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Drug Policy's Question: Who Is Running SG?

Student Legislature's being presented with the drug policy drawn up by the administration is very similar to Houdini's being handcuffed to a short-fuse bomb.

It's going to take some real magic for Student Government to get out of it without having its judicial arm blown off.

On one hand, there's the drug policy proposal which sets up a faculty-administrative-student tribunal to sit on cases of "illicit and improper" use of drugs by any student, any time, anywhere.

By accepting it, Student Legislature would:

SACRIFICE THE principle of student courts' trying student offenders, by vesting judicial power in the three-part board.

STRENGTHEN THE concept of *in loco parentis* by giving the University further jurisdiction over students' personal lives.

WEAKEN ANY future arguments which may be posted for limiting the jurisdiction of the Campus and Honor Code to the University or University-sponsored functions.

IT'S A LOUSY deal, you say? Right.

But just what is Student Government supposed to do about it? If they reject the proposal, then the Administration will do either one of two things:

CONTINUE WITH the present policy, under which the Administration handles all drug-use cases in a Star Chamber manner, without the student judiciary participating in it, whatsoever.

IMPLEMENT THE new policy, with all of its increases in jurisdiction, but without the student members on the tribunal.

In either case, you can figure the students in general are going to be dumped upon heavily in the process.

There is, however, one thing that Student Legislature can do which may counteract the Administration's presenting it with the fait d'accomplir.

That is to adopt a drug policy of its own, one that is grounded a bit more firmly in the theory that students have certain rights, such as that one to trial by their peers.

Such a policy was presented Saturday by Bill Miller, chairman of the Men's Honor Council. (Miller was also the only one of three students sitting on the committee which formulated the present proposal, who objected to it and insisted it would have to go before Student Legislature.

Miller's proposal is that drug cases be tried in student courts, that the jurisdiction over drug cases exist only on campus or at University-related functions off-campus, and that the wording of anti-drug regulations be specific enough not to include such things as caffeine pills or legally-prescribed medicine.

It is a well thought-out policy, and one which does not side-step the student community's responsibility to deal with those in its midst who violate the law.

BUT IT DOESN'T really matter to the administration, it seems, how well-thought-out the policy is.

Dean of Men James O. Cansler, who so heartily endorsed the Administration-approved proposal last week, repeated himself Monday.

He also said he didn't like Miller's proposal, which will be introduced into Student Legislature's judicial committee this week.

Now, since the Administration has said it doesn't like the idea, does this mean that Student Legislature should forget about it and do as it is told by the Administration?

The answer to that question all depends on just who is running Student Government — the students or the deans.

Vitriol's Going Price \$29-An-Ad

A lot of fraternity men don't like Bruce Strauch, The Daily Tar Heel's editorial cartoonist, because of what he either says or doesn't say about their fraternities.

This doesn't bother Bruce too much, generally, because he doesn't really like fraternities, either.

Last week, Bruce drew some cartoon or another which particularly upset the fraternities—again. It is obviously time for a reply.

So Randy Myer, president of the Interfraternity Council, decided to take up his pen and do battle with Strauch. He drew an answering cartoon and brought it to the offices of the Daily Tar Heel, asking it be printed.

No, he was told, The Daily Tar Heel doesn't print cartoons drawn by non-staff members.

Well, how then can I get this in?, he asked.

Buy an ad, we told him.

He did.

And on Sunday, a three-column by eight-inch ad carried Randy Myer's extremely vitriolic little message on Page 5 of the DTH.

The cost: \$29.

The signature: Randy Myer.

Obviously, then, it would seem that Myer paid for the ad.

Wrong? The IFC did.



Randy Myer's Cartoon ... cost IFC \$29

Terry Gingras

There's Got To Be A Better Way

The editor of The Daily Tar Heel should not be elected by the student body.



Gingras

Does this sound like heresy? The very idea that the student body should not have a voice in selecting this influential person?

Granted, the editor of the Daily Tar Heel is not just the holder of another influential position within the student government complex of influential positions. He must have more than the usual willingness to serve. He must have the knowledge and skill that come only from experience.

aspects of newspaper production. The editor of a school newspaper needs this specialized knowledge even more because there is a lack of qualified, willing help.

Imagine the problems the typical Charlie Politician would have if the person who actually put the paper together even got sick. The suicide rate would be astounding.

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In addition to the problem of selecting the candidate with the greatest skill, there is the problem of keeping a staff together.

An election cuts into the efficiency of the Tar Heel staff. Elections of course, also cut into the efficiency of student government, but at least they don't have the problem of getting a daily newspaper out.

An election practically always disrupts the staff. Loyalties to various candidates make new enemies out of old friends. The candidates must reward their supporters with positions on the staff. This process means the best man does not always get the position he is qualified for.

The campaign poses another problem. The candidates, usually members of the Tar Heel staff, resign to devote more time to their campaigns. Their supporters usually resign with them.

While all this political pyssyfooting is going on, what about the paper? The quality of the whole thing decreases.

Why should the staff of a paper, any paper, have to worry about the election of their leader, a position which should be based on ability?

Why should the burden of politics be added to the already monumental job of getting a daily paper out?

The problems of assigning stories, keeping a staff together, laying stories out for a well-balanced page and a thousand other incidental items are trouble enough. The added burdens of intra-office rivalries, candidates resigning and the general glory hounding of an election are an unnecessary complication.

This is not a criticism of any particular individual, it is a criticism of the system. Who can be blamed for doing everything possible to win a prestigious position? No matter what is done in an election — back-biting, name-calling, etc.—the winner is always in the right. Victory justifies the means.

A politician expects to go through the rigors of an election. It's part of the governmental process. But why should a newspaper, essentially a business, be forced to go through the same process?

There are many alternate methods. Northwestern University uses a board of student publications to choose the editor, the University of Missouri and many other schools use staff elections.

Either of these methods is more objective and reasonable than the current method of choosing an editor by a campus-wide election.

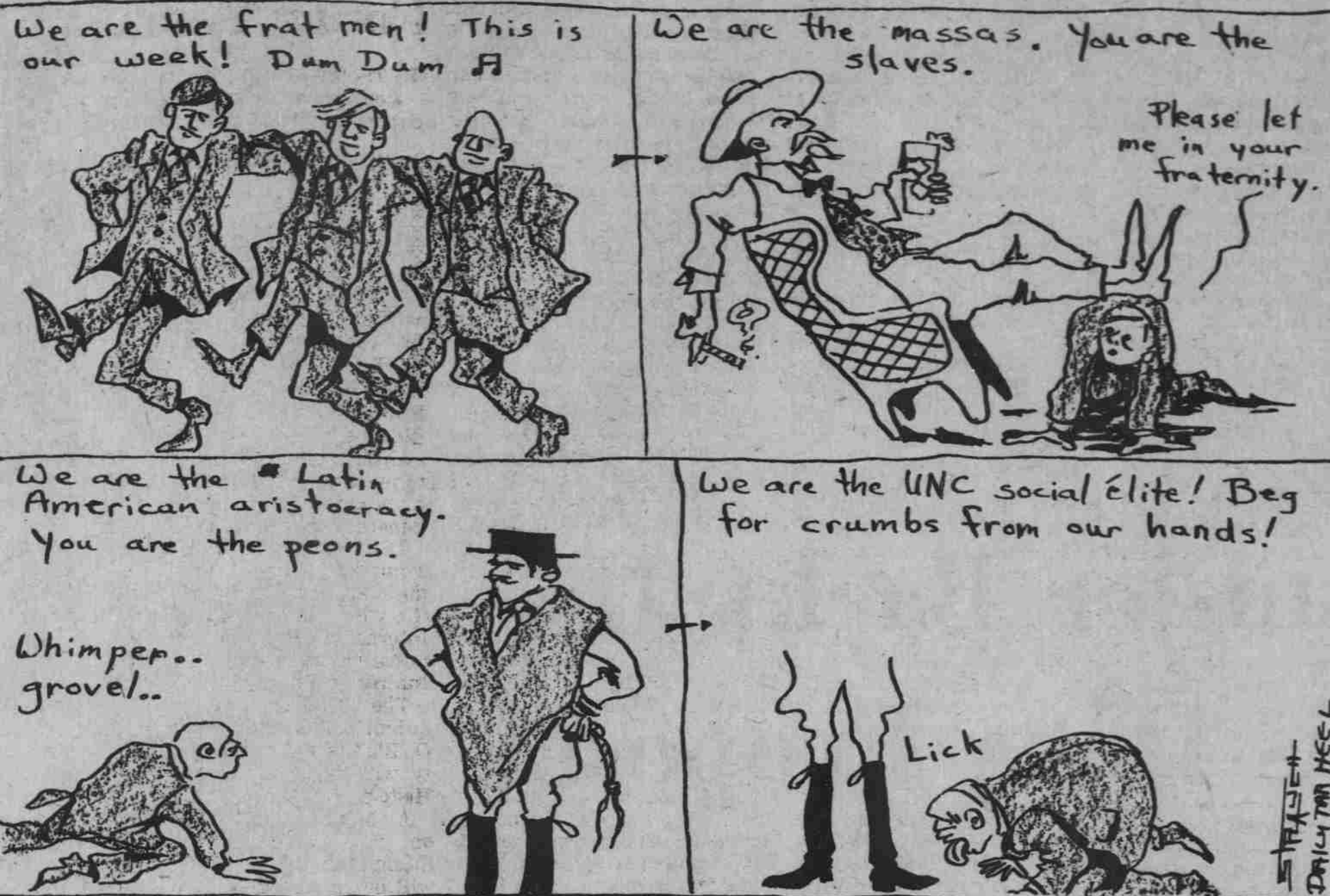
A staff election would at least insure the selection of a person acceptable to the staff. The staff would also not be likely to elect someone without sufficient knowledge for the job.

The board method would also be more objective, but it has the problem of faculty or administrative control.

Another method to be considered is the selection of the editor by the School of Journalism. The J-School is not likely to choose someone who hasn't the necessary qualifications. No one without the necessary qualifications would be likely to even apply.

Any method based on a reasonable evaluation of the candidates, qualifications would be better than having to suffer through the time consuming wear-a-three-piece-suit-and-smile election in vogue now.

Couldn't we have a method of selection that would insure a qualified specialist for a specialized position?



Letters To The Editor

University's Rules For Children

To The Editor: Thank you for Thursday's reminder of no-closing hours for senior women students and those over 21.

Every since I came to this campus last year I have followed the discussions about women rules partly with amusement but far more with anger and incomprehension. I come from a German university where nobody has ever even heard of a dormitory, where women students do wear slacks to lectures, dining halls and libraries, where female and male students occupy rooms next to each other in student housing, where closed study is unknown, where a freshman does not occupy a separate status—in short where the university does not feel it has to fulfill a parental role.

I don't believe that there is less academic performance by German women students studying without closed study regulations, that there is less "morality" or that there are more "early marriages" because a women student can decide freely at what time she wants to go home—home being her own room somewhere in town.

I certainly don't believe that German parents care less about their daughters than American parents, that they exert less protection while they are at home or that German girls are more "mature" than American girls.

Locks to provide security while at the same time allowing no closing hours

for girls over 21 and seniors to me neither requires large expenses nor long considerations on the part of the administration and would be a first step in what seems to me still a long way to "normal".

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Cat-lover's Plea To Dog-lovers

To The Editor: The state of mind in Y-Court these days must be low.

Friends, I'm a cat-lover. Give me a sweet, clean, furry, quiet pussycat any day. Barking, romping, all-over-you lift-a-leg-at-every-bush dogs get no sympathy from me—until today. Today I ran into three dogs close to starvation in Y-Court—coast unkempt, rear end sunken where food and lack of worms should have their sides well full, one so weak he nearly fell on me running from something. The three are two German Shepherds—one mostly honey-colored; the other, mostly black and brown—and one Irish Setter, cherry-colored.

I have always heard that we cat

lovers are outnumbered two to one by dog lovers. So, where are the dog lovers on campus? It's a sorry day when a starving dog is fed a sandwich in Y-Court by a cat-lover!

Therefore, dog lovers, unite. If you see one of these dogs around Y-Court, please see them and give them a bite of food. Better still, check those collars they wear and find out what's going on with the owners. One answer or the other, you dog-lovers have a responsibility. We cat-lovers are hard put to it as it is helping out poor hungry, lost, deserted kitties. Are there no dog lovers left on campus?!

Letitia Curtis

Letters

The Daily Tar Heel accepts all letters for publication provided they are typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for libelous statements.

Honor System Analysis

The Dichtomy Of Student Discipline

By BILL FINDLAY
Special to The Daily Tar Heel
The second section of the Attitudinal Survey on the Honor System deals with the maintenance of code of social discipline at UNC. Specifically, the questions and possible answers are:
DO YOU think a code of social discipline should be maintained in the University community of UNC-CH:
y e s no undecided.....

- ASSUMING there is a code of social discipline do you think that this system should apply to a student
- 1) At all times and in all places
- 2) Only when he is in the Chapel Hill Community
- 3) Always when he is in the Chapel Hill Community, and at all times and places if he is officially representing the university.
- 4) Only on campus
- 5) undecided
- ASSUMING there is a code of social discipline, do you favor defining it:
- 1) in terms of ladylike and gentlemanly behavior
- 2) in specific terms, listing those categories of behavior which would

constitute violations of that code.
3) undecided.
The question of whether or not a code of social discipline should be maintained is more of a philosophical than a practical nature. In fact, regardless of student attitudes there exists certain types of social behavior which the University will not tolerate, and the real question therefore becomes one of who shall hold the responsibility for student discipline.

The ultimate authority here rests of course with the Board of Trustees who have delegated it to the administration and faculty have delegated this responsibility to the student judiciary at its own request.

Under the existing campus Code, the question of student social discipline is entirely in the hands of the student judicial system with the exception of a few specific types of cases, where it is felt that the administration and Faculty Committee on Student Discipline are better equipped to render a fair and appropriate decision.

Assuming that some such code of social discipline must exist, there follows the questions of how it should be defined and where it should apply. As the Cam-

pus Code is currently stated, it defines acceptable standards of behavior in terms of ladylike and gentlemanly conduct and applies to UNC students at all times and at all places.

Ladylike and gentlemanly behavior are such abstract concepts that the Code is frequently criticized for not using more specific standards of conduct. On the other hand, it should be apparent that the task of drawing up an all inclusive list of acts which would be considered violations of the Campus Code would be enormous and interminable. The current system places upon each student a responsibility for determining which types of social behavior are inappropriate in terms of ladylike and gentlemanly conduct and furthermore, for upholding these standards in his own conduct.

A specific code of violations would ease the students' lot by removing the first responsibility; as a consequence the Campus Code would lose a great deal of flexibility and more important, much of the value behind its existence.

Defining the Campus Code to apply at all times and at all places is criticized frequently on two counts. First, it is

largely unenforceable, and second, it is felt that students away from the campus and not representing UNC officially should not be subject to a university code of social discipline. Both these arguments are quite valid and reflect a consensus of student judiciary members' opinions. The administration and faculty contend that regardless of when and where a UNC student acts in violation of the Campus Code, his behavior reflects on the University and hence he should be held accountable.

Several recent attempts at revising the Campus Code so as to restrict it to the university community have met with little success. If this attitudinal survey shows student opinion strongly in favor of this change, it is hoped that it might be accomplished in the very near future.

Tomorrow: The Court Structure and Trial Procedure under which violations of the Honor and Campus Codes are prosecuted. Bill Findlay, chairman of the Honor Council Commission, will analyze the third section of the Attitudinal Survey and a prelude to the Honor System Referendum Thursday.