

EDITORIAL

To Err is Human, But to Make Mistakes is Downright Stupid

Two weeks ago two other girls and I faced President Rice waiting for the verdict: we had made a mistake, and now we had to pay.

I remember the night I forgot to sign out. I didn't leave campus until 12:30 or so and I was ready to get out. And get out I did, without signing out. It was an honest mistake, but a mistake nevertheless. I had the right to SDH, but I didn't follow the rules.

What is a mistake? The Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionary defines it as "error in action, thought or judgement." That night I definitely mastered all three.

When I got back on campus, after the famous fire drill, I remembered I had not signed out when I tried to sign in. "Uh, Oh," I thought "This spells 'TROUBLE.'" Well, the three of us, facing Pres. Rice 2 days later didn't have to look up the meaning of that word.

He was rather nice, and sympathetic as he explained our positions on campus and exactly why we were being punished so harshly. "It isn't fair," I thought, to have to pay this price for leadership.

I still didn't think it was fair until I called my parents long-distance. My parents, however, agreed with Pres. Rice and explained that in two years, when I made a "mistake" in a large corporation, I wouldn't be "campused" and put on "probation." I would be without a job.

So remembering that we are supposed to learn something now everyday, I wrote this one down as a lesson that will stay with me for the rest of my life. The time to stop making mistakes is now. To err is human, but to make mistakes is downright stupid.

M.G.B.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The Belles would like to apologize for any typographical errors that appeared in last issue.

EDITORS NOTE: Readers, make sure you read our next issue which will discuss Gov. Hunt's proposals on Drunken Driving: How it affects SMC students. Any opinions will be welcome. Please drop them in Box 26.

M.G.B.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Well it's that time of year again, when the student body is high - spirited and feverishly - active! No, I don't mean springtime -- it's "TERM PAPER SEASON." It is that special time of the year when (as if you don't already have enough to do) your teacher assigns you this monumental project. And so the student makes her debut in the library, only to find everything she needs is at State.

In the words of William Wordsworth: "Book! 'tis a dull and endless strife." It's time to be concerned with what you will be wearing to Zack's when they open the deck this Spring. It is also the time to worry if you'll be able to get that beach house for Easter vacation (which is only 36 days away, at the time of this writing.) So enjoy the rest of the semester before graduation. "Enough of Science and of Art;...Come forth, and bring with you a heart that watches and receives."

--Another Student With a Term Paper Due

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It seems that every time we turn on the T.V., the stereo, or even pick up a newspaper, we are confronted with the new drinking legislation. It has almost become a nuisance. I am all for stiffer penalties for convicted drunk drivers, but I feel that the issue of drinking and driving has become so heated that legislators are losing sight of the real issue. I feel that a lot of useless bills are being seriously considered. North Carolina is now considering raising the drinking age to nineteen. This will "supposedly" help keep beer and wine out of the high schools. I am from Virginia. It never seemed to affect me. If I wanted beer, I could always get it. I also talked to a number of my friends and they didn't feel that it affected them in any way either. I feel that the time and money put into this bill could be used for something more constructive. It could be used for drinking awareness programs in high schools or for drinking rehabilitation programs. Basically, I think legislators need to be realistic about their goals and concentrate on bills that will have a real effect on the problem of drunk driving.

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