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Bomb The Ban

What is the age of maturity? The Bible says 12; the law of the land has three ages, a separate one for driving, drinking, and voting.

The state of North Carolina now has on its books a law that declares a person has to be out of college before he is mature. It states this in House Bill 1395, the Speaker Ban Law.

The state of North Carolina says that a person in college does not have the mental maturity to decide for himself what is right. We don't agree with the state of North Carolina.

In putting H.B. 1395 on the law books, North Carolina has declared itself immature. It shouts to the world, including the communist controlled party, "We are afraid. We don't trust our college people. We fear the boogey man will cast his magic over our college children and capture them."

But we are satirizing something that shouldn't be satirized.

The "boogey man" is more than that. We are the first to admit that the brand of communism in the world today is anything but a story book bad boy.

But our point stands.

It breaks down to this: students of state supported institutions resent not being trusted. The student is far more to be trusted than the general public who has been guaranteed the right to hear anything he pleases through the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The Speaker Ban law should be repealed for many reasons. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools resents it. Faculties and administrations resent it. Some say it's unconstitutional. Some say it hurts the schools' teaching ability: All these things are true.

Why is it that the general public, whose mean educational level is certainly not par with the average college student, is trusted to absorb the lies and misrepresentations of the Communist Party while Joe College has to be "protected." Why doesn't our righteous legislature protect the whole of North Carolina as well as the few campuses it controls.

Our faculties trust us. Our administrations trust us. Why don't our legislators show a little trust?

"We are afraid."

Only A Step

The new honor code, we believe, is a step in the right direction. The changes were inevitable.

The old honor code just didn't mean much. You could do your honorable duty, if you wanted to. If you didn't . . .

The old one was weak. The loophole in it was large enough to throw a beer can through, if necessary. You had the "responsibility, but not the mandatory obligation."

Now when you sign a pledge card with "Honor Code" printed on it you sign something. And you know you'd better do like it says.

The old code read:

"Under the honor code you are on your honor not to cheat, lie, or steal; and if you see another student doing so, you have the responsibility, but not the mandatory obligation, of reporting the individual and the circumstances to the appropriate student agency."

The two changes were

(1) Substitute the word "obligation" for the word "responsibility";

(2) Delete the clause "but not the mandatory obligation."

The new code represents an attempt by the students to grasp more responsibility. If the code is ratified it will then be decided by the faculty whether or not to give the student court charge of academic violations of the honor code.

The transition of responsibility will be a good one. But it won't take place if students don't take the proper responsibility. The faculty is not going to be duped into letting go of a large responsibility if nobody's going to be there to accept it.

The new code is only a step in the right direction. It remains to be seen whether or not the students will accept its new responsibility. We believe they will.

Student Government Is 'Farce'--Freshman

As an interested student at UNC-C, I would like to bring before the whole student body the obvious fact, that student government here at the University is little more than a farce.

During orientation the freshman class was welcomed with the political indication that it was the wish of S.G. for us all to take an active part in helping to govern the student body. We were all aware at the time that not all of us could hold office, but we did expect to be represented in matters as important as amending the honor code.

It is by understanding that the amendment was drafted at a meeting on September 17, 1965. If this be the case, it would indicate that, due to the fact that the freshmen have not yet held class elections, we were totally unrepresented.

I am thoroughly aware that the amendment will be presented

for ratification by popular vote, but this cannot compensate for the fact that the freshman class was totally excluded from a major issue of student government.

Our nation fought her first major war as a result of misrepresentation in government matters, yet we doze in a state of idleness while the same infringement takes place on our campus.

Could one party domination be the reason? I merely ask you to reflect upon this before rejecting the thought as impossible.

MADELEINE TEW

Linguistics

It is a sad state of affairs when seniors and juniors, who are making A's and B's in all other courses, are kept from graduating because of the foreign

language requirements.

Either the course requirements are too stiff or the professors are not teaching adequately . . . or maybe all of the other departments on the UNC-C campus are too easy.

Is there an answer, or are we simply not going to be able to put into practice the knowledge we have gained from four years of study in our other subjects?

Faculty, please respond.

NAME WITHHELD

DEAR BOSS

student legislature
bless their blustering
bones
evidently unsatiated by
their disastrous destruction
of parliamentary procedure
now have embarked on
a disneyland excursion
through the scintillating
world of semantics
sailing on the good ship
honor code

we
the students and beetles
of uncc
no longer will have
the responsibility of being
stool pigeons
instead
if we ratify the new
amendment
we will have
the obligation
of being
stool pigeons

as they say in bridge
when north bids one spade
east bids two hearts
and south bids five clubs
quote
what the hell
does that mean
very large question mark
unquote

honorably yours
vw the beetle

Free Education?



'Dead Old School Dance' Was Really Very Lively

By HUGH J. HORSLEY

Before I begin boring you with my complaints, let me correct a mistake that appeared in the last issue. I did not mean to give the impression that the USA has a king. It does not. It has a President.

On the first Saturday after the beginning of classes we had a dance. I attended with the hope of having a good time and observing a school activity.

I found a photographer, a band, and some 18 couples, more or less. The band was great, refreshments were abundant the decor was quite romantic, and the crowd was non-existent.

We all had a blast, those few of us in attendance, but we might have had a better time if we had seen more people. I have found, in my wanderings, that the bigger the crowd, the more the place swings.

All of the above is quite disturbing. I might say that, since there were fewer people, I

got more refreshments or that I had more room on the floor to dance in. I could even say that I enjoyed myself more because of these facts; but I'd be lying. There were refreshments left over and at any given time we could have put eight or ten more couples on the floor without bumping elbows.

It is disturbing because there were few people there for one of two predominate reasons: either most of us don't care about a "dead old school dance," or most of us didn't know about it. Either of these reasons alone would be enough to make a civic minded student gag and gasp with horror, and turn grey-headed over night.

Many of our students either couldn't come, or didn't come on account of lack of interest. I know this to be a fact, for I spoke with some of them prior to the dance. However, after talking to many of them afterwards I found that they didn't even know about it.

This I can well understand. I personally noticed only two posters announcing it and they were on bulletin boards, one in "C" building and the other under the stairs in the Union. The dance was exceptionally unpublicized. Somebody did a very poor job of informing the student body of it.

In the future I shall attempt to find out about such future events, and mention them in my column. In order to do this I will need cooperation from people who apparently hate to cooperate and plan ahead. How many of you knew about the Wednesday, Sept. 29, student assemblies before signs were put out that very morning.

We of the paper are of the opinion that any assistance that we may lend to any of the student organizations and committees is part of our duty to the student body and we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.