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> Saturday, February 27, 1971 Tom Gooding, Editor

# Awards of the week

Headline of the week award-To the Chapel Hill Weekly which ran the following head on their second section front Wednesday: "UNC Asks Legislature To Sweeten Pot."

The "Thanks for the help, but where were you last year?" award of the week— To UNC Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson who refused to speak against the war last spring during the strike, but who this week decided to join a big business anti-war group.

## Right on, Chancellor.

The "You never really know who your friends are" award of the week-To DTH News Editor Mike Parnell who answered the phone one day this week to hear a voice tell him a bomb would go off in the office in precisely 30 minutes. Parnell said nothing to anyone, but 25 minutes later he got up and went to the snack bar. "I just happened to get hungry," he said.

The "Hit 'em where it hurts" award of the week-To the South Campus Coed who a week ago wrote a letter to the editor complaining that UNC males are a bunch of sex maniacs. The males, of course, immediately responded with a flood of letters crying, "Who? Me? Surely you jest." The Renes Descartes "Brilliant Deduction" award of the week-To pollster George Gallup whose weekly look at the feelings of Americans revealed Friday that people with long hair have leftist political views and people with short hair tend to lean to the right politically.

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The "Five Faces of Eve" award of the week-To North Carolina Governor Robert Scott who one day decries the political in-fighting among state-supported universities and the next day comes out and throws his support behind one of the most guilty schools in the state.

Party pooper of the week

award-To the University official who found out that Zeta Beta Tau fraternity planned to have a stripper appear at the house this weekend and ordered the show cancelled.

Sexist of the week award-To Zeta Beta Tau fraternity for scheduling the stripper in the first place.

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\*\*\* The Joe McCarthey Memorial Award of the week-To Mrs. Muriel Shapp, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, who refuses to move into the new governor's mansion until the present twin beds are replaced with a queen-sized double bed. "I happen to think," Mrs. Shapp said, "that twin beds are un-American."

# Letters to the editor Room inspections invade privacy

#### To the editor:

As a result of this letter, I hope the DTH can publish the regulations drawn up by this University governing inspection of dorm rooms. I would like to know exactly what the inspector is allowed to do. Can he open a closet door? Can he rummage through someone's drawers in search of illegal appliances?

The rules as I have understood them are that the inspector is not allowed to search any closed drawers or closets. He must be accompanied by a maid when he enters a room; can she restrain him in any way if he does do any of these prohibited things?

I am well aware of the fact that the inspections are for our own safety. Walter Hamilton, of the Physical Plant, informed me of the reasons behind the searches, and I agree that too many appliances constitute a fire hazard. It seems to me, however, that the way in which the inspections are carried out is an invasion of privacy. I do not object so much to the rationale for the operations as I do to the methodology.

Aside from the inspections themselves, I want to discuss the physical structure of the older dorms, especially Cobb, with which I am most familiar. My first question is why, in this day and time, when we depend on electricity to such a great extent and have so many electrical appliances that we use almost daily, are three rooms put on a circuit that can only support six volts? That way, it is so easy to blow a fuse, causing inconvenience for at least six people. Re-wiring is only one of the difficulties in the older dorms.

Physical facilities themselves are inadequate. Ostensibly, we are not allowed to cook in the rooms. The physical plant proudly points to the fact that we have a kitchen that we can use. The problem here is that there is one kitchen to be used by over 300 girls. Needless to say, the facilities are grossly inadequate.

It seems that one possible solution to the problem would be to reserve some of the room rent from each semester to be channelled into a fund for improvements or renovations to each dorm. It seems only fair, even with the outstanding debt the university owes, to use some of this revenue for physical changes to the dorms. If money could be used in this way to make the older buildings more attractive to live in, perhaps the university would not be quite so far in the red. I invite response from the physical plant and from any other students who have complaints along the same line. If my suggestion could be followed, I think many people would benefit in the long run.

## Students are 'had'

## by Student Stores

#### To the editor:

Once again the omnipotent/ omnipresent money-grubbing Student Stores lays a milestone in the basic human philoscphy that "man jest ain't worth ah dam."

Mind you, I'm not complaining about the blue books going up 2 cents "accidently" just before Fall exams, neither am I griping about being frisked, X- rayed, scrutinized, and televised as I enter and leave the textbook division, nor would I ever think of becoming enraged as I pay \$9.95 for a \$6.00 book. All these things are merely rules of the game and part of the terrible task that poor Mr. Shetley must endure in order that he may better serve the poor student and provide scholarships for us all.

What, however, does get me in the, you guessed it, is that the local Eckard's can (does) undersale ye ole S.S. a grand total of 59 cents on such a hot item as a typewriter ribbon. Not only was said item the same quality at Eckerd's but also it was the same name brand as the item at the Student Stores.

Henceforth, the poor befuddled student need not worry of being "had" as he enters those golden portals of the local gip shop, he can consider it a fact.

> David Simpson Route One

# Walking on bricks will save the grass

#### To the Editor:

I read with extreme interest the editorial about "Bricks, bricks and ..." on Feb. 26. I am in complete agreement with the author of the article except for

 In order for the constant construction of brick walks to stop before the campus becomes one big brick, I would suggest that you support either of the following solutions:

1. Take the campus ticket pushers and place them at strategic points so that they can use their traffic directing abilities to keep students on the present walks.

2. Ask the students to consider the continuance of the beauty of this unique campus as part of their responsibility and stay on the walks.

#### Dennis Whigham Coker Hall

### **Ticket distribution**

# grossly inequitable

#### To the Editor:

As probably everyone knows, there are gross inequities in the method now used to distribute basketball tickets. Often those who come early to stand in line will be the ones pushed to the rear of the line when the mad rush starts for position. If I may, let me recommend a solution.

Instead of having lines, I recommend that those wishing to get a ticket, go to Carmichael at a predetermined time and get the seat they want. At this predetermined time, say 5:00 o'clock, University employees could then hand out the tickets to the respective seatholders. Boundaries could be marked for those seats reserved for Ram's Club members.

I believe this method would be much fairer than the present one. With the present system, those students waiting the longest are not guaranteed a good seat. This plan would eliminate the mad rush for position and insure those who come early that they will get a seat of a quality relative to their waiting time. variations. She begs him to forgive her, so he relents and kisses her forehead, leaving the mark of a rubber stamp on her cheek "'U.S.S.R. Department of Records-CANCELED." Our reviewer misses the buildup of the gag ("How could you do such a thing?") and misses the topper (the rubber stamp).

I am sure that Mr. "Leaven" missed the serious overtones of the film in his search for the perfect gag. There is a definite theme of what greed can do to people that is carefully set forth-the Pavlovian response of Ron Moody to the closing bell in the Museum of Furniture scene, Dom DeLuise's cry "Oh God, you're so strict!", and Frank Langella's foxy, scheming characterization.

Even more unforgiveable than incredibly inept reviews is reviewing movies that one has not seen. I, for one, am getting good and tired of seeing movies that I thought were good being damned by one reviewer just because all the other reviewers and critics thought it was bad. (By the way, the general consensus of critics on "Rio Lobo" is that it was everything it was supposed to be-good, solid entertainment-not "one their (John Wayne and Howard Hawks) worst."

I'm not going to commit Mr. "Leaven's" error and condemn him for his bad work; I just wonder where he would ever get a job as a critic and how long he would keep it.

> Paul F. Wilson 1304 Granville Towers

Pressure needed for lower prices

To the editor:

As I was walking down Franklin Street about noon today I received one of the most pleasant surprises I have received during my past one and a half years here in Chapel Hill. I am referring to the picketing of Harry's restaurant by about half a dozen people who were protesting high prices and low wages. Now, I have no particular gripes concerning Harry's in particular-that is, no gripes other than those which I direct to nearly all the Chapel Hill businesses. It is to the fact that finally someone is publicly doing something abbut the outrageous manner in which the Chapel Hill businessmen do business that prompts my writing this letter of support and congratulation In the time I have been living in Chapel Hill I have bought very little merchandise here in town, but rather have traveled to Durham to do my shopping. I am fortunate in that I have a car; I realize that many UNC students do not. I have not been the only one to recognize this fact, though, for the owners of the businesses in Chapel Hill have adjusted their prices and attitudes in a manner which clearly indicates that they know they have a monopoly upon a very large portion of the student dollar. Their prices are outrageous (often as much as 50% more than prices outside of the community), and their attitudes towards customers is simply unbelievable-in any competitive community they would be out of business in a matter of months. I will admit that the state of Chapel Hill business is one of my pet peeves. However, as many members of this community will admit, my complaints are far from baseless. I have discussed this situation time and again with friends, and have convinced as many people as possible to spend their money outside of town. Now, though, something really positive has been done out in the open. To these people I give my wholehearted support. They have started something which could become very significant within this community. The more students realize that they are the ones upon whom the Chapel Hill economic situation depends, and the more they pressure the stores to give decent service and fair prices, the sooner a reasonable cost of living will invade the community. And believe me, the students, as a united body, have the power to pull it off. Bernard H. Davis Greenway Park

The Sir Isaac Newton Memorial Mathematics award of the week-To the UNC budget office which, through a "slight computational error" managed to over-estimate the 1970-71 Student Government income by \$14,000. Everyone in the office wins a free class ticket for Math 1.

The "Isn't bureaucracy wonderful?" award of the week-To the U.S. Army intelligence network which, during a peace demonstration in Colorado, had spies spying on its own spies.

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And besides they give two pinkoes room to hide.

Lizard of the week award-Joe Eagles has locks on this award until further notice.

Melissa Daniel 419 East Cobb

the last paragraph. It is a well known fact that most (if not all) species of grass will not survive the constant trampling which they receive on one of the local campus paths (the non-bricked type that are so common). For some reason many students believe the old adage that the shortest distance between two points is across the grass. Also believing the adage, it seems that the University Walk Department has tried to brick up the existing dirt paths so that the rest of the campus can remain green and lovely (Sounds like a nice thing to do!). Unfortunately, once completed, each of the new brick walks only leads to other disembarkation points where the students can once again test the ability of genotypes to withstand trampling.

THE WAY I SEE IT, THIS CONCERT IS SORT OF A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR JUBILEE! In any case, some change is necessary and can be accomplished if the athletic department recognizes this need.

> Joseph C. Robbins 309 Lewis

# Reader dislikes Leaven's review

#### To the Editor:

Reviewing a reviewer can be dangerous—one tends to speak more from personal opinion than from the facts—but the general ineptitude of The Daily Tar Heel reviews during the past few weeks has driven me off the deep end.

Case in point-the most recent review of the movie "The Twelve Chairs." Mr. "Leaven" simply does not know what he is talking about. He calls "Twelve Chairs" one of the "least inventive" of this year's comedies. A joke does not have to be new to be funny, a bit of comic business can be someone else's invention, but the success or failure depends on how the old joke and the old business are used. In the sense that "Chairs" had very little "new" material, it was not inventive; but the modern style of such directors as Robert Altman (MASH) would have been out of place in a period movie. And "The 'Twelve Chairs" had a definite period feel to it.

Mr. 'Leaven' claims that Mel Brooks has not written a slapstick farce. If not, then what is it? He claims "Chairs" lacks "singlemindedness" and there are too many digressions from the main plot. "The Twelve Chairs" is one of the most singleminded movies I have ever seen—the chairs are the most important element in the movie, and everyone and everything is concerned with getting the last chair. What comic digressions?

Finally, Mr. "Leaven" attempts to show he has artistic insight by giving us a quote from James Agee to the effect that a good gag must have some kind of a topper to it. He claims that "The Twelve Chairs" fails because the gags aren't topped, and then proves his lack of observation by using the most carefully constructed gag in the picture. Ron Moody is scolding his mother-in-law for hiding the jewels, screaming "How could you do such a thing?" with several

# Soul food: Pessimism turns students to religion

Where is religion heading? What is the current state of religious feeling on campus? These are hard questions to answer. I didn't realize how hard it was until I began three weeks ago to analyze in depth the religious scene on campus.

Ken Ripley

The problem was that very few people, if any, really know where religion stands at UNC. Most of the chaplains, ministers, administrators, and the students I talked to-whose collected comments and activites would fill three pages of the DTH-were able to tell me how they were responding to religious change. But the essential question, "Religion on campus: growing or fading?". still remains anyone's guess.

The evidence I found goes both ways. fueling both the pessimist and optimist.

The pessimist can cite declining church attendance, a realignment of religious centers to the periphery of campus life, and trends towards a more society-oriented and less God-oriented campus ministry as signs of the decline and fall of religion on campus.

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The optimist can look to an upsurge of enrollment in religion courses, the growing presence of religious themes in culture, the slight rises of participation in some church and center activities, the growing momentum of the evangelistic Christian groups smong some students, and the apparent increase of inner "soul-searching" among students to find hope for modern religion.

Trends further confuse the issue. The biggest and most obvious trend is to move away from institutional religion to a more personal religious expression. Yet chaplain Carl Culberson has found, more students this year wanting to enter the ministry. Eastern religions are growing in popularity, observers note, yet not only have eastern religion movements-such as the followers of Baha'i and Krishna-failed to capture widespread campus interest, Dr. Shutz of the religion department noted an unusual "strain" of revived interest in orthodox Christianity. The appearance and strenth of evangelistic, orthodox Christians and their cousins, the "Jesus-freaks," further complicates analysis.

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During my interviews, chaplian Bob Johnson probably went as far factually as anyone else when he said, "We're dealing with a different world." But if no one really knows what is happening, plenty of people are willing to take a guess.

One such guess was offered by former Tar Heel columnist John Agar, who pessimistically feels that religion is dying. He believes the recent upsurges in religious interest, especially in orthodox Christian theology, are manifestations of America's new mood of nostalgia-a fad that when it ends will fatally weaken the church.

Agar has a keen critical mind, and his guess may be a good one. Larger national trends show that the institutional church over the last decade has slumped considerably since the last "revival" of religious interest in the early 1950s. Polls show students massively turning off from the institutional church. The institutions have also suffered declines in both membership and financing. The apparent revival of interest in orthodox Christianity, seen in the growth of evangelistic groups and spontaneous religious interest, could very well burn itself out-and burn out the institutional church with it. Especially since both evangelistic goups and spontaneous religious interest are person-oriented rather than institution-fostering.

But my guess is that religion is growing, not fading as Agar believes. The institutional church, whether or not the pace of religious "revivial" increases, is being hurt badly by the growing number of people who are interested in religion and not in the church. The church as an institution may "slip away." But the institutional church is undergoing change, too, and has yet to show that it should or cannot survive. The institution has shown its durability.

More importantly, however, 1 feel religion and religious interest will grow regardless of its institutional fate. The current revival of religious interest-especially in orthodox Christianity-is occuring mostly outside the institution. Religious interest is growing because religion is meeting more fundamental needs. Students have grown1 more inner-directed, more searching in their quest for meaning. fulfillment, and the "best way to really live," as one boy said. This search. these questions, are religious questions.

Religion will grown because these questions will multiply. "Frustration and cynical despair" with the political process, one chaplain ventured, have contributed greatly to student "withdrawal into themselves." Sociological trends of growing urbanization, technology, and depersonalization continue to make us ask the basic questions of life, death, and meaning to life. My guess is that, faced with a pessimistic future, more students will turn to religion-whatever its form-for the answers they need to understand themselves and their relationship to the world around them.

My guess is also that Christianity will continue to survive and grow because of the answers it provides. The true strengh of Christianity is not an institution, but the power of the Gospel message.

This, at least, is my guess.