

## Mclver search: 'again and again'

"This kind of search is going to happen again and again until violation stop."

—James Condie, June 20, 1974

What that statement by Director of University Housing James Condie basically means is searches of "this kind" are going to occur as long as there are students at the University and as long as UNC tries to govern the morals of individuals.

"This kind of search" is a search into the private lives of students, the personal affairs of people like you and I.

"This kind of search" happened in the early hours of Sunday morning, June 16, 1974, in Mclver dorm at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"This kind of search" was conducted by residence Director Debbie Gaskin, Assistant Residence Director Jo Ann Travis and two University Police.

What "this kind of search" discovered was that people have personal and private lives which should not concern the University.

In an editorial run during the first part of this summer, we stated "it can and does happen here."

To be more specific, it has happened here.

In an editorial run Feb. 1, 1944 in the Tar Heel concerning the entry and search of two coeds' room, Kat Hill wrote: "An act which violates

the very code it professes to uphold, corrupts itself. Webster's Dictionary contains the following definitions: honor; noun, sense of what is right...a cause of esteem...a scorn of meanness...adj, worthy of honor.

"That which is a violation of an individual's personal code of honor can not be honorable under the honor code.

In February, 1944, those two girls whose room had been searched were brought before the Honor Court of the University; sometime in the near future, the girls who had their rooms searched in Mclver will be brought before the Honor Court. It is most likely evidence introduced in the court will be evidence that was obtained by a search of the girls' rooms without their permission or a search warrant.

As far as we can tell, "this kind" of thing is going to happen again and again and again.

Individual's rooms will be searched without warrants again and again; students can expect knocks on the doors of their rooms again and again; people's private lives will be investigated again and again.

But "this kind" of thing will never be honorable.

## Editor's Notebook

# Summer's nice, but not that nice

There are a lot of things that happen at UNC during the summer which the average student never hears about. When the students do hear about it, they wish they never had. Eager students file back to the fall registration lines, their minds filled to the intellectual brim with dreams of better grades and such, only to find new changes in their life-style waiting for them.

Most common among the surprises is the typical "close-out." This happens at least once to everybody during their academic career at UNC. You come back, enrolled in Chinese 50, Botany 10, you know... the classic courses designed to give a broad look at a specialized subject, only to find you're really enrolled in your third alternative.

"But I don't want to take Advanced Metaphysical Jargon Construction 1001 or Australian Anthropology 31," you say.

Bob Jasinkiewicz

## The sputtering of a big blue machine

Goodbye Camelot, Hello Peoria  
What has three bodies, no legs, one arm,  
three heads and speaks with two tongues?  
It's a big blue thing.

Have you ever watched a machine choke on its own momentum, sputter and die while a few mechanics work fruitlessly over its inert hulk?

If you've been around here long enough, you're in the process of watching it now.

If you think I'm talking about the University, you're right.

Ahhh... now you're beginning to understand what I'm talking about; all this shifting of schedules and so forth is often done during the summer. Albeit, it might be rare in terms of the amount of students that it happens to each semester, but take my word for it, if you can get out of this University without getting the close-out once, you're lucky, fella.

Let's look at another of the summer school shifts: The Dorm Rearrangement. For example, the recent removal of the International Student Center from Carr Dorm is reflective of this policy.

Nixon worries about foreign relations; Kissinger worries about foreign relations; Coca-Cola worries about foreign relations; North Carolina soybean farmers worry about foreign relations.

Does the University of North Carolina

worry about foreign relations? Well, sure, the University worries about it; the University worries about it as the ISC packs its bags to leave to lord knows where.

Now don't get me wrong. The University administration is not the only group that likes to play games in the summer league. Students can be kinda fond of it themselves. Student Graphics, the shop that prints much of the literature around campus like the SCAU booklets and such, was formed a few summers back by the Student Government under the leadership of then-President Tommy Bello. When the rest of the legislators came back from the vacations to find a print shop in operation, they were slightly distressed at Tommy's lack of foresight in not telling them about this little venture.

Tommy is now a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, Student Graphics is doing quite well

thank-you and everybody seems pleased that the whole thing happened in the first place. It just goes to show you that some things do go right in the summer, but usually when someone makes some sort of change in policy or enforcement, the result is not so pleasing as the Student Graphics incident.

So, a little piece of advice: try to keep an eye on the affairs of the University while you are here for the summer. Don't think that the sun is warm, the living is easy and everything is peachy just because it's summer.

Yes... the sun is warm, the living is easy, but unfortunately, everything is not peachy. Sometimes it gets as bad smelling as an onion around here.

The thing to do is just try to hold your own; don't let them place you into Australian Anthro 31; and remember what happened to the ISC. June 14, 1974.

## Tar Heel's poll: obvious results

Well, the results of the poll are in.

Big deal.

The student response was expectedly low, but a couple of things were fairly obvious; first, everybody who answered the questionnaire seemed to think the paper was good in overall content, (that makes us happy); second, that a campus newspaper should cover campus news, (believe us, we're trying); and third, *The Tar Heel* should be allowed to stay in the Carolina Union, as long as the paper is free to students. (Thanks, folks.)

We are positive that the poll was not a true representation of the total campus attitude towards *The Tar Heel*, but it at least gave a slight indication of feeling. A lot was learned on how to ask questions and how to conduct a written poll, so even with the mistakes and the low response, the poll did achieve something worthwhile.

If another poll is taken this summer by *The Tar Heel*, it will be done by phone to insure both total response and the random element necessary to establish the validity of such an inquiry.

Jim Grimsley

## Bureaucracy blues

Everybody's always talking about bureaucracy. But nobody ever does anything about it.

I guess it's the same old story, we're all too apathetic even to try to change things. No one cares, or at least none of us cares enough to work to improve the system. We sit around and jaw about how bad Nixon is and how big the federal government is and how much red tape we all have to go through just to pay income tax or get a driver's license. Inevitably somebody mentions 1984 and how that's where we're moving. Everybody says the government will be so big pretty soon that we'll all drown in a sea of petty office dictators.

But we just sit there. We complain, but that's as far as things go. "What can we do?" you say?

I guess you think that's a good question. I mean, we're just students, we have no power. Sure, we allow the system to exist. But if we had any power, we'd change things. We're not responsible for bureaucracy.

Wrong. Because you see, we've got a bureaucracy all our very own. Student Government.

You don't believe me?

Case in point: I work for *The Tar Heel*. For five weeks we have been in this office 12 hours a day to put out this paper. For weeks our pay was held up because the composition of the Publication Board was technically wrong, according to the Constitution.

I needed money to pay my grocery bill. But I have to wait because the Constitution says technically we don't exist, because technically the Publications Board doesn't exist either, until it is properly constituted. Sounds awfully bureaucratic doesn't it.

If that's not enough for you, then read the past few issues of *The Tar Heel*, the articles

about the campus media surpluses. Somewhere along the legislative line a pair of wires got crossed and cancelled each other out. The Constitution says surplus funds return to the general fund. The budget passed by the student government says campus publications get to keep their surpluses. Both of them are legitimate, but you can't follow both (you can't have your surplus and spend it too.)

And if that's not enough for you, then think back over the past school year. Remember all the hassle over the Granville Tower elections. Remember the mini-scandal over the appointment of the present treasurer. Remember Mike O'Neal, who doesn't have a place to stay next year because Housing says he can't live in an undergraduate dorm and the Constitution says he has to.

When you put it down on a page it sounds a little petty and high-schoolish. I mean, what are UNC's scandals when compared to Watergate, Teapot-Dome, and all the rest in 200 years of history. Who cares if Mike O'Neal lives in Avery or Teague or wherever? I don't. He can live in Joyner if he wants to, I wouldn't mind. Why raise all the fuss?

If 20,000 liberal students on a supposedly progressive campus can't run a student government free of bureaucratic hang-ups, then how can they expect anybody to? We're the guys who get to run this country after we get out of school, remember?

In the end, bureaucracy isn't the fault of the people who are in office, but the people who elect them to office and then sit back and let themselves get walked on.

If you want to cut red tape and stamp out petty hold-ups and intrigues, start right here on the UNC campus. Get out your own scissors and snip away.



R. Michael Leonard

## Materialism is to blame

The other day, Dr. James R. Caldwell who taught me history in the fall of 1971 informed me that his wallet had been taken from the coat which he had left hanging on the back of his office door.

I suppose one might say that he was foolish to leave his office door unlocked. Maybe so, but when it comes to the point that a man cannot leave his office door unlocked without some human garbage taking his wallet, it is a bad day indeed.

Of course there are those who would not like for me to call this thief a human garbage can.

True, maybe this fellow became a garbage can because of social background or psychological reasons, and, by God, I suppose that with enough rationalizing I could make the garbage can into a hero and Dr. Caldwell into a thief. For did not Proudhon ask "What is property?" and answer "it is theft?"

But don't take me wrong; I am not removing all blame from society. Indeed, the materialism and love of money that pervades our lives can easily come to transcend all ideals.

The summer Tar Heel not only welcomes, but urges the expression of all points of view on the editorial page through the letters to the editor. Although the newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters for libelous statements and good taste, we urge you to write us, whatever your problem, point of view or comment. Letters should be limited to 300 words and must include the name, address and phone number of the writer. We will not print a letter without knowing the writer's name. Type letters on a 60 space line. Submit them to the Tar Heel office, in the Student Union.

Men cheat in business and it is due to materialism. Certain politicians get kickbacks of pay hush money and it is all due to materialism. A thief steals a wallet and again it is due to materialism.

Also, if these men are caught, the law can hide them one and all. The rich man will be better hidden, for he can buy better lawyers to hide his moral wrongs behind obscure legalities.

But all in all it is the same, and one of the greatest crimes ever perpetuated has been the increasing use of the law and even the Bill of Rights to hide crimes and criminals.

Is it not true that many men carry on illegal activities behind the protection given them by the fourth amendment and its clause against "unreasonable searches." How many times have notorious criminals escaped conviction by pleading the fifth amendment? Does it not seem that criminals are often the only men who use the constitution's laws for protection? Indeed, why should it matter to the common law-abiding citizen whether these rights exist or not?

But, I will not carry those questions too far. To propose the removal of these rights is dangerous, and the horror of the Illinois "no-knock" searches should more than prove the danger. But they are questions that should be asked, for in reality these rights are not God-given.

These rights exist because the general attitude of this nation and its leaders let them exist. But if crime spawned by materialism grows as it has been growing, the attitudes may change and the ultimate answer to my questions may be fearful.

It seems that men have forgotten virtue in their mad dash for money. The embezzler, the tax-evader, the crooked politician and the common thief alike have probably never heard and certainly

never heeded the Roman who said, *Virtus, Albine, est pretium persolvere verum quis in versamur quis vivimus rebus potesse.*

The Roman was Lucilius and it translates this way: "Virtue, Albienus, is to be able to place a true price on those things in which we act and strive." He said these words around 150 B.C. Since then other men have complained of thieves, bores, fools, faddists, crooks and love of gold. Horace wrote on avarice in Satire 1.1 and Alexander Pope imitated him in the "Epistle to Bathurst."

Thus to struggle against corruption seems almost foolish for it seems that it has always been here and always will be here. But honesty has been here just as long and there have always been two roads to choose.

I doubt if society will ever go completely down one road or the other, and most likely the only meaning that the choice of routes can have is individual.

For virtue like religion means nothing if the individual doesn't accept it, and it is the same for society. But hopefully, society will never completely reject its belief in some kind of virtue, for if no men believed in virtue it would be a dangerous society indeed.

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