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Drug Policy Proposal: SL Ought To Veto It

Student Legislature tonight will be asked to ratify the administration's drug proposal.

Should they do so, it will be a major defeat for student rights on this campus.

Although there are some good things about the proposal, Student Legislature's ratifying the entire package would be a mistake. The proposal is simply incompatible with the tradition of a student judiciary.

The proposal states that students who use drugs, upon a second offense, will be brought to trial before a faculty-administrative-student tribunal not before existing student courts.

This is saying, in effect, that drug cases are simply too important to be heard by the student courts. But if the student courts are to be considered competent only to hear certain cases, why have them at all?

Further, the Administration is acting in bad faith — in effect, is attempting to blackmail Student Government — when it says that either Student Legislature passes the bill, or the Administration will continue to handle all drug cases without any participation by students.

The message from the Administrators to the legislature is clear: "Either you play our way, or you don't get a chance to play at all."

Further, the proposal will strengthen the University's grip on the in loco parentis concept, and will make it more difficult in the future to attempt limitation of the Campus Code.

The proposal also lacks any specific schedule of penalties for drug offenders. The only mention of punishment is vague, and states the University will "act firmly... to control drug abuse."

So what will happen to a student who goes before the board? Who knows: it will depend on the whims of the board members whims which will not be tempered by any sort of limitation on penalties.

This alone would seem sufficient reason to send the proposal back to

the Administration, with a note attached asking them to finish drawing it up before Student Legislature will consider it.

There are, however, some good things about the proposal. The main one of these is that the University says it will treat first offenders as medical, rather than disciplinary, cases.

This is something which needs to be implemented — just not as part of this proposal, though. It needs to be embodied in a new, and more limited, proposal to be worked out between Student Government and the Administration.

Meanwhile, this proposal has to be rejected. That will be the first step to the student's getting one they can live with.

Road Needs New Surface Right Now

"There's a good chance that it, (the road behind Connor and Alexander Residence Halls), will be widened and coated with asphalt this summer."

So spoke Physical Plants Director Walter Hamilton, when asked how his office will respond to a petition about the road.

The petition has been circulated through Connor, Alexander and Winston and has gathered about 380 signatures—signatures of people who are tired of:

HAVING THEIR cars bounced up and down as they drive over the rutted strip of red clay behind the tennis courts, and in some cases having to pay to get their wheels realigned afterwards.

OR, WALKING THROUGH the mud that forms there whenever it rains or snows.

These persons who signed the petition signed it because they were tired of those things now—and not because they thought they would get tired of them by summer.

A Little Discrimination

The University has been cleared of discriminating employment practices, but the Department of Labor still saw to fit to make specific recommendations to the administration concerning future practice.

The complaint filed with the Labor Department Sept. 17, 1967 made by Dr. B. T. Elliott Jr., charged the University with "persistent overt discrimination" and prompted the department's two-week November investigation.

The "persistent overt discrimination" charge was not substantiated during the investigation, but ironically, the department's recommendations coincide with a number of complaints enumerated in Elliott's accusation.

The University has, reportedly, complied with most of these recommendations, and compliance with the other suggestions are on tap for the near future.

Although the University, therefore, was not formally charged with discriminatory practices, the recommendations made it pain-

fully obvious that there was truth to the accusations.

John Hodgson, who conducted the study for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, has said that the administration has agreed to implement "each and every one" of the proposals.

Question is — does it have to take an outside formal investigation with outside formal recommendations to make the Administration recognize a festering stye in their very own eye?

Hodgson said that the matter "is not closed" even though "this is not due to a desire on the part of the University to not implement the recommendations."

So the University is very nicely under the obligation — and should we mention, threat — to continue in this newly enlightened vein of employment practices.

The University was not found guilty of large and persistent discriminations, just little ones.

But the little ones can seem pretty big to the people on the "wrong" end of the color spectrum.

Steve Knowlton

Ban's Gone But Who's Left To Care

The controversial Speaker Ban that's been hanging around for five years has finally gone down to ignominious unconstitutionality.



KNOWLTON

And nobody really cares.

Two years ago, things came to a head with speeches, marches on Consolidated University President William C. Friday's home, petitions of grievance and the founding of a free speech group called the Committee for Free Inquiry.

Herbert Aptheker and Frank Wilkinson came to town to test the University's reaction. Both leftist speakers were denied the right to speak on campus, so Aptheker stood on the sidewalk on the north side of Franklin St. and told hundreds of students sitting on the campus lawn in McCorkle Place that he wasn't going to say anything unless he could come on campus. Paul Dickson, then President of the Student Body; Bob Powell, then Chairman of the State Affairs Committee and later SB President, and a dozen others wound up suing President Friday, Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterton and the University Trustees, claiming the Ban was unconstitutional. This week they all won and the ban is

no more. But nobody really cares anymore.

Primarily nobody cares because half the student body here two years ago has graduated. If you assume that juniors and seniors are more involved with things like Speaker Bans and law suits than are freshmen and sophomores, then the percentage who will remember Aptheker and the law suit is even smaller.

But there are many around here who were here and involved then and they don't seem to care either.

Gary Waller, who in 1966 was head of the campus chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, is still here, but he says "I really can't get excited over it

again." Waller has earned his doctorate since then and partially because he's an instructor of sociology now, he wears a coat and tie most of the time, but he still has his beard and he still wears boots quite a bit. You'd figure he'd still care.

But his issues now are the War and the Presidency and he sat in Harry's over a cup of coffee and joked about the old days and the Speaker Ban controversy.

He said Aptheker — and maybe Wilkinson, too — might be invited to speak on campus this semester, "but it's harder to get people to contribute to bringing speakers here when they're not for a test case," he said.

SDS is still going strong and they may invite a few leftists to speak on campus just to show that it can be done, but the enthusiasm is gone. SDS doesn't have a lot of money, and, as Waller says, they'll have trouble getting support now that it's not illegal. Aptheker would still be controversial, of course, but there's the big risk that nobody would care enough to make it worth the trouble.

But there may be hope for the SDS and those who want to have free speech as a good issue without losing the emphasis of having it perfectly legal.

There's rumor brewing over the wire that people over in Raleigh are trying to get a constitutional speaker ban in the works.

Governor Dan K. Moore isn't saying anything yet, but the wall between campus and Aptheker in 1966 was named "Dan Moore's Wall" in his honor.

Waller don't get named for nothing and it's almost a sure bet that something will be upcoming about a new anti-free speech law.

Because, you see, the law was declared unconstitutional not because of its principles, but only for being overly vague. Which is a neat job of issue-dodging on the part of the three federal court judges who made the ruling.

But it still leaves the legality of anti-free speech legislation up in the air.

James Won't Have 'Else'

To the Editor:

I write in response to comments by A. Leonard Tubbs, Governor of King Residence College, concerning the relative merits of a senatorial system of government and a system he apparently feels inconsistent with the stress of individual initiative employed at King Residence College. There is no reason to consider the two mutually exclusive — evidenced by James's active Senate. The two systems do coexist and, in fact, complement the existence of each other.

Mr. Tubbs, however, apparently would not have it so. His comments go far to explain the less than satisfactory functioning of the Residence College system. For if a Senatorial method of government is designed to remove the necessity of individual initiative, then it is no wonder that the dorm-dwellers lead an uninspiring existence.

If the Student Legislature is designed to remove the necessity of individual initiative, then it is no wonder that the student body doesn't really care.

If the U.S. Senate is designed to remove the necessity of individual initiative, then it is no wonder that the average citizen doesn't want to get involved.

But you, Mr. Tubbs, apparently feel this unimportant. Let the dorm dweller live a hardy more than moribund existence — he's got a Senate to take care of his problems. Why should the dorm-dweller relieve his boredom? He's got the Senate meeting downstairs.

At James, though, (if I may make my own interpretation; we feel the necessity to do more than incorporate into ethereal non-entity. We feel that individual — yes, single, separate individuals — possess the key to release themselves from the morass of lethargy.

But where does this leave the Senate? Exactly where it should be — doing those things best done by a society rather than by an individual. It refuses, however, to be the Else of the phrase, "Let someone Else do it."

Mr. Tubbs, there are places for the individual and places for the society and neither can supplant the other. It is my fondest wish, however, that the place of the individual will become the more significant of the two. It is by stimulating the awareness of the individual that representative government exists, not by submerging it.

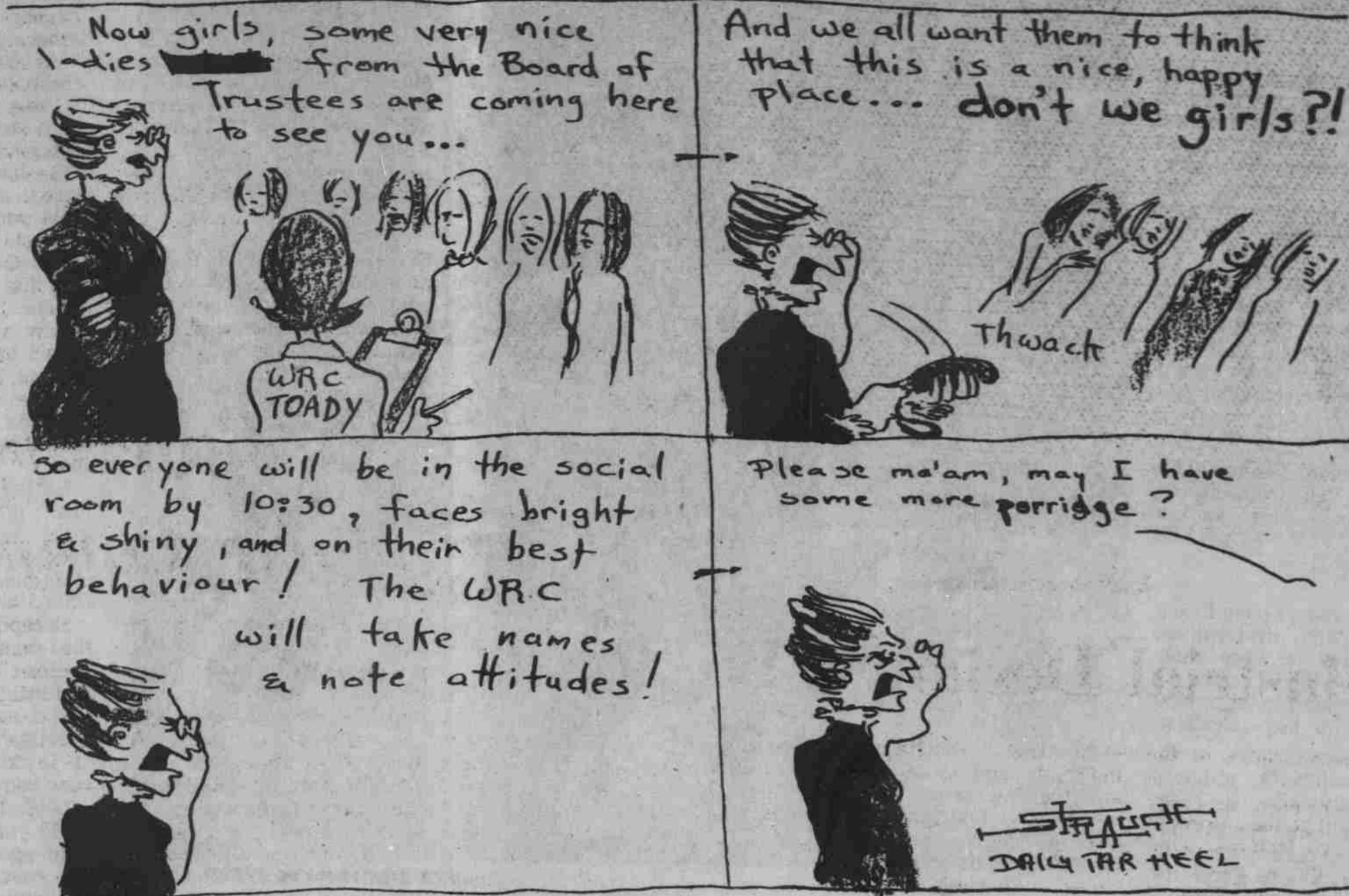
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Letters To The Editor

Olympics: Race And Races

To The Editor:

The recent article on The Daily Tar Heel sports pages regarding boycotts by black athletes exemplifies the inability of most members of even an academic white community to perceive what it is all about. The paternalistic racist attitudes are so ingrained that many self styled liberals find it inconceivable that any black athlete would sacrifice personal glory, fame, or riches for the cause of his less fortunate black brothers. There are indeed numerous white people who perceive a major contribution to humanity when they can cheer their local, professional, or olympic black athletes.

The Chapel Hill Weekly even reports that a black athlete is the talk of Franklin Street and is improving race relations in North Carolina. Blacks in acceptable positions, which now includes local sports, have always pleased the majority group. But, when Blacks, especially those for whom they cheer, choose to support "controversial" issues such as the elimination of discrimination against black people; then the sports liberal loses his black respect because the darkie has forgotten his place — "He has hurt his cause". They might never cheer again and will withdraw their non-existent support of equality; thus, contributing to the so-called white backlash.

The Owen Davis article in The Daily Tar Heel proposes that black athletes can show the world how far they have come in 100 years by running in the Olympics. It would require an old Negro to run so slowly. Blacks have been running from white and with whites inside and outside of the Olympics for many years. Perhaps there is some unknown number of gold or silver medals required for full citizenship.

Tommy Smith, Lew Alcindor and others will and can make their personal decisions without the benefit of white advisors. Black people have a wealth of these self appointed advisors whose primary purpose is to always define what a good, "responsible" darkie should do, because they remain very comfortable with the status quo. Elimination of poverty and the institution of equality of opportunity is what it is all about. That has always been quite clear. For the sake of our country, I hope that the white power structure responds in time, because in the tradition of two great Americans — Nat Turner and Patrick Henry — our struggle will proceed.

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Crooked Mice?

To the Editor:

Much has been said recently about the "Mickey Mouse" of campus politics: "It has alienated itself from the student body, it is a hierarchy run by an 'elite group', it is just a training course for politicians." From this, we had concluded that it was a mere playpen for the campus politicians. Thus, like many apathetic students, we had taken the view, "why get involved?"

A week ago last Sunday, we were approached by a campaign solicitor digging up votes for a potential nominee. He told us that his candidate needed votes. He noted that party membership cost \$1, but, in his words, "the dollar might be able to be arranged." This solicitor went through the rest of the wing, giving, presumably, this same pitch.

Might be arranged? What in hell goes on around here, anyhow? No wonder students, especially freshmen like us don't want to get involved. Perhaps campus politicians should clean and straighten themselves up before they can expect the overwhelming support of the student body. And on this question of support from politicians to politicians there's always the idea of a blank check.

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Gentleman-like

To the Editor:

Dean Canseler's theory "that the character and the quality of a man should be counted along with his academic capabilities" is correct.

The distinguishing characteristic of an educated man — "he can be counted on to behave as a gentleman" in my opinion means that if he is not a gentleman when he comes to the University and is unwilling to acquire these qualities while here, he is not educated, and the Administration has every right to refuse to grant him a degree. The student represents the University when he leaves here and the University has no desire to have its image and reputation damaged by half-educated students when they go out into the world.

As an example — I asked a student the other day not to put his coat on the chair at my table without asking permission. He put it on the chair, and was very rude. I had to get up and take it off. I said to him — "You are no gentleman and I don't see how you got in the University." He had no answer to that.

He knew me, had been reading my comments in the Tar Heel, which he, evidently didn't like, and he, supposedly,

took this occasion to blow off steam!

I didn't approach him, as I do so many of the student, 99% of whom take it with good humor. He approached me with the intent of provoking a scene.

I don't know this student's name, but I wonder if the administration were to identify him, if he would be a candidate for a degree, in the event he was permitted to stay on at the University?

Students who have never been controlled at home don't want any controls here. But, "It isn't what you want that makes you fat. It is what you eat." The administration is right — You are going to take it here!

I don't see why the few students here who don't like what I am doing at the University, bother to read what I write. Why don't they just pass over it?

Otelia Connor

Quarterly Review

To the Editor:

Over the years an informal agreement has been in effect between the Tar Heel and the Carolina Quarterly. Under the terms of this agreement, the Quarterly has a professor of English write a review of the magazine for the Tar Heel. This review has traditionally appeared on the first or second day of Quarterly sales on campus.

Three weeks ago, after first checking with your office, I again asked a professor — Professor Jack Raper of the English Department — to review the Winter, 1968, issue of the Quarterly. I brought this review to the Tar Heel office on Monday, February 12, and was assured that it would be published in the Wednesday, February 14, issue of the Tar Heel. Our plans were to sell the magazine on the 14th, 15th and 16th.

The review did not appear on the 14th, as promised. Nor did it appear on the 15th or 16th, both of which would have been acceptable. In fact, the review was never printed in the Tar Heel.

As a result of this lack of publicity, Quarterly sales were somewhat below expectations for this issue. Naturally, this causes us some concern.

What concerns us even more, however, is what we are to tell Professor Raper. He spent a week of his valuable time reading the Quarterly and writing the review, only to see it go unpublished.

Of course you had every right to refuse to print the review. The question we would like answered is why? Why did you choose not to honor our long-standing agreement? Why did you not honor your promise that the review would appear on the 14th? I know that the review was well-written, and that many students are interested enough in the Quarterly to want to read a review of it.

Why, then, did you choose not to print the review?

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