

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

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University watches law go up in smoke

The issue of pollution has reached national prominence in recent months. However, the problem is one that must be faced on a local level.

This community is fortunate in that there are no huge factories or large scale polluters in this area. Unfortunately, this does not mean this area is without its polluters.

Two smoke stacks on the west end of Cameron Avenue daily emit smoke in violation of the federal air regulations. The existence of those smoke stacks becomes even more objectionable when one realizes they are owned by the state of North Carolina as part of the UNC heating plant.

At certain times of the day, the smoke emitted from the stacks is virtually black, and W.E. Knight, state supervisor of air resources, has said the University plant is "in violation" of federal regulations.

The University should have taken steps to correct this violation immediately upon notification of the violation.

Grads should vote

Today and Thursday are the last two days of voting in the graduate student referendum on the establishment of a Graduate Student Coordinating Committee (GSCC).

Ballot boxes have been in all graduate departments as well as in Craige Dormitory and the Carolina Union all week.

Jim Becker, secretary of the GSCC said earlier this week he

We could understand a short delay if it meant the residents of this area would be left without heat or electricity for a long period of time.

However, all that would be required to correct the violation would be to convert from coal to gas for fuel. The University claims that such a conversion will require two years. In fact, Grey Culbreth, UNC director utilities, says conversion is "strictly in the planning stage and contingent upon the availability of money."

It appears that this University plans to continue in violation of the law until the N.C. General Assembly pays them to stop. The University, in a round about way, is trying to make crime pay.

We do not feel that the residents of the area immediately adjacent to the smoke stacks, who are bothered by the soot, should permit the University to delay in correcting this situation.

The University should correct the situation or be carried to court for violating the regulations.

would be highly pleased with a voter turnout of 25 percent.

We feel that any pleasure at such a low turnout would be a bit premature.

The Student Legislature cannot be expected to give the GSCC control of all activity fees paid by graduate students if no more than one fourth of them care enough about that money to vote in the referendum.

If graduate students on campus want to control their own funds, then we suggest those who have not voted do so in the two days they have left.

Carl Freedman

Use new vote rights to defeat Nixon

Well—you can vote now. The Court's upholding the constitutionality of the 18-year-old vote seems to me the most interesting national event of the past several weeks, though it remains to be seen how much actual political impact the decision will have. Young people generally make a poor showing at the polls—not because they are apathetic, as is often claimed, but because they are extremely mobile and are often prevented from voting by pointless residency requirements.

But, while far from an epochal event, the decision was undoubtedly a good thing. It's not just the old argument, "If you're old enough to fight, you're old enough to vote," (which, what with the decision not covering state and local

Letters to the editor

Wrestlers disagree with story

To the editor:

For three years I have maintained that the Daily Tar Heel is not worth the time it takes to read. However, seeing a picture of my wrestling coach and my team captain I decided to read the article. My sentiments were reconfirmed by the worst piece of journalism I have ever read. Some points were misleading, others unfounded, and some simply incorrect. The caption to the picture reads that Captain Luther Gartrell "along with other Tar Heel matmen questions the veteran coach's ability." First, Gartrell's major comments were about himself and his weight loss. His only comments that could vaguely be considered "dissenting" or questioning were those that he had deteriorated while here. This could be due to a number of reasons. Luther did not even imply that the fault was the coach's.

The other "dissenting wrestlers" were two seniors that had not been on the mats for two years. A column and a half

is devoted to these former wrestlers, and while they are entitled to their opinions they can by no means be construed as reflecting the sentiment of the Carolina wrestling team. The only comment printed by a present wrestler, Charles Sara, was praise for Dr. Barnes. I would like to join Charles in saying, "I like the coach, he's taught me a lot."

I can only assume that Mr. Kushner was trying to create a story that would interest the student body. In his efforts "create" a story is exactly what he did. This type of journalism is worthy of a cheap magazine, not a campus newspaper. Since the editor is ultimately responsible for what is printed in his paper I can only hope that you will be more responsible in checking out such stories in the future.

My teammates join me in a request for honest, constructive publicity. We want the student body to know when we compete and how we are doing. In the absence of such support we resent the

attempts of The Tar Heel to sensationalize at our expense.

Jack Ross
Michael Barringer

Tar Heel band a total disaster

To the editor:

The Marching Tar Heels, once a small but gallant organization, have finally degenerated to the depths of oblivion only to peek through on national TV no less and disgrace every self-respecting Tar Heel. Problems of yesteryear still plague the marching band. Close-up shots during halftime revealed sloppy-fitting uniforms and a lack of marching technique on behalf of a majority of the members. And the show was so simplistic that it reminded me of the local consolidated county high school band...only ten years ago. It was obvious that very little effort

went into that performance. What a disaster to have to view in the midst of all the other bowl games where schools presented fine bands with super-refined performances.

But the kinds of problems that plague the Marching Tar Heels are not attributable to the Music Department as much as the Administration which in the past has never given more than lip service to help in such matters as preferential scheduling for band students so that practices can be held with anything near 100 percent attendance. Maybe other priorities prevent doing so. If so, for the next bowl game, send the Pep Band.

Tom Conway
Class of '67
Marching Tar Heel Drum Major
1965-66

Red & Black staff commends DTH

To the editor:

The Red and Black staff here at the University of Georgia follows with interest your publication's editorial page feature by Lana Starnes and Dr. Takey Crist. We find your journalistic taste to have a certain flavor which often is not found, and we are certain your series supplies information important to students other than those who write in their questions. But we are somewhat baffled as to how you get away with publishing such touchy, if not topical, pieces.

You see, some stir arose last quarter, and has yet officially to subside, when a member of our Board of Regents took exception to the publication in the UGA paper of abortion and contraceptive ads. Our regent (a segregationist tabloid editor from Augusta) said, "If they (R&B editors) don't know what's in good taste (he should read your stories!), let them go home and talk with their mothers." Of the advertisers themselves, Regent Roy Harris said, "They are trying to set up in our universities the morals of the barnyard, and destroy a whole generation of young people." Also, "A newspaper sponsored by a great university ought to maintain a literary standard a little above that of the sewer." Obviously, Harris doesn't try to uphold his own standards, for his admittedly racist Augusta Courier remains a publication which cannot be measured in terms of low standards.

And so, again, we commend your literary and journalistic level which serves as an inspiration for us all.

Fred Burger
Tom Crawford
Red & Black Contributors
The University of Georgia

Writer doubts SG existence

To the editor:

On October 20, 1970, I went to the executive offices of Student Government in hopes of obtaining a copy of the student constitution. I was curious to see what rights and powers the students possessed and how those rights were guaranteed by the constitution. I was told by a secretary that the constitution was being reprinted and would be available in a week. I went back on October 27, and got the same story from a different secretary. Since then I have been back fourteen times, talked with various illustrious people, and always have gotten the same story.

I am beginning to doubt seriously if there is a constitution and if rights of students really exist. I doubt a real Student Government exists. I believe that the students have allowed a token toy government to dribble away over \$200,000 in student fees on various illustrious projects, which signify nothing and benefit no one.

The Mickey Mouse Show should be disbanded. The students should organize and create a self-supported government with real power to the students, totally alienated from the foolishness of South Building.

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Pub Board subcommittee seeks student opinion

A couple of weeks before Christmas vacation began, an article appeared on the front page of The Daily Tar Heel concerning the future of the campus yearbook, the Yackety-Yack. This article invited anyone who felt one way or the other about continuing the Yack to send letters and comments to the chairman of a special subcommittee which had been set up by the Publications Board to decide just what should be done with our \$80,000-plus per year publication. Well, I am the chairman of that subcommittee, and as it turns out response to this appeal has been truly startling—absolutely no letters have reached me one way or another on the question of continuing the Yack.

While I had not honestly thought that I would be submerged in a deluge of mail, I was disappointed to find that not a single soul on this campus felt that the survival of the Yack was important enough to

write a letter about. I had hoped to see the response from these letters to set the mood for hearings on the future of the Yack which will be held this week.

The hearings will go on as scheduled, but without the benefit of rank and file student opinion. This is too bad, but the lack of response merely reflects what I feel is a general, campus-wide attitude toward our yearbook: people just could care less. For a couple of days when the tractor-trailer rig blocks the student union parking lot, chock full of freshly-printed Yacks, a faint ripple of excitement spreads over the campus. But it is short-lived. After a week or so the lifeless murmurs "What did you think of the Yack?" are heard no more until the next year when the next truck pulls up. People just aren't that interested anymore. Right now a serious campaign is being waged to completely cut off all

elections, is, I understand, being revised to, "If you're old enough to vote for President, you're old enough to vote for county clerk.")

The main point is simply that there was no good reason why 18-year-olds should not be allowed to vote. Actually, I have never really understood the sense of having a minimum voting age without a maximum limit also; but, if our government is going to operate on the principle that some age groups are better qualified voters than others, then the 18 to 21 group would appear to be the best qualified of all. These, after all, are the ages when it is most common to be in college; and the college campus is the most open, free-thinking environment

that most people will ever live in. True, campus ideologies are heavily weighted toward the left end of the political spectrum; but, despite what Jesse Helms and his ilk may say, there is much more intelligent conservative thought to be found at UNC than in the average Middle American community (which is where most students will live after they graduate).

So, take advantage of the Court's decision and register to vote when you're home over semester break. True, few places have federal elections until 1972. But a high registration of 18-year-olds will not only serve to combat the claim that young people are uninterested in the electoral process, it will also help force

state legislatures into bringing the state and local voting requirements into line with the federal ones; a dual registration and voting system would just collapse in its own red tape, if the 18-year-olds register in sufficient numbers.

One final thought. On the President's talk show with the four network correspondents, our fearless leader opined that both he and his political opponents would "have a shot" at the new voters. Just like Kent and Jackson State, eh Dicky? Well, let's do all we can to make sure that Nixon doesn't get a shot at us, either literally or figuratively; and let's do all we can with our newly recognized rights to bring about the termination of the most disastrous Presidency in our nation's history.

student funds for the Yack, but not a soul, not even the staff of the Yack, cares enough to write a letter in its defense.

Of course, no one wrote saying we should do away with the Yack either. But that doesn't help the Yack. Once when Cataline was on trial for his life Cicero remarked to the Senate that "By your silence he is convicted." So it is here. Lack of student interest in this matter is sufficient proof that we are wasting over \$50,000 a year in student fees for a self-indulgent, sentimental review of what we all did last year. And the word is waste. Deep in the bowels of the Union are stacks and stacks of old yearbooks that annually go unclaimed. We are spending over \$50,000 a year for a product we can't even give away!

If I had my way, not another penny of student fees would ever be spent for a

yearbook. I have no personal axe to grind with any Yack editor, past, present, or future. But, I am opposed to the whole concept of a yearbook for an allegedly mature, politically-aware, and socially-committed generation of college students.

But such a decision is not mine to make. It is yours. This week hearings will be held to investigate all aspects of the Yackety-Yack and its future. After these hearings are completed, a recommendation will be made to the Publications Board as to what we feel should be done. I have tried to make these hearings as objective and informative as possible. As of today I have requested and been promised statements from the editor of the Yack, the editor of the DTH, the President of the Student Body, the treasurer, the chairman of the Publications Board,

Rafael Perez, Robert Grady, and others who have expressed an interest in this matter. I sincerely desire to hear all sides presented. In addition, testimony will be heard from these witnesses, and they will be questioned in detail by members of the Subcommittee.

But undoubtedly I have missed someone who has a vital interest either in the survival or the demise of the Yack, and for this I apologize. But I would like to use this space to formally declare that these hearings are to be completely free and open to all. I invite any person who feels compelled to speak out to do so to this investigation.

Every piece of evidence, testimony, or opinion received by this subcommittee will be considered in arriving at our final recommendation. I urge as many students as possible to write letters. Or, if you

prefer to testify before the subcommittee, this can certainly be arranged. Written statements will also be accepted.

\$50,000 is a hell of a lot of money. How it is spent is an important issue. This year the Publications Board and the Legislature will see to it that something is finally settled concerning the Yack. This week is important in making that decision. Now is your chance to speak up, to have a voice in how your student fees are spent. If you pass-up this opportunity, then you'll have to leave the decision in the hands of others completely. If for one would not like to see that happen.

\$50,000. Think about it. My address is 203 Angier Avenue. My telephone number is 967-3135. I hope to hear from you.