

# In Our Opinion . . .

## High Hopes For Pass-Fail System Here Next Semester

Early last fall after the Reidsville Conference, where students leaders administrators, and faculty members gathered to discuss the students' role in University policy making — especially in reference to educational reform — we expressed our doubts as to the value of the conference.

Several students and faculty members were quick to accuse us of judging too hastily on a matter of long-term significance. In light of recent accomplishments on the road to educational reform we have to admit that our critics were 100 per cent correct, and it is with a great deal of enthusiasm for the new projects that we eat our humble pie.

Shortly before the Christmas holiday the detailed plan for an experimental college was announced which drew praise from newspapers across this state and from other University campuses.

The latest proposal riding on the momentum of the Reidsville Conference is the pass - fail grading system for the College of Arts and Sciences explained on page one of today's DTH.

Such a system has proved highly successful in many colleges and universities across the nation and, in fact, will be employed on a trial basis at Duke next semester.

The system proposed for use here at UNC was conceived in one of the weekly Student Government-sponsored educational seminars in November. The plan was polished up and presented to Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences J. C. Morrow Monday for consideration by him and the Administrative Board of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The board will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday at which Dean Morrow will present the proposal. Whether the board will be able to consider it at that meeting is uncertain. Dean Morrow explained yesterday that the board has a quite full agenda of pressing business. It is easy to understand that the final meeting of the semester would be one with a premium on time.

However, if the board could study and approve the plan at its meeting, it would mean that the program could be enacted next semester. The enthusiasm of many faculty members during and after the Reidsville Conference was great. Their encouragement has meant a great deal to the students who have since been working on educational reform.

If the board can squeeze this last-minute bit of business onto its slate, or if the members' schedules are such that a special session could be called to consider the plan, it would be a tremendous shot in the arm for the pass-fail system.

The success of the program will depend to a large extent on the enthusiasm of the students. Enthusiasm at the moment is high and, we believe, will spread like wild fire throughout the student body if the opportunity is offered to try the plan next semester.

We have our fingers crossed with a great deal more faith than we had last fall that educational reform will become a meaningful, tangible reality to UNC students through the pass - fail system next semester.

## Take A Look At Virginia

(From The Greensboro Daily News)

All that North Carolina has to do to see the kind of action which ought to be taken against cross-burners and other breeders of violence who act under Ku Klux Klan guise or cover is to look across the Virginia border and note the results which Governor Godwin's declared war on the Kluxers has already achieved.

The Old Dominion has a law making cross burning, without written permission of the owner of the property where the cross is burned, a felony carrying punishment up to five years imprisonment.

Governor Godwin has called for strict enforcement of the law, believing that elimination of cross-burning would do much to combat the Klan, lessen its outward appeal to hatred and prejudice and rid the state of recognized scare and terror tactics. As part of his campaign the Governor offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to conviction of persons for illegally burning crosses.

The Governor's challenge was promptly accepted by unknown persons who burned a cross at the rear of the Executive Mansion. In due course four men and a woman were arrested for cross-burnings in Richmond and Henrico county. After these arrests more crosses were burned in North Richmond. According to the Danville Register, there is now "a hard-nosed showdown between the Commonwealth and certain individuals presumed to be Klansmen, since Klan literature was found in both automobiles used by persons arrested."

The cross-burning cases are on the verge of trial; and the outcome and its influence could be tremendous.

Our Danville contemporary, viewing the unfolding developments, notes that "Virginia is a state where law and order prevail."

If it takes some bitter instruction for Kluckers to learn that, then others may be spared the harsh and costly lessons by prompt determination of the validity and applicability of the laws against those who light crosses to throw fear into the hearts of families who look to the courts for protection against those who act outside the law."

Bravo, Virginia. And we trust Tar Heel officialdom is looking straight in your direction.

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### In Letters

## DTH Catches It

#### Sports Nausea

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

As a regular reader and frequent admirer of the Daily Tar Heel, I must say that I was sickened by the garbage that took up the whole of page three in Sunday's DTH.

The title was "UNC Vs. Duke; A Classic Battle Lives Again On Hardwood." The only thing classic about this article was its example of poor sportsmanship, sarcastic egotism, and nauseating bias.

Any real Carolina fan and team member knows that the Duke-Carolina contest is always an exception to every rating and prediction — both teams play their hearts out.

Saturday's game was no different; it was rough and close even to the last second, but the one-page smear in the DTH opens with "Duke was all bark and no bite." It proceeds to tear down a thing called Duke school spirit, the same type of loud-cheering

spirit that we are proud of when Carolina plays Duke at home.

The so-called cheering bout wasn't the real issue of the Duke game. The fight was on the floor and this article hams it up with all the old soap-opera drama that ever oozed out of morning TV.

Duke may have thrown an apple core, but this writer waited until he got home to throw trash.

An article of this type deserved at the most, an eighth of a page, but instead, it filled up an entire page with several oversized, mediocre photographs. This space could have been used to tell about the sixth victory of Carolina's swimming team, which got all of a one- by two-inch rectangle between the advertisements.

And where was the write-up about the Carolina Wrestling Team's win over State Saturday afternoon? The DTH consistently crowds out other sports, while they give space

every week to church steeples and campus canines.

I wonder if the editorial staff has any idea how much sweat and work our athletes put into a wrestling match, swimming meet and a lacross game, or how much credit they deserve and never seem to get.

Page three could have included a decent article and photograph of another facet of UNC's athletic achievement. Instead, what was printed was factless, uninformative garbage.

Brad Ellisford

#### Doctor's Testimonial

Having enjoyed John Greenbacker's previous contributions to the Daily Tar Heel, I was disappointed at the unfair, defamatory, and nauseating attack, and the accompanying cartoon, on the fifteen cent hamburger.

I am sure that in our affluent and pseudo-sophisticated society he has never been in the position where he would appreciate one of the few wholesome food bargains remaining.

An item which is prepared and served in sanitary surroundings far superior to that of many of the more popular university food establishments. An item also far more nutritious than the purchase for which the student apparently spends a more substantial portion of his funds.

Mr. Greenbacker's choice of vocabulary, undoubtedly meant to impress us with his erudition and worldliness, succeeded just to the extent that I'm impressed by such equally revolting sights as the thirteen-year-old junior high school boys clustering near the school obviously displaying to classmates their superior accomplishments in the use of cigarettes and four letter words.  
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#### What About Ho?

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The SDS now has no reasons to complain about the conservatism of Chapel Hill students and residents. Not only has there been a beginning of protest vigils against American involvement in Viet Nam, but we have also had a written protest to President Johnson from the NSA, co-signed by our own student body president.

But the strange thing about these vigils and letters is the fact that they are directed only against one party in that unfortunate conflict. Are the protesters afraid to express equal disapproval of Uncle Ho Chi Minh's most active participation? Or do they condone it?

It would be refreshing to see on next Wednesday's vigil posters words protesting the North Vietnamese infiltration as well.  
Larry H. McReed

## Draft Problems Hit Top U.S. Officials

From The Cavalier Daily

I read the other day about a certain draft board in Southern California (where else?) that is trying to draft three Peace Corpsmen who are already working in their assigned countries.

That an apparently rightwing group could use the draft against "liberals" is a shame and is also a little frightening. In fact, the use of the draft as a political weapon could be carried to such an extreme that the following situation could result.

Imagine the President of the United States, in the summer of 1968, sitting at his desk. There is a knock at the door and in walks a pale, obviously nervous Vice-President.

"Lyndon," he says, "You'll never guess what I got in the mail today."

"What's that, Hubert?" inquires the Pres., knowing full well.

"My draft notice. I'm being inducted in two weeks."

Beaming, the President takes the V-P's hand. "Ma fella Murrigan, I am pleased."

"But . . . I can't join the Army," he protests.

The President glowers menacingly and says, "Any other red blooded Murrigan boy'd be proud to fight for his country."

"But I'm the Vice-President. I've got to run with you on the ticket this November. Who else could . . ."

"Now, don't you worry about that, Hubert, I'll think of something."

At this point, the door bursts open and in rushes a Well Known Rising Young Politician with a Name.

"Bobby," stammers the V-P, "What are you doing up here?"

"Just, ah, casing the joint," comes the reply. All stand still in embarrassment until the President speaks.

"Uh, say, Bobby, what are you doin' around September?"

"You'd be surprised," replies the Rising Young Etc.

The ex-Vice President hangs his head sadly and trudges slowly from the room. The Rising Young turns to the President and asks, "Will he go to Viet Nam?"

"That's where the action is," answers the President.

Suddenly the Young Politician seems to remember something that he has been holding since he came in.

"By the way, Lyndon, your secretary asked me to give you this letter that just came."

Lyndon opens it, reads for a few seconds and sits down heavily. "I've been drafted, too," he moans. "I'm supposed to report to my local draft board in Texas in two weeks. They can't draft me. . . I'm the President."

The Rising Young Politician says, "Ask not what your . . ."

"Now cut that out!" rages the ex-President as he storms out of his office.

The scene fades as the Young Man pulls a tape measure from his coat pocket and tries the Executive Swivel Seat on for size.

Dennis Ladd

## American's Prayer

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Gentle Jesus, bless each bomb  
We drop today on Viet Nam  
And keep our helicopters safe  
From natives they fly low to strafe.

Lord of Life, increase our skill  
To build up added overkill  
And let no pacifist decry  
The strontium-90 in our sky.

Heavenly Father, we entreat  
Let no one sell the Cubans wheat  
And grant us power to chastise  
All insubordinate allies.

Holy Spirit, give us grace  
To win the guided missile race,  
And help our scientists amass  
Vast arsenals of germs and gas.

From further dwindling, Lord preserve  
Our ever-shrinking gold reserve,  
And we beseech Thee, come what may,  
Let overseas investments pay.

The world's most upright Christian land  
We ask these blessings at Thy hand—  
Be Thine the glory, Lord on high  
When women weep, and children cry.  
Amen.

Ian Boyden

## A Child's Prayer

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
Please, God, will you my Daddy keep?  
Keep him warm, and safe from harm  
Way off there in Viet Nam.

I don't know what he's fighting for  
I only know that it's a war.

And I know the children there  
Are asking what I ask in prayer  
And please, God, could I ask of You  
That you save their Daddys, too?  
Amen.

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