

Letters To The Editor

'Hippies Have Something to Offer' 'Stewart Doesn't See It At All'

To the Editor:

I would like to make the following comments in regard to Mr. Stewart's article in last week's JOURNAL, which, as usual, took 2/5 of a page to say almost nothing.

The real Hippie movement is a state of mind, not a way of dress. It began with youths very dissatisfied with the structure of life in America. Their thoughts have always been "there must be a better way", but these thoughts

have never been recognized. Talk is often disregarded by the public, especially if it is something the public doesn't want to hear. They began to show their dissent, which already existed in their minds, by changing their outward

appearance. Yes, Mr. Stewart, they proudly display their signs saying, "Hey! Notice me!! I have a mind of my own". And indeed they were noticed. These spoonfed children had grown up, and began to regurgitate many idealologies that had been shoved down their young throats. They went to extreme means of physical appearances, because this would assure that they be heard. And as their numbers grew around the country, they were heard. As with every new movement, freeloaders and phonies infiltrated, because there seemed to be a new fad growing, and the money-craving industries moved in to squeeze what cash they could from all this. Here, Mr. Stewart, are your pretenders and your clowns. (By the way, you really look neat in your daddy's old, beat-up Army jacket.)

Next you talk about their meaningless language. Their four-letter words are the same ones you used in high school to impress your friends. Here again you've missed the point, Mr. Stewart. It's not important how you express your opinion, it's important that you express one. The opinions expressed by the Hippie are often opinions that should not be forgotten, and the way he expresses them insures that they aren't.

Then, you criticize them for their grouping techniques. Is it not human nature to want to be with someone who thinks the way you do, and will respect you for

your thoughts? This, Mr. Stewart, is not bad, but natural. I'm sure that if you ever decide to talk to a Hippie, and this might be a better process for judging one than your method of judging by appearance, he will be glad to express his opinions to you all by himself.

The most ignorant statement of your article was this: "Self-expression doesn't give anyone the reason for interfering visually or vocally or physically with another person's contentment." When you have an idea or an opinion, do you chew on it awhile, swallow it, digest it, and then drop it in the toilet? No, you tell someone about it. This is interfering with their contentment. This is introducing a new idea to their way of thinking, and this is good. If you have a good idea, and no one seems interested enough to hear you out, which is very often the case in today's fast-paced society, make them hear you out. It may show them that they really weren't content after all. I'll tell you one thing, Mr. Stewart, peace won't come to this world simply by people thinking about it.

The next time you see someone in Hippie dress, talk to him and find out what he really stands for. He may turn out to be one of your clowns, or he may be a real individual. Individuality is not a way of dress, Mr. Stewart, individuality is believing in what you stand for, and standing up for what you believe in.

Yours sincerely,
Andy Pardue

A new feature, FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK will appear at intervals in the Journal in the hopes of keeping students informed of items of importance.

Representatives' Duties

Dear Editor,

It's disturbing that only a few people realize the potential of the Student Legislature. But it's more disturbing that the legislature has failed to develop into an effective and efficient organization. But then again, the Student Legislature is only a reflection of the student body. This inability to materialize, is it because the members to the Student Legislature have failed or is it because the student body has failed?

Looking first at the members of the Student Legislature, we find that 77% are the product of a student political party, either University Party or Student Party. The remaining 23% are Independents. Do the parties always select the most capable candidates or do they select a candidate that will win a popularity contest? Do the parties brief each candidate on the duties of the offices these candidates are running for? Do the parties have any idea of what these duties should include?

Ideally what should be the duties of a representative to the Student Legislature? (For the purpose of this article a representative will include class officers, President and Vice President, and Representatives.) The primary duty of a representative should be to communicate to the Student Legislature the ideas and problems of fellow classmates. Indeed the word representative carries this meaning. But how many of the

representatives are fulfilling this role? Secondly, to be a representative is to have a full-time job. Dedication to this job is basic. A representative should have an awareness and concern of the issues on campus. This is not limited to the few issues discussed in a legislature meeting, but must also include the multitude of problems that exist outside legislative discussion. Thirdly, a representative should have the knowledge and understanding of the GOLD DIGGER, CATALOGUE, Constitution and By-Laws, and parliamentary procedure. These elements are the tools used in understanding some of the problems. Fourthly, a representative should be open minded. He must be able to face facts and arrive at a sophisticated judgement after careful consideration of all sides to the problem. And if necessary, he must be able to admit he was wrong.

Discussed so far have been the duties of a representative, I'm sure others could be included, but what of the students responsibilities and duties? I feel it the duty of every student to know their class officers and to consult them on problems that may arise concerning campus life and activities. Needless to say, not all the representatives can talk to all the students of their class. Another duty of the student is to vote for the most capable candidate rather than the most popular candidate.

In conclusion it could be said that both the student body and representatives have failed. The guilt is shared by both. But, the year is still young. Maybe the duties of a representative and a student should be in black and white and placed in the GOLD DIGGER. Maybe more class meetings should be held, several of which would be just to discuss problems of classmates. Maybe more Grip-in sessions sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee of the Student Legislature should be held, like the one being held today at 12:00 in C 103. Maybe each class should have at least one suggestion box on campus. Maybe the students have more suggestions.

Jerrold Burks
Senior Rep.

**We do not what we ought;
What we ought not, we do;
And lean upon the thought
That chance will bring us through;
But our own acts, for good or ill, are mightier powers.**
--Matthew Arnold (Empedocles on Etna)

On Bookstores And Such...

Dear Editor,

The UNC C Bookstore is the only place where the students can buy their textbooks without expecting a long delay. And well the management knows it. This is demonstrated by the prices of the books. I've been away from Charlotte in school before, and I have seen cheaper books. Is there not some way to bring the price level of books here down to the level of, say, Chapel Hill.

I do not mean to seem critical of the manager, because we all know that he is only able to act on the dictates of the owner, the

"Thanks"

Mr. Smith,

Thank you so very much for putting out the paper. I know that it must seem that we take it all for granted. Sure some of us do, but not all of us. Some of us realize all the work that goes into a paper, and I think you do an excellent job with our paper. Thank you so much.

An Appreciating Student
(name withheld by request)

University. Here lies the blame. Just maybe this is a necessary evil, but, if so, show me.

What are the provisions for a private bookstore that could compete with the present one. If this monopoly could be broken, the bookstore might have to reduce prices in order to keep their present volume of business.

Other suggestion for improving the bookstore are as follows: sell cigarettes and pipe-smoking materials, run specials on something we can USE, improve the used book service, sell tennis shoes, bring in more outside reading material (Tolkien, Gibran, Alan Watts, Hoffer, haiku), and stock materials that will be needed for the arts and crafts courses.

Instead of closing on this our note, I wish to congratulate the bookstore manager on the following improvements that he has instituted: PLAYBOY, "The Village Vice", personal items (combs, asperin, etc.), and an excellent record selection.

Improvements? Definitely, but there is room for many more.
Castigator.

Dear Editor,

As this is my first year in college, I am just beginning to adjust to university life. Before entering UNC-C, I had been told many times that I was about to undertake something that would be completely different from anything I had ever known. So true!

Never in my life have I encountered such a variety of people. The big problem is that each of these various groups has a constant gripe. No one is left out of the act. Everyone wants to change everything. Is there anyone on this campus that isn't unhappy about something?

The paper has attacked everything on campus that hasn't met with its supreme approval. In turn, Students have written attacking the Journal and its Editor. It didn't take very long for the freshmen on campus to become involved in this barrage of hate and slander. We had no choice. In your first issue (September 18, 1968), you went straight to work and brought up the unforgettable term, APATHY. The upperclasses may be apathetic but the freshmen class is going to do everything possible to avoid being labeled apathetic. In the same issue, an article written by Miss Donna Raley stated, "A recent survey proved, without a doubt, that UNC-C has the most contented students in the whole country." Did Miss Raley, by some weird quirk of fate, happen to leave her editor out of this

survey? If we are so contented, why, oh why, is everyone out to cut each others throats.

Mr. Jerrold Burks has complained about the General Fee, Mr. Walt Sherrill has been disturbed about television reporters covering a speech, a Hungry student has griped about the cafeteria, another student told the entire freshmen class to go to hell, Mr. John Lafferty is rather distressed about the library, the History Club has called for a public Bitch-in, Mr. Richard Dedmon has been screaming apathy ever since the closing of the Green Garter, and above all, Mr. Editor, you have tried to wreck the organization known as

Action. Yes, indeed, the students here are the most content in the country. Any fool can tell that.

The truly bad thing about this complaint movement is that it is catching on and is rapidly becoming the "in" thing. Otherwise I wouldn't be writing this letter complaining about the people that complain.

Thank you,
Wayne Pearson
A sincere and un-apathetic
freshman '49er

To many, total abstinence is easier than perfect moderation.
--St. Augustine

A Freshman Speaks

Majority Of Students Appreciate JOURNAL

Editor of the Journal,

Recently I have heard a lot of criticism against the newspaper published on campus. It is true that one of our greatest privileges is the right to express our opinion, but I feel that it is equally important to consider both sides. I don't agree with all the stands taken by the Journal, but perhaps this is good. I firmly believe that you and your staff deserve a lot of credit for doing the job you do on the paper.

I respect you for continuing to publish and continuing to bear up

under the mounds of useless criticism afforded you. It deserves more than respect to know that you (Mr. Smith) are man enough to go on and not quit after being subjected to the unnecessary insults and abuses I have heard and read.

We may not be as outspoken as the critics of the paper, but I know that the majority of students on campus appreciate your efforts and we are most grateful for them.

Sincerely,
Gary B. Springer