

# The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

## Letters to the editor

# Class officers deserve chance

## Awards of the week

The "Who says they don't have culture in Kansas" award of the week—To the judges of the children's art contest in Topeka who last week named D. James Orang the grand prize winner. Orang, it turns out, is an orangutan.

The "Spread it on thick" award of the week—To the Tennessee prison that somehow has managed to collect enough soy sauce to last the inmates five years if used three times a day.

The "To each his own" award of the week—To Martha Mitchell who, when asked what her husband thought of her activities, replied, "He gets a bang out of what I do."

The Timothy Leary Chemistry Award of the week—To the UNC students who claim that after testing numerous plants for weeks they have found a substitute for grass.

The "If you can't beat 'em..." award of the week—To poor Lefty Driesell, who has been beaten by Carolina basketball teams so often that all he could manage to say after Wednesday's game was, "I kind of enjoyed watching them myself..."

The fluid fellows of the week award—To Steve Coggins, 720 James, who remarked on the need for coed living: "You just get tired of seeing your own gender flowing around."

The huff and puff and blow your house down award—With

special big bad wolf honors, to the University administration for scheduling the demolition of 34 student houses in Victory Village.

White man of the week award—To South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond who found it in his heart this past week to admit that maybe black people had some rights and therefore named a Negro to his office staff.

Uncle Tom of the week award—To the "black" who took the job with Uncle Strom.

Reptile Romance of the week award—To the people (?) connected with the DTH classified ad which read, "Froggy, is the lily pad big enough for two?"

The "What a revolting development this is..." award of the week—To DTH editor Tom Gooding who got a bit upset over seeing his first child-birth in a sex-education film this week. He wins a giant size baggie.

The "Where were you when I needed you?" award of the week—To Dr. Takey Crist who, upon hearing of Gooding's discomfort during the Monday night movie, sent him a bottle of Maalox.

### To The Editor:

Class officers were saved for the third consecutive semester by Student Legislature Feb. 11... however, this time the vote was reversed from fall of 1969. In 1969, the margin was two votes in support of retaining the class officers. February 11 vote found only two anti-class officers votes. Yes, that means Steve Ayers, Susan Case, George Blackburn, Alan Nagle, Tim Tyler and Charles Gilliam all rallied (verbally anyway) behind the "friendly" amendment that Legislator Judi Freidman presented to Rules Committee Chairman Gerry Cohen.

Freidman's amendment, not only retained class officers but added an incentive to allow the officers to organize and function in the spring and assume office in the fall with proposals, activities, and implementation measures.

Beginning this spring, the sophomore, junior and senior class officers will be elected during the spring campus wide election... March 16.

The Elections Bill as originally written, did not abolish class officers as such, it simply did not provide for their election in the spring or fall. "Tricky little Dickie's" in the UNC Student Legislature, I reckon.

For those of you who are still reading this "manifesto of class officers" you may be laughing, or asking just what the heck do class officers do or what avenues are available to them.

Questioning is not bad... for if they do not have the potential to function then they should not be permitted to exist... this same "trite" statement holds true for Student Legislature, South Building, Suite C of the Union, and dozen or more of the Chancellor Committee's.

What has been done recently by class officers: the Merzbacher General College Academic Reforms gained massive student support by the leadership of the 1969-70 freshman class officers. The reforms are now effective and the class officer input, including a retroactive clause to include all UNC-Ch students.

The Class of '69 under the leadership of Charlie Farris established the Molly Nicholson Memorial Scholarship for socio-economic underprivileged students who seek UNC for their collegiate experiences. The scholarship according to Mr. William Greer of the Financial Aid Office, now contains over \$10,000 and perpetuates itself thru a trust fund. The Class Officers in 1969 concluded the year with a Senior Ball for the entire class of which proceeds were channeled into the scholarship fund.

Now, a room with a telephone and file cabinet may not be a backward move for the officers—(note: desks were not requested they only are aids for the bureaucrat thinker... just what this university needs is twenty more figureheads, politicians, or bureaucrats)

Suite C and Legislature... thanks for the breath of fresh air but don't close the lid.

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What can be done? or What is being done?

Forced housing by the University is the prime issue for the class officers of 1970-71. The freshman officers (president Jeff Wood only elected Jan. 12, 1971) have coordinated efforts with CURL to seek change of freshman and sophomore restrictive housing.

The proposed Freshman Council could serve as a forum or structural framework for oncoming freshmen with their officers assuming maximum responsible in planning and coordinating freshman activities.

The class of '72 officers have "negative waves" for the Residential Life, Dean of Men, and Dean of Women personnel. Why are junior transfers with two years of required housing behind them forced to live a third year in the "luxurious dormitories" in Chapel Hill. Policy change is only inevitable with student support and administration recognizing that forced housing is technically unconstitutional (i.e. 1969 case Louisiana Tech University Student Government vs. Louisiana Tech. University).

Giving the chance to function, class officers have proven that their existence is worthwhile (note: worthwhile not paramount, I do realize that the university community could exist without the twenty class officers on campus). For their continued presence and the spring election, thank you Legislature and Miss (Judi) Freidman.

Students are aware of the obstinance of policy makers and also realize that campuses are now quiet. One important reason for the lack of general concern today as opposed to last spring is the failure of students to convince the public of their sincerity in ending the war. The institutions and processes which made the terror and suffering possible are strong, and students are nearly helpless unless they make genuine sacrifices.

Sacrifices, such as giving up money spent on Jubilee, risking imprisonment, or any other effective means. Sacrifice, even after made, is a difficult tool.

It must not be random, and those who oppose students will do their best to diminish the meaning of that sacrifice, but in the end it will be necessary. As students we are so privileged that for us to protest the death of a civilian in Vietnam is a farce unless we are prepared to sacrifice.

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Carolina gentlemen hit by UNC coed

To The Editor:  
I'm beginning to wonder if there are any Carolina gentlemen left. Oh, I don't mean the kind who open doors and say please and thank you. I mean a gentleman in every sense of the word.

It seems like nearly every guy I've gone out with this year has been after only one thing. I am sick to death of being mauled, propositioned, and insinuated about behind my back. I am very disillusioned about the male population in general and jocks in particular (especially the ones currently engaged in their sport).

A friend of mine said something recently that made a big impression. "A really guy can be a father, but it takes a really special person to be a man." Think about it, fellas!  
A south campus coed

Sacrifice needed for war protest

To The Editor:  
Many reasons have been offered as to why, after continued protest and adverse public opinion, United States policy in Southeast Asia is basically unchanged, and steps such as the "incursion" into Laos still occur.

## Rawlings' satire upsets DTH reader

To The Editor:  
I would like to make the following address to Mr. Lenox Rawlings:

Dear Mr. Rawlings:  
I read your article, "Loathe Story," in Thursday's DTH and its title aptly describes my feeling toward the garbage you produced.

I read "Love Story" by Erich Segal and I am looking forward to seeing the movie when it comes to Chapel Hill. I thought it excellent, but that is merely my opinion. My opinion is also that you should be sued for malicious defamation in the form of that so-called "parody" you wrote. If you did not like "Love Story," then you are entitled to your opinion, and as a reporter, you are entitled to publicly express it with a by-line as a criticism or a review, neither of which did you do. What you produced was not even worthy of being called a parody—it was an unkind, undeserved commentary that had no value and shed no light or knowledge to the public. The article was not very well written either.

The novelist's hand was guided by his heart and his emotions, but yours was guided by some sadistic, vindictive force—probably your brain.

Mr. Rawlings, you are not a literary critic, nor a competent satirist. You are a bungling idiot with no true journalistic sense of responsibility in your presentations of criticism if that's what you think you're doing. But you're mistaken. Surely you have the ability to write a fair commentary expressing why you think "Love Story" is a tear-jerking soap opera or a literary misfit. Don't misinterpret for others something you have not the scope to interpret for yourself.

Perhaps you think what Mr. Segal wrote is garbage—that is your opinion. I think what you wrote is garbage—that is my opinion.

Be glad that I will not be sitting on the journalists' council on Judgment Day for I would cast you into the pits of Inkdom for eternity.

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# Soul food: God's love for man is greatest of all

Ask someone what love means and he's sure to tell you. If he can't express it in words, chances are he'll say, "You know what I mean, don't you?" And I'll agree that I do.

Ask any two people what love means, and you'll get two different answers. If, of course, they both don't end up saying, "You know what I mean, don't you?" Here again, I'll probably have to agree that I do.

Most of us have an idea of what love means, even though we can't always express or explain it.

Love is that intoxicating feeling of joy and closeness between two lovers. Love is a child snuggling up to his mother, or a father playing ball with his son. Love is that concern or worry we have when someone we care for is hurt, and that happiness and pride we feel for someone close to us who does well. Love can be hard, just as a parent will discipline his child because he loves him and cares about his growth as a person.

And we can feel loved, just as we can feel the sun on our back. I had been working on a big story this last week and had only seen my girlfriend briefly at meals. A few big bites, a swallow, a kiss for Vickie, and I was gone. Yesterday, as I ran back for lunch amidst four appointments, she met me on the way. We walked along and she stuck a piece of paper in my hand.

The words were simple. "I love you." And I knew she did.

But when we talk about the love of God and where love fits in with Christianity, it's amazing how we can slip gears and find ourselves embroiled in a theological debate. We find out how little we do know about what love means. The simplest statements defeat us. God loves man. Men should love each other. We really choke up when we confront Jesus's admonition, "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

How in the world, after all, can you love someone you don't even like? It doesn't fit into many of our concepts of love. But Jesus demanded such love and showed that it was possible when he said at the cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." I wonder if any of us could be so forgiving.

What does it mean, then, when Christians talk about love? What can we expect from a loving God? What does God expect from men?

It is helpful to look at three ways people look at love. It is hard, of course, to make hard and fast distinctions about love, much less to categorize it. Man is such a complex creature that at any one moment his love may stem from a number of reasons. But one way we love can be called "if" love. I love someone if he loves me back. Love in this sense is a bargain, or contract, that trades off love. It sounds selfish, self-centered, scheming. But it happens every day. We may love a

person if that person does something for us, like politicians trading votes.

And some people view God the same way. God loves us if we do what He says. We can be united with God if we do all the right things. But this view of God's love or even loving God doesn't sound like love as we feel it to be. God sounds like a tyrant, whom we have to love or die. It doesn't fit in, also, with the biblical view of God. If God practices "if" love, how can Paul say, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us?" Man was alienated from God, hated Christ, yet Christ "died for us."

Another view of love is "because" love. I love someone because of what that person is or does. A guy might love a girl because she has a beautiful figure. An ardent fan might love a popular singer because he has a good voice.

Those who place a conditional "because" love often say God loves men

because man is worthy of being loved. Or man loves God because of who God is.

But is "because" love really very satisfying or accurate? What happens when the girl gets old and loses her figure, or the singer loses his voice? "Because" love quickly fades.

Theologically and biblically, "because" love doesn't fit in at all with Christianity. It only takes a few minutes of honest self-evaluation to see man is not as worthy as he seems to merit the love of a perfect God. John, thinking back to Jesus commented, "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins."

There is a third kind of love, "anyway" love. I love someone not because he loves me or because of what kind of person he is, but because I want to. "Anyway" love is not conditional; it comes out of the person who loves.

Whenever we see love at its deepest, most enduring and satisfying level, we see "anyway" love. The parent who loves his child despite the trouble the child gets into. The wife who loves her husband despite his faults. The Christian who loves his enemy in spite of that enemy's persecution.

Best of all, this is God's love. God does not love man if man loves him. God does not love man because man is such a great creature. God loves us because He wants to. The new life God offers man through Jesus Christ is free, available to any man to accept or reject. Though God may not always love what man does the Bible says, God never ceases loving man and wanting only what is good for him.

If I love God, I may show my love by following the teachings of Jesus. Because God has been so great to me, I can love Him even more.

But there is no love greater than the love God shows man—anyway.