DTH Editorial Page

Opinions of the Daily Tar Heel are expressed in its editorials. Letters and columns, covering a wide range of views, reflect the personal opinions of their authors.

Look, Listen And Consider

How Much Longer Will We Wait?

The results of a poll concerning pro- North Carolina should take action to end

The Peace Corps Comes To UNC

Last night's discussion on the Peace teers are manning booths in Lenoir Hall

Corps.

Corps in Howell Hall marked the fourth and Y-Court to distribute information and

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. The SG budget was small, its aims smaller and the quality minute.

But today it is different. The budget is huge-some \$170,000 will be handled next year. Its prestige is bigger — the students in charge today are the leaders of tomorrow, the Terry Sanfords, the Bert last year, the best turnout was composed Bennetts, the Joel Fleishmans.

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, the well-organized plans to improve conditions in our Residence Halls and the work to modify the student judiciary. These are just a few—there are many others, and each project is undertaken with the thought that the student at this University it is the students who suffer. must be the ultimate beneficiary.

Tonight the spring elections officially start with the first meetings in Residence Halls. In three weeks the student body will go to the polls to choose its new leaders, and during this time the candidates will be doing everything possible to get to each and every student and appeal for his vote.

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

As candidates last year, we spoke at sidered wisely.

How much longer will we continue to

tolerate the awful toll of death and injury

on North Carolina's streets and high-

During the past weekend alone, 21

people, including a student at this Uni-

versity, died in traffic mishaps within

the state's boundaries. Twenty-one-as

a number, not terribly impressive; but

in terms of families broken and human

resources wasted, a shocking and apal-

ling figure indeed. Twenty-one people-

one every two and a half hours, a deva-

Again, how much longer will we wait

before taking action to end this depres-

posed highway legislation taken recently

by the North Carolina State Motor Club

provide a partial answer to this question.

long struggle in Congress, the late Presi-

dent Kennedy signed the bill establishing

the Peace Corps into law. Since then, it

has changed from a hotly contested polit-

ical issue into something just as sacred

and American as God, mother and the

A team of five officials and return volun-

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examination periods and vacations.

This week is Peace Corps week at UNC.

It was March 1, 1961 when, after a volunteering.

anniversary of that program.

ways?

stating rate.

sing destruction?

family dog.

almost every meeting in the Residence Halls. We spoke at sororities and fraternities, and we pounded on doors. In most areas, the people heard us out and gave our appeals consideration.

Tuesday, March 2, 1965

But it is impossible for a candidate to see everyone-he will be lucky to contact 50 per cent of the voters. Some effort must be made by the electorate.

In the average Residence Hall meeting of no more than 20 per cent of the living unit. Even in halls which have a long history of interest in Student Government, there was a great deal of apathy.

The Presidential candidates noticed the same thing, as did all other aspirants to

A pity: Certainly, as it leaves the door wide-open for an inferior candidate to gain office. Occasionally it happens, and

We urge the Student Body to look hard at the people who seek their vote. Talk to both sides, and listen to each with an open mind. If there is no opportunity to hear the candidates, both parties have headquarters in Davie Hall, and someone will usually be present to give the

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

We urge vou to vote-but make sure your vote has been considered, and con-

Almost 60 per cent of those questioned

said they favored compulsory mechanical

inspection of motor vehicles by state li-

licensed, bonded garages, for a \$1 fee.

sion of the State Highway Patrol by 150

More than 70 per cent backed expan-

An even 90 per cent supported legis-

lation to control billboards on North Ca-

rolina's interstate highways. By refusing

to pass such a law, the state automatically

More than 80 per cent favor appropria-

With such overwhelming potential sup-

tions to provide driver training in North

port for highway safety legislation pres-

ent in the state, any question about when

the slaughter on our streets has only one

answer questions of anyone interested in

In addition, the team is speaking at

assorted classes and living units. Tonight

at 8 p.m. they will show a movie in Car-

UNC has a solid tradition of support

for the Peace Corps. Thirty UNC students

have been overseas, 10 of them have com-

pleted their work. UNC has sponsored

several training groups here as well. Also,

Chancellor Paul F. Sharp's oldest son is

presently serving in Colombia with the

The Peace Corps has come to be recog-

nized as one of the most effective and

far-reaching foreign policy measure we

have. More importantly, it provides a

chance for Americans to participate in

creating a national image abroad. This

is far more meaningful than pouring tax

money into loan funds, and far closer to

a true representation of the spirit of this

We hope that Carolina students will

take full advantage of this week's oppor-

tunity by attending the movie and other

discussion groups. Whether or not you

are interested in actually joining the

Peace Corps, this is an excellent oppor-

tunity to find out more about it and to

get candid opinions from those who have

We expect that the Peace Corps will

continue its phenomenal growth and suc-

cesses, and we hope UNC students will

continue to help mold this fine American

first-hand experience.

tradition.—PETE WALES

roll Hall on work in the Peace Corps.

forfeits Federal aid annually.

Carolina high schools.

Letters To The Editors

Clauses, Gardner And Love

GMAB Holding Back On Tickets

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Wishing 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. To my dismay and bewilderment of the aisle tickets through row "k" had vanished.

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 alloted 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. Mr. Lipsitz's let-ter is characterized by a lack of logic which is surpassed only by his obvious lack of understanding of what a fraternity

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. He uses the example of the different types of coercion which can properly be used by a democratic government. However, as a fraternity is hardly comparable to a public government, much less a democratic one, Mr. Lipsitz has succeeded in presenting a bril-liantly irrelevant and ridicu-

lous analogy. 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." When Mr. Lipsitz cites existing University regulation of fraternities evidenty to justify possible interference with and coercion of these organizations his illogic is lucid-

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 sequi-tor argument. To me this type of proposition is like saying that because the state requires peo-ple wishing to get married to get a marriage license that the state then has the right to determine whom you will narry.
Mr. Lipsitz's statement that,

"... fraternities have no right to use procedures in determining who can pledge which are based on racial and religious bigotry . . . " would be much more indicative of what he is driving at if he cut this statement short by about the last eight words. Perhaps Mr. Lipsitz would like to do away with rush and instead interview and

es on the basis of his beliefs. scurrilous personal attack rathwould seem to be that some vital issues. Your readers may people like Mr. Lipsitz think be interested in knowing that they know what is "right" - the University News Bureau, not just as applies to their own presumably acting at the behest personal relations-but as ap- of the Administration, took the plied to everyone else's and are unheard of step of sending a cowilling to attempt to force their py of that particular DTH ediown arbitrary value judgments torial to every newspaper, TV

The relevance of Mr. Lipsitz's discussion of "fraternity" sense and of "brotherhood" still a little puzzling. To include every "fellow man" would be to do away with the system altogether. A fraternity is not an organization which experiments with abstract sociologia a small part. cal and political concepts. Neither is a fraternity merely a group which lives, studies, and parties together. National fraternities are based on certain absolute, on-going principles which are embraced by its membership voluntarily at the time of pledging and of initiation.

Merely because Mr. Lipsitz is an employee of this University, it does not follow that the University can or should in any way determine his personal associa-tions or friendships. However, following Mr. Lipsitz's logic it would seem that there would be more grounds for this than for the University to interfere with Necking In Hearse the membership criteria of fra-

With all due respect to all A Sign Of Spring those who are attempting to become involved, I believe that Editors, The Tar Heel: the membership criteria are the concern of only those who are Spring has come many times it's none of their business - heads from the winter beds. their personal associations.

> Clark Crampton Kappa Alpha

WRAL'S Young **Blasts Editorial**

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I have been pleased to note the number of letters you re- the latter weeks of February, ceived protesting the unseemly, there seemed to be a real sign, undemocratic, immature behavior of some students at Jim Gardner's first rally. Articulate pear as though this minority of his point for him better than he his own.

sembly tomorrow were to repeal the Speaker Ban Law, there would still be no "free speech" on the Chapel Hill campus. Free speech demands free speakers and free listeners. And there is a painful lack of both these requisite ingredients. The old tradition is dead, and Jim Gardner, almost (but not quite) alone, is attempting to build a new tradition, brick by painful

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

I suggest the answer lies with that infamous DTH editorassign pledges to different hous- ial which chose the route of

and radio station in the State. The DTH "line" was then pickexplosion at the first rally. And the stage was set for disorder.

To put the matter bluntly, the DTH lit the fuse for that little explosions at the first rally. And in so doing, the DTH betrayed a great tradition of which I am

But let's meet your libel head on. You say that Jim Gardner sees himself as another Mario Savio. That was a stupid and vicious lie. But let's take it at face value and ask this question: What's so bad about Mario Savio? Chew on that for a while, and you may come to see Mr. Gardner in an entirely dif-

ferent light. Right now, he (not you) is the carrier of a great tradition that was, and may yet

> Peter B. Young WRAL Raleigh

members of the national organ- this year by the age-old provisization. As for everyone else, ion of the flowers popping their just as it is none of mine as to However, that seems not to be a valid criteria since the jonquils were in bloom at Christmas and the red buds have been in bloom or partial bloom ever since that time.

> 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 endeavours is not a pure sign of the arrival of spring. However, in over and above the robins and

While waiting at a stoplight as Mr. Gardner is, it would ap- behind a hearse, we were entertained by a young lady kissing "Carolina Gentlemen" made or nibbling fondly the ear of the young man driving. Though could ever have hoped to do on there may be more ice and snow, when young men and wo-Simply this: if the General As- hearse, truly spring has come.

> 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.

State Has Right To Control UNC

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 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 frought with deception and falsehood, and are thus not in the spirit of academic inquiry and the pursuit of truth. Speaker Ban opponents are quick to point out that academic freedom requires that all arguments be heard, regardless of their merit or truthful content. Thus the disagreement proceeds onward.

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

Let there be no misunderstanding about academic freedom at this University. This is a Stateowned and supported institu-tion 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 Finally, there is considerable 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

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. The fact here to be noted is that ultimate regulation of the University resides with the leg-

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 Turstees.

The merits of the law itself is another topic. Be it granted that the Speaker Ban does limit academic pursuit. However, it must be noted that:

1) Those interested have but Thus far, discussion of this to acquire one of a number of private facilities to avail themselves of whatever "academic truths" Communists currently

2) That the practical loss to the pursuit of knowledge effected by the Ban is minimalindeed, those prohibited by the law have, in my opinion, consistently sought to confuse and distort the truth, rather than to enlighten

3) That Federal courts have previously held that similar. though not equally restrictive, statutes violate neither the First nor the Fifth amendments.

Moreover, I number myself among those who adhere to the position that no citizen of this state should be legally coerced into contributing toward the maintenance of a public platform for those who advocate the violent subversion of our present form of government, nor for those who are sufficiently reluctant to state their beliefs and activities with regard to subversion that they find themselves compelled to retreat to the Fifth Amendment

Such persons find numerous forums elsewhere from which to enumerate their doctrines. There is hardly a need to reach into tax funds to provide them with a platform here.

In summary, there is little to be said for furnishing subversives with a stage when the lighting, curtains and scenery are provided at public expense.

Regarding those associations which have declined to convene in Chapel Hill because of the Speaker Ban: their decisions are unfortunate, but reflect more upon too - easily provoked sensitivities than upon the judgment of the State legislature, or upon the merits of the law.

truth in the lamentation of those who seek the Ban's repeal that there exists among much of the public some murky suspicion that those who actively oppose the Ban are somehow in league with the "Communist Conspiracy.

Any enlightened person summarily dismisses this nonsense -actually, I know several students who were ardent in their support of Goldwater in the recent election, and who are equally ardent in their oppostion to

Nevertheless, it is disturbing to note that some most bitter in their denunciation of the Speaker Ban and the "reactionary spirit" that made it possible, are among those whose disposition toward a form of government other than our own is and has been evident

It is interesting, and it may be edifying to reflect more than a moment on the motives and aspirations of these few radicals in calling for repeal of

the Speaker Ban law. William Graham Otis

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Viet Nam Policy Needs Criticizing

By TIMOTHY RAY

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." In addition they say that the demonstrators "seemed unconcerned with mere physical appearance."

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, Milton's, or one of the other purveyors of elegant and expensive garments in Chapel Hill. Perhaps, as a student body, we put more emphasis on this sort of exhibition than we really ought to. In any case, the demonstration included persons whose appearance had been more than adequate-

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." That is ridiculous. 1 have met a number of "peaceniks" and I have not seen one who has this sort of opinion of the Commun-

In spite of these two gentlemen's opinion, it is clearly possible to criticize U. S. foreign policy without being a Commun-ist. 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.

We have said that we are there at the request of the South Vietnamese government. Which of the last half-dozen govern-

Our President has refused to discuss our policies in detail with newsmen, though there has been great speculation as to what his intentions may be. We certainly ought to consider the opinions of the people we are trying to save: Premier Phan Huy Quat recently said, "Viet Nam is suffering too much. We want to end the war with hon-

Perhaps the best solution would be a reconvening of the Geneva Conference. According to the French Minister of Information, Alain Peyrefitte, the Soviet Union (surprisingly enough) is presently advocating this very thing. And, although Chou En-lai's statement that U. S. withdrawal is prequisite to a settlement has been much quoted, Mao Tse-Tung has said that there are no preconditions for negotiation.

The continuing U.S. insistence on Communist withdrawal as prequisite for negotiation could lead to catastrophic escalation of the war. As the French see the situation, "the United States and President Johnson remain the "great unknowables" in the present situation" (Christian Science Monitor for Feb. 26). One hopeful sign is that John Moors Cabot is presently meeting with Chinese envoy, Wang Kuo-Chuan, for informal

talks in Warsaw. May these talks escalate into

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