

## Is It Legal?

You couldn't say that electing a Homecoming Queen is unconstitutional.

But at USC it is not constitutional. Electing a May Queen is.

You couldn't say that dorm governments and judicial councils are unconstitutional, but at USC they are not constitutional.

These are only two of the flagrant flaws

## SCSSL

Is it a *coup d'etat*?

Is it a governmental reorganization?

No, it's South Carolina State Student Legislature, convening this week at the State House for an annual session of "law-making."

We take this opportunity to welcome visitors from other campuses throughout the state to the Palmetto capital and hope they find their stay fruitful and fun.

During the course of the weekend, the delegates will debate and pass or defeat proposals which could affect and effect the future of their state.

We emphasize "could" because the most important function of the student legislature will be accomplished, if it is accomplished, not this weekend but in weeks to come.

True, the session is designed to give experience to people who will be future leaders in state government.

But much more importantly, it is designed as a lobby to show the "for-real" legislature the wishes of the state's young people.

If the schools who propose reforms allow their efforts to die without any real effort at all—if students come to SCSSL only for a party and leave with the same attitude—the session will serve no purpose.

Most often—we hardly hesitate to say always—in the past, the issues have been forgotten with the last strike of the adjournment gavel.

This year the Association of Student Body Presidents, recently formed, should be able to pursue some of the decisions of the student "lawmakers."

But the prime responsibility still remains with the SCSSL delegates.

If reform is to come in South Carolina, it must begin with interested, diligent citizens. The challenge of initiating this reform knows no age minimum.

And so we charge this year's SCSSL delegates—to pursue their objectives until their ideas become known to everyone in South Carolina government and in the state itself.

in the current, outdated Carolina student body constitution, a document which unfortunately is more a set of by-laws than a true constitution.

According to the present document, passed only a few short years ago, all executive, all legislative and all judicial powers are the province of Student Government.

This became outdated when the first dorm government was formed, but the constitution has not been aligned with the system now in operation.

The Academic Responsibility Committee replaced the Honor Court almost two years ago, but there is no provision for ARC.

A committee will be appointed soon within Student Government to revise or rewrite the old document.

Hopefully, the new version will be ready for referendum approval by spring.

We would urge that more offices now elected be appointed—for example, why elect a student body secretary and treasurer who must perform specific secretarial and clerical functions?

The ballot could be further shortened by eliminating class offices which serve little purpose except recognition of a few individuals and lengthen a too-long ballot for student voters.

For the argument of class unity, we would say keep the office of president.

But the idea supposedly in effect to have class officers aid their corresponding student body officer is duplicated by Student Government staff workers—and duplicated much more valuably.

Also, we would urge that procedure in such things as disciplinary cases and elections be eliminated from the constitution.

Procedure should be set down in a code of by-laws to be passed by Student Senate—a document much easier to amend since it would not require a referendum.

The constitution has been ignored for several years—obviously. However, if the present document had been used, "students governing" would have been almost totally stymied.

We urge that students and faculty seriously consider the committee's recommendations. Adoption or rejection of a new constitution could make a significant difference in continued growth of the University community.

And we hope that in the future, the Carolina student body have a workable constitution—one that gives impetus, not discouragement, to growth.

Who knows? *Maybe* the State of South Carolina will even take the hint.

## The Sardine Game

It's time for sports fans to play the sardine game again.

With the Carolina Coliseum unfinished, basketball backers will again pack themselves into the confining Field House to cheer for alma mater.

The season promises excitement and victory with a lineup that will not be ashamed to take to the court with any team.

The bitter taste of defeat by an arch rival in the mouths of Carolina will no doubt be lessened in the weeks to come.

To the team and coaches, headed by Assistant Athletic Director Frank McGuire, we wish the very best of luck to add to skill that is already proven.

And to the fans, both luck and skill. It will doubtlessly take a lot of both to see a game in person this year.

## Back Of My Mind

# San Francisco: Free Love, Free Air And A Student Conference



DREW

By SAMMY DREW  
Student Body President

San Francisco! What a host for the 1967 National Associated Student Governments' Conference. Free love, free water, free air—everything else is \$3.00 and up.

But the "trip" is over. The conference is now history, and San Francisco, Haight St. and Alcatraz have faded across 3,000 miles into their Atlantic counterparts of Columbia, Gant's and USC (with the latter perhaps

bearing the greatest resemblance).

The delegates, Joe Hobson, Richard Morrell and myself, boarded the plane for Columbia with great reluctance—Richard for entirely different reasons, these being his first flights.

The conference was very profitable, if I may digress from the social aspects into the proposed topic of this column for just a second, and we were able, as observers, to participate in all activities with "non-voting"

status as our only limitation.

Several prominent speakers greeted us with after-dinner remarks and a variety of workshops and seminars filled the interim spaces.

Speakers included Peter Jennings, anchorman for ABC news; Paul Goodman, author of "Compulsory Miseducation" and "Growing Up Unhappy" who spoke on the sad state of education and the need for students to take positive steps for its correction.

Among other examples of the "sad state of education," Goodman touched upon what he called

the "Military Industrial Take-over" in many institutions of higher learning.

Also speaking were Harry Edwards, co-ordinator for the San Jose State chapter of the United Black Students for Action, who expounded upon "Black Power" and the recent Olympic boycott attempt; and William Monroe, director of NBC News, Washington, who spoke of the influence of the television media upon the Negro Revolution.

Workshops related to all campus problems and included the more basic topics of "Is Student

Government Really Government?" and "Student Power—What It Is—What It Should Be."

In addition, Saturday was set aside for a special forum entitled "Drugs on Campus—An Objective Analysis."

Time now for assimilating, assorting and putting into use the information attained.

I might add as a closing remark: It was comforting to note that all campuses are experiencing basically the same problems.

But disheartening that no one seems able to offer a "best" solution.



I KEEP TRYIN' to tell ya'... the "S" does NOT STAND FOR SLATER!

## Our Man Hoppe

# Elbie Jay Loves Dissent—Naturally

By ARTHUR HOPPE

Howdy there, folks. How y'all? Time for another chapter of The Real Great Society, that rollickin' tee-vee series featurin' the rootin'-tootin' Jay Family and starring ol' Elbie Jay—the kind of feller who never takes no for an answer. Not that he gets much opportunity.

As we join up with ol' Elbie today he and his two sidekicks Dean and Mac, are settin' in the parlor.

There's some whoopin' and hollerin' goin' on outside and the three are lookin' mighty glum.

Elbie (irritably): Just you listen to those voices of dissent and disunity out there protestin' my war. For the sake of national unity, why can't they be loyal Americans and support me in my heart-felt desire to bring our boys home from Vee-yet-nayem?

Dean: What are they shouting, sir?

Elbie: As usual, they're shoutin' (he shudders), "Bring

our boys home from Vee-yet-nayem."

Mac: Maybe you should make another speech, sir, outlining your wise policies and brilliant goals.

Elbie: I made 43 this week already. Each time I get up and I say in my magnanimous

fashion that this here's a free country and this man's got the right to his own opinions about the war.

Dean: That's right, sir.

Elbie: 'Course, logic requires I point out that Hanoi is listenin' to every word. And anybody who says he disagrees with me is givin' aid and comfort to the enemy. Not to mention the Republicans.

Mac: That's right, sir.

Elbie: And then I wind up on a kindly note of reasonableness by puttin' the two together. Any many, low-down, no-good, un-American, Commie-lovin' traitor, I say reasonably, therefore has the perfect right to disagree with me. As long as he don't say so out loud.

Dean and Mac (together): That's right, sir.

Elbie: And would you believe some of these polecats are goin' around sayin' I'm tryin' to stifle dissent. Me! Why, can you think of any man who loves dissent more 'n me?

Dean and Mac (together): No!

Elbie (nodding): That's a word I dearly love to hear you fellows say. If'n you fellows didn't say no to me once in a while, I might just conceivably make a mistake.

Dean and Mac (together): Impossible!

Elbie (smiling): Well, you got a right to your opinion. But, truth is, I'm not infallible, I'm only a mere mortal human bein'.

Dean and Mac (together): You're dead wrong, sir!

Elbie (beaming): And I respect you the more for your honest dissent. (Frowning) But why can't all folks dissent like that? If'n they did, I'd knuckle under, admit I was wrong and change my humble opinion of myself. No sacrifice is too great, I say, for national unity.

Well, tune in again, folks. And meanwhile, as you mosey down the windin' trail of life, remember what Elbie's ol' granddaddy used to say:

"Be tolerant of your fellow man and let him have any opinion he wants. As long as it's your'n. And if'n it ain't, just let him have it."

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