

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

DTH Endorsements Harry Bryan

For Editor of the The Daily Tar Heel

The Editor of The Daily Tar Heel must be highly trained in all aspects of journalism and newspaper production.

The election for editor is a political contest to judge journalistic and professional qualifications. It is unfair to make this decision in a political contest. Each year we must hope that the most technically qualified individual gets the most votes.

Fortunately, most students realize that when they vote for editor they are looking for an individual that can supervise the operation of a daily newspaper.

The talents necessary to perform the job in a professional manner are diverse and complicated.

The editor must command the

respect of the entire newspaper staff. They must trust both his judgment and integrity.

The editor will be called upon to make hard decisions on hiring and firing personnel, on the handling of news stories, on the most responsible editorial policy and on the overall administration of the paper.

The entire staff of The Daily Tar Heel has pledged their support to Harry Bryan for Editor.

This respect, coming from the people Harry Bryan has worked with for the past year, speaks higher of his ability to edit the newspaper than could anything else.

Harry Bryan possesses an impressive list of journalistic

credits. He is a journalism major. He has worked in professional newspapers, spending parts of the past five years on the staff of the Asheville Citizen. He worked during both his freshman and sophomore years as a staff writer for the DTH. He has served as Managing Editor, Associate Editor, News Editor, columnist and editorial writer for the DTH during his sophomore and junior years.

Harry Bryan knows how The Daily Tar Heel works. He has devoted endless hours to improving the DTH. He wants to continue that effort next year.

Harry Bryan is by far the best qualified candidate and should be elected to the position of editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

Joe Stallings

For President of the Student Body

The campaign for President of the Student Body has been low in tempo but high in the number of malicious rumors.

Joe Stallings has run a clean campaign. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for some of his opponents who have tried to replace qualifications with slurs.

Some of Stallings' opponents have tried to charge him with lavish spending. However, we have not seen any of these opponents publish a list of their own campaign expenses. Could it be that they have spent as much money but have no other way to win votes?

They have tried to label Stallings with a machine. We understand many candidates have encountered difficulty in obtaining supporters who are willing to work for them. Stallings, however, was fortunate

in that many people respected his ability and integrity enough to volunteer to work for him. If friendship and respect make a machine then we find nothing wrong with it. Those who are making this charge would be happy if they had elicited enough support to attract a "machine."

But no candidate has attacked Stallings' integrity. He has run the race without stooping to "slurs and innuendoes." He has not surrendered to cheap political tricks.

A candidate forced to substitute sexual immaturity for qualifications can't afford to question integrity. Stallings has campaigned on the issues and his qualifications.

He is chairman of the Carolina Opportunity Fund, a special Presidential Advisor, majority floor

leader of Student Legislature during his sophomore year, a member of the Consultative Forum, a member of the Order of the Grail, a member of the Student Strike Coordinating Committee last May, a member of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council since last summer, a member of the Judicial Reform Committee, a Richardson Fellow and a Morehead Scholar.

Stallings has the qualifications, knowledge and experience to be an effective Student Body President. We need a new Student Government which will base itself on integrity and action.

Stallings has based his candidacy on his ability and desire to help the students on this campus.

Joe Stallings should be elected President of the Student Body.

Letters to the editor

Abortion needs support

To the editor:

A significant piece of legislation is going to be debated on the North Carolina Senate floor within the next two weeks. It deals with abortion. The legislation basically leaves the decision of an abortion to the patient and the doctor. A doctor would be under no obligation to perform an abortion, if he so chose. An abortion could be performed in a medical facility affiliated with an accredited hospital, thus freeing hospital staffs to deal with more serious illnesses.

Unfortunately this piece of legislation is facing defeat because of pressure from groups of people who view abortion as some sort of crime. Their arguments go along the lines of "they should have used contraception," or "they should get married," or "abortion on demand is the same thing as murder on demand."

These arguments are persuading many legislators, not because they make rational sense, but because those people who so fervently disagree with the legislation are religiously writing letters to their legislators voicing their opposition. The fact that 25,000 North Carolina women seek illegal abortions each year, (Abernathy, Greenburg, Horvitz data from Research Triangle) or that last year the Maternal and Child Health Department in Raleigh reported 2,500 cases of child abuse and that in most cases the abused child is unwanted won't matter to the legislators.

It isn't going to matter to the legislators that women should be able to determine their own fate, or that the state really doesn't have a compelling interest to require a woman to remain pregnant during early months of

pregnancy. The states of California and Wisconsin have the precedent in determining what rights women should have. In the case of "People of the State of California vs. Robb," January 9, 1970, the California courts ruled:

that under the constitution women have a total freedom of choice as to whether or not to bear children, including the unrestricted right to have an abortion, and the state may not interfere in this area in the absence of compelling state interest.

On March 5, 1970 in the case of "Babbitt vs. McCann," the courts of Wisconsin ruled:

that there are a number of situations where there are forceful reasons to support a woman's desire to reject an embryo. These include a rubella or a thalidomide pregnancy, or one resulting from rape or incest. The court held that even when none of these circumstances exist, the state does not have the compelling interest to require a woman to remain pregnant during the early months following conception.

Nothing rational is going to matter to the legislators as long as their mail is running five to one against the legislation.

So, perhaps "they should have used contraception" and hoped for a zero per cent failure rate. Or perhaps "they should get married" even if they don't want to, or worse yet, don't want a child. Or perhaps it serves them right if they have to go to a criminal abortionist. After all,

criminal abortions rank right behind gambling and drugs as the leading criminal money producer. ("Birth Control and Love," Alan Guttmacher). And they shouldn't have been making love in the first place, they deserve whatever they get.

One thing for sure, a legislature that ranks 47th out of 50 (Time Magazine, March 1, 1971) is susceptible to almost anything, even the above arguments, and unless the legislators hear some concerned, rational arguments in favor of the piece of legislation, it isn't going to pass. So, perhaps some people should take a few minutes to write a rational letter in favor of the proposed law, so the next time you face an abortion, it won't be from the end of a coat hanger.

Thomas Vass
317 Teague

Write congressmen about SST money

To the editor:

The vote in Congress on the \$210 million SST appropriation is coming up this week. In response to public concern, this appropriation will not slip through unopposed this year. Students should join with other interested citizens in voicing their concern over such a wasteful, needless project. Several North Carolina Congressmen are opposing the SST, and others are genuinely undecided. On this issue, your letters and telegrams could make a difference, encouraging a more constructive use of the SST money for domestic priorities. Moreover, the Senators and Congressman who have taken the lead in fighting the SST deserve all of our support.

Virginia Carson

Female liberation not only answer

To the editor:

In regard to recent letters which appeared in the Tar Heel, one from a woman who berated the paper for two direct quotations, the content of which seemed (as she felt) prejudicial to the rights of women, the other a "school psychologist" who utilized the phrase "Male chauvinist pigs":

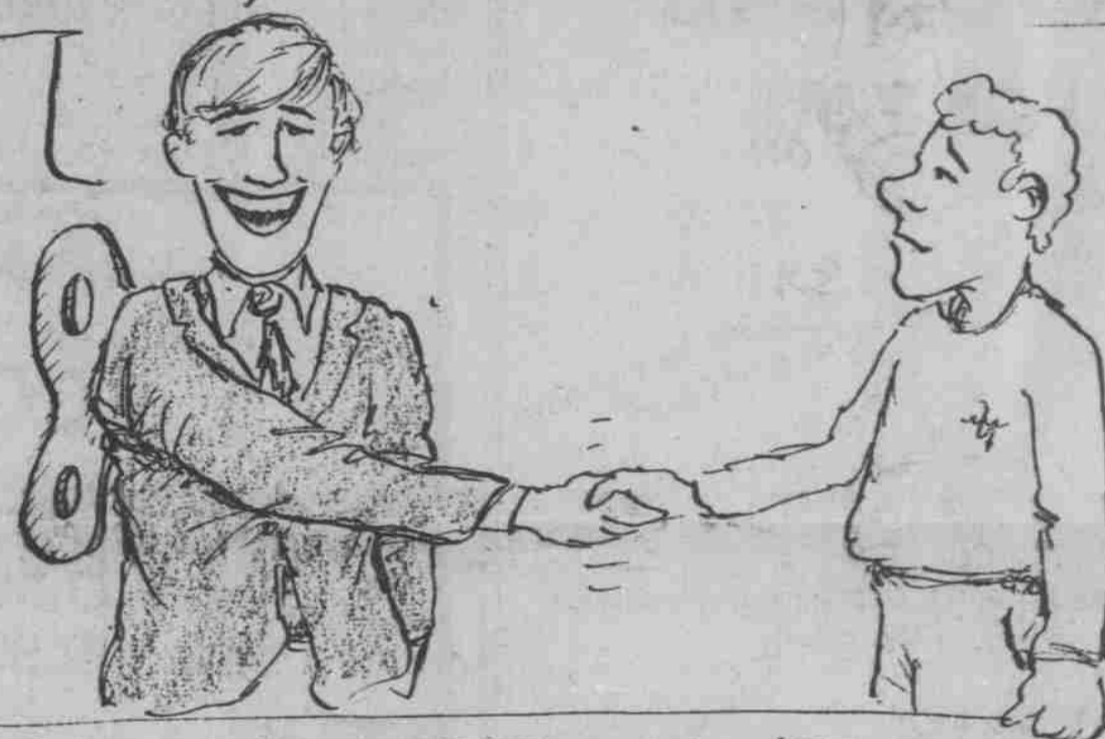
People, whose minds are possessed with some one object, take exaggerated views of its importance, are feverish in pursuit of it, and make it the measure of things which are utterly foreign to it.

To consider the world in its length and breadth, its various history, the many races of man, their starts, their fortunes, their mutual alienation, their conflicts; and then their enterprises, their aimless courses, their random achievements and acquisitions, the impotent conclusion of long-standing facts, the tokens so faint and broken, of a superintending design;—the greatness and littleness of man (and women, if you must), his far-reaching aims, his short duration, the curtain hung over his futurity, the disappointments of life, the defeat of good, the success of evil, physical pain, mental anguish, the prevalence and intensity of sin, the condition of the whole race—all this is a vision to dizzy and appal. What shall be said to this heart-piercing, reason-bewildering world?

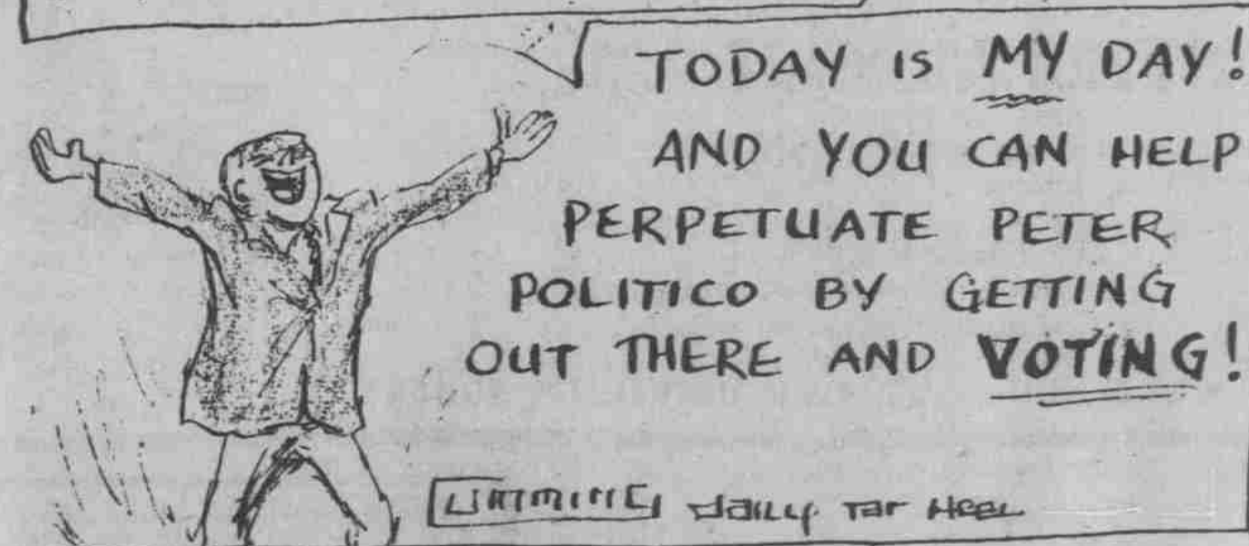
May I suggest, as a tentative start, this: that female liberation is not the measure of all things; that we might have "female liberation" in its entirety and still have a world as dreary and barren of good as we have today; and that, as causes go, female liberation is quite unworthy of fanaticism.

J.H. Newman
Carboro

HELLO, I'M PETER POLITICO! OUT OF MY ALTRUISTIC IMPULSE TO SERVE THE UNIVERSITY, I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE.



FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS, I HAVE CLUTTERED UP YOUR CLASSROOMS, TREES, WINDOWS, AND TOILET STALLS WITH POSTERS. I HAVE CONVINCED YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS YOUR ENEMY, AND THAT I WILL PROTECT YOU.



TODAY IS MY DAY! AND YOU CAN HELP PERPETUATE PETER POLITICO BY GETTING OUT THERE AND VOTING!

Steve Saunders

For Residence College Chairman

Steve Saunders has worked hard through every available channel to improve the conditions in residence colleges on this campus.

Last spring he was elected Governor of Morehead Residence College. Saunders immediately began working on an intensive campaign to obtain the Faculty Club for the residence college. That campaign saw Saunders attempt every method possible—petitions, letters and meetings with administrators—to help the residence college.

The administration denied the request, and Saunders immediately began working on obtaining and then implementing \$20,000 for the improvement of Cobb basement for the use by the residence college.

Saunders worked with members of Morehead Residence College in an attempt to get an increase in the refrigerator quotas for those dorms. That effort resulted in the dorms in Morehead Residence college being the only ones to have quotas increased in the middle of the year. Saunders has served as a

Presidential Advisor on Residence Colleges and as Secretary of the Committee on University Residence Life (CURL).

In an effort to improve dormitory conditions Saunders co-founded SEARCH, Student Environmental Analysis Research at Chapel Hill. That organization will conduct massive research to discover what changes in dormitories are wanted by all students.

Saunders saw the injustice of required residence and has worked in every method available to end the requirements. He is currently a member of the committee investigating required residence.

Saunders has the initiative, desire and ability to create and lead an effective Residence College Federation. He will work through that organization to improve the quality of residence colleges and dormitories throughout the campus.

Saunders should be elected chairman of the Residence College Federation.

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79 Years of Editorial Freedom

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SG not self-governing

Men are disposed to live honestly if the means of doing so are open to them. —Thomas Jefferson

Tar Heel columnists write page after page of copy on the campus politics that used to be, students murmur "student government?" with a blank look on their faces, and administrators wonder where all those nice quiet students of the fifties went to after graduation.

Students complain to faculty committees (as they have for years) that they have no voice in University decision-making. And student government is finally reduced to nit-picking with the administration over finances.

The Di-Phi Senate must have been onto something when they abolished student government some eight or ten years ago, branding it ineffectual, Mickey Mouse and unconcerned with the real issues of our day.

But the basic reason for all this cannot be found in the fraternity houses or the smoky back-rooms of the Carolina Union.

The real reason that student

government has been reduced to an absurdity is that it has never been anything more.

In the first place, student government is not at all what the name implies. The publicity handouts and catalogues may brag about the long tradition of student self-government, but we could get by more accurately with a title like student social services committee.

It is true that students are allowed to take care of their own affairs as long as they stay in their place. But the real decisions about the long-range future of the campus and its future students are made quietly by University Committees. Here and there we find a few token students (hand-picked, of course) on these committees, but there is rarely any publicity or dialogue in these structured situations. And the decisions about controversial matters such as visitation are settled by decree from South Building.

Student government has been, in fact, little more than a big, expensive toy which the University has given students to play with while the real work of running the institution goes on elsewhere.

I do not propose that the Administration should surrender or abdicate. I propose that the major policy decisions below the trustee level should be made by a University Council including elected representatives of the major campus groups... students; administrators, faculty and non-academic employees.

A group similar to this is currently working at Duke with surprising success. I see no reason why it couldn't work here. And further, I see no reason why the administration of a University must be despotic. This, it seems to me, is little short of blasphemy in a democratic society.

There are those, of course, who will wail that students who have been elected in the past are irresponsible, that students don't really care enough to get involved—so why give them chance to make any decisions, or even take part in making decisions.