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Paulette Bates

The 'Pill' Opens Doors

To the women students:

I would like to put in a woman's word to the women of this campus concerning birth control pills. The pill may be the best thing that has happened to us. It offers us a chance to make a genuine decision concerning not only childbirth

but also intercourse before marriage. In the past, the only safe course for a woman to follow concerning sex was to wait for the protective confines of marriage.

Marriage provided for the possibility of children, a possibility always present for the woman of the past. Naturally,

many women went ahead and fooled around before marriage, and quite a few of them got caught unfortunately. But the majority of women waited, torturing themselves and vast numbers of the male population. They waited because they were scared to do it without that wedding band. They had a fairly legitimate reason for saying, no, however, because no contraceptive was 100% effective and who can blame anyone for not wanting to have a child out of wedlock.

The amazing thing is, women in 1968 are using the same reason. But for them, because of the pill, this simply is no longer a logical reason. The majority of young women who say no everyday on this campus are saying it for the wrong reason. They are not making a true decision, and they ought to be. They owe it to themselves.

Birth control pills are essential for the modern woman simply because they make her "no" a meaningful one. The pill enables her to say yes if she likes, and therefore if she chooses to say no, that answer has some meaning.

Today a no should mean—I do not want to have sex with you. But too often a no means—I'd love to but I'm afraid I'll get pregnant. It is obvious that this is no longer the right reason for saying no. If one wants to say no, that is fine. But one should not say it out of fear any longer. It should be said as a definite decision made, in which a yes has been considered and rejected.

The pill takes the fear of pregnancy away, making a yes a possibility. A no hasn't any meaning unless a yes is also possible. So this is what the pill does for us. It gives us the possibility of yes and no. It takes away the old reason for automatically saying no. We have to have a new more personal reason for saying yes or no. We are freed from the fear of pregnancy so that we can make a meaningful decision.

It also forces us to examine what we really want out of a relationship. If you are involved with a guy right now, and doing everything but, if you moan into his shoulder that you want to so much, but you just can't. Then my advise to you is start taking birth control pills. Then make your decision concerning intercourse with him. I guarantee you'll learn something about yourself.

Are you afraid? You may discover that you really don't want to do it, now that you can. For good or bad reasons. But at least the pill enables you to have a meaningful choice, be it yea or nay.

Paulette Bates

Compulsory Meetings For Coeds Ridiculous

If you're a coed living on campus you no doubt have recently had to attend a dormitory meeting at which you were given such important bits of information as when the next dorm meeting would be held.

You went because you knew that if you didn't you would be campused for one day, required to come in at 8 p.m. on one day during the week.

Why this rule that you have to attend dorm meetings? We'd like to know, too. We can see no possible reason for this requirement and think it would be a good idea if the Women's Residence Council, which presumably works for women students here, would abolish this ridiculous rule.

Presumably the reason for having required meetings is so that the coeds would learn whatever new rules might have been made for them.

However, we cannot not see why these meetings are compulsory

when male students are not forced to attend their dorm meetings, no matter what is being discussed.

We find it hard to believe that coeds are so inferior to male students that they have to be forced to attend meetings on penalty of campusing.

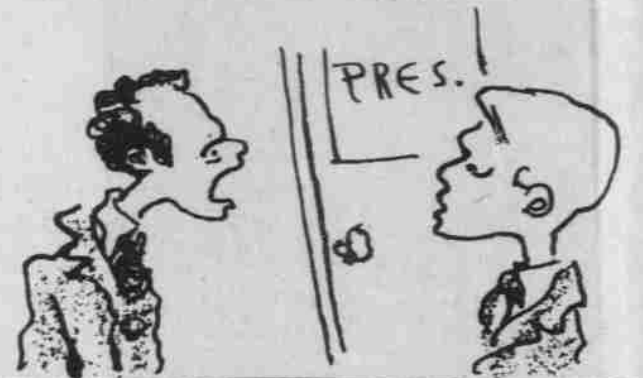
Coeds here, we believe, are old enough to decide whether they should attend meetings.

If coeds should fail to attend a meeting and thereby not find out about new rules or upcoming events that is their unfortunate luck and they should rightfully be forced to accept the consequences.

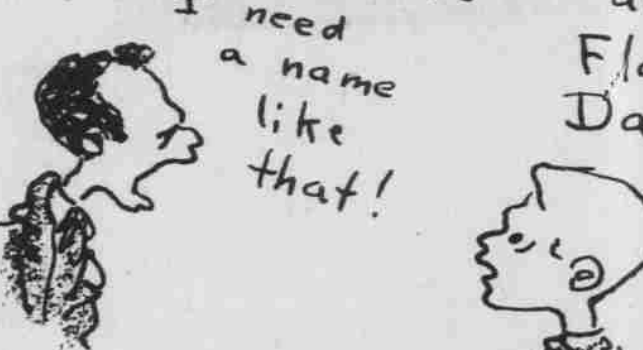
However, to force them to attend meetings every two or three weeks at which, often, the most important thing discussed is when the next dorm meeting will be held, is ridiculous.

We hope that the WRC will not allow this ridiculous situation to continue and that they will abolish compulsory attendance as soon as possible.

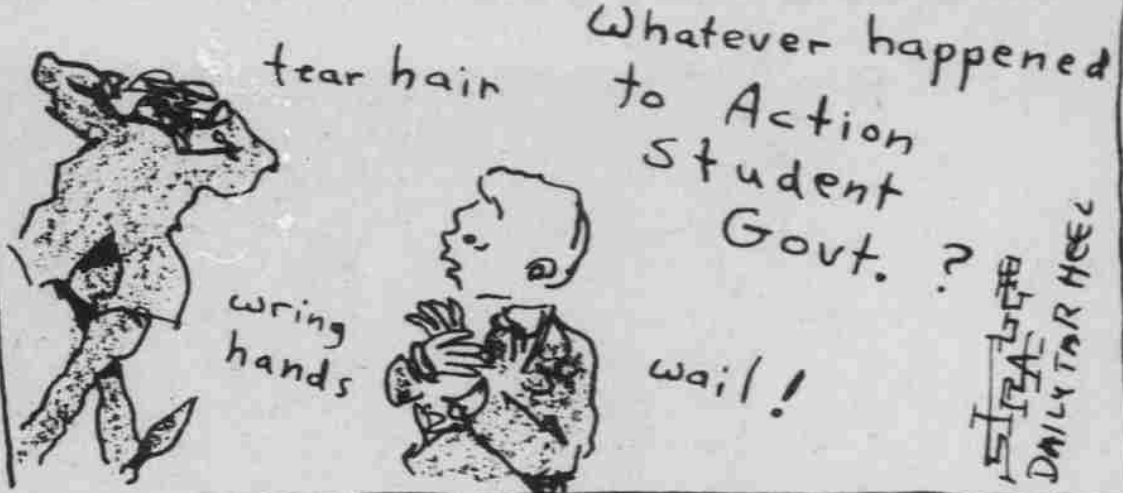
SSOC demonstrations!
SSOC party in the streets! Student Govt. is being outclassed!



Calling myself an institutionalized radical is too much of a mouthful!
SOC! SOCK!
How about Flash Day?



They're making us look like the inept rubes that we are!



What will Soc come up with next?!



Todd Cohen

Group's Goals Questioned

An unidentified member of the Chancellor's advisory committee on visitation spoke Monday to a group of marchers for visitation who remained after most of the demonstrators had dispersed and said in so many words it was in keeping with his responsibility that he would not reveal the findings of his committee to students.

It is just this sentiment which epitomizes the present rupture of students and administrators.

The committee member in question maintained it was his duty to provide the Chancellor with a recommendation on visitation in an atmosphere free of student criticism.

What has been overlooked is the nature of the issue; it is unequivocally an issue of student concern.

We recognize the inclusion on the committee of student members. It was, of course, student co-chairman of the committee, Bill Darrah, who claimed the discussions had been "encouraging."

But apparently "encouraging" is not enough to the 1000 students who demonstrated for visitation.

Where Is Voice? Where does the voice of the student body enter into the question?

Apparently not in the token membership of the Darrah's, or in Dean of Men Cansler's wish to maintain "institutional values," or in the administration's quagmire which is its deep concern with the opinion of parents and voters in the state.

Why is a single faculty member of the committee so concerned with the power of decision of the Chancellor that he maintains his silence before the inquiries of students into matters which most of all affect them?

Perhaps it is more to the issue to question why it is the Chancellor and not the students who will have the final say in the matter of visitation.

The principles of democracy appear in this instance to be lacking in this institution.

Frustration The studentry is frustrated because it has only token say in matters. The silent protest of students is not appeased by flimsy promises of progress in negotiations.

Dean Cansler misses the point when he thanks demonstrators for showing their interest in "his" committee. The problem is that it is his committee.

The visitation issue is merely a symbol of the student demand for a principal voice in the university community. It is not until the student's voice is not only heard, but counted, in the affairs of his university's life, that he will feel some tolerance of an administration which has usurped the power of decisionmaking.

the growing frustration of the impotent student in the fact of a deaf administration promises to manifest itself

in more practical stands than passivity. The moral of Columbia should provide that lesson.

Letters To The Editor

Simpson's Fraternity Views Hit As Obnoxious, Unfactual

Mr. Simpson:

As one who once shared your asinine view of fraternities, I should like to register my opinion concerning your obnoxious and factually unfounded editorial and cartoon in Wednesday's DTH. Your slurring implications have, now and in the past, helped to create the warped opinion of fraternity life held by many people. Anyone who has ever participated in the many wholesome and worthwhile activities of a fraternity regrets your narrow-minded attitude; he regards your editorial as absurd and a disservice to the many fraternity members in this university.

dare bite the hand...

America's great god: the conglomerate corporation. Mass production and consumer dissatisfaction. Materialisticly, the hippies don't rate, and they rarely buy.

Ever since some profiteer began selling us the concept of the twice-daily-cleansed, sweetly scented body, our neatly dressed selves have become untouchable. We hold each other carefully at arms length. The hippies are simply trying to say that it's time we all took off our clothes and had a downright heart-to-heart love-in. The slogan changes from "Happiness is a..." to simply "Happiness IS."

Sincerely, Rob Ferguson Phi Delta Theta

Sincerely, Tim Walter

Hippies Not So Bad, After All

Editor:

Much has been said lately about the hippies and their nasty habits... but maybe we should be giving them a chance to speak. Just because they're against the war in Viet Nam does not mean they are anti-American. Being dirty doesn't remove their citizenship and right to speak. And speaking up doesn't make them lawbreakers. Just what is their philosophy?

I don't think they are advocating drugs and crime as a way of life (in fact, I suspect that drugs and crime are still to be found in groups of unskilled, uneducated, untrained, and unloved... not in the hippie group). This isn't to say that the hippies are free of blame... but why shouldn't the above society-rejects join the hippies? No one else wants them. Their philosophy is love. It's a rather honorable motive.

What are the churches teaching us these days about love? The Catholic hierarchy has land interests. They will continue to support anyone, even a Hitler, to avoid alienating the government at hand. The Protestant churches don't have the property, but the members who are most important in church circles are those who can give the most... and not even a fundamentalist hell-damner would

Library Poorness Reflects On UNC

Editor:

It should be obvious that the reputation of a university is contingent first upon the quality of the faculty and secondly upon the quality of the library. With reference to the latter it is evident that the quality of this school is slipping.

Housed in an imposing superstructure, the Louis Round Wilson Library is none-the-less deteriorating internally; specifically both the physical plant and the service offered are suffering. With regard to the former, such varied items as the microfilm reading machines (of which only four out of seven are at this time even partially in order) and the furniture in the (ill lit, inadequate, poorly ventilated) graduate lounge are in need of repair. With regard to service, the inability of the staff to locate books, the charging of students for books already returned, the antiquated procedures for checking out books are some examples of a generally unsatisfactory situation.

The administrative staff of the library kindly granted to this committee several meetings. From these meetings we have learned that the primary cause of the library's difficulties is lack of funds, which leads to lack of purchasing power for new equipment, and inability to hire a staff large enough to service the library

adequately. The recent callous curtailment of employment of twenty-six student helpers will result in not only severe hardship to those students but loss of effectiveness of service in the library as well.

This committee feels that sufficient student expression of unhappiness with the library—as manifested by a mass of letters to this paper—would indicate to those responsible for the allocation of funds to the library that in the priorities of the granting of funds, the library should occupy a much higher position than it now occupies. We therefore urge students dissatisfied with the library to write such letters.

Sincerely, Library Committee Graduate Student Association Douglas Dewey, Romance Languages John V. Long, Sociology Marianne Smythe, History Peggy Whalen, Library Science

Band Members Disavows Letter

Editor:

In regard to the letter which appeared in the DTH on 25 October pertaining to the Marching Tar Heels, I wish to make it clear that I had no knowledge of this letter prior to its publication. I am, in fact, a member of the band, and I'm proud of it. The author of the letter in question was correct on one point, notably that the band is an organization of which the university can be proud.

However, I would like the author, the student body, and all other interested persons to know that if I have a complaint, I will write my own letter, sign my own name, and I will register it through the proper channels. I know the principal author of the letter personally, and I also know that for the most part, his gripe is unfounded. I do not appreciate the forging of my name to anything, not even by a friend.

Sincerely, Alan F. Dry

'Nigras' Boycott To Show You Don't Have To Be White

"If God had wanted nigras to be equal, he would have made them white."

That kind of attitude, voiced by a Northgate merchant, is what blacks in Durham are up against in their efforts to get some voice in the determination of municipal policy concerning their communities.

Last year after repeated efforts to get city leaders to give the blacks in the community greater control over their own community, they have this year embarked on a boycott of city merchants who have considerable control over city government.

The quote above, about "nigras" represents the reaction of one merchant to the demands of the blacks.

That quote, and the attitudes that are behind it are why it is imperative that the boycott in Durham succeed.

The Southern Student Organizing Committee is helping the Black Solidarity Committee in Durham to spread the good word about the boycott and keep students and blacks from shopping at those stores that are owned by

persons who are in strong enough position within the city to affect the problems that blacks face.

Christmas is coming up and with all the shopping involved in that, it is more important than ever that Durham shoppers be warned not to shop in those stores in Durham that are the target of the boycott.

During the past couple of weekends the boycotters have had about 10 persons working. With Christmas coming up they need about 20.

Anyone interested in working during the weekend to see that Durham blacks get some political power should get in touch with SSOC's Charles Mann.

We encourage you, if you want to see power taken away from those people who think that "if God had wanted nigras to be equal he would have made them white" to heop in this boycott, whether it be by passing out leaflets or refusing to buy in Durham.

If America is to shift from its current discriminatory character it will only come when individuals are willing to take the time to see to it that blacks are given their fair share of the power in America.

Thieu Foolish In Opposing NLF

From The Raleigh News and Observer

The suspicion grows that President Thieu of South Vietnam is a naive soul in the realm of diplomacy. Granted, he did see the light a few days ago when the bombing halt was proposed, retreating from a firm "no" given because his idea of preliminary concessions from the north were lacking, to a more subtle "yes" provided there was "good reason to believe" the enemy would reciprocate in some way. But his current attitude about the negotiations to proceed out of the bombing stop displays a lack of finesse. Thieu won't have any part of negotiations in which the Viet Cong's political arm in the south, the National Liberation Front, is to be an independent voice.

Thieu may retreat from this stance, too, and for the sake of

peace it would be most welcome if he would do so. The NLF has, in fact, shown him the way to make another shift. It has accepted Thieu's regime in Saigon as a party in the up-coming talks, while muttering internationally that this doesn't signify recognition of "the puppet administration of Saigon." The NLF, naturally, claims to be the "authentic representative of the South Vietnamese people."

Perhaps turnabout would be fair play here. It would seem that Thieu could send his government to the conference table rather gracefully by agreeing to sit down with the NLF and the other parties, stating simultaneously that this doesn't in any way signal recognition of the organization as anybody's voice. He might even throw in a reference to "Hanoi's puppet" if he wishes. The important thing is to get seated and get going.