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## Freedom And Responsibility

Our friends keep telling us that outgoing editors are supposed to deliver a fare-thee-well editorial. We just went back into the files and find that this is traditional. Anyone who has some slight interest in our sentiments on learning the GOP (grand old paper) is welcome (under the new editor) to seek out traditional editorials.

Meantime, we want to quote ourselves on a here-we-are edit—the first we printed under our regime. We keep telling ourselves a lot has happened in the last year, changes have been made, strides forward, sideways, and backwards taken. But we can't see anything in the copy below that has changed. Not that the opinions are eternal, just that they seem awfully basic. We had this in mind all year.

Some folks will think we flunked out on some of it, and we're inclined to concede something rather less than a perfect mark.

But in our minds it stands—here-we-are with the new editor.

The Daily Tar Heel is a very fortunate newspaper in the journalistic world. It claims more freedom than most papers of any size.

It is accountable to its publishers, the student body, only through a small board of five men, who have no power over the editorial policy.

Its subscribers, also the students, cannot cancel their subscriptions at will.

It is the only plausible media available to its advertisers.

The government under which it operates immediately, has never passed a libel law. In order to sue it for libel, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, an individual would have to sue the state itself, a formidable adversary.

This is truly a free press, in the strongest sense of the word. Yet—perhaps for that reason—The Daily Tar Heel has in the past been accused of abusing its freedom. It has been accused of failure to meet its responsibilities, which are myriad.

This paper is responsible, and must be responsible, to the whole state of North Carolina. It is responsible to the trustees of this university, to the university administration and faculty, because to all of these people, The Daily Tar Heel represents the voice of the students of this institution.

But The Daily Tar Heel's great responsibility is to the students it serves—to the students, who pay for it, who are its owners and publishers.

It owes them comprehensive and accurate coverage of every phase of student life.

It owes them a journalistic workshop. It owes training and recognition to every student who wants to join its staff. It owes them an open shop, in every sense of the word.

It owes each student his newspaper, delivered on time, in readable condition.

It owes them entertainment. Insofar as it is financially possible, it owes them readable features, both syndicated and local.

It owes them meaningful editorial material, impersonal, objective and intelligent.

It owes them honesty. Above all, it owes them an honest presentation of the news and an honest appraisal of the news. It deserves of the students enough interest to protect it from to meet these responsibilities, and to carry out these duties. It deserves of the students enough interest to protect it from outside influence—the sort of interest, for instance, which is gained through campus elections.

It deserves of the students their active support, for without them it will die.

The veracity of The Daily Tar Heel has been questioned in the past. It has been under suspicion here and elsewhere in the state. It must meet its responsibilities; it must perform its duties.

It owes that to its freedoms.

## Memo

We are leaving the entire supply of The Letters of John Clark in the hands of The Intimate Bookshop, where copies may be had free on request.

## Letters

### Rollo...

Madame Editor,  
 We have a few words to say to Rollo with your permission. Dear, Rollo, what circles have you been spinning in? We are awfully sorry to hear that you are so unattractive to females that only the "lower crust" dates you. We have been living in a dormitory since our stay at Carolina and feel sure that we must have overlooked those "nine out of every ten co-eds" that you mentioned in your column on Saturday, April 12. Perhaps they are hiding in the closets some where.

You talk about some girls having complexes. We want to know what yours is—sweet lemons or sour grapes? Your column reminds us vaguely of Professor Howard Mumford Jones's article which appeared in Mademoiselle recently, but it is not as well written. Professor Jones has had girls parading around with posters against him. Your column isn't worth that. Need we say more?

Jackie Sehner  
 Margaret Davis

### Fines...

Madam Editor:  
 The actions of fraternities during the recent elections could be termed as "using undemocratic methods to enforce democratic action."

The undemocratic methods refers to the fact that many of the fraternities required members, under penalty of a \$5.00 fine, to vote in the recent election. Granted, that the more people voting, the more democratic the society, but is it democratic to force members of that society to cast their vote penalty? No! It is not.

Wondering why the fraternities took such action, I asked a friend and fraternity man why so. In an indirect manner, he admitted that it was a means to kick out the present administration and put in their own candidates. This makes it worse, indicating even less democratic action. It would seem that the newly elected officers intend to follow the will and dictates of the candidates winning the elections had not been greatly aided by the \$5.00 fine enforcement. I am sure that the student body would respect them more highly.

Let it be understood that this letter is no reflection whatsoever on any newly elected officer be he UP, SP, Independent or what have you. But it is a firm stand against the principles of our democracy and our local university government.

Paul N. Redding

## VOTE TODAY

damnit, or you will deserve what you get.

## By Their Deeds

by D. M. Kerley

Today's column is dedicated to big bites that never got chewed.

Consider the Clampitt-Plager bill to open student trials to the public. This bill was submitted to the Legislature amidst great fanfare of publicity, debated hotly for a week, and quietly withdrawn.

Explanation was given for the withdrawal was that the bill was to be submitted to the student body for decision by plebiscite, but no such action followed.

Requiescat in pace.

Consider the Carolina Conservative Club. When nearly every established organization on the campus was protesting the administration's discriminatory policy in Kenan Stadium seating, the announcement of the founding of a Conservatives' Club, widely assumed to be a rallying point for administration supporters, got more publicity than most of the legitimate organizations.

But when the "Club" met, eight people showed up... at least half of them already on record against the administration. The responsible conservatives were backing equal rights for all students.

Consider the Carolina Forum. In earlier years various campus organizations (The Literary Societies and the Carolina Political Union particularly) brought

speakers to the campus at their own expense. In recent years the Carolina Forum has been granted funds from block fees to do the job.

Two years ago they did an effective job. A year ago they brought at least a collection of Army generals. This year where was the Carolina Forum? They co-sponsored a few speakers obtained by impecunious organizations, but of their own initiative what emerged? Can anyone remember a single speaker presented?

Consider the Graduate Club. It started off like a ball of fire. Sixty members... tremendous for such a group. Speeches at the first meeting in terms of ten times that many members.

By Thanksgiving the count was approaching the on-your-fingers stage. Since Christmas where have they been meeting? Or have they been?

Consider the Town Men's Association. Never before have the town men needed organization more; never before has more been at stake. Last fall the TMA initiated a bill to give the town men suitable representation in the Student Legislature. By the time the bill came to a showdown, the TMA seemed to have dissolved.

Net result: the town men, constituting nearly a quarter of the student body, are still virtually without representation.

by Bill C. Brown

## Tar On My Heels

Ham Horton has won the Presidency of the Student Body. This may be news to some people, but, puns aside, he may be a UP, and you may be an SP, but, regardless, this is STUDENT government.

The least we can do is cooperate and, surprisingly, we may have good student government. The main line of SP attack over the past year has been that UP members did not cooperate with Henry Bowers. Let's make sure we SP members are not guilty of the same sin.

When the election returns were in, I heard one SP man remark, "I'll be (censored) if I'll congratulate him." I expressed my wish to cooperate with Ham even if he was a UP President. That remark did not meet with approval.

We win or we don't do nothing? Is that it? That type of attitude seems to me to be the quickest, most direct road to Hell.

I have made a point out of an attitude which is an exception. Admittedly it is an exception in SP camps. I especially want to make that point. But SP, UP, or Independent, I consider it a dangerous outlook.

In Sunday's paper, to my surprise (I've been run on every day in the week except Sunday, so far—now I've been run on Sunday), I wrote favoring the fraternities. Well, I've nothing against the fraternities. Why shouldn't I write favoring them, goodness knows I've hit them enough.

Well, after that bit of "journalism," I was hit with a state-

ment from a fellow SP man that shook me to my foundation. His fellow crusader started out by telling me, "Onions to you." His statements then took this line of thought:

I don't agree with your column today—but, then, I don't usually agree with them. You know, I don't see how you ever got into SP. What are you, SP's candidate for President next year?

I really didn't follow the train of thought too well. First he didn't understand how I got into SP, and then he wanted to know if I was SP's potential for the Presidency. Oh, well, it was late, and maybe I was a little dense, but it's broad daylight now, and I still don't understand it.

My only retort was that I was probably SP's candidate for nothing, to which he replied, "That, you could probably win."

But honestly, we may be in different parties, but I can see no reason why we can't cooperate. I'll be working with Ham, sure, but I'll be trying to convert, too.

Well, that's my tete-a-tete for today.

... A little more: This is my last column under the editorship of Glenn Harden. It's been fun, and Glenn has been an understanding Editor. If Glenn doesn't cut this addition (or the entire column), I would like publicly to congratulate her on the fine job she has done with The Daily Tar Heel. Her every energy has been to give the campus a better daily newspaper.

Also, publicly, I would like to contribute my service to Barry Farber in making this a better paper.