

Editorial

“All we are saying, is give peace a chance”

A Guest Editorial by Journal Staffer Clay Owen

October 15, two weeks from today, is the scheduled demonstration day for the Vietnam Moratorium. So far the moratorium has received the support of over 900 college campuses across the nation. The plans for the activity on our campus have not yet been finalized. Tentative plans call for a series of speakers to rally against the Vietnam war. One speaker will speak every hour and a half, symbolic of our death rate for American G. I's in Vietnam. On the average one soldier is killed every hour and a half. After talking to Ed Wayson, Chairman of our Ad Hoc Vietnam Moratorium Committee, we found that many people have indicated their support for the demonstration.

However, many students are wary of PARTICIPATING in the demonstration because of the new rules set up by the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina on July 7, 1969 and amended on September 12, 1969. Under Section 5-1 of the By-laws, it now states, “Any student, faculty member (including full-time or part-time instructors), or employees who willfully by use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation or fear, obstructs, disrupts or attempts to obstruct or disrupt, the normal operations or functions of any of the component institutions of the University, or who advises, procures, or incites others to do so, shall be subject to suspension, expulsion, discharge, or dismissal from the University.” One of the specific offenses listed under Section 5-1 is “inciting or organizing attempts to prevent student attendance at classes.”

We point out that this only applies to disruption of the “normal operations or functions” of the University by some element of FORCE. The Ad Hoc Vietnam Moratorium Committee is stressing a PEACEFUL demonstration. Mr. Wayson has stated, “If I find at any time that any groups or students plan to disrupt our peaceful demonstration, I will not participate in it myself, I will call off all scheduled activities, and I will do everything in my power to dissuade other students from participating in it.”

Students seem to be confused about one line of the By-Laws. This line says that it is considered an offense to incite or organize “attempts to prevent student attendance at classes.” This DOES NOT mean that the boycott of classes is an offense. Only if you attempt to PREVENT others from attending class is it an offense. The Vietnam Moratorium Committee takes the stand that it is a matter of PERSONAL CHOICE if one participates in the boycott or not.

We do not endorse the boycott of classes. We support the peaceful demonstration. The Moratorium Committees throughout the United States have labeled themselves as “patriotic.” Then the question illogically arises, “how can you be patriotic if you don't support the government?” We think a distinction should be made between “supporting the government” and “Being patriotic.” The majority of the public does not support the Administration's Vietnam policy. The majority says, “Pull out now.” We hold the stand that it is patriotic to support the majority of the nation rather than support an administration with a mind of its own. We have lost far too many lives for a cause that cannot logically be justified.

Most of us don't know the realities of war. Some of us faint at the sight of blood. It flows in abundance in Nam. We're far removed from the battlefield. Casualties are only statistics until one loses a husband or a brother.

Nixon has tried to appease us with a token withdrawal of 25,000 troops recently. He has promised that 35,000 more will be withdrawn in the near future. This will bring the total to 60,000. Johnson said that we could afford to withdraw 60,000 troops from Nam without damaging our war effort. This is not true de-escalation

If you want to see an end to the war, participate in the demonstration. Some say we won't accomplish anything. But no matter how small a part we play, at least we'll show that we care.

JOURNAL Office Hours

M, W 10:30 — 11:30

2:00 — 5:15

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The Return of a Soldier

Know how they ship back dead G.I.s from the war?

Of course it all depends on the condition of the body when the Army morticians get hold of it in Saigon.

Say the corpse is all torn to hell. Guts running out the hole in its left side. The left arm gone except for about three inches of shoulder. Coagulated blood. No left face. Unrestorable.

First recording of identification papers, forms, and paperwork. Then clean up the body as well as possible. Wash off all the dirt. Drain out the 19 year old blood.

Next step is placing the remains in a big plastic bag that looks something like a dry cleaners bag. Then a vacuum machine sucks all the air out of the plastic bag so the contents won't spoil.

Then into an efficient clean aluminum coffin. Banded and sealed. To Tonsonut Air Base.

A giant C-141 jet transport taxis in. Vietnamese workers pull its load off onto forklifts. The load consists of aluminum coffins being returned from Dover Air Base, Delaware.

The load of coffins, is strapped into the big jet for the long journey home.

At Dover, the 141 pulls way off to a section of the taxi zone reserved for the off-loading of classified materials — atom bombs, gas, and bodies.

You know the rest. The crew-cut U. S. Army captain in dress greens calls personally on the mama or widow, gives her the news and says a telegram from somebody important will come in a few days. She faints in his arms. The funeral. Maybe Arlington. A picture of the once proud bright eyed now dead G.I. on the local paper's obituary page.

Get out of Nam. Now! Please.

Howard L. Pearre

Dear Editor,

Yes, a sandwich for lunch would be nice.

Sandwich Sam

Men's natures are alike,

its their habits which

carry them far apart.

Confucius

Letters

“Incompetence” in the Food Service

Dear Editor,

It seems that after two weeks of sheer incompetence it is time for something to be said. From the first line, you are probably able to recognize the fact that the topic of conversation is our phenomenal Saga food service presently blessing us with its being in our heretofore pleasant cafeteria.

On a daily, if not hourly, schedule; another miraculous blunder has been achieved to a level unattained by any other person or organization previously holding the same position.

Needless to say, the complaints Charlie has heard are too numerous to mention. Therefore a brief list of what he feels are the most justified gripes will be presented here.

1 - On September 21, 1969, for the first time in three years, the “cafeteria” was out of any form, type, or style of carbonated fountain drink. The incompetence on their part is unexcusable, but this is only “the straw that broke the camel's back.” There was a sorry excuse for either cherry soda or fruit punch for which they still had the unadulterated gall to charge \$.11 per 9 ounce cup.

2 - To our knowledge, there has yet to be breakfast meat served with dorm meals. One possible excuse for this is the waffles served (which are close to the consistency of masonry).

3 - There is the questionable, if not confusing, tax problem run by

the cafeteria. We have yet to understand, even though we may never comprehend, the reasoning behind this hourly rated tax standing.

4 - We have heard several questions and complains concerning the meat (?) served. One young lass has stated that for once she would like to see whatever WAS under all the gumbo used to cover and/or hide the meat.

5 - Finally (this is hardly worth note since it seems impossible to us how anyone could overlook the situation) the price situation is abhorrent. The snack bar price list is gone but not forgotten. There is a tendency toward cutting corners and charging more to the commuter, possibly to handle a “deficit” from feeding the resident students. This is all well and good until one realizes that dorm students are paying some \$.80 per meal, on the average. There are many meals served (possibly half) the cost of which does not approach that amount in cost when cooked and served in quantity. The problem of no help or expensive help is not an answer since students have never before been deluged with requests to “chip in” and help dear old Saga.

One final word. The excuse (which is almost stock already) always thrown out by Saga is that we are paying for quality we have not received in previous years. Whether the quality is there or

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



“HOLD IT ON TH ‘STUDENT SPECIAL’.”

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