

## The Collegiate

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## Guiding The Light

Americans have long been granted freedom of the press. But is the press really free? Perhaps we should look at the treatment the press has experienced in the past few years. The events that led to Nixon's impeachment show that the news media is very active in politics. But we should look at the question of the protection of sources. Every case that involves the media leads to this basic problem. But I think the question should be raised, "if this is a government by the people why are the people not allowed certain information?" As biased towards the media as I am, I'll concede that something really involving the national security should be kept out of the press. But I also think that less material is relevant to national security than actually is claimed. That is what this whole FBI and CIA issue concerns.

However, The Collegiate is a campus press not a news agency. So what should be aired in its pages? The college is not an institution involved in foreign wars, so national security is no issue. Therefore everything that concerns the student body is fair game. In the future, I plan to print the budgets of the organizations sponsored by the SGA, this paper being no exception. I think the students should know the salaries of their elected officials, mine included. Administration and SGA policy is in constant open season — if a policy seems bigoted, I'll say so. But praise will be given where praise is due.

There are two main points that The Collegiate stands for. First, this paper is published by and for the students. It is their forum for voicing their opinions. Secondly, this is a news organ designed to inform the students about things that affect them.

Letters to the Editor are greatly appreciated. I will try to print every letter that appears on my desk, but let one thing be understood: The Collegiate is under no legal pressure to publish every letter to the editor. All letters to the editor should be at The Collegiate office no later than noon on Monday before the paper is published on Thursday. They should not exceed three hundred words. No obscene language will be tolerated. College students should know enough about the English Language to express themselves in some semblance of a civilized manner. Every letter to the editor must be signed. Any letter not adhering to these rules will be returned to the author for editing (or destroyed if it remains unsigned).

Advertising is the only outside income this paper gets. We appreciate the business our advertisers give us, therefore we actively seek new ads. However, advertising matter must also adhere to the editorial policy.

So this is my editorial policy. I will try my best to stick to it for the benefit of the student body as well as the staff. If we all work together, the '75-'76 school year can be one worth remembering.

Briggs Petway

## Freshman Class

## Elections

Monday and Tuesday

October 13th and 14th.

## Paper Vs. SGA

# Students Helping Students

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article appeared in The Technician, the student newspaper at NCSU. The story appeared on September 8, 1975. The date is past history, but the piece relates a very real problem encountered by many colleges. All the students at Atlantic Christian should hope the rivalries between the SGA and the various organizations never reach the point of triviality and pettiness experienced the "southern part of Heaven."

By HOWARD BARNETT  
Assistant Editor

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's student newspaper, the Daily Tar Heel, is not publishing this morning

due to lack of funds. Cutting out this week's Monday issue follows a reduction in size last week because of the money crunch.

The financial dilemma came after UNC's Student Body Treasurer, Mike O'Neal, refused to release the newspaper's student fees for the semester, around \$13,000 in a lump sum. O'Neal instead decided to release he funds in seven monthly installments.

O'Neal said he was concerned that the amount under "accounts receivable" (payments which have yet to be collected from advertisers) was too much, and therefore decided to portion out the newspaper's student fees to force them to collect more of the debts faster.

THE AMOUNT O'Neal agreed

to give the paper was insufficient, according to DTH Business Manager Reynolds Bailey, because the paper was unusually large for the first three issues, and needed the capital for those issues.

"THE AD STAFF" has been going around to friendly merchants and asking them if they can pay us sonner than they planned. We have been getting some money, but the ad staff hasn't been able to sell any new ads," Campbell explained.

O'Neal felt that the 13 per cent figure for accounts receivable for the newspaper was excessive, but Dick Pope, a graduate business student and member of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) who mediated between the two sides, said, "I think it's a perfectly acceptable business practice. Mike is doing an acceptable job of monitoring the treasury but this is one area where he didn't have the expertise to immediately see what the accounts receivable meant."

O'Neal said that arrangements should have been made to get more of the \$24,000 in accounts receivable, and that the merchants had no reason to not to go ahead and give the paper the money.

Campbell, however, pointed out that the fall is a time when merchants normally have cash reserves tied up in larger-than-normal inventories to accommodate the back-to-school rush.

IN AN EDITORIAL printed in the Tar Heel Friday, Campbell said, "Ads have been turned away because there is not enough cash on hand to pay for papers large enough to include all the ads ... Current advertisers have been alienated because we have not been able to extend them credit regardless of their prestige and credit rating within the business community."

O'Neal agreed to release an additional \$2,500 from the September allotment of student fees, but the DTH staff is trying to get the entire amount for the semester released. It would reportedly take at two-thirds majority of the CGC to bring such a measure before the body, since the finance committee has not introduced one.

"THERE HAS BEEN a long political battle between student government and the Daily Tar

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## Language Shifts

James J. Kilpatrick, conservative syndicated columnist, has recently written several articles dealing with the current state of affairs in education; he has reflected upon lowering SAT scores, noted the weak English skills exhibited by candidates for schools of journalism, and even defended his and other columnists' broad vocabularies.

The central idea in Kilpatrick's commentaries along these lines is his distress over the decline of language. The idea is important but not new, for numerous writers have concerned themselves with it for many years (Consider, for instance, George Orwell's treatment of the subject in 1984).

Many people suffer from a lack of perspective in regard to their language for one important reason: their language is all they have ever known and, seemingly, all that is available to them.

Fortunately, no one is really confined to the limits of their own experience in this respect, for libraries and bookstores are ripe with the means of obtaining a heritage of language and thought that many people, especially of the younger generation, have missed.

If modern technology has, as many contend, let us become poor speakers and even poorer writers, it has also furnished us gifts in the form of countless libraries and bookstores. In the past, no one could have enjoyed so many books as we can today (Ironically, they probably gained more essential wisdom from the few they were able to obtain).

It is not important that everyone become a scholar during their academic career, but recognizing the treasure of language available is perhaps a practical necessity — in being a well-rounded individual and one who can look with a degree of insight into the world around and make a contribution.

John Paca

Better Late  
Than Never ...

