

In Our Opinion...

DTH Awards Of The Week

Lizard of the Week: Whoever came up with the idea of students having to send in a coupon to be eligible to get a Yackety Yack next spring.

Vacationers of the Week: Managers of the state's ABC stores who closed up shop Tuesday for election day and again Friday for Veterans' Day.

Mistake of the Week: Counting and tabulation of the votes for freshman class president.

Wisher of the Week: Independent Robert Tyndall who said Wednesday afternoon after the recounting of ballots for frosh class president, "Why can't I be 'President for a Day' like the rest of the candidates!"

Foot-In-Mouth Legislator of the Week: SP Representative Jed Dietz who was a leading contender for "Most Bushy-Haired Legislator This Side of Bobby Kennedy" until his performance Thursday night. Speaking on privilege, Dietz urged legislators to investigate thoroughly all legislation before introducing it and to be sure that adequate committee research had been carried out in order to be able to answer any questions from the floor. He then introduced a bill and asked for immediate consideration. Upon being questioned about certain fine points in the bill, he answered with a short, "I don't know," and recommended that the bill be recommitted.

Losers of the Week: The states

of Georgia and Alabama, the latter for electing a woman to be governor by proxy for her husband who didn't do an outstanding job for himself, and the former for failing to elect a governor at all and who would have had a loser with either candidate.

Student Government Bad Image Projector of the Week: A rusty-colored Cocker Spaniel who limped around SG offices for a while yesterday afternoon, barking and making whining noises, then fell calmly asleep behind a desk without doing anything.

Protester of the Week: A University of Mississippi student who refused to pay his campus parking tickets and took the matter to court. In a precedent-setting decision the court dismissed the case, ruling that state institutions of higher learning do not have the power to create regulations which are municipal in effect.

Job Corps Trainee of the Week: President Johnson, who this week joined the training program for youngsters 16 through 21. It's not the chief executive. It's a lad from Hammond, La., whose name just happens to be President Johnson.

Compliment of the Week: From *The News of Orange County* which honored a DTH editorial by printing a viciously defensive answer which, among other ludicrous accusations, labeled the editor of the DTH "a wayward youth with access to printer's ink."

'I Think The Losers Ought To Have To Take Them Down!'

David Rothman

Jobs Of Newsmen Conflict With Ethics

From The UNC Journalist

Editors unhesitatingly expose former government or military officials like retired generals who become vice presidents of companies with plush defense contacts. The editors speculate — sometimes, not just cynically — that the generals perhaps helped the companies win the contracts so that they, the generals, could obtain high-income jobs after retirement. In other words, the editors think a conflict of interest exists when a man's desire for future private employment might affect his performance of official duties. Conversely, though, couldn't a desire for future federal employment influence the actions of an employee of a company which deals frequently with the government — a company like a newspaper?

While working for the State Department this summer, I learned the department has hired an impressive number of former reporters, many of whom were once foreign correspondents. Which raises an embarrassing question: How many newsmen have failed to write critical articles about the State Department because of a possible longing to become a foreign service officer or, perhaps, one of Washington's myriad public "information" specialists? Certainly such ambitions are perfectly natural, considering that keen reportorial instincts are among the traits most highly valued by foreign service personnel experts—who, along with personnel men in other federal agencies, know that the best public information specialists are those experienced at countering the news management of public information specialists.

In fact, the federal government already has hired so many information specialists that one observer only partly facetiously says he worries whether Washington has enough competent reporters left to throw away the press releases prepared by their former colleagues.

Of course, not all of these conflicts of interests are present at the federal level. For instance, the city hall reporter who becomes a park commissioner or highway official is as much a part of American politics as the political writer who takes time out from his newspaper duties during the election to ghost speeches for a local congressional candidate.

Is this right?
Is this ethical?
I myself feel that familiarity with government is such an important asset to a newsmen that conflict-of-interest complications should not rule out his taking or considering a government job; otherwise, I would not have worked for the State Department this summer. But when public affairs reporters think about getting on the public payroll, they should at least be certain that their career ambitions do not interfere with their present responsibility — which is to inform the public of the government's shortcomings as well as its successes.

Advertising Airplanes Dangerous For Fans

At the time this editorial was written there was no way of predicting precisely what the weather for today's game will be. But going on the assumption that it won't be raining, football fans in Kenan Memorial Stadium will once again be entertained by the performing airplanes above the stadium as much as by this year's team.

It never occurred to us before, but these single engine emissaries of Madison Avenue actually constitute a considerable danger to the Saturday afternoon crowd.

Have you ever stopped to think what would happen if one of those planes ever by chance was to land in the laps of 45,000 persons?

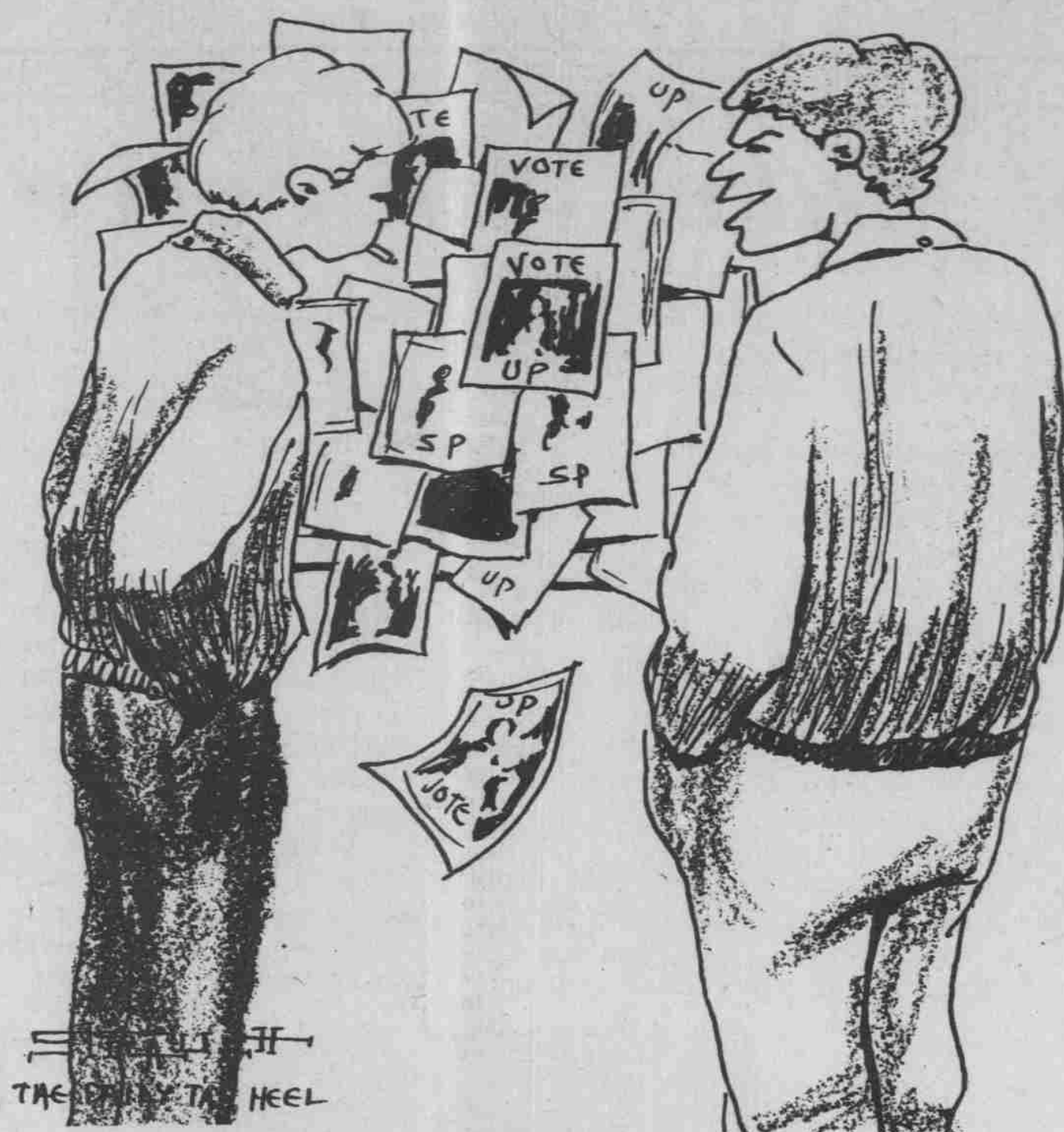
The blow of such an experience would certainly be a lot more severe than any enraged Jim Gardner supporter or Jesse Jones sausage welder might inflict.

Consider also that these planes, which are powered by one prop only, are carrying cables several hundred feet long behind them as well as their signs. These cables could easily foul a small engine or snap a propeller.

We don't know at this time what advertising company hires these airplanes out, but we do know this: Last football game there were no less than three planes circling Kenan Stadium, two pulling their obnoxious advertising behind them. One of the planes, if our ears and knowledge of such things is not in error, was having a bit of trouble.

If one of those planes ever falls onto the football field, you can be sure that it won't just be Jim Gardner and Jesse Jones that will suffer. The advertising company responsible for all this would be well advised to discontinue such operations.

—John Greenbacker



In Letters

Prof Defends SDS

Ivey Wrong

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:
As a faculty member who knows personally a good many members of SDS, I was greatly disturbed by the remarks attributed to Pete Ivey by reporter Bill Amlong in Sunday's Tar Heel.

Mr. Ivey, an official spokesman for the University, is quoted as saying, "They are activists for the sake of being activists most of the time." According to Mr. Ivey, they are "bugged" students who represent less than 03 percent of the student body.

Students who are "activists for the sake of being activists" will seek out almost any minor issue mainly for the sake of creating a disturbance. What are some of the "minor" issues with which these students have been concerned?

To my knowledge, they have focused on the war in Viet Nam, the gag law, and discrimination on and off campus. Now if students cannot be actively concerned about truly major social issues such as these without being ridiculed as being "bugged," then this campus is indeed "provincial" and "backwater," as Gary Waller claims.

At the time SDS invited Aptheker and Wilkinson to the campus there were outcries to the effect that they were merely seeking publicity, that the "timing" was poor, and that they were "merely" testing the administration.

In view of the Governor's public stand against the earlier Aptheker invitation, it was likewise obvious that a new challenge would have to be made once the trustees had made their decision to leave policy in the hands of the chancellor.

Thanks to the SDS group, the issue was squarely faced, and the matter is in the hands of the courts.

Early this fall, members of the SDS (as well as other groups) called to the Chancellor's attention the existence of de facto policies permitting those landlords who chose to discriminate to also make use of the (publicly supported) University Housing Office.

As I recall, the charge was initially denied, but the chancellor then made clear the University's policy by sending a letter to those landlords who elected to use the University's services.

Again, the SDS were effective in initiating action—and they did so with a minimum of publicity.

More recently, the news media have repeatedly attempted to link the SDS with the Paull case, the implication being that the opposition to the chancellor's decision is being spearheaded by a small group of radical activists.

On several occasions, Gary Waller attempted to make it quite clear that although SDS members, as individuals, were very much concerned about the chancellor's decision, the group itself had taken no official stand.

Instead, action was taken by the more inclusive Committee for Free Inquiry. Again, I thought that members of the SDS handled themselves with dignity and sincerity.

While I do not personally agree with all of the positions taken by all members of the SDS, I think that on the whole their actions have been very commendable, well thought out, and provocative in the best sense of that word.

I wish that I could say the same for some of their critics.

Unlike Mr. Ivey, I wish this group did not represent such a tiny fraction of our student body. They are a healthy influence and should be encouraged.

Hubert M. Blalock, Jr.
Professor of Sociology

Religion Again

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:
In various newspapers of the state we see, from time to time, letters from a Lawrence C. Roush of Wilson.

In areas where he is apparently informed, Mr. Roush is often on the side of the angels. He supports the Democratic Party, is for equal rights for all Americans, supports our President and men in Viet Nam, is opposed to Communism (and other totalitarianisms), and is against the Ku Klux Klan. To all these opinions and actions, I give full consent and support.

However, in the area of religion, Mr. Roush must have had a bad dream in which he was severely pronged by the fork of the devil as viewed by the medieval mind. The gentleman is certainly unfamiliar with the Orthodox, classical, or Catholic beliefs concerning God.

Certainly he does not know the creating, redeeming, and sanctifying God revealed fully in the incarnation in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Robert Pace

Sorry, Sandy

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:
This is a reply to an article written by Sandy Treadwell on the eve of the UNC - Clemson football game.

The article was what I considered negative and I would appreciate my reply published if possible.

If you picked up a Tarheel Sat. morning with qualms about Tar Heel chances in Death Valley, your questions were answered on page one by Sandy Treadwell. Even when optimism has been smudged upon by circumstance, it need not lead to speculative pessimism.

If you can't say something nice about the Heels, how about versing the facts and leaving the crystal ball to the mediums. Football games are not always won by the better team and often the desire and drive of an embittered underdog has proven superior to physical prowess.

Maybe the first three quarters of last year's Notre Dame game has slipped your memory. What makes a football team great? One of the tangible things is the ability to yield a good showing, perhaps to win, when it's down and knows it's down.

The bouncing back, the psychic enthusiasm to represent with pride and to win with confidence can only be instilled in an environment which exhibits such an attitude.

Today those pieced together Tar Heel lines will be having to fight two battles, one physically with the tigers of Clemson and the other psychologically in proving to people like Sandy Treadwell that they deserve his support.

Why can't we give 'em a chance to concentrate on what's in front rather than having to glance constantly behind to see which friend is going to kick or prod.

The real losers are the guys both on and off the field who give up when things seem a little rough.

You're a loser Sandy, a real loser.

Ron Stephens
Don Stephens

Tyndall Rests

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:
For Robert Tyndall, I suppose sleep and study are in order now that the election is over and his vigorous campaigning has ended.

It's rather funny: Tyndall worked like an indefatigable worker in hopes of winning that election. But in the relatively short span of one day—election day—he went from the role of tireless political workhouse and darkhorse candidate to the role of the defeated, and perhaps the forgotten.

It is roughly analogous to the obituary: a man works hard all his life, perhaps tries to make this world a little better place in which to live by personal sacrifice. Yet, when he dies that obit is all that remains.

I hope sincerely that Robert Tyndall will not die as a result of this election, not physically or in any other sense of the word. Although I graduated from Durham High School three years ahead of him, I followed his career there with interest; it was hard to do anything else, for Tyndall's actions and words labeled him as a "real comer."

Robert Tyndall almost "arrived" here several days ago. But almost is too often an excuse. I hope that whether it be as an independent or as part of a party machine — whichever he chooses for himself — Robert Tyndall will return as a candidate for a class office.

This world needs more Robert Tyndalls, and this University needs more Robert Tyndalls.

Dennis Sanders

Just Hanging Around

Poster, poster on the wall,
You hang so long before you fall.
Friends, we got trouble. Right here in Chapel Hill. It starts with "T", and that rhymes with "P" and it stands for "Poster."

Oh, it's not serious trouble. Nothing to get excited about. But it does sort of make one wonder... just who is supposed to get the campaign posters off the bulletin boards around campus after elections are over?

It's ironic that this problem should come up at all since during the campaigns the trouble is always just the opposite — candidates have a full-time job keeping their posters from being torn down.

But, believe it or not, some posters survive the campaign sabotage and hang for years. A bulletin board in upper quad still bears a red, white and blue banner urg-

Small Guys Fight

Daily Northwestern

A phenomenal thing is happening across the United States. The consumer is fighting price increases, and apparently beginning to win at least several skirmishes.

In Denver, where the boycotts originated, five supermarkets receiving the strongest boycott attack substantially lowered the prices of five items.

In themselves the boycotts are important — indicating what the average buyer can do to cut prices. But just as important have been the boycott's resulting side-effects.

On Oct. 25, the Federal Trade Commission announced that retailers and processors, not dwindling supplies, must be blamed for increases in such products as bread and milk.

Saturday the FTC followed its statement with action, announcing it would investigate whether supermarket promotional games add to food prices, and illegally restrain food market competition.

For a long time, consumers wondered, as they meticulously pasted their green, red, and plaid stamps into books, how much they were paying for those redeemable gifts.

It's not often the average buyer is able to exert pressure against the large retailers. But now, maybe consumers will get the facts on supermarket prices and gimmicks, and at the same time, a fair deal.

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