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Ain't Cricket

Uncle Sam wants you — and if you don't join up it is most likely that he will sooner or later get you anyhow. This is a statement that most students have pretty much come to accept — but should his boys be allowed to sit on our front steps and tell us so. Well, we think not.

We have been greatly concerned for a long time about why the school allows the military services to park their men and displays in the lobby of our classroom building for the purpose of soliciting recruits. It is not part of our graduation requirements to have to listen to the recruiter's propaganda. We have not recently head of the Marines becoming a campus organization, and it is very doubtful that one could call what they are selling very Christian — and our college does hold great stock in Christian principles?

Furthermore we feel that the presence of the military in our own classroom building is very demoralizing to many students. The college student has enough pressure upon him without increasing it by waving the flag right in front of his nose.

It is our feeling that if the military services can set up their propaganda in the lobby then why can't other employers? As it now stands civilian employers must go through the placement office and hold their conferences in the Music Building. It seems there is an inconsistency here. Either the military should be made to abide by the same rules as other employers, or they should not be allowed on campus at all.

False Rumors

The main reason for establishing a policy of not making the procedures and contents of individual Discipline and Morale committee meetings open to the public was to protect the students as much as possible. However, recently it seems that it is being used for another purpose. It appears that several of the students who have appeared before the committee and have received disciplinary action have used the fact that the student body will not be able to know what has gone on in the meetings to gain sympathy from the students and undermine the integrity of the committee. Not only have some of these students known that false rumors were being spread, but they have also encouraged them. Because the students do not know what has gone on in the meetings defendants have been able to say that politics were involved in a decision, they weren't presented with the evidence, and they didn't know why they were kicked out.

It is our feeling that such statements are malicious and without merit. One good proof of this is the fact that in all recent cases students who have been disciplined have admitted their guilt. In our opinion the committee members are of the highest integrity. The job they are faced with is a difficult one, and one which produces results which can never please everyone.

Therefore take a more skeptical look at rumors concerning the procedures and decisions of this committee. If it is felt our judicial system should be changed then do something constructive about it instead of helping to spread false rumors which only demoralize our campus.

Readers' Forum

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the yearbook staff, I want to say some things that have needed saying for quite some time. I want to say that my staff and I are aware of the poorly organized manner in which class pictures and picture orders have been handled. We apologize, very sincerely, for the several inconveniences that the student body has had to undergo.

On the other hand, we want to make it known that we are in no way connected with the handling of class pictures. Due to unavoidable circumstances, a break down of photo processing equipment at a plant in South Carolina, most of the photos taken in September had to be retaken. At that point, class pictures were taken out of our hands, and placed entirely in the hands of Peter Batten Studios in Tarboro. Picture orders have been handled in an abominable manner. There has been definite lack of notification as to when orders could be made and be expected to be returned, and this has been extremely unfortunate for the Seniors who need those pictures for the placement office and for applications of various sorts. I extend a special apology to these persons.

I also want to let it be known that several people who had their pictures taken, and taken twice, at that, will not have their class pictures in the year book. Some of these people are graduating seniors. For several "unexplained" reasons, the photographers failed to return them. There has been definite lack of responsibility here. I want it to be known, however, that it has not been on the part of my staff. Please just be forewarned that your photo might be lacking in May.

For every one inconvenience, that the student body has had to undergo, my staff has undergone ten times as many. We had been expecting the return of pictures for the yearbook class section for several weeks, but we did not receive them until one week before our final deadline submission. One seventh of the entire book had to be put together in less than a week!

If you will, then, consider our position and overlook this one mentioned area of weakness, I believe that you will be very proud to claim the 1966-67 Pine Knot as your college yearbook. We, on the staff, are proud of our efforts and we believe that you will agree with us, in May, when we say that this year's book will be the finest annual that ACC has yet had.

Sincerely,
Janie McCormick
Pine Knot Editor

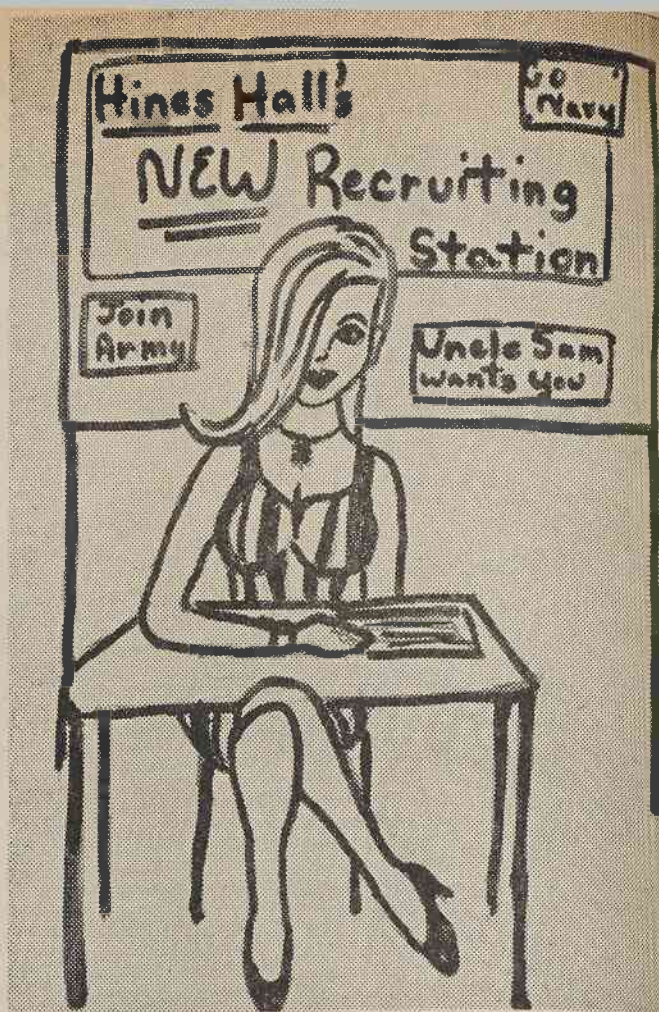
January 28, 1967

Dear Mr. Editor,

The days since the beginning of semester break have proved quite profitable for the Phantom of Hilley Hall. At least, this is true on the west wing of fourth floor. Within this time, two pieces of expensive luggage have "walked" out of the trunk room. Also, there seems to be an epidemic of leg-sprouting among wallets.

As you have probably guessed, I was the owner of one of these legged wallets. Needless to say, I will never be able to replace some of the items in it. But, that is not the aspect of the situation that bothers me most. It bothers me to think that I am living in a place where I have to lock my door every time I go down the hall or go next door (which, incidentally, is where I was when the theft occurred). And it bothers me, too, to think that nothing is being done to stop the Phantom. This is not the first rampage she has been on this school year and I doubt that it will be the last unless something is done to discover the identity of and to punish justly the mysterious cause of the disappearances. It seems to me that if such stern action is taken on plagiarizing, that stealing should be acted upon with even sterner action. As long as nothing is done, it

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What Next? * #

News and Views

By DWIGHT WAGNER

Within recent weeks the people of North Carolina have seen their state center much of its attention on two prime issues. The State Legislature when it convenes in a couple of weeks will have to devote much time to the central issues of public education and alcohol. Yet, there is some question as to whether either of these concerns will be dealt with in both a realistic and practical manner. If public response can be used as an indicator our doubt increases only to a greater degree.

Suppose we look at these issues. A recent article in "The News and Observer" pointed out in a clear and precise manner the serious problem this state has in the area of public education. Compared with all other states, and especially surrounding states, North Carolina's school systems are sadly lacking. Teachers' salaries are very low, and facilities in the schools do not begin to meet the demand in either quantity or quality. Many school teachers leave the state for better paying jobs in other states, and the article pointed out that North Carolina is a fertile area for raiding ventures by school systems outside the state. Many potential teachers are trained in North Carolina's colleges and universities but a vast number of these people do not stay in the state. Unfortunately for North Carolina, many who leave are often the most talented people this state has produced in this field of study.

However, despite the obvious problem, the state as a whole does not seem to be concerned about the matter. Gov. Moore recently stated that the state

had a surplus in funds and that a tax cut might well be in order. No mention was made of the great needs of public education. It might also be noted that not too many citizens have concerned themselves with the problem, at least there has not been much public discussion of the matter. It is this apparent lack of concern that is disturbing.

A lack of concern has not been the problem when it comes to the issue of "brown bagging." Since the State Supreme Court declared this practice illegal a few months ago there has been a great hue and cry from all parts of the state. It has been interesting to observe the emotionalism that has arisen over this topic, and especially to read the letters to the editor in various newspapers. Quoting the Bible and screaming for a return to Prohibition does not seem like a very practical manner to deal with this issue, and it appears that very little attention has been given to seeing how other states handle this type of situation. It is amazing and rather sad, to see how many people are willing to discard practical considerations of economy and other social matters merely for the sake of outdated fundamentalism.

If people were truthful, and stopped to consider reality, they would have to admit that in a comparison of these two issues the area of concern is on the wrong question. It would be encouraging to see these problems dealt with in a non-emotional approach with definite action being taken in the area that needs it most. But, perhaps that might be too much to ask of our society.

In Memorium

To the Editor:

I find it difficult to write a letter in tribute to a person such as Barbara Ann Ferrell. As I sit here searching for words, I can't help but think about what she would want. I don't believe she would want a straight-laced letter of sympathy that reads like a typical obituary. I think she'd rather have us look at one of her pictures and really try to understand what she was trying to express. . . listen to a good soul album and remember her love for music. . . read a book of poetry about love and nature and life itself. . . sit under a tree by a stream during a spring shower, appreciating the

beauty that Nature had to offer her. Barbara was an individual in every sense, and she truly lived her life to the fullest measure.

As a member of the sophomore class, I extend our deepest sympathy to her parents and family. As one lucky enough to share her friendship, I wish to convey the feeling of loss that each of her close friends feel. As her roommate, I can only say that I consider myself fortunate to have known such a sensitive individual. May each treasure our precious memories. . .

Sincerely,
Frances Gladson