

In Our Opinion...

Guest Editorialist Asks B&G For Sweeping Reforms

Amid all the crises of a great university, it's easy to overlook the small struggles occurring from day-to-day.

Currently, the janitors on south campus are being coerced into working three to two floors instead of two per floor.

It may not sound like much, but to these men work is a primary means of existence.

They don't earn much. The starting salary is \$2,712 a year, nearly \$300 below the president's poverty guideline. The maximum is \$3,420 annually — if the janitor is recommended for all six promotions. That's not as easy as it sounds. Some janitors of 15-20 years service still aren't earning the maximum.

A few janitors, it is true, don't work too hard. But for that kind of money it's a wonder they work at all. Many hold down another job.

Now, because the janitors are balking at the increased work load, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is striking back. There will be no more 15-minute afternoon breaks.

This clampdown seems unfair. The break of other university employees like carpenters and plum-

bers has not been tampered with.

There is other evidence of unfairness, too. Foremen are being promoted from other areas of campus maintenance work. Janitors applying for other, higher-paying jobs, have been given the run-around. And no new janitors are being hired, though several people have applied.

Perhaps there is not yet evidence of the student-janitor relationship being impaired.

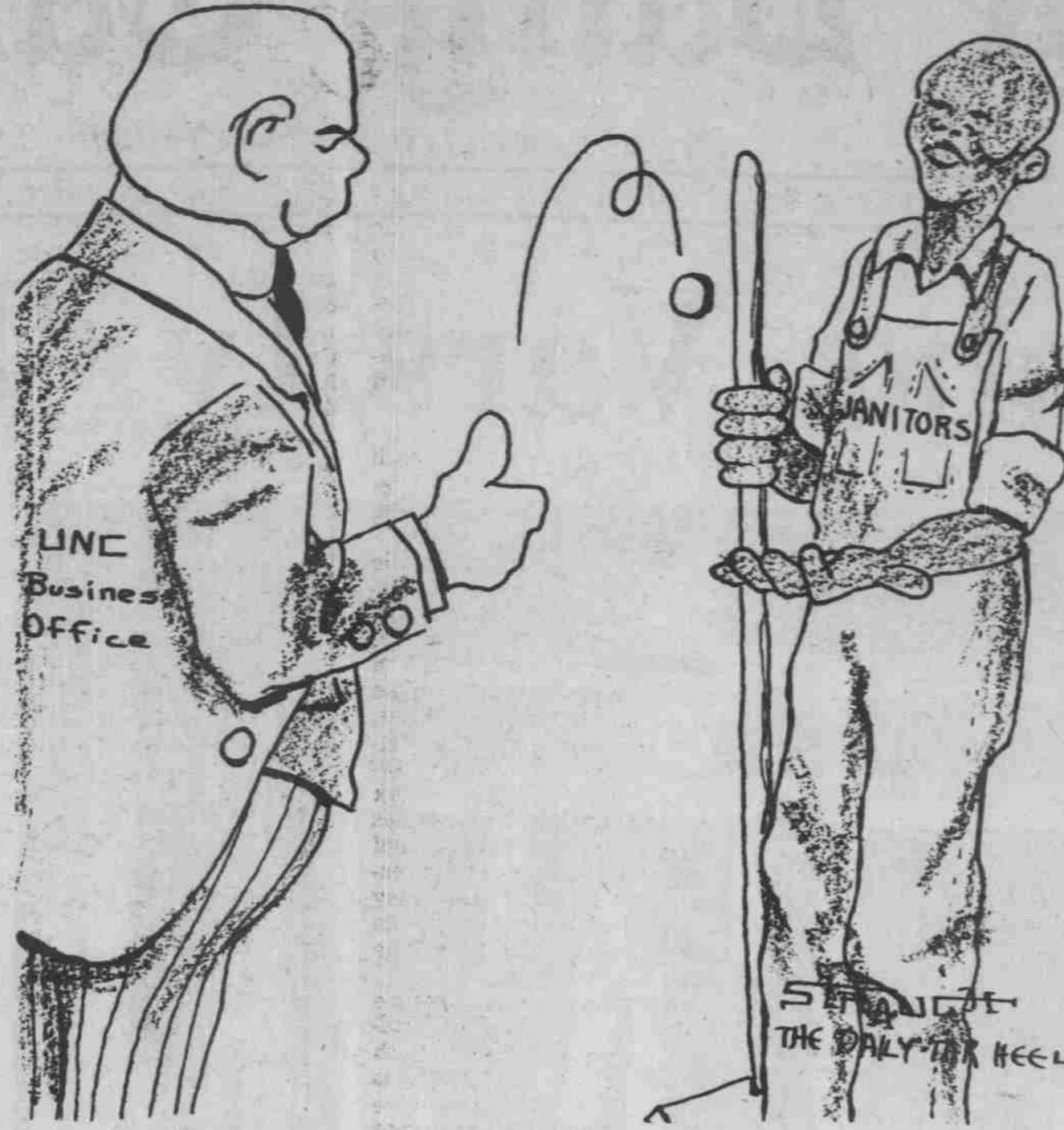
Soon, there may not be much of a relationship of any kind. Morale is low and mass quitting is threatened.

Frankly, we can't understand this sudden urge by Buildings and Grounds to save money. Not when there is sometimes evidence of more foremen than workers. Or when an abundance of trucks circulate around campus. Not when these janitors are so low-paid. Their plight should be improved, not made more difficult.

It's just a little matter. But it's in our interest to see that justice is done. Check the declining quality of service in Morrison if you need proof.

Maybe next year we'll be doing our own janitoring.

—Dick Levy



Letters To The Editor

UNC Fears HUAC

Fear On Campus

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: In a letter the other day I lamented over what I interpreted as campus apathy or conformity and compliance with official Washington Viet Nam or other foreign policy. I complained that dissent seemed almost non-existent and, worse, I felt the reason was that it might reflect negatively on the dissenter.

In today's DTH (Nov. 15) an explanation is given. Dissent is being officially suppressed by the House Un-American Activities Committee which is said to subpoena those opposing the war in Viet Nam.

No wonder the American Civil Liberties Union has a busy time. Apparently my feeling about conformity and lack of dissent was correct.

Perhaps as a foreigner I should keep out of matters like this. However, the course of the super-powered American democracy is a vital question for almost all the world. Therefore I can't help asking: Don't you as Americans feel strongly that the above actions by HUAC, ironically enough, are just un-American? Don't they smack intolerably of police-state authoritarianism?

You are free to express opinions, but HUAC will de-

fine what those opinions shall be! You are free to affiliate with organizations not in your choice but in HUAC's choice after due censure and endorsement! If your opinions and organization affiliation are deviating from HUAC's standards you are running the risk of losing your good name and reputation by being called to a HUAC hearing!

A probable reaction must be just apathy upon which democracy cannot be built.

And this university has denied a man fighting HUAC the right to speak on campus! Yet, this is supposed to be the greatest democracy. I am stunned.

Sven Lundstedt

strongly urge all eligible and interested students to investigate the possibilities for applying for next year's program. Football week - ends may be great but we prefer ours spent on the Riviera, in Paris, or in Geneva.

In anticipation of our return to UNC next fall, we are writing this letter not only to stimulate interest in this program but also to discuss a problem with which the women students are now concerned. During the past year there has been a tremendous amount of discussion in the WRC and on campus about the privilege of apartments for senior women.

We are strongly in favor of seeing a bill passed to this effect. Being completely independent in a foreign country, even though we are living with families, we believe the necessity for senior women to live under dorm regulations is an injustice.

In Lyon, as juniors, we are enjoying virtually the same privileges as they are denied; the right to live how and where we choose. Three of us are former WC students where a coed is allowed, if she is 21 or has parental permission, to have an apartment. Regardless of class standing.

WC is part of the consolidated university. After enjoying this year of privileges and the even greater responsibilities that accompany them, we find it difficult to return to an environment of regulations that are almost insulting to a college senior.

We are very much interested in life at UNC and wish to extend a plea to the WRC to consider the possibility of this rule change.

As this coming week-end is a holiday in France we must go pack our bags for a ski trip to the Alps!

Candice Black
Susan Brill
Paige Dempsey
Hatsil Tillinghast

Alumnus On Paull

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: I enclose a clipping on the Paull case from page seven of the Washington Post, Nov. 11. I am pleased that the original hasty decision to "reassign" Paull has been revoked.

Nevertheless, I fear that the whole unnecessary incident has left a stain on Carolina's academic reputation that will be hard to erase, coming, as it does, while memories of the unfortunate speaker ban controversy are still fresh.

This kind of incident not only damages the quality of teaching at the university by intimidating the teachers, but also casts a shadow over those of us who hold degrees from Carolina.

It is the kind of incident which one might expect to happen in a small town high school between a young, liberal instructor and an overly zealous, overly conservative school board, but not on the campus of a university with legitimate aspirations to national greatness.

J. Edgar Williams
Class of '50
Washington, D. C.

Football Problems

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: We are four UNC coeds who are participating in the UNC Year-at-Lyon program. Even though we have only been in Lyon for two months, this year promises to be a marvelous experience for us—both in academic and other broadening aspects.

We have already gained invaluable knowledge about French customs and the European way of life as well as having had time for travel and amusement. We

Pass-Fail System Begun At Stanford

FROM THE DAILY IOWAN

By ELAINE SCHROEDER

Undergraduates at Stanford University, California, began having a chance this fall to try "pass-fail" grading in one course a quarter.

"Pass-fail" grading is only offered in courses outside a student's major and outside general studies requirements. Criteria for a "pass" grade would ordinarily be the same as those for earning a "D" or higher under conventional grading.

"Grading is a relative rather than an absolute process. Although the Stanford student body is now superior to the student body of a decade ago, the all university grade-point has not risen," pointed out the Stanford Faculty on General Studies.

They went on to say, "What this indicates is that our grading does not and perhaps cannot measure absolute standards of achievement; rather, what the grading system does is to compare students of the present student body with each other."

Adoption of "pass-fail" grading is the latest modification of the Stanford grading system. In 1962, the description of a "C" was changed from "fair" to "satisfactory" and the description of a "D" from "barely passed" to "minimum credit."

When Stanford was founded in 1891, there were only four grades: "excellent," "passed," "conditioned," and "failed." After the first semester, "excellent" was dropped.

IFC Receptions Good Idea

The Intrafraternity Council's action to modify strict silence through the use of several informal receptions is a good move.

Since the institution of deferred rush and strict silence there has been much dissatisfaction among the various fraternities on campus.

There is little ground for argument against deferred rush. However, complaints against strict silence have been lodged from quite sound bases, and this modification is only one of several changes which might well be made in the system.

The freshman, in most cases, comes to UNC knowing very little about fraternities. Wrapped in the shroud of strict silence, the Greeks are unable to communicate with prospective members.

So the rushee walks in and out of houses in the spring, sees a

charade in which all the actors are in their best suits and on their best behavior. Then he has to decide whether or not he wants to become a part of the fraternity system and, if so, which house to join.

The planned receptions, according to the IFC, are designed to better acquaint the freshman with the fraternity system at UNC.

They should do just that. Since representatives from the different fraternities will be in mixed groups, the possibility of a fraternity monopolizing a rushee and feeding him a line will be non-existent.

Now is the time for freshmen to begin thinking about questions they might like to hear a fraternity member answer.

And it is a good time for fraternity men to begin thinking of further changes they might make in rushing regulations for the good of the Greek system and the benefit of the freshmen.

From Back Issues

Issues that made the news in The Daily Tar Heel on this date five, 10, and 15 years ago.)

Nov. 17, 1961

Queen Jean Spears, a junior from Pi Beta Phi sorority, will reign over the traditional and colorful "Beat Dook" celebration which begins today with a parade through downtown Chapel Hill and central campus.

About 50 floats all constructed on the "Beat Dook" theme will be entered in the award competition. Five trophies will be presented by PKA for the best entry from the women's dorms, men's dorms, sororities, fraternities, and the best overall campus entry.

Nov. 17, 1956

In regard to the Carolina Coach Co. drivers' strike, Chapel Hill Bus Station Manager H. C. Pearce Jr. has issued several announcements to the press.

Although bus travel has been slowed down considerably since the drivers left their jobs Nov. 9, the local bus station is open and also the bus station restaurant, and both will continue to be open regardless of the strike, according to the manager.

Nov. 17, 1951

Removing ten books from the library without checking them out caused a student here to be placed on probation by the Men's Honor Council at their session Thursday night.

Although the Council decided that the act was not stealing since the student took the books with the intention of returning them to the library when he had finished using them, he was found guilty of an Honor Code violation — "gross irresponsibility and dishonorable conduct in that he knew he was supposed to check out the books."

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