

# In Our Opinion...

## Attitudes, Not Residence, Cripples SL Effectiveness

The charge leveled by a student yesterday that the two representatives to Student Legislature from his district — Ed Wilson and Steve Salmony — are living outside the district points not so much to any terrible, malicious plot to dupe unsuspecting students as it does to a general lack of understanding or concern on the part of many SL representatives as to their responsibility to their constituents.

The two legislators involved lived in Men's District III when they were elected last spring. This fall, however, they moved to an apartment roughly a mile outside Carrboro. The boundary of MD III is drawn on the Carrboro city limit line.

Perhaps they have kept their fingers on the pulse of their constituents. If they have, then the fact that they sleep a mile too far out has probably had little effect on the representation. By the same token, of course, a student from Ehringhaus, for example, could stop by the lower quad every day and talk with the residents of that district, then do a fair job of representing those students.

Student Government, as any government with a representative legislative body, obviously has to impose residential requirements on representatives from the various districts. (Even Bobby Kennedy had to move to New York.) So naturally it would appear that Salmony and Wilson will have to change residences or leave Student Legislature.

It is surprising to find these two representatives, of all legis-

lators, violating the residence regulation. Few members of their party have been more active in legislature this year. Wilson is UP floor leader and Salmony is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

We are not familiar with the procedure of dealing with legislators who have moved outside their district and continued to serve as if they still lived there. Perhaps the natural course of action will be to book them out of legislature.

We hope this is not done. The students in Men's District III apparently wanted these two men to represent them — that's why they were elected. The UP voiced its faith in Wilson by naming him floor leader. Fellow legislators chose Salmony to chair one of the body's most important committees.

Although Salmony and Wilson's "offense" might appear quite flagrant is of no more significance than the attitude of too many legislators who, this year and in past years, have led students to refer to Student Government as Mickey Mouse.

As representatives, the members of Student Legislature should first work for the accomplishment of the small things that directly affect their constituents — living conditions, grassy lawns, etc. But, more importantly, they should keep in mind the ability of Student Government, through legislature, to carry out programs for the good of every student at UNC.

Living out of district hasn't done any great damage to SL. The attitudes and actions of many representatives have.

### Wilson Clark, Jr.

# Student Rights Exploited At UNC

Repeated assaults have wiped away the bulk of freedom in this university: the dismissal of William Goodykoontz, the persecution of Michael Paull, the speaker ban, and now, the narcotics "probe."

Acting on the presumption that narcotics usage was involved in the recent admission of a student to the University infirmary, government agents seized private medical records in a highly secretive move, so secretive that police officials publicly expressed dismay that details of their clandestine activities were "leaked" to the press.

Last Saturday, December 10, Superior Court Judge James J. Latham ordered the seals on the medical documents broken, thus allowing them to be used in court proceedings.

Several factors stand out in an analysis of this series of actions on the part of statist agents: —Does this action (seizing the records) not come into conflict with Americans' constitutionally protected (at least in theory) individual freedom?

—Is it not possible that such activities may, over a period of time, tend to cause students not to seek help at the infirmary in emergency instances, where the possibility of legal action may be involved?

The latter question may be

answered quite simply: yes. If the University continues to allow such indiscriminate handling of (again, theoretically) private medical records, then the obvious consequence will follow: In emergency situations of this nature in the future, students in medicolegal trouble would certainly not be anxious to seek help from the infirmary, knowing full well that it would merely be a matter of time before the police were confronted with any privately volunteered data.

As for the first question, I suggest a closely reasoned examination of the following excerpt from the Bill of Rights:

Article IV of the United States Bill of Rights reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or Affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

As Macaulay observes in his brilliant attack on "Southey's Colloquies": "Men are never so likely to settle a question as when they discuss it freely. A government can interfere in discussion only by making it less free than it would otherwise be."

"Men are most likely to

form just opinions when they have no other wish than to know the truth, and are exempt from all influence, either of hope or fear. Government, as government, can bring nothing but the influence of hopes and fears to support its doctrines. It carries on controversy, not with reasons, but with threats and bribes.

"If it employs reasons, it does so, not in virtue of any powers which belong to it as a government."

Thus, instead of a contest between argument and argument, we have a contest between argument and force.

"Instead of a contest in which truth, from the natural constitution of the human mind, has a decided advantage over falsehood, we have a contest in which truth can be victorious only by accident."

Superior Court Judge James Latham served the State well on December 10, 1966. He broke the back of the Bill of Rights. Moreover, his actions may well be responsible for a steep decrease of personal liberty, both practically and ideally.

The disintegration of the doctor - patient relationship adds one more corpse to the mausoleum. Americans cannot communicate without the omnipresent ear of the State taking part.

Letters sent via the government monopoly may be scru-

tinized at will. Telephone calls suffer more, if any. Even the much-touted freedom of the press is not immune: the stimulus-response technique works well with enterprising reporters who get the hot information by adapting their style to Newspeak.

Force and coercion take many forms; the black magic of the State may be utilized in many ways, both soft and hard. . . but always effectively. Today, we can chalk up another point for Leviathan: the severing of interpersonal confidence in any sort of professional relationship.

Freedom of expression in such a context seems not to be allowed by today's Machiavellian State. and apparently, the University (in loco parentis notwithstanding) is quite content to follow suit.

In the words of Dean Cather, " . . . In fact, the University initiated the investigation." Not student government, but administrative government, instigated the investigation.

Regardless of its merits, one wonders whose province such an investigation should be in: one's peers, or one's masters. As Macaulay prophesied, force won over freedom, tyranny over freedom, hypocritical oath over Hippocratic Oath.

Today, the elitists probe non-consensus-oriented activities; tomorrow, they will

probe the recesses of the mind. Just as the heads of state worship atomic power for its ability to kill, rather than to help, they worship the law for its potential to enslave rather than to illuminate.

As Judge Latham commented, the procedure was "predicated on the right of the state to administer justice and maintain order."

District Solicitor Cooper's definition of reasonable search, that "the state had reasonable grounds to believe a serious misdemeanor had occurred," differs sharply from the terse comments of the infirmary physician, that he would rather see the records destroyed than turned over to the State.

Both arguments are persuasive, depending on one's viewpoint, but the fact remains, that one argument is backed up by a gun, and the other, by reason.

Judge Latham's interpretation of the "right of the state" is hardly more bizarre than Solicitor Cooper's "reasonable search." Both are predicated on the flimsiest data: even so, one must not underestimate the curiosity of the State.

As our liberties drain away, I cannot help but admire the courage of Dr. De Walt, who at least tried to put his finger in the dike.

### 'Come Now, Boys. Even Bobby Kennedy Had To Move To New York.'



## No Clothes Make The Man

We haven't heard anything from the masked prowler since we came back from Thanksgiving break. The terrible creature, who struck fear in the hearts of sleepy doers the campus over, has apparently moved on to greener pastures.

A story in a Raleigh newspaper this week, however, leads us to believe that perhaps he left a disciple not too far away.

A young man, described to be about 25, 5 feet, 10 inches tall with dark hair, appeared in the room of a St. Mary's Junior College student this past weekend.

### Don't Bootleg Booze, Bibles

You never know what to expect when you start discussing changes in liquor laws. But one thing most people would never expect is to find a Baptist minister urging the liberalization of present restrictions.

Telling his congregation that "whatever else we think of it, brown-bagging your bottles may not be as offensive to the Almighty as bootlegging your Bibles," the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, told his congregation Sunday it is the obligation of North Carolina's legislators to update what he termed "outmoded and unworkable" laws governing alcoholic beverages.

"Outmoded and unworkable." It's plain to see that this state's present regulations are just that. And it appears equally plain to see that legalized brown-bagging will not solve the problem.

Rev. Finlator, in his sermon, called upon the wets and the dries to approach the expected overhaul of the liquor laws "with equanimity."

If they do this — if they recognize what should be a simple right of citizens to drink if they want to — we think they would have to agree that open bars are the logical answer to the problem.

This prowler, however, was not wearing a mask. In fact, he wasn't wearing anything.

A girl student, who lives on the ground floor of Cruckshank Dormitory, awoke at 6:30 a.m. Saturday to find the nude man sitting on the bed opposite hers, holding a handkerchief in his hand. He said he was looking for Judy, then apologized for the intrusion.

He sat there about 10 minutes and then walked to another room, donned his clothes and left the dorm by a window four-and-a-half feet above the ground.

No one knows who the prowler was. Nor are they certain what Judy he was looking for. But it seems like a strange way to dress for an early morning date.

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## Solution To Athletic Problem

### Klein Wrong

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: Richard A. Klein's letter to the editor in the Friday DTH was truly one of the most absurd collections of nonsense in quite a while.

In it, he tries to link radio, television, and motion pictures into one topic to be held to the same standards. Motion pictures have never been subjected to the same principles as radio and television by anyone.

Motion pictures have none of the problems of broadcasting and do not use what the FCC calls "the public's air waves."

In the RTVMP department at UNC, there is only one general introductory course including all three media. All other courses are concerned with just the R, TV or MP of the department.

Indeed, the study of motion pictures has more in common with drama than radio and television.

Klein also accuses the Carolina Theater of not working in the public interest. Nothing could be more ridiculous. The Carolina is in business to make money.

The next time Richard Klein writes a letter to the editor he will probably be criticizing the Playmakers for catering to a minority audience, basing his criticism on the fact that they breathe the same

air that everyone else does when they deliver lines.

Douglas Stanton

### Reform Movement

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: According to the Daily Tar Heel the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is at a crisis point. In light of the obvious failure of the present athletic system, our student paper (snicker, snicker) has called for reform.

It seems to us that the DTH's suggestion represents only a pernicious continuation of the present woefully ineffective method of athletic decision-making.

But now a new voice arises, the voice of the people, the call for participatory athletics!

What is to be done? This: each Monday morning during the football season each student will vote, by secret ballot, for one football play. The five top vote getters will form the "game plan" for the next Saturday (this number was chosen because surveys have shown it to be the maximum number the Tar Heels have undertaken on any given afternoon).

Now, which play in which situation? This will be decided on the field—in the heat of battle so to speak—by the Civilian Review Board. This Board shall consist of six members: a student from the

sciences; a student from liberal arts; a rich in-state alum; a richer out-of-state alum; a faculty member, rotating by Saturdays among the Art, Music, and Religion departments; the first stray dog to wander into Kenan after 12:30 p.m. on the day of the game.

If this last member should happen to be the same as any of the previous five, Otelia Connor will fill the sixth vacancy.

To be run (pardon the expression) by the Tar Heels each play must have first received at least a two thirds approval from the Civilian Review Board. "Let us reason together." If such a majority is not attained the decision will be turned over to the students at large.

By voice vote tabulated by the Head Cheerleader (if sober; if not, by Ramsesses) the best play will be chosen. Vox populi, vox Dei. . .

The reader will note that not a single coach, nor athletic director will be necessary; soon the athletic state will wither away, (hopefully along with South Building, Hanes Hall, Student Government, TCC's and TCG's, Honor Codes, ad nauseam.).

Students of the university unite, you have nothing to lose but Chuck Erickson! Stephen Appell, William John Barclay, Jr., Michael Crowell

## Peter Harris Christmas Recalls Warm Memories

As Christmas approaches, I can remember what was one of the most fabulous, richly rewarding weeks of my life. It was my first Christmas after being at UNC, and the fantastic memories still swirl inside me.

Despite the beauty of those moments, I look back and see it as the ultimate in unreality—the joyous spirit of pushing away anxieties built-up during the school year.

I can remember staying up until 6:30-7 a.m. for six straight nights, never wanting to quit the good times. Each night I would drop-off my friend John at his apartment after an all-night card game, party, or both.

One time, a bunch of us even played cards at 4:30 in the morning in our old school's lobby.

I remember coming across the Rolling Stones for the first time with Bill in Doubleday's.

I felt that going back to Chapel Hill was so damned wrong, that the real world was back in the big city.

Lost.

The beauty of the younger years transcended beyond their realm of time and the fascination of youth hurt.

Time passed, though, and my feelings towards New York and Chapel Hill have changed — or, I should say, grown. Your perspective grows as you take-in more of life's good and bad times.

You see your old friends less often; new friends provide the immediate meaning.

But you remember . . . Where did it go?

Strangely, you feel almost as if the snows which fell during that Christmas never really melted.

## Free University Is Praised In Durham

From The Durham Morning Herald "The "experimental college" program planned at Chapel Hill by University of North Carolina students and professors points to stimulating possibilities in higher education.

Independent of the University except for personnel, the classes will have no grades, no formal lectures and no academic credit. But they will have something too often missed in regular courses.

This is seminar-type discussion on a free and open basis in which the whys and wherefores can be batted around until the answers and the reasons stand in full clarity.

It is a refreshing change from classroom tedium that at times finds a student busily scribbling notes from a rapid-fire lecture, then when quiz time comes returning answers which he doesn't fully comprehend.

There is little wonder some critics of educational processes may charge that degree winners often lack an education.

The Chapel Hill experiment will allow students to take courses in which they are interested without worrying about grades. It will allow them to associate with some of the leading professors without normal pressures of the classroom.

And while they are getting no credit, they may really be getting an education which, by any definition, stands as the primary purpose for which institutions of learning exist.