

COURT DECIDES SGA POWER

by Skip Lewis

Does the Senate have the constitutional right of confirmation over Presidential appointments? This question, long a point of controversy between the Executive and Legislative branches of our Student Government, was finally laid to rest when the Senate decided to turn the matter over to the Student Court for deliberation, and a final decision on the intention of a somewhat vague constitution. Although only given the power of hearing and recommending action in cases of student misconduct, and then only if the student chooses to have his case heard by the Student Court, the Student Court was able to act in a decision-making capacity by virtue of the authority vested in the Student Court by the Senate, and on the good faith expressed in action as well as in deed by both the senate and executive board.

The Honorable Chief Justice James Lewis, the Honorable Justice Leroy Howell, the Honorable Justice Karen Johnson, the Honorable Justice Dave Keller, the Honorable Justice Carol Sims, and the Honorable Justice Dennis Lonergan met in closed session on January 25th, to decide on constitutional intention. Cases representing both arguments were presented before the Justices by President Lee Levan, spokesman for the Executive Branch, and by Frank Dulisse, spokesman for the Senate.

The test case which prompted the action of the Senate and consequently of the Student Court evolved around the position of the treasurer. Since the beginning of school, when the duly elected treasurer Lucien Cross resigned, there has been debate as to how the position should be filled in case of such an event. The Constitution was vague on the point, and many interpretations could be understandably obtained.

Controversy subsided when President Levan appointed Patti Patterson and when the Senate gave her appointment what was termed a "vote of confidence".

Opinions on the interpretation flared again when the Executive Branch gave Miss Patterson a "leave of absence" for the Winter Term and appointed Steve Wesley as acting treasurer without asking for the confirmation by the Senate.

The situation was made even more arguable by accusations of inefficiency on the part of Miss Patterson. So stood the situation when the Senate voted to have the Student Court hear and render a decision on the constitutional interpretation of Senate Confirmations of Executive Appointments.

The text of the Student Court's decision may be found in the Letters to the Editor column in this issue of the CAPITOLIST.

PARKING

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continuing education. During Fall Term there were 331 traffic violations issued. Many of these 331 violations were for failure to register the vehicle. Out of this 331 there were 72 appeals filed of which 46 were excused. The number of persons who paid fines was 156.

Traffic fines collected are deposited in the Student Government account. During the Fall Term \$319. was deposited from this source. In general, most pay \$1. to \$3. However, the fines based on the accumulation of violations has amounted to as high as \$50. for one student.

One area of discontent seems to be centered around the issuance of moving violations. The last issue of the *Capitolist* reported that the Meade Heights Board has threatened to remove all speed limit signs and stop signs from Mead Heights if "Mr. Paul continues to enforce moving violations so rigidly." The Vehicle Registrar reports that only three citations were issued during Fall Term that involved moving violations and only one of these was in Meade Heights. That can hardly be called rigid enforcement. There were approximately 120 university persons (students, faculty and staff) stopped for poor driving habits on campus and warned about the dangerous situation they were creating, not only for themselves but possibly for others. Also approximately eighty non-university personnel were stopped.

Many take the position that because we are a university community we warrant special consideration under the law and that it is not necessary to enforce driving regulations on campus. Serious accidents can occur here; an experience two years ago proved that. No one is out to harass the students. One concern of the university is the protection of each student's person and property. Persons who ignore the speed limits and signs on campus are a threat to your person and your property as well as to their own.

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Some Complaints by a Student Driven Insane by Chaucer

M. J. Kane, Jr.

I have a few words to dispel
Some gripes inspired by Lee Nell.
So here I submit for your view
My rambling poetry, poor though true,
My head aches with the pain of it;
I apologize for this exhibit
Of Midi-evil phrasing and display.
'One's head must follow,' so some say,
'The path that delivers him of peace.'
And after reading Chaucer I have ceased
Students, forgive me but it all must out
By motely meter and ragged rhyme.
To 'pitch my bitch' here comes the time.
As has been said in times of old,
I buckle on my courage and make bold,
The truth will follow freely as a bird
Aloft on golden wing lets go a turd.

To start with the environs here around
Were made for a military-style town
And not conducive to the noble pursuit
Of honest, moral learning that is the root
Of all our being here. But let that be
We adapt as best we can, you see,
And seem to find our knowledge in the books
Of learned men and not in a building's looks.
I protest an ignoble deference
That prohibits students from the chance
To hear finer music and oratory
That is entombed, as in a mortuary,
In our library. We second-class citizens
Are not permitted to take into our humble dens
These records that the faculty can.
I do protest for to a man
Our equipment is much better.
And if you find some fault within this letter
You'll find more fault with me.
But, let me repeat my simple plea,
'Let Students be as honored as Faculty
For without us where would you be.
Though you have not the integrity
To allow our clumsy hands to play
These records where we chose today,
Tomorrow you'll complain about our rock
And jazz while you hoard the classic stock!'

Another thing before I depart
I'm troubled to the very core of heart
To find I reason for the fee
We pay to add a course to three.
Two dollars is not much, I do ordain,
But what is it but a trifling pain
In places where I will not dare to say?
For an extra course one does not pay
Tuition; but this trifling sum still stands
Perhaps to feed the computer's greedy hands,
Or does it go to pay a well paid clerk
Who begrudgingly does the boring work
Not 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam'
But enter you who have the sum!
To speak in prose and utter rhymes instead.
I bear this heavy burden into my bed
Where wifey love is set in fine desire
But rhyming thus extinguishes her fire.

At last its done and now I go
To try and expiate my woe.
And if you wish to curse this verse
Curse me too, for I am the worse;
I fear the days are all but gone
When I was wont to don
Bell-bottom jeans and a shabby coat
And say 'Funkyl!' For now I gloat
In tattered rags of Monk's visage
And read aloud a biblical passage.
And time to time I swear in Anglo-Saxon
For never to grasp a wench with flaxen
Hair with breasties round and full,
I pine away in celibate disguise.
And people tremble in my eyes
For ghastly is the sight they see
For Chaucer has been demise to me!

POET'S CORNER *ECOLOGY*

by Roger L. Hawkins

Rising Birch tall meek and slender
Towering over and making all surrender
Your generosity will long be remembered
Or will it?

The many faces you have brightened
Doors you have opened and cracks you have shut
Put you no doubt amongst nature's very best

But as your competitors increasingly unfold
Man and cities alike
Trampling and infuriating you for cheaper and more
Meaningless gains

Your elegance diminishes

Still somehow you preserve your existence
The strength you maintain is imperishable
No earthly bound creature can attain your veracity
Only can they mutilate in a naive capacity

Yes you continue to hold your head
Far above the storms of man
And take the last and final stand
Into the priceless walls of vanity land

LECTURE

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After her Berlin engagement, she assembled her first one-woman show, *Female of the Species*, which she presented at settlement houses, churches and schools. She followed this with *Shout Freedom*, another compilation of staged poetry, prose and excerpts from Gibran, Benet, Thurber, Edward Field, Alice Childress, Alan Paton and others. *Shout Freedom* won wide acceptance and acclaim on college campuses throughout the country. *Walk Together Children*, her newest compilation, had its origin in a church service at the St. Clements Church, New York City home of the American Place Theater. The overwhelming response encouraged Miss Burrows to expand the program and the 90-minute show opened on November 11, 1968, at Manhattan's Greenwich Mews Theatre, to wide critical acclaim. *Walk Together Children* has recently been recorded by Spoken Arts.

Miss Burrows explained her reasons for doing a one-woman show: "As a black actress whose talents have never been fully used in our theatre, I have turned to solo performances, not merely to find employment but also to gain a greater measure of artistic fulfillment and personal satisfaction. In creating the six completely different programs in my solo repertoire, I have tapped a rich vein from my own black culture and heritage."

The campus Cultural Programming Committee urges all students, faculty, staff and friends to attend this performance at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium on February 8, 1971. Miss Burrows performance should be one of the highlights of this year's series. Don't be one of those who say the next day "I sure wish I had been there last night, I hear Miss Burrows was tremendous".

CLUB CHARTERS TO BE REVOKED

Due to the apparent lack of student interest, the charters for the following student organizations may be revoked by the SGA: Delta Tau Kappa (Social Science Honor Society), Flying Club, Pnarque (Literary Magazine), Outing Club, and Sigma Delta Chi Sorority.

If there is any student who wishes to revive any of these organizations or, who for any reason, does not believe that one or more of these charters should be revoked, please contact either Tom Black at 238-7479, any member of Student Government, or Dean South.

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