

Wallace's past record supports segregation

George C. Wallace won his first election, to the Alabama House of Representatives, in 1946. Revered among his colleagues as an outstanding legislator while there, Wallace moved into the political arena of national attention during the 1948 Democratic National Convention.

His fame as an unsuccessful leader against a strong civil rights platform at the convention was ironically gained at the same time his opponent, Hubert Humphrey, gained national recognition as one strongly pushing the civil rights plank.

Wallace went on to win the judgeship of the Alabama Third Judicial Circuit in 1953. He held the position until 1959 and during his tenure in office he sentenced a Caucasian male to life imprisonment for murdering a Negro, an unprecedented show of racial justice in the Southern state for years.

The Alabama judge made an unsuccessful push for governor in 1958. After losing, Wallace declared, "They out-niggered me that time, but they'll never do it again." During that election the Ku Klux Klan had not backed Wallace but he made sure they would in the future.

Wallace's campaign had the help of the KKK and the issue of segregation, as well as his saying of the Supreme Court that the office did not have "the legal brains to try a chicken

thief." He also slashed hard at his opponent, state Senator Ryan deGraffenried, in declaring that deGraffenried was "an integrating, scalawagging, carpetbagging, bald-faced liar."

These issues won him the election and in his inaugural address Wallace spoke in terms of "the great Anglo-Saxon Southland" and sounded of the "tyranny that clanks its chains upon the South" in declaring that there would be "Segregation now — segregation tomorrow — and segregation forever."

Strong Segregationist

Segregation had always been strong in the Alabama

Governor's heart. This belief in segregation led him to a conflict with the federal government dating back to his refusal of a federal court order to turn over voter registration files of Barbour and Bullock counties for investigation.

Governor of Alabama Wallace used his police powers as much as possible in supporting segregation. Even though he maintained that local governments should have the right to decide school policies concerning segregation, he mobilized over 100 state troopers to order Macon County Board of Education members to close their high schools after they, the local school board, had

voted to desegregate the high school in Tuskegee.

The head of the Alabama State Police at the time, Al Lingo, said of the incident, "we hit 'em early and caught 'em off guard. We went up on their porches and rapped on their doors and got 'em up out of bed — they came to their doors with their pajamas on, and we handed them the governor's orders then went and ringed around the school to make sure it stayed closed."

Wallace's record while Governor of Alabama shows that he increased the indebtedness of the state by 188.5 million dollars and issued a 100-million dollar bond for highways. For state financing he ignored property taxes and instead relied on additional revenue gained by doubling the beer tax in the state and increasing the sales tax. Likewise, taxes were increased on cigarettes and motel trade.

In a state where over 40 per cent of the male citizens called for military service are disqualified for either illiteracy or ill-health, Wallace used much of the money by giving education a shot in the arm. He managed to raise teacher's salaries in the state from an average of 3,934 dollars in 1961-62 to 5,117 dollars per year in 1967. He also helped develop the badly neglected country roads in the state.

Wallace also put some of the money into some of the welfare promises he had made to the aged in 1962. He said at that time that he would raise their assistance to at least 100 dollars per month. This was not accomplished, but Wallace did manage to raise them from 69.30 dollars to 69.65 dollars during his service in office.

The governor was also instrumental in acquiring funds for mental health and prison reform.

Fall book exchange called 'tremendous success'

The Veterans' book exchange program, the first of its kind on campus, was described last week by past president, John Craig, as "a tremendous success."

The exchange program initiated this fall was the brainchild of the Veterans club, an organization which itself only came into being last year.

One problem which the club hadn't foreseen, project chairman, Jim Cormney commented, was the ambiguous way a majority of the students received the program because of its title "Book Exchange."

"Many of the students bringing in books," Cormney continued, "thought that they had to bring books to exchange for other books. As soon as students realized that the didn't have to 'exchange' anything in order to buy or sell a book, they were generally quite pleased with the program and anxious to cooperate."

Approximately 3,000 books were handled this semester and the veterans expect the number to increase ten-fold next semester. Books which students failed to pick up before the Oct. 2 deadline are now in the director's office at West Hall. They may be reclaimed anytime before Oct. 23.

Next semester's exchange program, according to Craig, should be much better organized and better equipped to handle problems. He called this semester's attempt "just a trial run."

The veterans recently elected new officers for the school year. They are as follows: Ray Ingram, president; Wendol Maxwell, vice president; John Young, secretary; Richard Peete, treasurer; and Ed Haney, sergeant at arms.

Any veteran wishing to obtain membership should contact one of the above officers.

Pledges have morning drill behind State

By JOHN KNIGHT

"Good morning, girls! How are you this morning?" No, Virginia, that isn't the good fairy awakening you. It's the Pershing Rifles pledges in their morning drill.

Every morning at six, some 20 P.R.'s have tried to arouse State Hall coeds with their daily greeting, a part of the regular routine the pledges are getting used to.

Pershing Rifles is a fraternal extension of ROTC. It is the only PR group in the region organized in this way.

Company B-3 of the Pershing Rifles has announced its pledges for this semester. According to pledgemaster Danny Gritton, 19 men are in the initial phases of pledgship.

They are:

Tom Anderson, Tom Allen, James Amick, Chipper Baggett, Mike Barlow, Ken Byrd, Donaki Clark, Daniel Donsky, Ray Hampton.

Dale Hudnall, Pete Gritton, Richard Kimura, Ken LaPlante, William Pierce, Doug Ross, Terry Rogers, Larry Stratton, John Tharpe and Ken Tuggle.

To qualify for membership, prospects must have a 2.5 academic standing. Scholarship is stressed by means of a required study period from 7 to 10 every school night. Consequently, there aren't any formal dates during the week for the pledges.

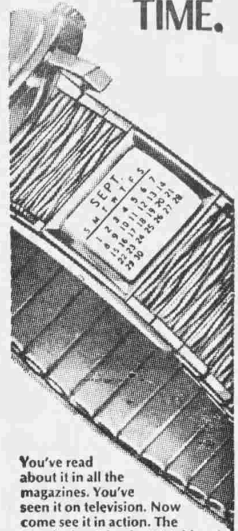
But studying isn't all the P.R.'s do. They have organized parties and activities for the fraternity members and their dates. And, they participate in all of the university functions.

The pledge period, which lasts for six weeks, is designed to educate the prospective members on military and civilian courtesies. As an added incentive to learn, there are always those extra laps around Diddle Arena or extra push-ups on Saturday during "exercise" period.

The drill team is well-known throughout the country from their top finishes in meets with schools such as Purdue, Illinois and Vanderbilt.

Capt. James E. Bigelow II of the military science department is sponsor of the organization.

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