

The Daily Tar Heel

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Harry Bryan, Editor
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People must show a bit of humanity

Chapel Hill townspeople and University students are forever stopping to pet stray dogs and occasionally offering them bits of food. Who can refuse a cute pup except men without heart?

But a pet and a pat will do nothing for the animal. It is an exploitive human need that is satisfied. If we can claim to be "dog lovers" then it is time to turn our attention to the needs of the dog.

Chapel Hill Dog Warden Gus Shoffner will soon begin his assigned duties of picking up and impounding stray and "free-running" dogs.

Dogs without city and county tags will be held at the pound for six days. If no one claims them, they will be put to sleep.

It is not an unreasonable practice.

If pet owners are truly concerned about the welfare of their pet, then it should be no trouble to purchase town and county tags for \$1.50. A rabies vaccination for dogs over five-months old costs about \$5.00 on the average for a three-year shot.

That's \$6.50 worth of preventive medicine for the animal that is supposed to mean so much to its owner.

Undoubtedly, dogs with and without tags will be picked up. There will be a \$5.00 fee for picking up the dog and a \$1.00 a day care fee while he's there.

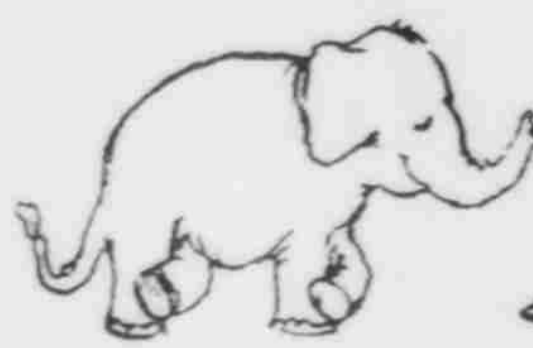
Protests will come from owners claiming they let their pets out for exercise and were picked up. But Schoffner will be picking up dogs that are roaming the neighborhoods. Shouldn't dog owners be concerned about cars hitting their pets on main streets?

Protests will come from people concerned about the dogs without tags that are put to sleep. Obviously, dogs without tags are without owners or, at least, owners who are not concerned about the animal's welfare. And the dogs will be kept for six days. If a pet-owner does not realize that his pet is missing within six days, what are his qualifications for animal care?

There is a good number of dogs roaming the town which everyone loves to pet. But a careful examination of their condition proves that few people are willing to care for these animals responsibly. Some have advanced cases of mange, some are under-fed, some run in packs. Almost all of them are without a basic identification tag.

Responsible dog-owners will see to it their pets are equipped with proper tags. Less fortunate pups with less responsible owners face a more precarious future. Or, if someone steps forward to assume the responsibility, then these dogs face a brighter future with a new owner.

Everyday we see people leaning down to pet "the cute little puppy," but it's becoming harder and harder to tell which one is the "dumb animal." Chapel Hill is about to find out.



by Lana Starnes
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Question: After taking the pill this summer, I decided to stop taking it due to the unpleasant side effects it seemed to produce. I am debating whether to begin taking it again, however, am interested in the possibility of trying the "once-a-month" pill which I understand is now being offered in the last phases of its experimental stage. Who is eligible to take this pill, and who might I contact for further information if I am eligible? — Signed, Indeed, in need.

Dear Indeed: The "mini pill" is not

available at this time in North Carolina. To the best of our knowledge it is still experimental.

If you would like more information about the experiments write the Population Council and the International Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction at Columbia University and ask for the "Reports on Population/Family Planning."

Question: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year now and plan to be married in the spring. But one aspect of our love-life troubles me. I find that in order to achieve the most sexual satisfaction with him, I must fantasize during the act of making love. And the

things I imagine do not concern him, but other females (not actual people, however.) Does this mean that my fiance and I are sexually mismatched? Or that I have homosexual difficulties?

Another question: is there a pre-marital counseling service available to students? What are the fees, and what is the procedure involved? Could you sketch the direction the interviews take? — Signed, Concerned.

Dear Concerned: Please call 966-4620 and make an appointment to see Bill Eastman of the Student Health Marriage Counseling Service. He is great. Fees depend on your status as a student. No moralizing.

Question: How early can pregnancy be accurately detected after conception? What is the simplest procedure for pregnancy testing and where must I go for such a test? What is the charge, and how soon can I get the results? — Signed, Also Praying and Scared.

Dear Also Praying: Pregnancy can be detected as early as two weeks after the last menstrual period. The simplest procedure is to go to your Student Health Service and get a pregnancy test. This test will be done in the utmost and strictest confidence. The results can be obtained in 24 hours. Other alternatives can be obtained by calling the Committee for Human Sexuality, 933-5505.

Questions: Are any statistics available on the lengths of time it normally takes for women to achieve orgasm. Can you suggest ways in which a man can delay his orgasm for the length of time it takes his partner to reach hers? — Signed, A.B.

Dear A.B.: Extensive research has been done by Masters and Johnson. The book, "Human Sexual Response," will give you the results of their findings. They are too lengthy for us to go into.

Question: Last night my roommate went out to study some philosophy with some girls in his class. He returned about 1 a.m. with a fantastic story. He said the girl had asked him to stay for the night and participate in an orgy. He told them he had to do his philosophy paper and left, ignoring their begging. I and my suite mates, after hearing his story, really began to wonder about him. What can we do to help this lost soul? — Signed, Apprehensive.

Dear Apprehensive: What gives you the right to make such a value judgement of your roommate? Each of us has a unique value system. Your roommate may not be as "lost" as you think.

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Letters

DTH a racist publication

To the editor:

After several months of attending this institution and watching the subtleties of racism employed by the DTH, the October 28th issue was the "straw that broke the camel's back" and made me decide to speak out on issues that are important, not only to me, but to several Black students on this campus. We can no longer sit back and let the DTH or any other racist publication on this campus continue to distort the image of what Black people are trying to do.

I speak mainly of the way in which the Miss BSM story was treated in the Oct. 28th issue compared to the story entitled "Blacks — town — campus conflicts serious." The latter story was given a front-page, headline spread at the top of the page while Miss BSM was given little more than a column in the corner of the same page. This, to me, is an example of how white folks continuously try to point up what they consider the negative aspects of what is happening among Black people.

The issue concerning any friction between Black people "off and on campus" has, in my estimation, been grossly over-exaggerated as was pointed out by Brother Wesson, head of the BSM. In fact, aware Black people on campus resent being separated terminologically from the rest of the Black community. My suggestion is that Black students and Black people living in the Chapel Hill area are all a part of the "Black community" and that the issue of friction between some individuals of that community is one which has existed and will exist in all Black communities until the structure of the Black community is changed through economic and political independence. Consequently, any attempts by any publications to "play-up" what they consider divisiveness among Black people is, in the least, resented.

My suggestion is that the election of Miss BSM was culturally significant to the entire Black population of this area in that it is a major step towards pointing out the role and importance of Black

womanhood. In light of this, the story should have either been given more coverage or at least should not have been offset by an attempt to negate other aspects of the Black community.

I am not concerned about what the rest of this institution thinks about what Black people are doing. But I am concerned about the pliable minds of Black freshmen coming into this institution for whom it is always important to be positive about Black identity. Since, unfortunately, the DTH is a widely used point of reference for Black people on this campus I suggest that on those "Blue Moons" when something about Black students is included in the publication it should at least reflect positivism.

This, as I said, is not the first such publication. A few days ago the coverage of the Black move on the deconsolidation issue gave leverage to "the division between the leaders of the Black community" rather than the unity and commonalities which were displayed at the rally in Raleigh. My appeal, then, is to Black students. If the DTH does not find it convenient to change their format then don't be fooled by this school.

Veneita Washington

Change needed on town board

To the editor:

I don't understand how "adults" can vote in office people who now comprise the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen. They persist in preserving the "village atmosphere," by denying industry which might provide jobs to students and their wives, preventing the construction of sidewalks so students can walk to school, and stopping areas from becoming

low-cost student housing developments such as mobile home courts. The same hypocrites who champion the monied merchant-hucksters of Franklin Street allow NCNB to build an ultramodern structure extending even across Rosemary Street, while denying residential housing (DU).

Much of Chapel Hill's "local color" has been sacrificed to the selfish bigots which now comprise our Board of Aldermen. The famous Flower Ladies are gone from the village, the famous dogs of our campus will soon be a memory; with a Board such as this we students may expect to return to our alma mater to find very little of the "Southern part of Heaven" left after the "milking" this whole community is getting by a very few conspirators.

Now we have the chance to bring back the benches to sit on warm evenings, the quiet walking trails and bike paths, and stop policemen from giving parking tickets at 11:30 at night. All students must register to vote in this community. Anyone who states his intention to remain here for an indefinite period (who knows when they enter whether they will remain in graduate school or to work in a nearby community) will be registered to vote in elections here in Chapel Hill.

A surprising number of UNC graduates realize that Chapel Hill is the most progressive city in our state and, indeed, the only bearable one. We, united, can prevent selfish politicians from dominating us and destroying the local color of Chapel Hill which has meant so much to all of us who have matriculated at UNC.

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Letters

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Impressive building, sort of

The Legislative Building in Raleigh, home of the N.C. General Assembly, is perhaps designed to awe and impress the unwary observer as he comes to watch "democracy in action."

But, first, a visitor is confused by the new multi-million dollar structure.

To begin with, the structure is designed so that one can never be quite sure what part of the building he is in.

In the center of the rectangular structure are the House and Senate chambers. Both have identical giant brass doors opening onto a main entrance hall. By looking at the doors from the entrance hall, one can not tell which chamber is which.

And then, if one is perhaps hunting for his or her representative's or senator's office, the confusion grows steadily worse.

The legislators' offices are located in the four corners of the building. The offices surround a "courtyard" on the first floor which is open to the second

floor with its mezzanine and balcony.

But each corner of the building has one of these courtyard-mezzanine arrangements — if you don't already know which corner of the building you are in, you will have a hard time finding out.

In the second place the rooms in the buildings are numbered in a very logical sequence — or at least they are supposed to be. Offices in one corner of the building on the first floor are numbered 1001-1025, in another corner 1101-1125 and so on.

But there are numerous offices along the halls which connect all these courtyard areas — they are numbered in accordance with some scheme which perhaps approaches rationality. But what that scheme is, no one there could ever explain.

Another confusing part of the design of "the most modern legislative building in the country" is the stairways and elevators.

There are nine stairways in the building including the ceremonial stairs. One usually is forced to use the stairs since the elevators, as plush and expensive as they are, are very slow.

To start with, the stairs will not necessarily take you where you want to go in the building.

If you want to get from the first floor in the building to the second floor, you cannot take the main stairs — they just do not go to the second floor. Those wide, red-carpeted marble steps only take one to the visitors' galleries around the House and Senate chambers.

If, on the other hand, you do want to go to the visitors' galleries, there are three stairways you can't take. I found this out the hard way — I tried to get there on these steps.

These stairwells lead to the large meeting room on the third floor of the building. But the doors from the room to the visitors' areas are almost always locked.

The bad part about this is that the stairs have doors at the top which are also supposed to be locked. But they don't lock well. You can open the door normally, innocently, and walk into the room and find the door to the galleries locked.

But they you return to the door through which you came, and it has locked shut behind you. At this point the members of the sergeant-at-arms staff of the building are a very necessary part of the legislative staff — they have to get you out of the locked room.

There are a number of other aspects about the legislative building in Raleigh which are confusing to the unsuspecting person who ventures therein — such as the office for House bills being on the Senate side of the building and vice versa and the many doors to rooms which are locked at unexpected times.

But, all in all, it is an impressive building, one way or another.

Gerry Cohen

Students need paid lobbyist in N.C. Assembly

Passage of the primary absentee ballot bill and the bill putting the primary back to Saturday in this past week's General Assembly session at Raleigh proved an interesting study in the legislative process.

Back about April, students began to notice the lack of absentee ballots in next May's statewide primaries, and the fact that the primary happened to coincide with exams.

Several letters to editors, followed by favorable editorials in the Charlotte Observer and in the Raleigh News and Observer were followed by the introduction of \$590 by State Senators Skipper Bowles and Phil Kirk, the latter a Republican.

After a public hearing, at which Joe Stallings, myself and representatives from state Young Republicans, Common

Cause, League of Women Voters and teachers groups testified, the bill was reported favorably.

Unfortunately, the bill was beaten 24-17 on the Senate floor, and the issue appeared dead. Preparations for a lawsuit began, and the suit was ready for filing by October 15.

Requests that the absentee voting issue be taken up at the October 26 session seemed to be hitting a wall as Senate President Pat Taylor and House Speaker Phil Godwin changed positions nearly every day on the issue (i.e. "there isn't enough time, etc.).

On the Tuesday the session opened, a resolution to allow absentee votes to be considered was introduced, but the Senate refused by a vote of 25-20 to

consider the resolution. Then by a vote of 34-8, the resolution was kept alive as the Senate refused to kill the bill.

Thursday morning, the committee reported out the resolution after another stormy hearing, and it passed the Senate on three roll-calls, 33-9, 34-8, and 35-8. The House concurred 10 minutes later, and the bill was on the agenda.

By this time, Alex Brock, the State Elections Chairman, had endorsed the bill. Since Brock had organized opposition to the bill in May, it appeared the bill had a good chance of passage, except for the pressure of time.

Friday morning the House Calendar committee met, and reported out the same bill it had voted to kill on Thursday afternoon.

Passage in the House came with no

debate, after three amendments were adopted which made absentee voting even easier (the Senate was to reject one of those amendments). On final passage in the House, there were no dissenting votes.

The bill was sent to the Senate Friday night, and only a squabble over the higher education bill allowed the Saturday morning Senate session which passed the absentee bill.

The bill was referred to Rules committee, at which time two opponents of the bill dragged debate out for four hours by offering amendments. Finally, the committee agreed to five of the amendments, and the Senate began its consideration about 2:30 in the afternoon.

Led by staunch oldliner Julian

Allsbrook, of Halifax, who opposed the bill, the measure was debated for two hours, and three floor amendments rejected. (One would have required all stages of the absentee process to be sent by registered mail, a possible expense per ballot of \$3.15).

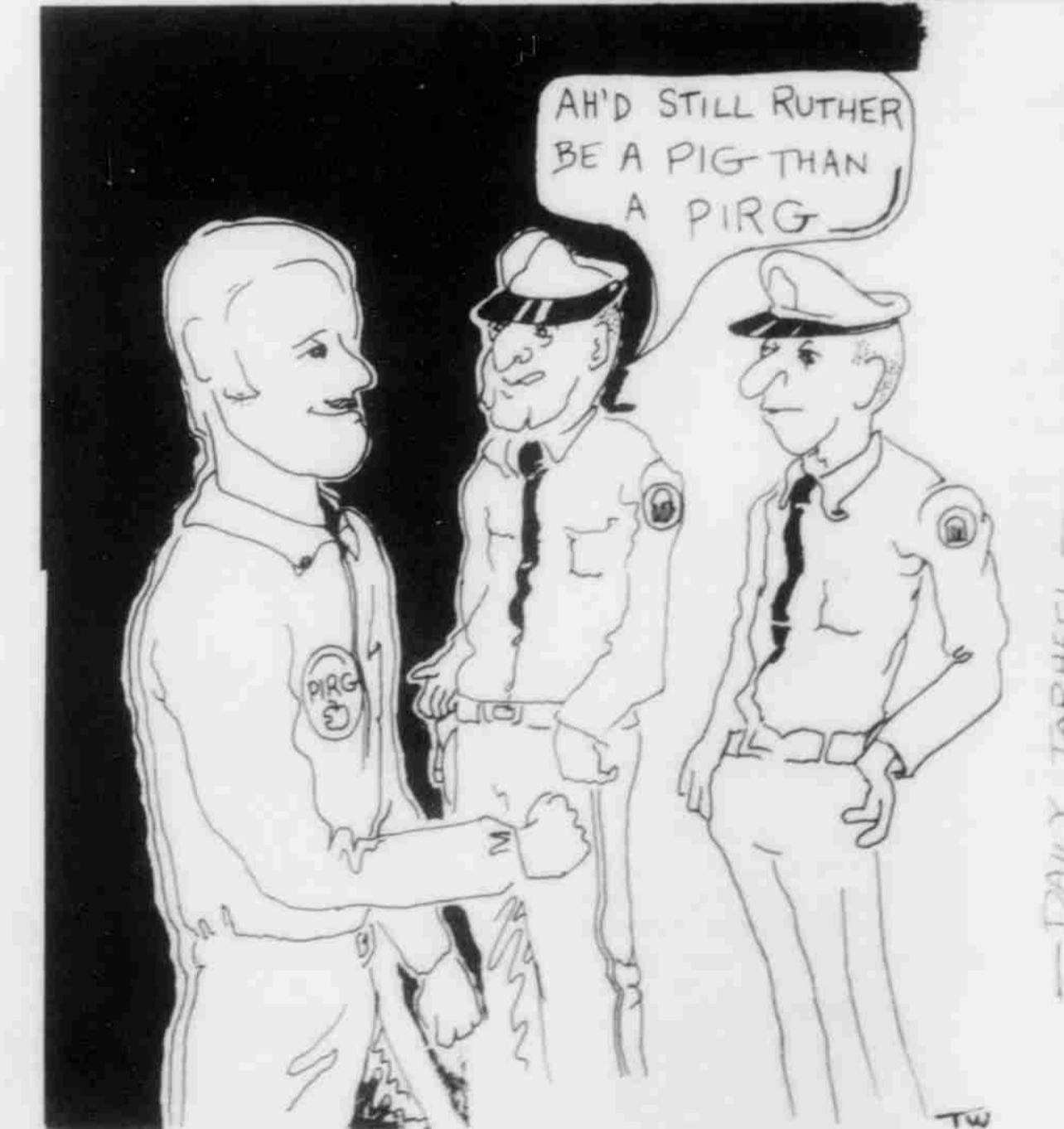
By a 29-8, and 32-8 margin, the Senate passed the bill and suspended its rules to send the bill immediately to the House, which agreed to the Senate amendments without debate.

Throughout the whole House and Senate process, from three to five students were present at all committee meetings and floor action, lobbying in the halls and in Senate offices. While my week in Raleigh bore good results, I think there are two lessons to be learned: 1)

state leaders are becoming cognizant of the large number of student voters. 2) the student governments at the 16 UNC campuses need at least one fulltime lobbyist in the 1973 General Assembly. Whether funds come from Chapel Hill or by a consolidation of resources, the \$4,000 or so paid to such a person would be well worth the expense, if the 71 special session is any indication.

By the last day of the session, all 10 or 12 of the candidates for statewide office were falling all over themselves to endorse absentee voting for students.

Special credit, however, goes to Skipper Bowles and Phil Kirk, who did the early work, and Senator Zeb Alley, who was the principal Senate spokesman for the absentee voting bill.



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