

### Calling All Seniors

Donald M. Hosteter, first member of the class of '58 to join the Alumni Association, has started a trend which we hope will "snowball." Graduating seniors, in their last minute rush, should not neglect to stop in the Alumni Association office (second floor of Russell House) and open their memberships.

Graduates should be interested not only in their own futures but in that of the University as well; in many respects they are interchangeable. Alumni Association membership is tangible evidence of continuing support of the University.

As a benefactor to its students the University, though unintentionally, is oftentimes not appreciated nor recognized as such. Besides its financial gifts (at least half of the cost of educating a student is supplied by the state through University channels) and the preparation for an occupation, there are

its other gifts of helping students toward the gradual realization of what education is, the broadening of the outlooks and attitudes brought to Carolina, etc.

Membership, which is three dollars per year, entitles its holder to a subscription to the *Alumni News*, *University Newsletters* and all other advantages of being an Association member. Even if graduating seniors are unable to join now, they are asked to come to the Alumni office to fill out a biographical sketch and receive a complimentary copy of the *News*.

The University has had too many graduates whose loyalty has been expressed mainly in pleasant reflections and sentiments about the time when. . . . What the University needs is alumni who will concretely support it with an enthusiasm similar to that of their undergraduate days.

### Thanks To Dean Sumwalt

In this our last editorial of the year we would like to commend Acting President of the University Dean Robert L. Sumwalt for the fine job he is doing. To have entered the portals of the president's office after the brilliant administration of Donald Russell would have been a herculean task for any man. Doctor Sumwalt has handled himself well. We would particularly like to mention the warm interest and concern he has shown towards students at all times.

There are students who, whether or not the impression is correct, feel that in their dealings with certain members of the Administration that they will be slighted. Doctor Sumwalt could never be said to contribute to such feelings. Students are impressed with his concern about them. They know that it is not merely "official." We feel that we are speaking for the Carolina community when we say to Dean Sumwalt, "You're doing a great job!"

### LETTERS TO EDITOR . . .

#### South Carolina Needs Donald Russell

Dear Editor:

This university is so far behind most other state schools in the nation that we wonder if it will ever catch up. Probably not, but one man gave it a good try; one man started us on our way. And if we ever make it, we shall have that one man to thank.

Donald Russell pulled Carolina up by its bootstraps, gave it a fatherly smack on the bottom, and put it back in the race for school progress, a race in which it had been scratched for a long time. He loved Carolina and he always will.

I am not saying that we should support Donald Russell politically merely because he made it possible for us to be proud of our school and our way of life, but that is an achievement, surely.

What Dr. Russell did for Carolina would be enough to satisfy a normal person for life. Many men would be proud to rest their laurels after such a job. But Dr. Russell is not an ordinary man. He is aware of his capabilities, and he is now ready to put them to use, on a larger scale.

Again, I am not advocating a vote for Dr. Russell merely because he helped this university and is ready to help this state. Although I believe those are reasons enough for most of us. But there is more.

We have heard talk in the past of the need for a strong leader who can make South Carolina a state to be proud of. For a long time we have had a need for such a man. Now he is in our midst. So let the students of USC leave this campus for their respective homes and there tell the people what he has done for us and what he will do for them. Not often have we banded together for such a singularly purposeful mission. We have fallen short before, when we should have worked together for our own good. Let us not do so this time, for we face our most important fight and to win would be a victory not only for us but for the whole state.

Surely the 300 students who spontaneously rallied behind Dr. Russell last week gave him more of an indication of his strength at Carolina than the Clariosophic Literary Society gave the other two candidates! And surely if all 5,000 students rally behind him in the weeks to come it will do more than indicate, it will promote victory.

Sincerely,  
Madeline King

versity registrar.

Besides fulfilling the office of registrar he used the authority which his position gave him to listen any time to a single student's complaints; to be generous with assistance; to contribute loyally to student publications any information which might be helpful to the University; and to take a personal interest in the students he knew. I suspect he was the same devoted person to the first class of students he taught at Camden in 1911.

Mr. Strohecker deserves sincere thanks from University students for the extra attention he has been willing to give, and which he has promised to give next semester when he will be consultant to the registrar.

The 1954 *Garnet and Black*, in its dedication to him, said, "We of Carolina will always hold a dear spot in our hearts for our friend, counselor, and advisor. . . . MR. STROHECKER."

Thank you, Mr. Strohecker.

Sincerely,  
Carol Watson

To one aspect of the University that's a primary defect—The ease with which the Theatre's been dismissed, nearly proved to us traumatic . . . Pray tell them, how we've overlooked so long the fact that we lack a Department of Dramatics!

It's truly beyond my understanding How the people of this state have been So frighteningly undemanding, For lo these many years, Of this service that's so rightfully theirs, their children's and their peers!

If preoccupation be the cry, I think it sad indeed That these busy people have no time to try To pay THEIR educational system its due heed.

I, for one, am awfully glad A few of us are twenty-one; It appears that such things as better Art and Music department facilities And establishment of a Drama Department Await our generations' abilities . . . If they're ever to get done! Too sincerely,  
Jackie Fleishman

#### USC Band Should Play For May Day

Dear Editor:

What happened to the University Band on May Day? I was very astonished when the Queen and her court marched in to the music of a record player. Everything else was carried out fine considering the weather.

The record player was not sufficient at all and several times the record was not started right and had to be started over again. I think that a record player must be used during the program to provide the entertainment for the queen. I am sure that the band can play a suitable march which would be appropriate for the entrance and the exit of the Queen and her court.

Next year, why not make May Day the best ever by using the University Band?

Sincerely,  
Larry May

#### These Jottings Just Happened

Dear Editor:

As for the jottings that ensue being in rhyme, let us just say that it happened that way. There is reason in complaining of the Warehouse Theatre's plight, And the need for an auditorium that's been voiced, is also right; A cultural program is essential for development of mind (Assuming, of course, this remains the purpose Of education for humankind).

Foreign movies would be lovely, As would lectures by the score; Art and music should be emphasized, yet, there still is something more . . . The lack of iteration is appalling with respect

#### Clariosophic Vote Wat Not An Endorsal

To The Gamecock:

I have been asked by the Clariosophic Literary Society to advise you that your publication's statement of last week (*Gamecock*, May 2) that our society has endorsed candidate Hollings for governor is totally untrue. We wish to make our position clear—the Clariosophic Literary Society has not and will not endorse any political candidate.

Your reference undoubtedly was to the "straw-election" which the society sponsored, to which all University students were invited and which was widely publicized beforehand. The election was well attended and more than two-thirds of the votes cast were by students other than members of our society.

As a further indication of the society's impartiality, I would like to point out that the winner in the straw-ballot was candidate Hollings, an honorary member of the Euphradian Society — our traditional rivals for more than 150 years, while candidate Russell who polled the lowest number of votes is a distinguished member of our own society.

I should like to reiterate: the Clariosophic Literary Society does not endorse any political candidate. Thank you for your attention and notation.

Clarence T. Easterling, Jr.

#### Appreciation Expressed For Mr. Strohecker

Dear Editor:

Not only the man with the experience of 47 active years working with students of South Carolina public schools and colleges, but mostly the man himself, as he has been to University students, will be missed when Henry Oswald Strohecker retires as Uni-

### ANTHONY E. BROWN . . .

#### An Edict By Rex, Lord Of Misrule

REX, by the grace of Politics, Lord of Misrule; of the Sovereign State of South Carolina; of the several inhabitants therein, and of the Educational Institutions located therein, bids all Hail.

After having thoroughly perused all available evidence and records of the affairs existing

within our most august council, we do hereby, through the powers invested in us by the officers and leaders of that sovereign state, issue this Edict as our lawful will and pleasure.

WHEREAS, there exists within the limits of the Capital City of the said sovereign state of South Carolina a large and team-

ing Center of Higher Education, which is governed by us and our appointed officials as we may please, there be no others worthy in our eyes for the task; and whereas there exists on the grounds of this most mercenary Center of Education a large and cumbersome Building of Administration, wherein several large

and noble officials keep their offices and operate their several facilitative machines: Be it known to all and sundry that we do hereby decree that, from now and forever after, this said building shall be vacated by its present inhabitants with their sundry writing desks, secretaries, pencil sharpeners, and other embellishments of their offices, by the first day of June, A.D. 1958, and the said present inhabitants shall remove themselves, bag and baggage, to other, more pleasant habitations. It is our Royal wish that the removed individuals shall find comfortable and adequate space for all their peculiar needs in the new and beautiful Warehouse Theater, it being one of the largest and most adequately equipped buildings on the Campus, and is dispensable to any purpose which may happen to incite our Royal pleasure.

Furthermore, be it known that after the date of vacation or forced removal, as the case may be, the said Building shall be used in any manner which pleases us, protestations to the contrary from our inferiors notwithstanding. It has been also wisely decided by our most august council that all surplus and outdated state statutes, Blue Laws, and Jim Crow Acts shall be stored in the rooms of the second floor of the Building which are now inhabited by the various Ruling Bodies of the said Center of Learning; and that the members of our Royal Militia shall be at leisure to store any and all firearms, uniforms and accoutrements as pleases them in the several partitioned areas of the ground floor level of the Building.

And any and all persons who are at present inhabitants of the Building or who are merely Slaves of State studying at the Institution are hereby cautioned that any declamations made contradictory to this our Imperial Decree shall be labelled as Acts of the Highest Treason; that there shall be no printing, speaking, or libelous action made in constraint with our Royal Wishes, under penalties as set down in the Seditious and Espionage Acts.

THIS IS OUR PLEASURE.

Decreed at Atlantis, this Sixteenth Day of the month of May, 1958, in the One Hundred and Second day of our reign.

By the King in his Castle,  
REX, Lord of Misrule



"Looks Like Dudley Didn't Get That Draft Deferment After All"

### Second Voyage

JO ALLEN BRADHAM

Editor's note: This is the winning poem of the Euphrosyne Contest.

Yeats, old man, fond scarecrow, smiling,  
Yeats, passed by time, too searching, defeated.  
Yeats, is there room in Byzantium for another?  
Haven of those born to think, condemned to pain.  
Respite to those made to feel, damned to pain.  
Balm of those believing love, hated to pain.  
Yeats, old man, I shall come to you in Byzantium,  
For I too live in a land that has no room for me.  
And may Byzantium be beyond pain.  
Symbol of thought, may it be beyond thought.  
Blessed are they which think not, for they shall be happy.  
Blessed are they which feel not, for they shall have peace.  
Blessed are they which love not, for they shall have no unanswered questions.

Thus spoke Today, standing on a glass hill,  
Forbidding the children.  
Yeats, swan lover, I shall come moon clad riding a swan.  
A white swan molded of milk white silk,  
And we shall live in the tower beyond thought.

### Quotes

Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.

However mean your life is, meet it and live it; do not shun it and call it hard names. It is not so bad as you are. It looks poorest when you are richest. Love your life, poor as it is.

The cast of a thing is the amount of life required to be exchanged for it.

I am sorry to think that you do not get a man's most effective criticism until you provoke him. Severe truth is expressed with some bitterness.

—Thoreau

### Two Tales Of The Same City

(Editor's Note: This letter, which is considered extremely pertinent, is published as a special column.)

Dear Editor:

The editorial policy of *The Gamecock* has been clear, relative to its choice of gubernatorial candidates.

I'm grateful, therefore, to *The Gamecock* and its editor, Mr. Williams, for the space supplied to me to introduce into the political discussion the Lieutenant-Governor of this state who is now a candidate for Governor, Mr. Ernest F. Hollings. This liberty I would not take had I not been convinced during the past few weeks that the legion of Hollings' supporters on this campus was growing rapidly, and even now constitutes a sizable portion of the student body; thus their position should be heard.

This "Hollings for Governor" sentiment was made manifest about two weeks ago when the Clariosophic Literary Society conducted a mock political rally, concluded by a straw ballot of those students attending. As everyone now knows, that vote was overwhelmingly in support of Fritz Hollings. While I agree with the eminently fair and reasonable Mr. Lewis Cromer that ". . . no given segment of the student body can accurately reflect the entire student body's opinion," I am forced to contend that the incredulous have overlooked the significant issues: Since the meeting was open to all who would come, notice thereof having been given publicly seven days in advance, it is reasonable to then assume that the most interested and enthusiastic students would trouble themselves to attend. It follows easily then that Fritz Hollings can instill in his supporters an enthusiasm lacking in others. This contention is even stronger when one considers that the attendance at this meeting was treble that of an ordinary meet-

ing, and that the idea for this meeting was given birth in the mind of the Clariosophic program chairman, and not salaried, adult, county organizers. (However, I'm sure that there are not many who would subscribe to the theory that since only 200 students out of 5,000 turned out for a "spontaneous demonstration," the remaining had tacitly aligned themselves in opposition.)

Let me now review briefly why Ernest Hollings has been able to engender this zeal and loyalty among his friends. One of the reasons might be that ever since graduation from the University of South Carolina Law School, he has devoted his career and energies to South Carolina's government. In three successive elections for the General Assembly, he received more votes than any other candidate from his county. Twice during that period, he was elected unanimously as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, and after being elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1954 by a better than two to one majority has served as President of the Senate.

Now after all, facts like these are only significant when they are superimposed over, and compared against the circumstances — so let's glance at the circumstances. No other candidate can present a record of service even approaching the above. With the exception of Mr. Johnston's position as Mayor of Anderson, neither of the candidates has served as an elected official of the people in any capacity and hence has never had his administrative abilities tested by the demanding mistress of public and political office. The people of this state have been so satisfied with Fritz Hollings that they have time and again returned him to places where the others have never been originally.

Being forced to substitute theories for facts like these, Mr. Russell's supporters have ad-

vanced the equation "that a good college president equals a good Governor." This rule, unfortunately, has seldom been tested and never been proved.

It is possible that in their haste to formulate this equation, the supporters of Mr. Russell have been forced to adopt conflicting views in respect to this University's administration. For political purposes, the administration has been magnificent—but for other purposes, the administration's actions have been, in the words of last week's *The Gamecock*, "lethargic," "lamentable," "deplorable," and "approaches dereliction to duty." They have objected to the outrageous and demeaning fine system and to the student union building which was large enough for only two years. While they have boasted that this University has recently been able to again outbid a major university for the services of one new professor, they fail to mention that it is actions of this type that have made salaries paid our regular professors the lowest, on the average, of the salaries paid by any other state university in the nation.

When pressed, the supporters

of Mr. Russell invariably retreat to the fortress based on the premise that Mr. Russell has been responsible for the progress and actions of this University. Yet we hear them constantly condemning these very actions. Surely, this not only reveals a dual approach, but places them in the untenable position of storming their own fortress.

An article of this sort, crowding in many issues, posing many questions, is unsatisfactory at best, and would never have been written had not *The Gamecock* purported week after week to present to the public a picture of campus political unanimity. I have no quarrel with their right to present their position couched in any language they see fit to use—but as said by Mr. Cromer last week, there must be "no misconception of student opinion," and I add, "on either side." It is my opinion, at the time of this writing, that a majority of South Carolinians and a substantial and ever-growing number of Carolina students believe in and support for Governor — Mr. Ernest F. Hollings.

Sincerely,  
John Graham Altman



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