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Class Officers Decision Should Be Made By SL

It is possibly a good thing that Student Legislature delayed action on the bill for a referendum on class officers.

Referendums, after all, are hazy sorts of creatures which nobody knows exactly what to do with after he's got them.

As Legislator George Krichbaum said during the debate over delaying consideration of the bill until a later session of legislature, it is uncertain just how binding a referendum would be on the Student Legislators.

He also posted some other very good arguments against the referendum: it would be held too soon before class elections are scheduled, there would be insufficient time for rebuttal of the arguments against abolishing class officers, and having a different referendum for each class could prove a might confusing and a great deal farcical.

But all of these arguments against having the referendum — as sound as they are — don't touch upon whether or not class officers are worth having. Indeed, they aren't really supposed to since Krichbaum wasn't arguing about that.

But the thing that happened most to the point Thursday night was a motion by Legislator John Willeford that Student Legislature abolish class officers.

This squarely tackles the problem, and puts on the shoulders of Student Legislature the responsibility of making a decision about whether to keep these basically useless offices.

Now while student legislators shouldn't just go around making arbitrary decisions on matters such as these, they are elected representatives and should earn their keep by running student government.

And this motion, which is now in committee, provides Student Legislature with a chance to dutifully exercise their power by deciding whether to keep class offices.

Tell It Like It Is, Brother Jim

Congressman James Gardner came back to Raleigh Friday to show the home folks he hasn't changed and to strike another couple of blows for the 19th Century.

One of those blows was to say that he agreed with Gov. Dan K. Moore that it was "a serious mistake to employ Negro rights worker Howard Fuller as a lecturer at the University of North Carolina."

Enough has already been said about what a serious mistake it was for the governor to open his mouth about it, and most of this applies also to Rep. Gardner, so there's no need to dwell on that.

But what was really in the true Jim Gardner style was the main reason he called the press conference: to let all the home folks know that he was ready to stand by the tobacco industry in the face of all those nasty people in Washington who are saying that smoking is dangerous to health.

He said that he has requested the Department of Agriculture and Congress to hold public hearings in North Carolina about tobacco problems, including "chaotic" conditions in marketing tobacco.

This, now, is a good thing. It is a congressman serving his constituency by bringing in the Feds to help with a legitimate local problem. And North Carolina's tobacco industry is as entitled to federal aid and guidance on such problems just as much as any industry

This bill will hopefully emerge soon from the Rules Committee and be given to the Student Legislature to act on.

What now needs to be done is not to have a referendum — with its many flaws — but for the committee to hold open hearings on this bill, and for the individual legislators to talk about it with their constituents.

And then a decision should be made.

For \$12.50 You Can Can It

There is, admittedly, a lot of trash coming out of any Student Body President's office.

But even so, did Student Legislature really have to appropriate \$12.50 for the purchase of a \$25 trash basket?

True, it will be a pretty trash basket, the kind that any student government executive would really cherish — and maybe even snuggle up to on chilly nights.

True, also, that Bob Travis says he is spending only \$7.50 for a trash basket, instead of the appropriated \$12.50, and that even at \$12.50 it would be a discount bargain.

And further true that the trash basket is part of the furniture package for the Student Government offices in the new student union building, and that Travis managed to get a very good deal on the whole package, even though he won't get full use out of most of it in his present offices.

But even so, we repeat, did Student Legislature really have to appropriate \$12.50 for the purchase of a \$25 trash basket?



The Student Speaks

Today, I'm Not Proud Of My Government

By MIKE COZZA

One of the rules of writing editorials is to avoid the use of pronouns in the first person.

The reasoning behind this is simple. If a writer declares his point of view by saying "I think..." he is reducing his impact. It is much more impressive to say "many people feel..." or "it is unequivocal that..."

As an editorialist who has generally tried to state his view in the orthodox manner, this writer has always felt quite comfortable in avoiding the first person.

Today, however, I wish to depart from the traditional approach. I want to say something that I, as an individual, feel—something for which I can claim neither broad support nor unequivocal right. So the reader will please excuse the unorthodox use of the first person.

I am writing this column as I sit on a rock wall in front of a church on Franklin Street. It is Wednesday. It is just past noon. I am watching the weekly peace vigil.

In many ways I am in agreement with those who line the sidewalk: I am disenchanted with the war in Vietnam, I have certain reservations about American foreign policy, I want to see the killing stopped.

Nevertheless, like many others who agree with the members of the vigil, I am not in their line.

I would imagine that many people avoid participation because they are afraid. They are afraid that their parents might see them in a news-reel. They are afraid their friends might call them cowards, or worse, unpatriotic.

It's hard to say what my reason is. I don't think I'm afraid. I suppose I would rationalize that I am just not a demonstrator—I am a journalist, or at least that's what I'm trying to be.

But the fact remains: I agree with them. I don't like what my government is doing.

It hasn't always been that way, however. I can remember when I counted myself among the most patriotic supporters of the United States. I was even nominated for a good citizenship award in high school—an award given by the D.A.R.

I can remember when I thought my government was right. I can remember when we honestly stood for world peace and for helping peoples less fortunate than ourselves.

I can remember when my government inaugurated the Marshal Plan, a superb

effort of unselfish goodwill. I believed in the Marshal Plan, and I was proud that my government offered aid to all countries of war-torn Europe.

I can remember when my government gave more than token support to the United Nations as an effective force for world peace. I had great hopes for the United Nations, and I was proud of my government for supporting it.

I can remember when my government relieved General MacArthur of his command in Korea for pushing an aggressive policy that could have sparked a third world war. I was proud that my government, a civilian government, had the guts to over-rule the military.

I can remember when my government initiated humanitarian programs like the Alliance for Progress in South America and the War on Poverty at home. I was proud of my government for its humanitarianism and its foresight.

Today, however, my feelings are different. My government is somehow not the same as it used to be.

Today we are hated in Europe and denounced for economic imperialism. And there is sound basis for this charge. I am not proud that my government is hated in Europe.

Today my government seems to disregard the United Nations. The UN Secretary-General, who surely must be one of the most impartial observers in the world, advised us that we are wrong in Vietnam. I am not proud of my government's response: We ignored him.

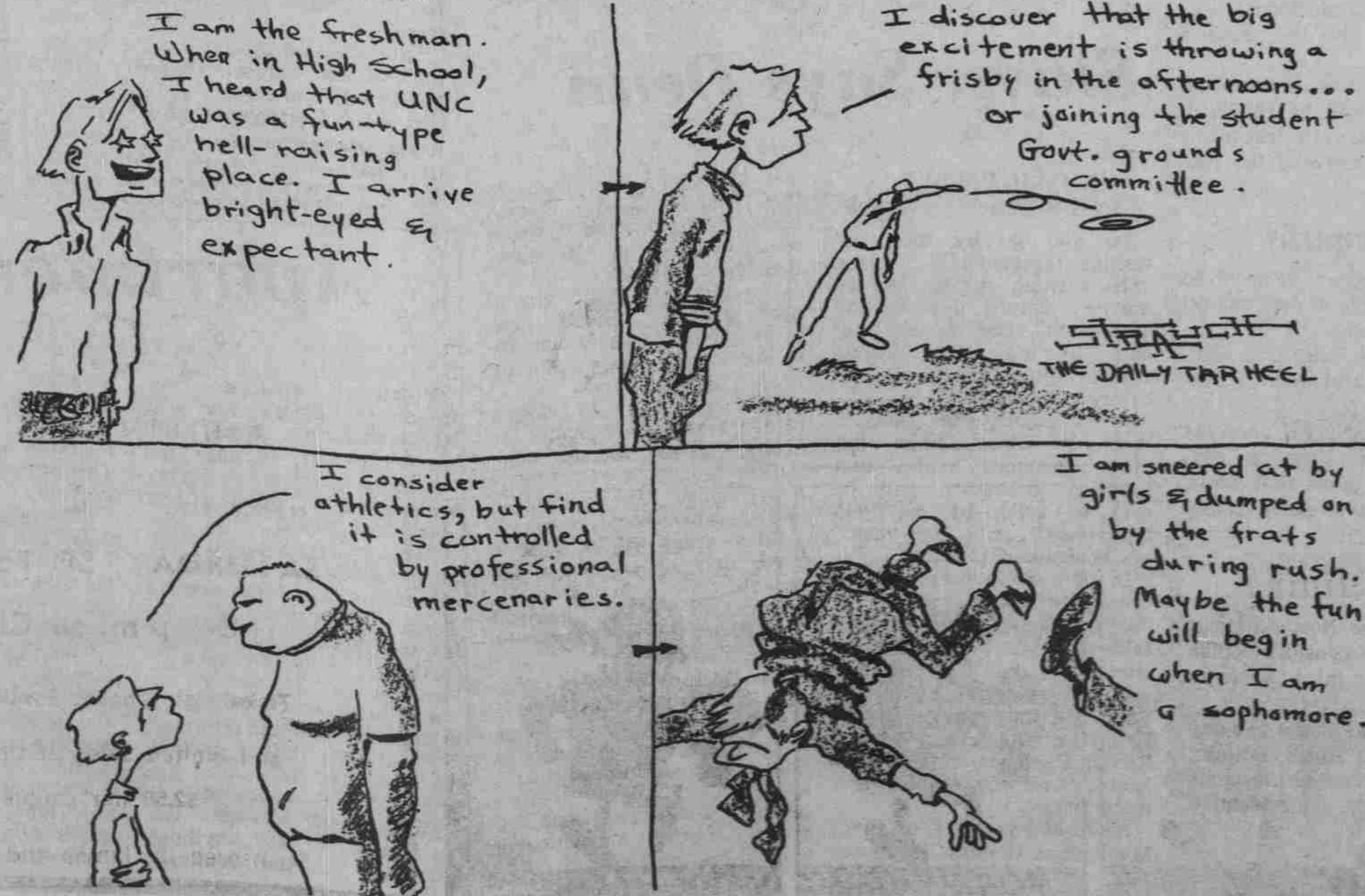
Today my government seems run by the military. When they advise bombing, we bomb. When they advise escalation, we escalate. When they advise increasing involvement, we become increasingly involved. I am not proud that my government, a civilian government, kowtows to the military.

Today the Alliance for Progress effort has diminished. We just don't talk about it any more. And we have all but surrendered in the War on Poverty. I am not proud that my government cannot defeat illiteracy, disease, and hunger.

I believe that my outlook on government, my system of values for what is right and what is wrong, have not changed. I believe that my government and its policies have changed.

Maybe I'm unpatriotic because I feel this way. Maybe the D.A.R. won't like me anymore. Maybe they'll think I'm a coward.

I don't care. I can't help it. I am not proud of my government today.



Larry Keith

Bookies, Everyone Else Putting Heels On Spot

North Carolina has been forced into a situation which no football team with a nine game losing streak deserves.

This afternoon the Tar Heels must play Tulane in their home opener.

Consider that fact three. Recall the proclamation issued by the student body president early in the week that sounds, once the fluff is brushed aside, like "Win, damnit!"

The clincher is, and this I find hard to believe, the Tar Heels are favored.

How would you like to have a slice of the fat pie which some smart bookie is baking for this game?

The line is UNC by two points, which means there must be something the two dollar bettor just don't know about.

Like the Tar Heels are out to win one for the Gipper.

Heck, let's win one for somebody, fellows.

Win one for the Choo Choo if nothing else.

In the past 17 years the Tar Heels have had three winning teams. Only one in the past seven years.

Consider the plight of poor Bill Dooley.

He spends nine months telling us that the Tar Heels aren't going to win much this year and two weeks proving it.

Now here he is with those losses to N.C. State and South Carolina and the book says North Carolina by two.

I think what the book did was to figure 13-7 and 16-10 losses just aren't all that

bad, especially when the teams that won have romped in their other games.

This is where the Tar Heels have made their mistake. Doggone it, if you're going to lose, lose like you mean it. This business of leading 7-3 at halftime and then losing has got to stop.

Admittedly, Dooley has yet to prove that North Carolina is as bad as he said it would be. But, I do not doubt that he was giving an honest appraisal of the team's worth when he said it would be unable to compete even in its own conference.

That is what he saw and that was, and perhaps still is, his opinion.

The problem, and not enough bookmakers realize this, is should the Tar Heels win, everyone will think "So what? They were favored weren't they?"

Favored my foot.

Let's give credit where credit is due and put Tulane on the spot. What happened to all that pre-season buildup it got? A loss to a team with a record of 168-52-9 over the past 24 years shouldn't be enough to make them the underdogs.

But they are, however. It means, of course, that they will try to flood Kenan Stadium and thereby disappoint all those rich Carolina alumni.

That is neither a prediction or a promise, only a realization of the fate which befalls teams with nine game losing streaks.

Look, the situation has reached the point where a one point loss would be a moral victory.

Stupid bookie.

Letters

Writer Says Editor, Not Moore, Missed The Point

To the Editor:

In Tuesday's editorial, "Gov. Moore Vs. Fuller: A Neo-McCarthy Blooms" I found several errors in the argument used by the editor.

I shall debate neither the question of Fuller's employment nor his judgement, or lack of it, as the case may be, in participating in the picket of the National Guard practice session.

It is evident that the Guard is a legally established and reputable agency of the government. The reasons for the practice sessions are: first, to follow the Pentagon's orders and second, to become more efficient in the protection of John Q. Public.

Our editor argued not the legality of the practice sessions but the lack of judgement in the choice of a site to practice. He stated that the Guard chose to practice close to a Negro section "where it could be rubbed in a little more that the white man has the power and the guns and the Black boys better behave." Thus the editor condemned the Guard as a functionaire of the "White Power Structure." In an earlier paragraph, to describe white hostilities in the Durham march to City Hall, he was ever so quick as to point out that the Guard was there to insure the safety of the Negro demonstrators. If the Guard is only a functionaire of the "White Power Structure" why couldn't the officials of the Guard turn their heads as the "rednecks" lined the streets in Durham?

In an attempt to illustrate the pickets' concern, our editor used an analogy that is in error in at least two major points. Our editor said, "The protest was equally as justified as it would have been if it were a show of white men's unhappiness over a contingent of Black Muslims conducting combat drills in a white residential area." First of all, the Guard is a duly organized agency of the government whereas the Black Muslims are a mili-

tant racist organization. Second, and more important, the purpose of the Guard is the preservation of peace for all citizens. The Black Muslims have an entirely dissimilar goal, i.e. racial segregation and black supremacy without regard to the manner of achievement of such.

It is evident that it is our editor rather than Governor Moore who has missed the point. It must be that our editor has either obscured the facts or does not know them. If it is the former, his honesty is at stake; if the latter, his intelligence. Whichever be the case, he is lacking in at least one essential quality for a person of his position.

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Sloppy Dresser Almost Conforms

To the Editor:

In reference to Clarence B. Kugler's letter in the September 26, 1967 edition of the Daily Tar Heel, I, a graduate student, wish to congratulate him. He has contemplated reality, embodied in truth, sufficiently long enough that he has had a flash of insight: clothes make the man. A psychologist might say that one who acquired a completely new individuality each day solely on the basis of his apparel was, to say the least, quite neurotic. I think Clarence had better look again. His style comes perilously close to being that of the majority here at UNC. A campus survey might convict him of that unmentionable trait: conformity. His letter indicates that he is unqualified to indict the majority of the UNC students with living "beneath a shroud of materialistic sophistication." Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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