

The Daily Tar Heel

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Harry Bryan, Editor

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Absentee vote bill merits SL support

A bill providing for the appropriation of \$1,000 for the hiring of a lawyer to contest the state absentee ballot laws is expected to be brought before Student Legislature tonight.

Legislature should approve the bill for two reasons: (1) the approval of absentee ballots is important to students since the May 2 primaries conflict with exam schedules at many schools in the state; and (2) a ruling by the state attorney general's office that student funds cannot be used for

hiring legal counsel must be tested.

The court case itself is crucial to Carolina students this year. Candidates for national and statewide offices will be included in the May 2 primary, and students must be allowed to take part in them.

Unless the law is changed, a student registered in his hometown will not be able to vote in the primary; and if he is registered in Chapel Hill and leaves town when exams are over, he will be out of the town in which he is registered when the runoff election is held May 30.

No matter where he is registered, the student who leaves Chapel Hill after exams will miss one of the elections unless the law is defeated in the courts.

Secondly, the ruling by the attorney general's office is a direct challenge to student governments throughout the state and should also be contested.

If student governments are to represent their student bodies effectively, the ability to hire legal counsel will at times be necessary. And whether intended or not, the attorney general's office is openly challenging the authority of elected student leaders to use every means possible of representing their constituents.

One wonders why George Blackburn, a UNC student, asked for the ruling in the first place — unless, of course, he wishes to see the demise of student governments.

But whatever the case, both issues must be taken to the courts. And they can be if the appropriation is passed.

Letters to the editor

Motorists must give a little too

To the editor:

I just read with a certain amount of dismay your editorial of September 7 entitled "Cyclists could be more considerate." Although I agree with the assertion that riders should be very careful when going around campus and that some riders are not considerate enough, I feel that some important points bearing on the subject have been overlooked.

First of all, there is the tendency for many motorists to forget or simply ignore the right-of-way of bicycles. It happens that bikes have the same right-of-way as cars as far as I know and are supposed to ride in traffic lanes. Motorists should bear in mind that sometimes it can be difficult or even hazardous for a cyclist to move over in order to let them pass (as when the road is very narrow). And sometimes motorists fail completely to see cyclists.

Secondly, as for the question of bikes on school sidewalks, I agree that the pedestrian should not be threatened by the movements of a cyclist. Perhaps the answer is separate bike paths on campus, and in the meantime more care by both the rider and walker.

Thirdly, your reference to bikes in the halls of buildings somewhat puzzles me,

but if you are referring to parking bikes in buildings, that problem can be eliminated by putting more bike racks on campus.

Hence, I feel that I must repeat your closing statement in light of the comments I have made. "...automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians, everyone must give a little."

Mark A. Silver
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Course in local politics needed

To The Editor:

Looking back upon my career as an undergraduate, majoring in Political Science at Carolina, it appears to me, more often now as I recall my efforts in several political campaigns, that the Political Science Department does a disservice to its students. Examining the various courses a major in that study area may elect to take, I am amazed at the lack of any courses in the field of local politics, election procedures, or citizen involvement.

Charles Jeffries

Yearbook overlooks blacks

The Yackety Yack or the "Ain't No Blacks Down Heah!" yearbook was distributed to the student body on Tuesday.

There was once a statement made about television news that said the only time you saw a black on the news was if he was a star athlete or a fugitive. It seems that the same could be said about this year's Yack.

Granted there are some pictures of some blacks on campus. But they are the star athletes... Bill Chamberlain, basketball player; Ike Oglesby, football; Daryl Kelly, track. Oh, leave us not forget the little black kids who held up the paper ring for the football players to run through.

Last year there were approximately 355 blacks who were not athletes. Out of the 244 pages in the photo section of the Yack, only one could be found... and was asleep with his face covered up. (Good luck brothers, trying to figure out who you are.)

It's too bad that the black women on this campus don't have a women's lib group. The section on the Carolina Co-eds was completely devoid of the black

women that the campus was full of. Makes me feel that I dated men all last year!

Many of the blacks in this university came for the same reason that many of the non-athletic whites did — to be educated. But as most of us know, education has a few values and being seen in a yearbook is one of them.

Before I go any further, let's attempt to surmise what possible excuses the Yack had for masterminding this grave injustice to the blacks on this campus.

Perhaps the photographers forgot that they had to open their lenses to photograph black folk. (After all, that old myth about seeing only our teeth and eyes is a bunch of bull.)

Maybe the staff figured that if they sent the book home with a page full of blacks, their parents would withdraw them from this "Nigger Haven."

And one last conjecture, maybe the staff felt that if it ran pictures of too many blacks, the General Assembly and Rep. Allsbrook might try to stop the funding of the Yack, as it attempted for the Daily Tar Heel.

At any rate, the exclusion of more

If today's students are actually potential leaders and are expected to assume positions of responsibility, just where are we to find preparation for our entry into important offices?

Let's look at those students who have some attraction for a career, or just a minor role, in political activity. To what extent are they prepared to take the first steps in effective political action?

With the emphasis in most undergraduate courses on national and international issues, I maintain that most students leave this university poorly prepared to take those first steps. In every campaign which I have participated, young people eagerly volunteered their time; yet, when faced with the mundane tasks of working in a local election, all dropped out. Despite all the encouragement and accompanying news coverage, student efforts (Princeton Plans, for example) have failed miserably. A curriculum such as that offered here can explain these situations in which student political participation is infantile in planning, naive in execution, and/or totally lacking by election day.

With its emphasis on national and international topics, this university's

Political Science Department gears its students to thinking in terms of macro-scale issues. This would not be harmful were it to be accompanied with instruction as to how citizens can best give the achievement of any large scale goal a local, ward by ward, precinct by precinct foundation.

Instructors and students are all too often caught up in heady discussions of national and international issues, policies, and problems. When confronted with possibilities for accomplishing something in their home towns, on a purely local front, these same people are no more knowledgeable as to how to fulfill their goals than if they had not attended college, let alone studied "political science."

Within the present structure of this university's Political Science Department there does not exist a course which can provide the barest minimum of an introduction to successful political activity on any level.

Unless such instruction is offered immediately, most students who would like to play an important role in the many primaries and general elections of 1972 will, as in most past years, accomplish little more than being nuisances to campaigns already organized with hard working people with practical knowledge. Today, most campaign staffs have better things to do than spend time educating young people about the important aspects and necessary actions of elections. As a result, those who wish to help must have some basic preparation prior to enlisting their efforts in a campaign.

Grandiose schemes of worker-student coalition, third or fourth party candidacies, pollution control, corporate restructuring, etc., won't have any chances for success until all people, and most particularly today's college students, recognize that the greatest area in which to work to correct this country's problems exists in each person's home town.

I propose that a "nuts and bolts" course in local election procedure, local lobbying techniques, statistical analysis of small elections, and the like be offered during the spring semester of this academic year. This action should be only the first step in helping Carolina students become more functional in their society much sooner than has been the case all these past years.

Let's end much (but certainly not all!) of this campus chatter of how things should be and begin to learn how to take effective action.

It can happen now.

It must happen soon.

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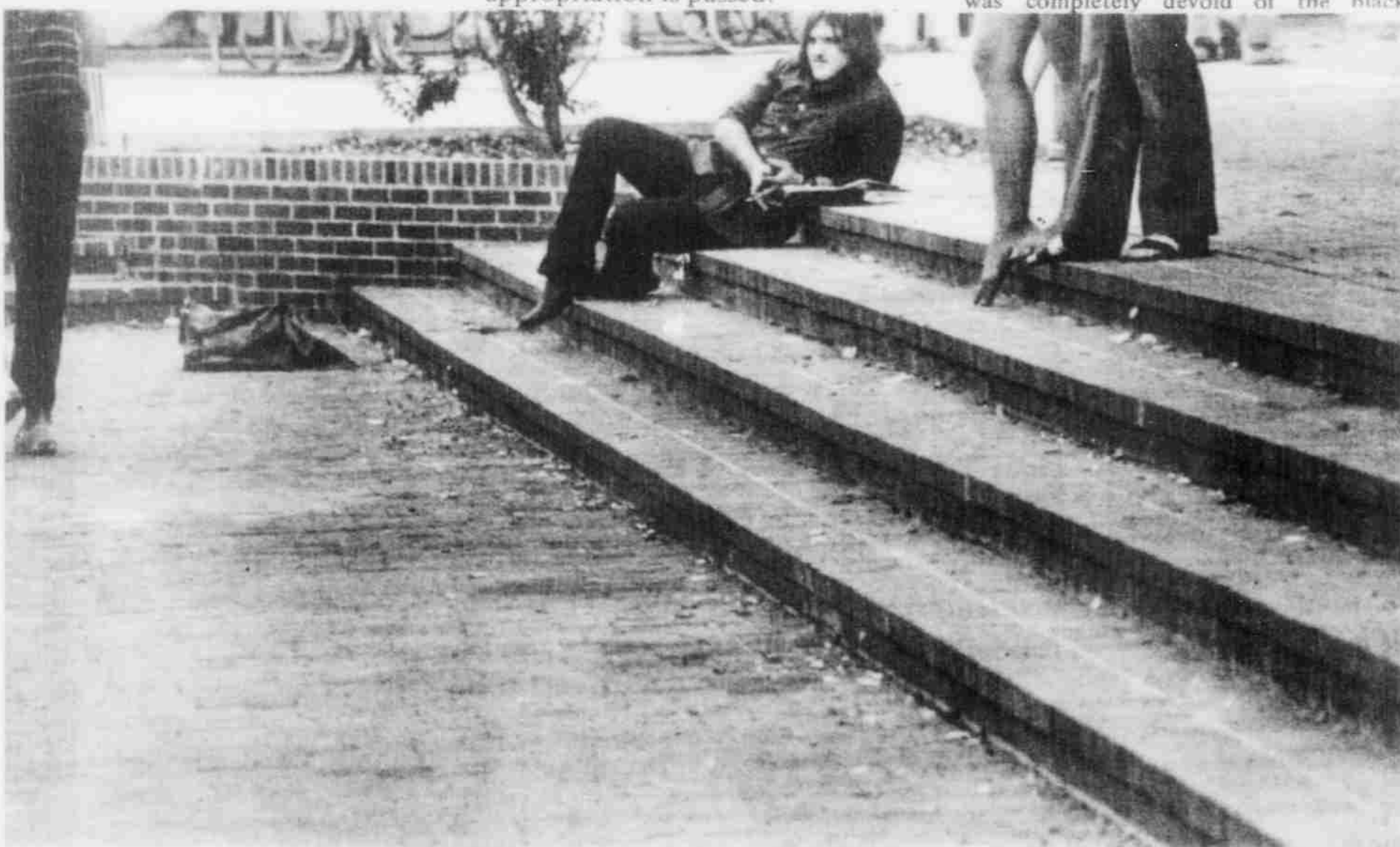
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The Pit at 11:20 a.m. ...



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Cliff Kolovson

Why do we litter the campus?

I am only one man. And what can one man do?

I'm really not too sure.

I am only one man, but a man that can hear and see and smell and feel. As an artist of sorts I see things differently. And what I've seen in the last two weeks should be more than obvious to everyone. Pollution is that 50 cent word that everyone is screaming madly about. There are people screaming to save the oceans from the big oil companies and others to save the forests and still others to save the air we have to breathe.

Most of this movement has come from the college campuses. You know, that's really great. I want to breathe in the year 2000 too!

But why does it happen that there is trash all over our campus. I walk around this campus three afternoons a week taking pictures of people and places around UNC. I can't help but notice the styrofoam cups, newspapers, student

store bags, gum wrappers, cigarette packs and anything else unwanted that gets dropped or left or just simply put everywhere except where it should.

Harry Bryan's edit on Wednesday morning called the scene I photographed of the pit "sickening". I was even more upset this morning to walk by and see the situation even worse than that scene of Monday afternoon.

Sure the pit may look like a very handy giant garbage can. There's always plenty of trash and one more little cup won't hurt. Besides, it's a long walk through that crowd to one of the four or five trash cans in front of the snack bar.

Yes, this paper ran an editorial Wednesday saying maybe it's time to "educate ourselves before we start worrying about saving the rest of the country." It's definitely time to shut our mouths and watch ourselves a while.

Wednesday morning I walked into the

pit to photograph the same area again with many people just sitting among all this trash. But when I finished that I had a deeper thought. I saw a friend sitting among all that trash and asked him if he and his friends would help me start picking the stuff up.

We began and within seconds we had mobilized 20 people or so with boxes and big bags to pick up the cups and papers. We gathered it and put the boxes by a trash can in the pit somewhat satisfied with the job.

I called the UNC Physical Plant to arrange to cart the stuff away. Well you should have heard them jump. Yessir, did they jump at the chance to transfer me from one part of the physical plant to another. I ended up talking to a man in charge of building maintenance who was having trouble getting electrical power to Murphy Hall.

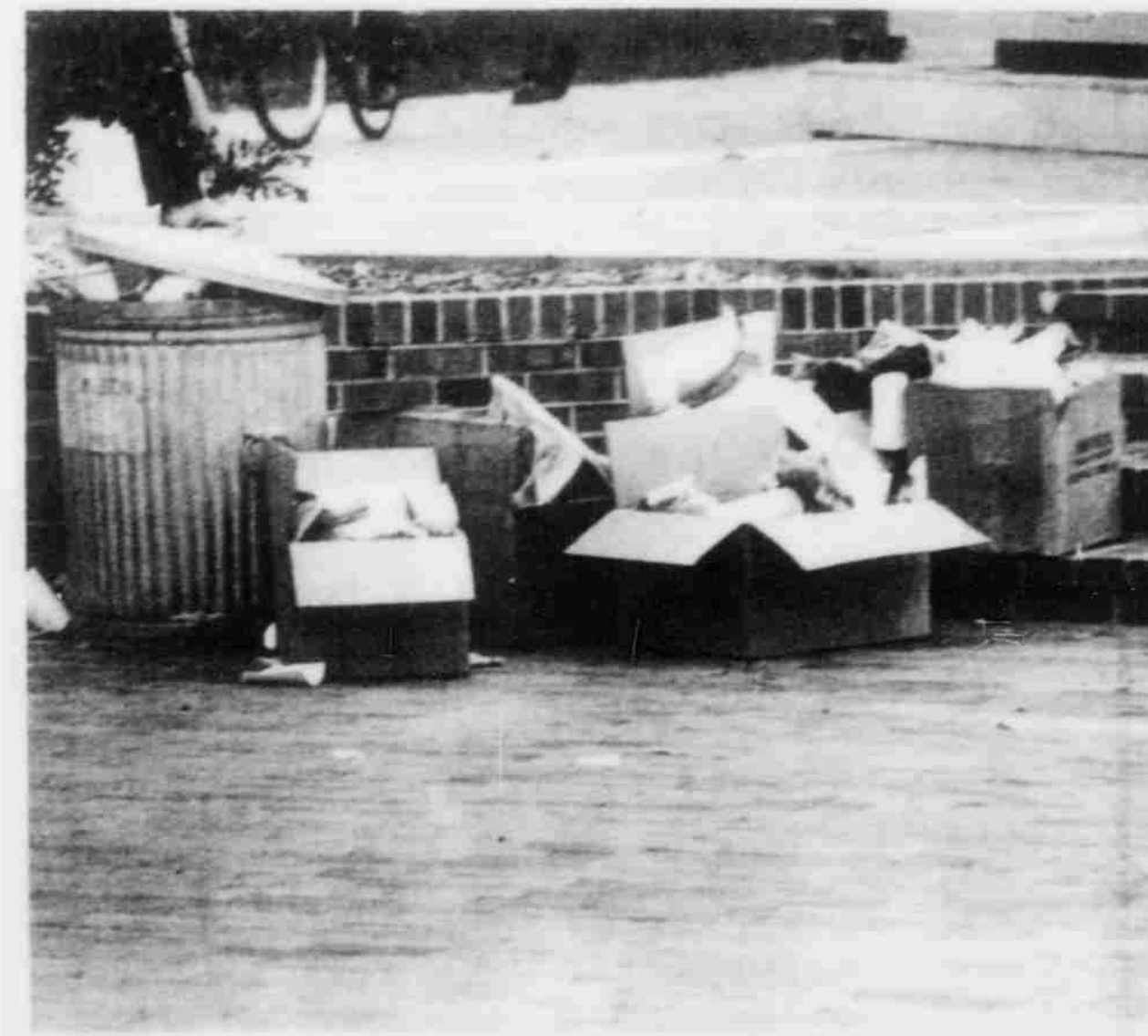
I then called Dr. Claiborne Jones, assistant to the chancellor, to ask if he

could do anything. He assured me that he would get right on it. However, as the sun set on this Wednesday the boxes were still there, the trashcans were still full and the pit was returning to its normal state.

It really is sickening. In these two weeks this whole campus has become a great big trash can for public use.

For whose ever sake you want let's not worry about America for the moment and let's concentrate on this campus for a while. If everyone will not only watch what he or she does but do a little more. Pick up a few papers and cups, carry them to a trash can and put them in it, not around it. This place might even look like a pretty college campus (with all its other faults like red brick highways all over the place and skyscrapers, etc.) and not like the New York City dump.

Thank you if you read this all the way through, and may your greatest dreams become garbage scenes if you didn't.



... and waiting for help