

DTH Editorial Page

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Look, Listen And Consider

In the past, it has been quite acceptable for students to look at Student Government and the people therein and take it all with a grain of salt.

But today it is different. The budget is huge—some \$170,000 will be handled next year.

And the aims of Student Government have become the aims of the University. It has been exhibited in the responsible opposition to the Speaker Ban Law.

Tonight the spring elections officially start with the first meetings in Residence Halls.

But there is a question yet to be answered—will the students take advantage of this opportunity and do everything possible to make their vote a well-considered one?

As candidates last year, we spoke at

How Much Longer Will We Wait?

How much longer will we continue to tolerate the awful toll of death and injury on North Carolina's streets and highways?

During the past weekend alone, 21 people, including a student at this University, died in traffic mishaps within the state's boundaries.

Again, how much longer will we wait before taking action to end this depressing destruction?

The results of a poll concerning proposed highway legislation taken recently by the North Carolina State Motor Club provide a partial answer to this question.

The Peace Corps Comes To UNC

Last night's discussion on the Peace Corps in Howell Hall marked the fourth anniversary of that program.

It was March 1, 1961 when, after a long struggle in Congress, the late President Kennedy signed the bill establishing the Peace Corps into law.

This week is Peace Corps week at UNC. A team of five officials and return volun-

teers are manning booths in Lenoir Hall and Y-Court to distribute information and answer questions of anyone interested in volunteering.

In addition, the team is speaking at assorted classes and living units. Tonight at 8 p.m. they will show a movie in Carroll Hall on work in the Peace Corps.

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The Peace Corps has come to be recognized as one of the most effective and far-reaching foreign policy measure we have.

We hope that Carolina students will take full advantage of this week's opportunity by attending the movie and other discussion groups.

We expect that the Peace Corps will continue its phenomenal growth and successes, and we hope UNC students will continue to help mold this fine American tradition.

Personalities alone should not determine this election, and during the next three weeks the students of this University will have a chance to delve deeper into the issues and the candidates.

We urge you to vote—but make sure your vote has been considered, and considered wisely.

Almost 60 per cent of those questioned said they favored compulsory mechanical inspection of motor vehicles by state licensed, bonded garages, for a \$1 fee.

An even 90 per cent supported legislation to control billboards on North Carolina's interstate highways.

With such overwhelming potential support for highway safety legislation present in the state, any question about when North Carolina should take action to end the slaughter on our streets has only one answer.

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Letters To The Editors

Clauses, Gardner And Love

GMAB Holding Back On Tickets

Editors, The Tar Heel: I wish to obtain choice seats for the Miriam Makeba performance, I arrived at Graham Memorial at a time sufficiently early so as to be the fourth member of the ticket line.

May I ask the following questions? To whom were these tickets given? Did those who received these tickets have to pay for them? Is each member of the Graham Memorial Activities Board allotted a fixed number of tickets? If so, how many?

Jack Webb 303 Connor

Lipsitz Letter Called Illogical

Editors, The Tar Heel: In the Wednesday edition of the DTH there appeared a letter by Mr. Lewis Lipsitz concerning the criteria upon which fraternities determine their membership.

The first part of Mr. Lipsitz's letter is devoted to belaboring a rather obvious point—that there are different types of discrimination. He draws a brilliant analogy in attempting to make his point applicable to fraternities.

Mr. Lipsitz meets with more success as his letter progresses. He makes his beliefs abundantly clear when he informs us that "... fraternities are not private clubs."

To cite a regulation concerning women in the rooms and relate this to regulation and interference with how a fraternity determines its membership is a classic example of non sequitur argument.

The question arises, how did a small group of "Carolina Gentlemen" just happen to come together for the ugly purpose of interrupting a serious intellectual discourse?

scurrilous personal attack rather than reasoned discussion of vital issues.

The relevance of Mr. Lipsitz's discussion of "fraternity" sense and of "brotherhood" is still a little puzzling.

But let's meet your libel head on. You say that Jim Gardner sees himself as another Mario Savio.

With all due respect to all those who are attempting to become involved, I believe that the membership criteria are the concern of only those who are members of the national organization.

Clark Crampton Kappa Alpha

Necking In Hearse A Sign Of Spring

Editors, The Tar Heel: Spring has come many times this year by the age-old provision of the flowers popping their heads from the winter beds.

Even seeing the student couples stop on the sidewalks en route to class and elsewhere to give and take a passionate or semi-passionate kiss before continuing their intellectual endeavors is not a pure sign of the arrival of spring.

While waiting at a stoplight, behind a hearse, we were entertained by a young lady kissing or nibbling fondly the ear of the young man driving.

Simply this: if the General Assembly tomorrow were to repeal the Speaker Ban Law, there would still be no "free speech" on the Chapel Hill campus.

Nancy Boynton New West

LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel solicits letters to the editors at any time and on any subject.

All letters must be typed DOUBLE SPACED and must be free of libel. The editors reserve the right to edit for length. Letters should be submitted at least two days prior to date of publication.

Editors, The Tar Heel: Thursday's lead editorial, "The Gag Law Strikes Again," has at last prompted this written defense of the Speaker Ban Law.

Thus far, discussion of this law has been more notable for its passionate assumptions than for its veracity. Even apologists for the Ban, attempting to quell their opponents' anguished cries about the Fall of Academic Freedom, have been drawn into futile and irrelevant discussions regarding the nature of Communist arguments; i.e., are they truthful and hence valuable, or deceitful and thus worthless.

The idea is that advocates of the Ban claim, in my opinion legitimately, that Communist arguments are fraught with deception and falsehood, and are thus not in the spirit of academic inquiry and the pursuit of truth.

Unfortunately, both sides have unconsciously accepted a premise which I believe to be false. The premise is that the University of North Carolina is by right endowed with academic freedom.

Let there be no misunderstanding about academic freedom at this University. This is a State-owned and supported institution and as such has no freedoms or prerogatives except those granted to it by the State.

This is the central, unfortunate truth which has been blissfully ignored in the Speaker Ban controversy. Should the General Assembly dictate that only registered members of the Democratic Party shall be eligible for faculty positions, the University would be thus bound.

Whether such a provision would or would not restrain free inquiry and the pursuit of wisdom is not relevant; the point is that it would be perfectly within the legal bounds of the Assembly to so legislate and the legislation would be binding until and unless ruled void in the courts.

Another misconception prevalent among those who oppose the Ban regards control of the University administration. This is a function delegated by the Assembly to the University Trustees.

Thus the Student Government petition calling for a "return of Trustee control" is absurd; for the Board of Trustees is expressly subordinate to the General Assembly, and exercises over the University only those powers which the General Assembly sees fit to grant it.

In the case of the Speaker Ban law, the Assembly is simply exercising a facet of the authority it has always possessed, but which it had previously permitted to the Trustees.

Peter B. Young WRAL Raleigh

Viet Nam Policy Needs Criticizing

Bill Chaffin and Steve Flanagan, in their letter of Feb. 27, say that the groups of students who held a demonstration on Feb. 20 against our present Viet Nam policy advocate "peace at any price."

Answering the second charge first, the demonstrators were not, on the whole, poorly dressed. There are those among our student body who consider a person shabbily or improperly dressed unless he looks as though he has just emerged from Varley's, Mirvons', or one of the other purveyors of elegant and expensive garments in Chapel Hill.

Regarding the more serious charge, Chaffin and Flanagan seem to believe that everyone who objects to our Viet Nam policy believes that "The Communists are peace lovers and advocates of non-aggression."

In spite of these two gentlemen's opinion, it is clearly possible to criticize U. S. foreign policy without being a Communist. Is Charles de Gaulle a Communist, for heaven's sake! He's about as Communist as Eisenhower. So is Secretary General U. Thant, who has been urging small informal talks between all nations involved in Viet Nam.

The U. S. position on Viet Nam has been less than perfect. In fact, it may be somewhat hypocritical. We have repeatedly accused others of violating the 1954 Geneva Accords, which provide for partition and free elections. Yet we have opposed free elections there, and our bombings in the north are clearly a violation of the partition.

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