generally good.

Much of the credit for the continued success of voluntary chapel services is to be given Ruth M. Richeson, University Chaplain, who led the chapel committees. It was his responsibility to see that a chapel program was presented each week, and the manner in which he carried out his duties should be highly commended.

He is succeeded this semester by Prof. W. S. Woods, who promises to make the voluntary chapel plan one time as a success.

Back Talk

Dear Mr. Editor:

There are about twenty boys in school that do not come to chapel every day or every afternoon to work for the learning team. These men are dropped from the records and not interested in the University. They have not found Jesus, are a strange mystery, people not so solid, quick eyes, and plenty of reasons and excuses about the University. The above statement is not made to the president of the Student Council in general, but to the president of the Student Council in particular. Many of these men represent to the rest of the community the next that the purpose that the students have for going to school. Are they not also going to try to find the answer, "Why do we have a Student Council?"

I am closing, Mr. Editor, let me say that I don't think that you should let your services go unchallenged. Please try to keep on reading the paper and give me the time to write and contribute to the paper.

Thank you very much, Mr. Ed. Adams.

Parade Of Opinion (By Associated Collegiate Press)

YOUTH

To adult platform-speakers, social workers and editorial writers is given the task of convincing thousands, for all thinking Americans. Committees are the solution of this problem. In the pinch of the world's need, "I can do it," in the face of the fight for the welfare of youth and the future of the nation.

But, says the University of California Daily Trojan, these are the problems that the college student must solve. How can he "realize that they constitute just as many problems as the business and professional man?"

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TRENDS

But the foreign situation in general, college and university undergraduates seem to be as much as a mystery as much as U. S. citizens. The following is a slightly brief outline of the careers today.

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