

# The Daily Tar Heel

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Harry Bryan, Editor

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## Peace celebration should kill apathy

Anti-war activist David Dellinger opened a month of activity against the war in Indochina with a speech Monday night in Hill Hall.

Dellinger was speaking in support of the People's Peace Treaty and the series of demonstrations planned in Washington, D.C., from April 24 through either May 1 or May 5.

Also scheduled on the UNC campus is a People's Peace Celebration set for Wednesday with workshops, marches, live entertainment and an open debate between supporters of the People's

Peace Treaty and David Adcock, chairman of the North Carolina chapter of Young Americans for Freedom.

And according to the organizers of the celebration, other activities will be scheduled up until the Washington marches begin.

Hopefully the anti-war activities will put an end to apathy that has been running rampant on this campus since the beginning of school this year.

Last spring marked the peak of the anti-war movement when colleges throughout the nation were forced to shut down, and thousands and thousands of students refused to attend classes.

Not only did the student activism last spring force the Nixon administration into at least backing off for a while, it also provided a chance for students to participate in meaningful debate over the war and the state of the United States government.

The debate between Adcock and supporters of the Peace Treaty is one which all students should attend. Hopefully, both sides of the anti-war issue will be discussed thoroughly and effectively, and students will have the opportunity to re-evaluate their views on the war in Indochina.

But students would also make it a point to participate in the rest of the anti-war activities on campus, whether they agree or disagree with the anti-war movement.

Only by listening to debates and speeches concerning the war can the individual student firm up his own ideas about it.

## Letters to the editor

# Campus drug bust rumored

To the Editor:

Yesterday, I heard a bit of news that I feel should be circulated to the student body as rapidly as possible: Through a very reliable source, I have learned of a rather huge bust, to take place this week through next week, with the intention of "cleaning out" Chapel Hill just before Jubilee, when there will supposedly be a lot of stuff in the area.

This "rumor" is supported by the recent presence of several known SBI agents. According to my sources, young "freaks" as well as the standard variety narcs will be involved in the bust, and they will be going after users as well as sellers.

It should be noted that this letter is not a joke, nor is it the product of a particularly paranoid state of mind. Good luck.

Anonymous

## Writer defends propaganda

To the Editor:

On April 10th, a small group of Chinese students representing a certain political establishment lodged their protest against the showing of "The East is Red" by the International Students' Center. The statement issued by the group begins with the sentence "We, members of the Chinese Students' Association in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, strongly..." followed by some of the reasons of their protest. As a Chinese student myself, I feel that I am obligated to bring the following points to the attention of all who are interested in the affairs of international students:

1) Most of the Chinese students on this campus have not been consulted or informed about the protest, and there is no reason to assume that these students would agree with the protest if they were consulted. The beginning sentence of the statement is a gross misrepresentation of fact.

2) The protesting group of students complained in their statement that they have not been consulted by the ISC about the showing of this film. We ought to realize that the ISC is administered by foreign students as well as American students, and any foreign student group interested in the ISC activities should have no difficulties in getting positions in the ISC committees, thereby making their contributions as well as exercising their influences on the policies of the ISC. However, for several years the number of students from the protesting group serving in the ISC has been zero. The film "The East is Red" was in fact scheduled to be shown last year, and the Chinese student community knew very well about the ISC's interest in the film. Therefore, anybody who felt that the film should

not be shown had ample time to present his case constructively to the ISC before the film was finally brought to the screen on the 10th of April. I do not claim that every foreign student should serve in the ISC (I don't), but if anybody chooses to remain aloof and indifferent about the ISC activities, it is obviously not very nice of him to make idle criticisms when somebody else takes up the job. Even if the ISC has in fact chosen a very "unsuitable" film, we certainly cannot blame the non-Chinese officers for committing the mistake; where are all those protesting students who believe that they can a better choice? Why didn't they give their constructive advice earlier? Ironically, although these students blame the ISC for not consulting them, knowing fully well that the ISC has no obligation to make this consultation, they have issued a statement with political connotations purporting to represent "the Chinese students in Chapel Hill" without even informing most of those they purport to represent.

3) The statement also claimed that since there is no citizen of Red China enrolled in this campus, the ISC should not show a Red Chinese film. After all, they claimed, since there is nobody from Red China, nobody would agree with these films. If that is true, does it mean that we should not show "Dr. Zivago" or "War and Peace" because we have no U.S.S.R. citizen in the campus? Furthermore, they ought to know that the place where one comes from does not dictate one's beliefs. The most important point, however, is that whether we would agree with what the film says is totally irrelevant in this issue. This is a university in a democratic country, not a training camp in a totalitarian state; our library keeps the official publications of the South African government as well as those of the Black Panthers; the Wall Street Journal as well as the Pravda. We do not come here to see what we would agree with; we come here to absorb ideas from all angles, and as educated people, form judgements of our own. We certainly do not wish with sympathy that many countries have instituted very severe censoring systems, but no foreign student should be crazy enough to think that the American and International students in this campus should conform to the standards of the censoring authority in his country.

4) The protesting students also claimed that the film does not promote international understanding. I do not doubt that there must be many other films that would very effectively promote international understanding, but to say that showing something pertaining to a system that represents 22% of the world population does not promote international understanding is probably a bit presumptuous.

I must clearly state that the protest does not necessarily represent the views

of the Chinese student body at large. Personally, as a foreign student, I am delighted to see the opportunities given to groups with different cultural and political backgrounds in presenting themselves. May I express my gratitude and admiration for the part played by the ISC in this academic environment.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
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Member, Chinese Students' Assn., UNC

## SL attendance needs publicity

To the Editor:

In an editorial appearing in the April 10 issue of the Tar Heel, you commented upon the nearly-passed amendment calling for the elimination of funds for the Tar Heel. The reason you gave for the closeness of the vote is that "... many liberal legislators had already gone home." An obvious subject of concern, then, is the fact that the allocation of a quarter of a million dollars in students' fees did not take priority over whatever

other activity they were participating in that night.

Every legislator should fulfill the obligation to which he implied agreement as he ran for office: the attendance of meetings in order to represent the students who elected him.

I propose, then, that the Tar Heel adopt the following policy: (1) the names of the legislators absent from each meeting be published in the issue of the Tar Heel immediately following that meeting; (2) the names of all members who attended only part of the meeting be concurrently published; (3) the names of the districts these members represent be indicated; and (4) this list be published in a prominent position on either the front page or the editorial page.

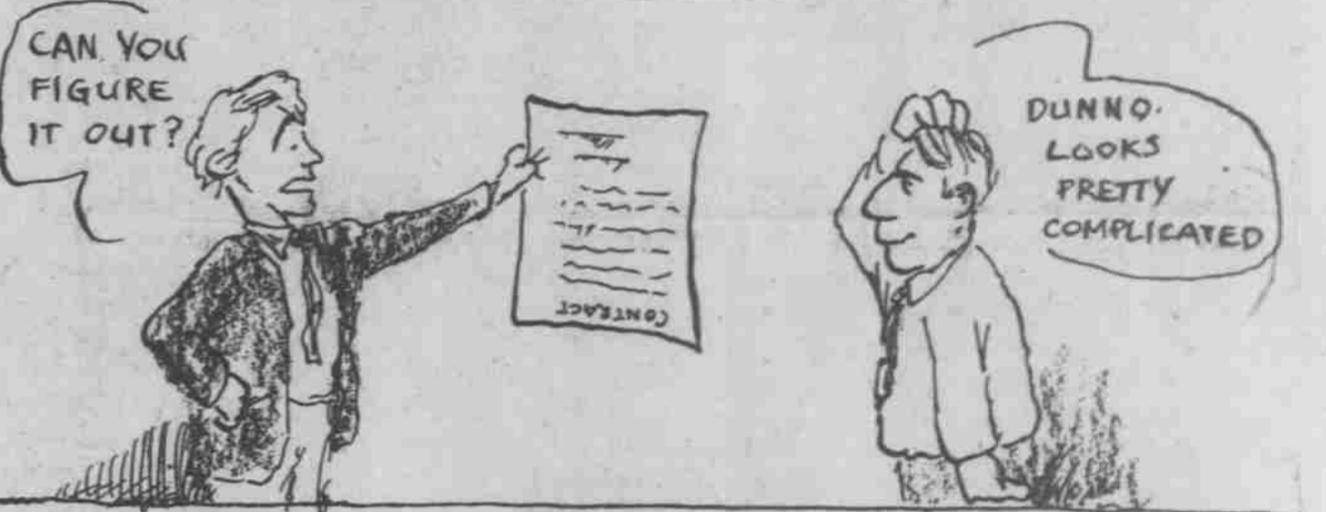
This listing would consume no more than half the space used by a typical editorial. Undoubtedly, it would serve a more worthwhile purpose than any editorial. This action should be taken immediately in order to encourage attendance and to inform students as to whether or not they are represented regularly by a sincere individual. The students deserve no less; the students should receive no less.

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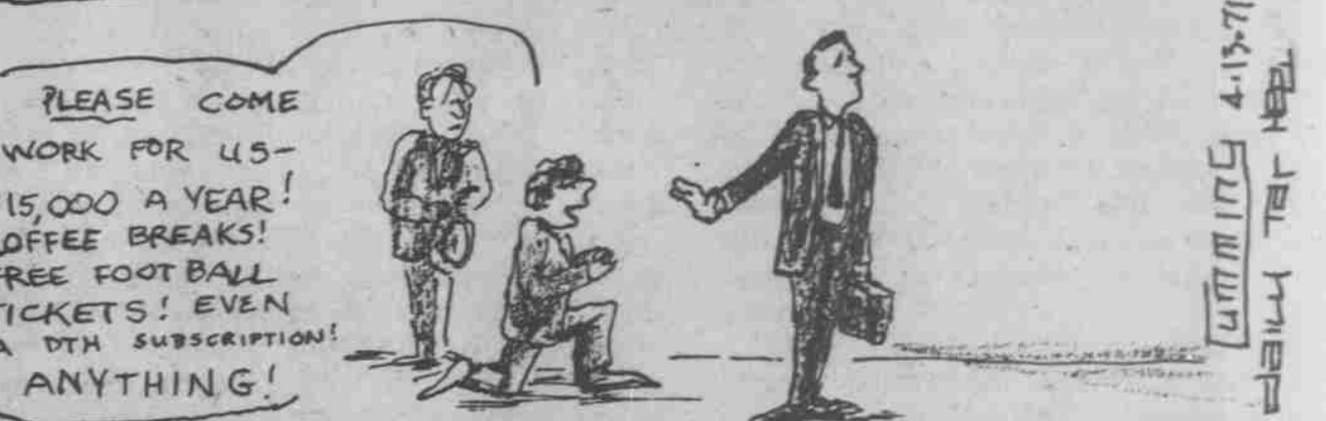
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WE'VE PRODUCED SUCH A MESS THAT WE NEED A LAWYER TO UNTANGLE IT ALL. AND WE'RE CONVINCED WE CAN FIND ONE WHO IS WILLING TO WADE THROUGH ALL THAT PAPERWORK.



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## Stephanie Bass

# Sound solution for noise pollution

Close your eyes for a second. Listen.

If you heard birds sing or wind blow, you aren't in a typical American town.

Of course, Chapel Hill isn't a typical town... but it has some typical qualities—a dismaying, distracting array of noises.

Dogs bark. Radios, TVs, record and tape players blare. Fluorescent lights hum. Air conditioners and furnaces whir and gasp. Traffic up and down Franklin Street roars, honks, belches, squeals to a stop, and revs up to roll into Durham. Clocks everywhere tick, ring, clack and gong.

Most of the time we don't even think about it.

Unless it's a beautiful spring day and you wonder what's on our Feathered Friends' Hit Parade. Or unless you have a hangover headache.

So think about it for a second. Or as long as you can stand it. We are so used to being wrapped in the blanket of industrial noise that we don't hear most of it. We don't hear anything else very well, either.

Medical science has been telling us for some time about the harmful effects of noise pollution. A constant exposure to high levels of noise will deafen the human ear. Ask an acid-rock fan. Or a factory worker. Or the mother of five screaming kids.

But most of us don't need anybody

else to tell us that we let too much noise exist.

When was the last time you asked a friend to repeat what he said? How often do you have to turn up the radio to hear what the announcer says? How much of a lecture or concert do you miss when you sit in the back?

The irony is that it doesn't have to be this way.

Because we live in an industrial age, we have to put up with factories, cars and trucks, appliances and devices. We do not have to put up with the noise they make.

Most cars and trucks are quieter than they used to be. Most factories are quieter, too. But they could be even quieter with a little applied Yankee ingenuity.

Because we live in cities we have to put up with living close to each other. But we don't have to drown each other out.

Consider yourself and your fellow man before you turn up your stereo or shout down the hall to your suitemate. Check the muffler on your car or cycle. Tune up the engine if it makes excessive noise.

Your town probably has a noise ordinance. Chapel Hill does. Is it being abused? Is it even adequate? Find out.

Before the songs fall on deaf ears.

## Rod Waldorf

# Army hasn't changed a bit

A little wind blows over the creekbed, stinging the face, chapping the lips. Great birds soar and circle overhead, soaring and waiting. Waiting and swooping lower. The creekbed is dry. The earth is cracked and pounded tight.

The twisted and bloody body of a small brown woman is hunched against the side of the high bank. Several hundred feet further down, a small baby is wrapped in a shawl and tucked neatly and purposefully behind a large rock. He is sleeping.

All along the stretch of creekbed are heaps of bodies, women and children mostly. One child suckles his mother's breast, but she is bloody and dead. Others nearby are torn apart by something other than small arms fire.

None of the dead are armed. My Lai? Or some other hamlet in Indochina?

No. Try South Dakota. The army called it the "Battle of Wounded Knee," at Wounded Knee Creek. To Black Elk, who was there, and the Indians of the Western Plains, it was another massacre. Their term fits. The army applied the term massacre to such Indian victories as Custer's defeat at Little Big Horn. In the U.S. Army's terms, that was a massacre.

The U.S. Army hasn't changed very much since that late December day in 1890, has it? Why should it? Americans have always lived and thrived on the taste of a bloody victory.

Americans have always loved a winner.

Even Madison Avenue will tell you that. And they will never stand for being a loser, regardless of the price.

Wounded Knee happened a long time ago. Times were different, reasons were different, people were different. Or were they? Indians were "heathens." They were fighting a desperate war of survival against self-righteous bigots who fought, they believed, under the hand of God.

Not my God.

Black Elk's account of Wounded Knee is food for thought, especially in light of the recent Calley affair. It is useless to attempt to add or detract from the already over-discussed trial and massacres which brought on that trial. However, we can talk about the institution which made Lt. Calley what he is, the people who gave us My Lai and Wounded Knee. Calley, be he hero or scapegoat, followed the great tradition of the U.S. Army and some of the army's loudest sung heroes. Whether Calley is of that same mind is not for us to determine.

But, for the record, Black Elk says the 500 soldiers gathered at the Indian encampment there at Wounded Knee had taken most of the guns from Big Foot and his people, numbering between 100 and 300. The morning of Dec. 29, 1890 found the soldiers gathering the rest. The guns and knives of the Sioux were stacked near the teepee of Big Foot, the ailing chief, and that teepee was pitched near the camp of the soldiers.

The soldiers were looking for more guns, Black Elk says, tearing up teepees

and generally making a mess. They finally worked their way down to the two men just outside Big Foot's teepee, Dog Chief and Yellow Bird. Both were wearing long sheets with eye holes cut in them and both had guns under these sheets. Dog Chief gave up his weapon willingly, Yellow Bird resisted.

In the scarf which followed, the gun discharged and the soldier was killed. Big Foot was immediately shot and killed by another officer in the teepee and, Black Elk says, "suddenly, nobody knows what happened. The Army just began shooting and the wagon guns (cannon) began going off." They killed the women and children as they ran. Earlier in his account, he says the wagon guns were pointed at the Indian encampment.

There are many factors to be considered at both locations—My Lai and Wounded Knee. Not the least of these is the American mind, which knows little else in such situations except we're big and right, you're little and obviously wrong and kill, kill, kill. And, true to another American tradition, it's women and children first.



"But I don't give a damn what Lt. Calley says!"

Bill Day  
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