

Dancing Prohibition And Rip Van Winkle..

Wake Forest College students have finally rebelled against the archaic and unrealistic prohibition of dancing on campus.

Thursday's demonstration, during which approximately 200-300 students bunny-hopped across Winston-Salem, was a well-ordered and well-disciplined affair.

And it served to emphasize that college students are not the type to sit back and pay homage to unrealistic and antedated regulations and prohibitions.

The Baptist State Convention should reconsider its ban against social dancing. And the student bodies of Meredith and Wake Forest should be allowed participation in a pleasurable and accepted social custom—on campus.

The Baptist State Convention is too-filled with reactionaries who

would, if such were possible, turn back the clock to horse-and-buggy days—the days of parlor courting, bustles and high-top shoes.

Time is a fleeting thing. And the ban against dancing on the campuses of Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges is an anachronism—an unforgivable lag in the natural order of things.

The unrealistic ban should be revoked immediately. And the state's Baptists, of which we are in membership, should stop playing Rip Van Winkle and adjust to the times.

The Twentieth Century is an age of adjustment and necessary adaptation.

Baptists and the Baptist State Convention should wake up to the times.

'Beat Dook' Enthusiasm; Good Student Response..

Festivities preceding the 'Dook' game today have been well-organized and have been blessed by strong student support.

We offer our most hearty congratulations to the winners of the 'Beat Dook' Parade float competition:

Fraternities—Phi Delta Theta, Sororities—Alpha Delta Pi, Men's Dormitories—Mangum.

There were other outstanding entries in the parade, including floats from Delta Delta Delta Sorority—which met unfortunate mechanical difficulties—Tau Epsi-

lon Phi, Chi Omega Sorority and others.

To the winners, we offer editorial congratulations.

And to the 'Beat Dook' queen, lovely Miss Nan Schaeffer of Kappa Delta Sorority, we offer our most enthusiastic congratulations.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, sponsor of the event, has again, this year, demonstrated admirable planning and enthusiasm.

Editorially we say, Now 'Beat Dook'—The Victory Bell has a resonant peal.

CAROLINA CARROUSEL:

'Elliteracy' And The Recall Election Job

Gail Godwin

Some energetic little buzz-bomb, evidently a member of the "Down With Bass" movement, has been plastering a new type of propaganda on dormitory walls and bulletin board. The propaganda is in the form of a 3"x5" notecard with words written something like this:

"Attention fellow students. The real issue of this recall is not freedom of the press. It is Elliteracy."

And so on. I didn't stop to read the rest. And when I got back from lunch and was going to read the rest, it had already been taken down.

Wonder who is writing these little masterpieces. I wouldn't know since they didn't sign their name.

While walking down the street, students would be wise to wear some kind of head protection. Some more avid recall backers may start dropping propaganda sheets with bricks attached out of airplanes.



Overheard at the Yack Beauty Pageant last night: A bewildered young man, obviously dazed by the abundance of beauties before him, turned to a companion and remarked, "Where do all these good looking girls go in the daytime?"

Well, of course he must realize that in order to be beautiful, these good-looking girls sleep during the daytime to get their necessary beauty rest. And unfortunately the ones who get up and go to classes find evening dresses and makeup and jewels to be uncomfortable while wedged between desk and chair.

So they surrender to the not-so-beautiful loafers and socks, little brown polo coats and shapeless ivy league sweaters.

Just remember when you see one of these commonly-clothed coeds: Here is a potential Cinderella. She just turns into a pumpkin in the daytime.

The Pine Room showed miraculous improvement today. Three boys kept tables spic and span during the rush hours of twelve and one. People would get up and no sooner had they gathered together all their belongings, whisk, wipsh, wip! The tables were ready for new occupants.

POLL RESULTS

GMAB Polls Committee Chairman Jack Lewis released results of their recent poll last night. The figures, according to him show opposition to the recall favored by a vote of approximately two to one. The GMAB Polls Committee makes periodic surveys of campus opinion on topical issues and is a completely non-partisan organization.

ent, irresponsible, and incapable of functioning any longer in his present capacity." The real issue which will be decided by the recall election is not Bass' qualifications for editing the *Daily Tar Heel* but whether or not a college newspaper editor may editorialize on issues in opposition to the students' or the administration's viewpoint.

If the Carolina student body elects a new editor, will he be able to exercise the same editorial freedom practiced by Bass and previous *Daily Tar Heel* editors, the same editorial freedom which should be practiced by college newspaper editors everywhere? Future editors may hesitate to write editorials on subjects which may be in opposition to ideas held by the student body or by any campus groups for fear of losing their office through a recall election.

The editorial page of a college newspaper is considered to be the editor's page on which he may express his opinions. It should not be a mere reflection of the opinions held by the student body, the administration, the alumni, or any other group connected with a college.

Legionnaires And Realism

We have always opposed much of the rah-rah patriotism promulgated by the American Legion.

Thus it gives us particular pleasure to see Legionnaires vote to approve the teaching of courses explaining Communism in American schools. The Legion's National Executive Committee approved the teaching of courses explaining Communism in order that the "fallacies" involved in such governmental organization might be pointed out.

Godless Communism appeals less to us than an offer of a night's quartering in a rattlesnake's den. But the American public can not assume an ostrich-eye point-of-view in regard to the Communist threat.

The Legionnaires' action is admirable.



READERS' REPOSITORY:

Have The Electors Failed?

EDITOR:

Before I express my views concerning the current recall election so prominently in focus, I feel that an examination of the very functions of editorship must precede.

According to the well-worn dictionary, an editor is "The supervising director of a newspaper", and his functions are to "Edit material for publication and present his opinion or comment on some subject or material." In short, the editor is one who directs the policy of his organ of printed expression and endeavors by various means to set forth his own position or opinion in, or as if in, the editorial column of his publication.

This means that by very definition the editor should, and in most cases, will, express himself on a variety of subjects concerning within his scope of publication—and will not in every case please all who read him. For that matter, who could?—and for another matter, who should?

For better or for worse, then, the main responsibility of the editor is that of "editing material for publication, and presenting opinions or comments on some subject or material."

This idea of responsibility, so widely in question these days of the *Daily Tar Heel* Editorship, seems to be to lie within the student's themselves - as electors - and it is necessary that we realize where we as electors have failed.

(if that the case) and not where our duly elected editor has. It is the prime responsibility of the students, during the spring election to familiarize themselves with the candidates in order to decide that candidate for whom they will cast their ballot. And, it is up to the students, as a body, before this time to take upon themselves the responsibility of selecting proper candidates. In all too many cases it is the same sad story of "He who did not bother to vote is he who cries the loudest."

This recall election show, I believe, a weakness not so much within the framework of the *Tar Heel* Editorship (although I firmly believe much could be improved), but within the nature of student electoral responsibility itself.

It is then, I say, the students who should bear the weight in selecting a compatible candidate, and in this case, an editor. And before the election realize the functions of the editor, so that after the elections the great clamor will not be for recalling the very man whom they have just put in office—but accepting the editor for what he is, and of basic importance, for what he stands: student autonomy, and freedom of the press.

As much as many may not be in favor of a great deal Mr. Bass has to say, we must be cognized of the damning precedent that is in danger of being set if this recall election is successful in removing the present editor. And

too, of the temptation of University officials to incorporate the organ of student expression into their control and out of student hands. Since it seems that the students are not able to successfully run their own daily publication—and that conflicting factions within the publication system itself are constantly causing upheavals in the editorship.

It would be sad indeed to have to turn the *Daily Tar Heel* over to the School of Journalism, so that editorial policies would be dictated and controlled by a source outside of students themselves.

As much as some groups of students do not like the editorship of Mr. Bass, and do not favor the way in which he is guiding the *Daily Tar Heel*, we must accept the fact that he is the duly elected representative of the students—elected last spring by a majority of seemingly responsible student electors, and not to be recalled at will, putting in his place another man who may, or may not be just as unacceptable to other groups.

Finally, concerning the opponent's claim of incompetent editorship on the part of Mr. Bass, and on the other hand, Mr. Bass' claim of conspiracy against him—"It's hard to say if greater want of skill

Appears in writing, or in judging ill."

—Pope, Essay on Criticism
JOHN OWENS

DEMOCRATIC LATITUDE:

Ballot Casters And Suppression

EDITOR:

Besides the everyday rigamaroll of 8 a.m. classes, Y-Curt, labs, and teacher's dirty looks, it appears that the UNC student body has been experiencing a firsthand course in "democratic latitude." Let's hope all, sober and drunk alike, have paid attention.

The final lesson in this course will be the upcoming recall election concerning *Daily Tar Heel* Editor Neil Bass. Machinery has been set in motion to necessitate the vote by the students and the expected promises will bounce upon the ears of the 7,000 here. Yet, the very nature of this election should serve to educate the Carolina student in the basic properties of a democracy under which he has lived, survived, and highly prospered since his mother smiled at his first innocent "Goo-Goo."

The candidates have presented themselves. The students have heard their respected platforms aired via the printed page and public debate. Student Body officers have geared the electioneering machinery into a high gear, preparing for what they hope will be a big turnout. Slogans, literature, carefully rehearsed accusations and promises are churning through the campus. So, right along about now, we have reached the middle section of our course in "democracy latitude."

The course started, I believe, with the election by the student body last spring of the present Editor of the DTH, Neil Bass. Apparently, the students

Retraction:

The letter attributed to Bill Dorrah in yesterday's *Daily Tar Heel* was actually written by Miss Claire Pike. Through simple error, Dorrah's name was attached to Miss Pike's letter.

Dorrah had this to say concerning the mix-up in names:

"I can understand how the names might be reversed since I actually sent a letter to the editor, whom I support in the recall election."

were satisfied with their choice, because none thought of recalling Mr. Bass on the day he accepted the job. Having forced themselves to trudge down to the first floor of their dorms or other appropriate voting places and make a few marks on a ballot besides names that were just names, the populace of UNC settled back into their lumpy beds and forgot everything.

Then September rolled around, their course in "democratic latitude" had resumed its momentum. Raring to give their lungs for "dear ole Carolina" in Kenan Stadium each Saturday, the students were appalled when Bass had the "audacity" to imply that Coach Tatum wasn't completely pure in his associations with athletics here at Carolina. Having no other media for retort, they attacked Bass. No "teacher" was going to tell their innocent young ears any news that wasn't pretty; because they wished to hear only those news items sweet and truthful. But, apparently, Bass didn't pay too much attention to his 7,000 pupils. He kept up his impulsive writing against Tatum. He even began to delve into other controversial subjects, even if somewhat recklessly, not particularly caring if anyone agreed with his words, just as long as said words generated a little trouble. Here he ran into trouble... trouble personified in "Letters to the Editor" which began to appear on Page 2. They weren't very complimentary, but neither was Bass.

Any good teacher knows that it is generally wise to follow through on a subject in which your students are very interested, even if that interest is of a reactionary nature. In this respect, Editor Bass touched upon numerous campus organizations, individuals and trends. Time and again his comments and ideas drew much reaction from every corner of the campus. But, it was, nevertheless his opinion—warped or otherwise.

And now the final phase of the course has presented itself to the students... the election Nov. 26.

As I see it, it is not a question of whether or not Editor Bass is representing the opinion pulse of the campus. It is a question of whether we, as students, will allow our rights to express opinions on a controversial subject to be jammed down our throats through a stifled student newspaper.

This recall election should not ever have to take place at a school as independent as Carolina. It reflects the incompetency of the voters who cast ballots last spring. Perhaps, more important, it will reflect the deterioration of the DTH long considered one of this country's top university newspapers. But it is too late for any retraction... only hindsight is left.

I have not intended to voice either support or denial of Editor Bass or his opponents. I have simply tried to awaken all of us to the importance of this upcoming recall election. Its very evolution and its results are being watched with anxious eyes all over the South. It is no longer a matter between a few opponents of Bass and the Editor. It concerns every student here. It deals with a concept of democracy... freedom of expression... not with a personal gain or anxiety.

However, the results of this recall election will reveal just how many of us have slept through this course in "democratic latitude."

BEN TAYLOR

GUEST EDITORIAL:

N. C. State Technician Hits Recall Election..

A college newspaper which never mentions controversial issues—this could be the future facing the University of North Carolina's *Daily Tar Heel*.

The recall election on November 26, may set the stage for such a situation at Chapel Hill.

The petition circulated among Carolina students charged Editor Neil Bass with being "incompetent,

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