

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Our dream girl: another nightmare

Miss Laurie Lea Schaefer of Bexley, Ohio was crowned Miss America of 1972 Saturday night.

Yes, Miss America. The girl of every red-blooded American male's dreams. The girl admired by every 10-year-old girl in the country. The girl every mother would want her son to marry or her daughter to be. Ah, yes, Miss America.

Well, Miss America (the same as the one just described) held her first press conference Sunday and outlined a few of her beliefs concerning politics, morals and fashion.

According to The Associated Press, a few of the quotes that came out of the interview were as follows:

About war: "It would be good to end the war but I believe we have a right to be in Vietnam."

About President Nixon and the "good job" he is doing getting the United States out of the war:

"He should be allowed to follow his program because he knows a lot more about it than the majority of normal citizens."

About premarital sex:

"It's not for me."

Concerning other issues she said women aren't discriminated against in the U.S. and that Miss America contests help the cause of the women's liberation movement since beauty pageants give women the opportunity to develop their own views and goals.

She also said abortions should be illegal, that marijuana use leads to hard drugs and that she doesn't own a single pair of blue jeans.

Then, according to The Associated Press, she had the nerve to say, "I think the majority of young people think the way I do on just about everything."

Well, she is supposed to be one of the main spokesmen of the younger generation. (After all, she was picked by a group of judges that probably averaged about 50 in age.)

But, Miss America of 1972 speaking for the younger generation is about like Hitler becoming the international spokesman for B'nai B'rith.

## Voting requirements for students unfair

from The Charlotte Observer

North Carolina students are still barred from voting in towns where they go to college, and that puts their citizenship in a unique category which is increasingly questionable.

The principal argument for restricting them has to do with "voter accountability." It goes something like this: Why should transient blocs of students be permitted to vote in a local referendum which could increase the bonded debt or tax levies for residents with more permanent roots?

The question has special relevance in the hundreds of cities and towns across the nation where student enrollment out-numbers the non-student population.

But the argument could be applied as easily to other sectors of the population. Students, after all, are not necessarily the most transient group in America. Certainly they are less transient than the serviceman.

Yet in North Carolina it is the

student at Chapel Hill, not the GI at Ft. Bragg, whose right to vote is withheld until he swears that "it is my intent to remain in the county, as a resident thereof, upon my completion of my academic endeavors." That affidavit poses a legal binder on the student's franchise which is unknown to any other voter, and which has become all the more prominent with passage of the 26th Amendment, which gave 18-year-olds the right to vote.

To apply the accountability argument fairly, the state elections board would have to draw clear definitions of "temporary" and "permanent" residency and apply them to all voters. That would be a very difficult thing to do. At just what point does someone become a permanent resident? When his mailing address changes, his employment place changes, his license tag changes?

A better approach would be for the North Carolina Board of Elections simply to drop the present restrictions on students. The argument about accountability may eventually have to take a back seat to constitutionality, anyway, particularly if current lawsuits filed here and elsewhere reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

Most fears of the student vote seem to be exaggerated both in theory and in law. As with other groups, students do not necessarily vote alike. They cannot be stereotyped as "radical liberals" any more than the elderly can be neatly packaged as "ultra-conservative."

In recent months some 16 states have begun permitting students to vote in local elections. It is a trend that started after passage of the 26th Amendment and was hastened by a series of court decisions and opinions from attorneys general.

We think the Board of Elections should follow the national initiative by removing its restrictions on the student vote. Soon this may be the only alternative to applying a "permanent residency" test to every citizen of North Carolina — a choice that may hold more pitfalls than the current system.

Keith Weatherly

## SG serves students' interests

Most Student Legislature meetings are about as exciting as a lukewarm bowl of oatmeal. Take last Thursday's meeting as a glowing example. The legislators (and a few of us masochists in the gallery) sat in the stifling heat of the Di Phi chamber for an hour and a half and listened to a few semi-sensible comments and a lot of parliamentary nonsense. The meeting commenced with a lively roll call, after which the tempo rapidly declined. The only part of the agenda that received any real attention from the legislators was a resolution in support of the lawsuit contesting the North Carolina Primary Law. There were few spirited exchanges and all in all the debate lacked enthusiasm. It was a typical Student Legislature meeting.

On the surface, to many outsiders, this is all there is to Student Government — one big bore, involving only those who directly participate. This is grossly untrue! Those students who are apathetic about Student Government obviously do not know anything about it. Although Legislature meetings are an important part of Student Government, they are by no means the whole picture, but sadly the only one that many students see.

The student body is blessed with a group of truly capable officers. President Joe Stallings and Vice President Chris Daggett were elected last spring by a large

majority; so far their enthusiasm has remained high. Vice President Daggett serves as the extremely personable speaker of the Legislature. Mr. Daggett has carefully avoided partiality to any faction in the Legislature and this is a very valuable quality in a speaker. President Stallings has been working quietly, but efficiently this year. Unlike his predecessor, Mr. Stallings is not a publicity hog. At this point Mr. Stallings seems more interested in the students than his future political career. Many student body presidents of recent years have been more interested in themselves than the students. I commend both the president and vice president for the jobs they are doing. The Student Government has an annual budget in excess of \$250,000. This money comes from student fees and is dispersed among various campus organizations by the Legislature. The responsibility over this money is by far the most important duty of our government and one which draws by far the most criticism.

For all of the students who annually complain that this money is wasted, or that they never benefit from its use — I

say ridiculous! A total of \$87,333 was appropriated for the Student Union — a campus institution everyone uses. The Daily Tar Heel received \$43,000 and the Yack received \$10,000; both publications are available to the student body. Student Government provides services to the students such as refrigerators. No one can honestly claim that Student Government offers them nothing.

Students should take more than a casual interest in their government. Legislators should be contacted about needed programs or to grip about existing ones. The only means an individual has to exert change is through an influential organization because, as we all know, the administration is not going to move an inch without being shoved. Student Government is one of the few avenues open to the student to provide a loud voice against South Building.

I believe that Student Government will gain respect in years to come as an organization which seeks to serve the students' interests. Student Government is not the small circle of politicians that it was a couple of years ago. Gone are the political parties and with them the party

machines that allowed only a select portion of the student body to hold a political position. Legislative candidates, now, have no strong party organizations to back them up. They must run on their own merits, not on party propaganda. I believe that the collapse of the University Party and the Student Party has added greatly to the quality of Student Government. All students have an equal chance to participate in campus politics without having to climb an inter-party ladder.

Student Government does not deserve the many charges that it is a "do-nothing" organization. The real achievements of our government may not receive front page coverage, but they, nonetheless, are achievements. The services that the Student Government provide cannot be denied. Without our own governmental structure the University administration would take over student fees and student services. Which would you prefer — Suite C or South Building?

Take an interest in Student Government. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain.

### Letter

#### Police aid serenade

to the editor:

On September 7, Phi Delta Chi Fraternity held their first meeting of the year and elected Miss Judy Morgan, fifth year student in the school of pharmacy, as Sweetheart.

Following the century old tradition of Carolina fraternities, Miss Morgan was serenaded at her residence in Granville South. While waiting for Miss Morgan to come down from her room, many of the brothers gathered in the Granville parking lot. There were a few shouts and cheers, but it was obvious from the onset that a riot was not in the making.

An employee of Granville Towers immediately came out and instructed us that we must leave at once, and that if this was not done, the police would be called. The employee was not harassed in any way; however, the situation was explained to him and he was informed that we would hold down the noise, but that we did not intend to leave. He had no comment. Now, there was only normal conversation among the fraternity members. There were no shouts or cheers after this point.

About five minutes later, a second employee told us that he had been instructed to determine how long we would be there. He was told that we would be leaving in about ten minutes. This employee told us to stay as long as necessary, and he also said that he had heard no noise.

Shortly thereafter, Miss Morgan came to the Granville door at the same time that two Chapel Hill police cars arrived. The police waited while the fraternity serenaded our Sweetheart. The police then congratulated Miss Morgan as the fraternity left the parking lot, and the whole "Catastrophe" was ended.

We thank the Chapel Hill Police Department for the manner in which they handled the situation. We only regret that the attitudes of some have so changed that any group in Chapel Hill can not be allowed to show unity and spirit.

Chris Morrison  
President of Phi Delta Chi

### Norman Black

## Landlords profit from deposits

Many Carolina students returned to Chapel Hill this fall only to find the cost of living off-campus had risen during the summer.

One principle reason for this was the increase in the rates of deposits required for utility service. The blow was softened somewhat when the University Service Plant announced they are required to pay six per cent interest on all deposits held for more than 90 days.

There is another area, however, even more vital to the student living off-campus, in which the small amount of relief provided by an interest rate is non-existent.

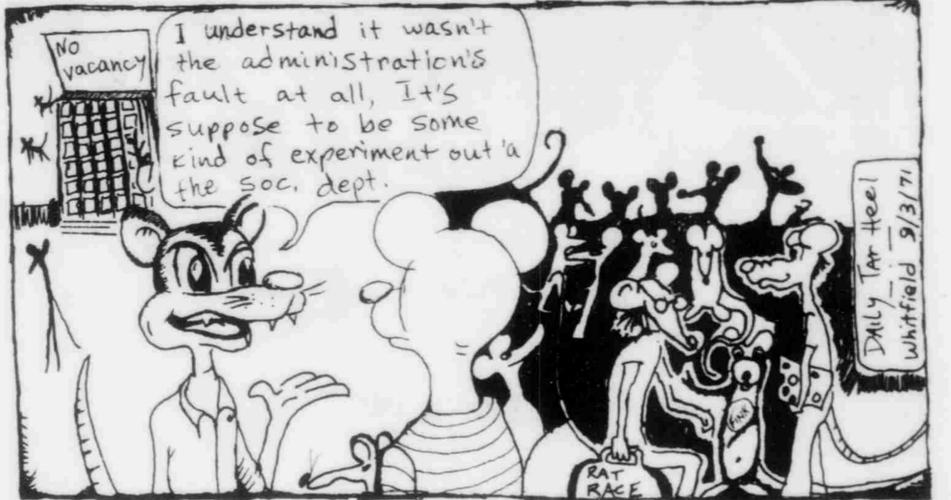
In a recent Associated Press story, it was reported that the landlords of North Carolina are holding or reinvesting millions of dollars paid by their tenants for security deposits.

But when the deposits are returned to the tenants, they receive no interest on what they paid.

Thus, the landlords sometimes have use of the money for years, without having to pay for it.

According to the North Carolina Board of Realtors, the average deposit for an apartment in one of the state's major cities is at least \$100, and sometimes runs as high as \$200 or a month's rent.

Tenants pay the deposit when they



Daisy Junge

## Consumers need protection

Not all Freudian slips are provoked by sex. As the current "New Yorker" shows, with its usual sharp eye for the grotesque, money too can trap the unwary into wry self-revelation: "Gustave L. Levy of Goldman, Sachs, and Co., an ardent Nixon supporter, said, 'we approve of everything he did. It's good for the market, but it's also good for the country, which I think is also important.' — "Newark Star-Ledger" "Still, comments the "New Yorker", it's best to put first things first."

Mirrors, mirrors everywhere. One often suspects that the Chapel Hill merchants, landlords, and realtors, with similar unabashed innocence, assume that students exist in order to let loose a flow of cash into local tills. Blue and white signs throughout town "welcome UNC students" — as paying customers. (Meanwhile, an alderman publicly criticizes Mayor Lee for welcoming student voter registration.) We are captive buyers in a seller's market, and we feel it at every turn.

Examples abound, some petty until they accumulate. A friend tells of receiving his latest credit card bill. The billing date marked was Sept. 3; it was

postmarked the 10th. It was also the first billing received for many June, July and August purchases. The total was impressive. Is someone out to get him, wily-nilly, to pay their interest rates? Ten days ago, I bought a frozen, pre-basted turkey at fifty-four cents a pound. One week later, in the same local grocery, I went to buy another and found it raised to fifty-nine cents a pound (same size, same brand). Rents, of course, like processed groceries, are frozen, but we hear that some renters are surprised by new charges for accustomed services (not to be included with the rental check). A local "deep discount" price features three pounds of pre-wrapped hamburger at \$1.99, which comes to \$6.66 a pound — a price significantly higher than that charged from day to day at certain stores here with personalized butcher service. Shall I go on?

How can I protect myself? There are some half measures to take. Comparison shopping can be fun (and is often a surprise or a shock) but it takes time and constant alertness. Many situations are too slippery for legal redress, and invoking the law also costs in time and money. Full measures, if there are to be

any, will require cooperative action. At the moment, the Consumer Affairs Committee of the GPSF is beginning to get organized, with Mike Desjardins, a graduate student in Russian history, as its chairman.

The first need of the Consumer Affairs Committee is for accurate, detailed knowledge of inequitable situations or incidents. As you shop, as you pay for services, we ask you to watch what you pay and what you get. If you have a complaint or criticism, please make it known to Mike (at 211 McCauley Street) or to Don Abruzzo (in 306 Greenlaw — use campus mail or come in person). Mike and Don are opening a file of complaints, each of which should include the following: date of the incident, all pertinent details (if possible clip on price tags, ads, etc.), your name, address, and phone. When we have enough data we will be able to judge better what action may be effective and which targets invite it most.

On a different note: a final reminder that the GPSF Senate holds its first meeting of the fall this Thursday, and each department should have a representative present.

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