



"CAN'T YOU JUST SKIP OVER THAT CHARITY AND MERCY STUFF AND GET ON TO THE PART ABOUT RENDERING UNTO CAESAR?"

## Amnesty Should Be Granted

Yes, the war in Viet Nam may be coming to a close (however slowly), but it has created a war just as bitter and devastating in the United States: the question of amnesty. It's shock waves have already been felt, creating a huge schism in our society that has the potential of ripping the entire country apart, dividing families, political and intellectual leaders. On the surface, amnesty may seem a mere legal problem; yet it may prove to be one of the crucial factors governing our culture in decades of the future.

Amnesty has hidden in its grasp the power to remove the right to decide morality from the individual and turn it over to the state. One of the fundamental beliefs of this country has been the right of the individual to assert himself within the framework of culture, to determine his own life style, religion, occupation. It is one of the principles our constitution is based upon, looked upon as an unalienable right, granted by nature. Now, however, the United States government, and particularly Richard Nixon, appears bent on taking that right away from the people and enforcing its power to make men murder in war against their moral conscience. The so-called draft dodgers are men who were

faced with a grave decision and who chose rather to follow their own sense of moral justice, rather than that of the system, and not kill. Are these men to be punished for following a universal sense of order instead of the "law of the land"? Do the American people truly believe these men are wrong for what they did in defying the government, instead of subordinating their own morals? You probably couldn't find a man on the street who would admit he was in favor of killing — yet these men who chose not to kill are branded as traitors and cowards who ran from the ever-glorious battlefields of honor. We have become a militaristic people, America. We savor the blood of our wounds, and when our young refuse to die we label them misfits and send them to prison. Is this really the general will, or is it the ideals of the few who are in power? Will the young of this country allow the government to abscond with one of their rights by law and turn our population into unthinking chattel? True, these are rash statements — but as long as they remain a possibility, our country (and I use that pronoun on purpose) is in deep, deep trouble.

Richard Beard

THERE'S SOMETHIN' YOU KIDS OUGHTA' KNOW- JUST 'CUZ YOU'VE GOT A DIPLOMA DOESN'T MEAN YOU'VE GOT A JOB! WHO REALLY NEEDS A HUMANITIES MAJOR ANYWAY?



# Editor's Review

UNC-A can be seen at its best during fourth term. The flowering trees and plants blossom as does social life and personalities of the campus community. Already the action has begun for many.

The Black Student Association culminated four months of hard work in preparing UNC-A's first Black Arts Festival. If the festivals of the future are any better than this first festival, we can look forward to this event as the social highlight of the year, as it was this year. Naturally, UNC-A's students did not show up in force.

Mr. Tom Deason, Dean of Students, will be recovering from surgery during the next few weeks. Deason was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital for a routine physical examination to discover that a small tumor was located on his kidney near the adrenalin gland. We wish the Dean a speedy recovery.

Elmer Alexander got tired of the complaints, so he requested a transfer. Our former cafeteria manager was due to be removed after this year, because it was felt that he could not handle his staff. The Food Service Committee was informed that Alexander was to be replaced. At that time in late January, Alexander did not expect to be replaced. Subsequently, the food strike and continuing pressure to change the preparation of this or that food caused him to ask for a transfer which was granted.

SGA elections will be taking place in about four weeks. As I look through my crystal ball, I see a number of contenders for president of the SGA. Chuck Campbell, Ken Wright, Tony Gole, Frank Dosier, and Ray Gasperson will be people to watch.

I supported SGA's attempt to maintain a strictly liberal arts UNC-A. However as the student's spokesman, the SGA has no right to conclude that all students felt as they did in opposing the addition of new major programs. The Senate represents the students, not just the Senate in their actions. Therefore, next time the Senate looks for a cause to back in the name of the students, I suggest that they ask for numerous student opinions. This will not be an efficient process,

but will be necessary to gain student support of SGA programs. It takes interest to get support.

The SGA passed a resolution demanding that the students be allowed to help determine who the new director of admissions will be. The Chancellor was upset at the SGA's use of "demand" in their resolution sent to his office, and asked them to reword the resolution. The Senate has not reworded the resolution.

Interdormitory Council should plan a party to invite faculty members into the dorm village to mingle with the dorm students. Maybe then the professors would understand why "dorm rot" exists and would encourage more social activities at UNC-A to alleviate this problem.

Carolyn McElrath will be the only admissions officer in the Admission Office in two weeks, when Dr. Ben Spangler leaves UNC-A for other pursuits. Jill Diamond recently resigned as an admissions counselor to get married and move to Wyoming. Spangler will become a college student again, as he will be working on a post doctorate at Florida State. Will McElrath become this campus's first Black acting administrator? I doubt it.

Anyone who is interested in debating should contact Mrs. William Highsmith, who tells you how and when to debate. A debator enjoys the travel of a jetsetter, as he zips all over the southeast in his attempts to outsmart his competitor through discourse. Contact Mrs. Highsmith through the Chancellors' secretary.

Coach Bob Hartman has found that Atlanta is not any better than Kansas City for keeping expenses down. In both places, one could lose his pants. Hartman chose Atlanta to lose his. They were stolen. He was purchasing a suit that needed to have the pants altered, and when his number was called to pick up his pants, someone else had already taken them.

Until next week, so long. Keep those letters to the editor coming folks.

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