

editorial

and the list goes on

At a recent meeting of the PAs in the residence halls, the general consensus was that our experiment in letting the students rule themselves is a failure. Perhaps our situation is relatively unusual because of our recent conversion from a commuter college to a live-in college. Students all over the nations are fighting to have the privileges we were given. Perhaps that is where our basic problem exists. Our students were given these privileges without having to work for them. The administration planned for the residence halls on the assumption that college students were mature enough to govern their own lives and made plans for residence living accordingly. Perhaps because many of our students are unfamiliar with living in a dormitory type atmosphere they simply were not prepared to live in such a situation.

Whatever the reason for the present situation, it is intolerable. On any given morning the library and tv lounges are a shambles; a telephone was maliciously ripped from a wall; a wreath was stolen off the residence manager's door; other Christmas decorations are also missing; cigarette butts are repeatedly put out on the carpets or in the water fountains; excrement was spread on a pillow in the women's library lounge; most of the ashtrays have been stolen; people walk on table tops or simply prop their muddy feet on the furniture; chairs have been crushed; an entire mattress (sheets and all) was thrown out of a window . . . and the list goes on.

Many of the students, of course, co-operate very nicely but a large number do not. There is a lack of understanding of the general principles upon which these residence halls are supposedly run. Something must be done to give these people a sense of respect for themselves and for the people with whom they live.

But in order to do this the judicial procedures are going to have to be strengthened. We advocate that the Student Court be empowered to suspend students found guilty of violations of university policy concerning the residence halls. As the procedures now stand, students found guilty of such offenses are penalized with nothing more than a symbolic slap of the wrist.

Unless the students themselves do something to change this situation and do it now, it is time for the administration to step in and do it for them.

From the Black Viewpoint

By James Cuthbertson

God bless everyone

Approximately 1,969 years ago, a man was born on our beloved planet. This man brought love, understanding, and peace to to all. He was our savior, Jesus Christ; and in eight days, people all over the world were celebrating his birthday.

In 1,969 years, our world has changed drastically. There is little world-wide peace and plenty of provocation between people and nations. When Christ was born, world-wide communication was a problem; but today it is a reality. Everyone knows what everyone else is doing, and this leads to hostility. Hostility and hate are thus two end results of communication.

It is a shame that hostility will be abundant on the day that we set aside to celebrate our Savior's birthday. Hostility is prevalent in Viet Nam between the Americans and the Viet Cong; in the Middle East between the Arabs and the Jews; in South Africa where that nation's apartheid policy transforms men into animals; in Manchuria between the Soviets and the Chinese; in America between the Blacks and Whites; and in many other places around the world.

How do we get rid of this hostility? The answer is simple. Man will have to forget about personal and selfish interests and he will have to treat everyone as his brother and sister. He will have to look past color and nationality to the inner self of his fellow humans. He will have to treat everyone with a high degree of understanding, and he will have to respect everyone even those who are obviously in the wrong.

Can man redeem himself and bring peace to our world? Man possesses the knowledge to climb the highest mountain. He has the ability to cross the widest sea. He has the know-how to go to the moon or Mars. He has the knowledge to bring peace to the world. Yes, man does have that knowledge; but until this day, the masses of people have chosen to take another course. Maybe the world could use another great Savior like Jesus Christ; but at this time, many of the world's religious crusades are run by mercenaries who seek only money. Yes, man can redeem himself; but will he? The answer is obviously "No" because man is basically a hostile animal who strives on hostility and hate. I hope that all men will keep the spirit that they would capture on Christmas Day and carry it into the New Year. As Tiny Tim of Dickens' In the interest of allowing people all over the world to enjoy Christmas, and especially individuals in the Charlotte area, there will be no Star Spangled Banner Award until after Christmas.

- Merry Christmas to all, especially
- Tricky Dicky
- Loud Mouth Bragnew
- Our Governing Robin Scott
- Tom Leak
- The Young Americans for Bombing Hanoi
- Death Valley Reagan
- Porky Pig
- South Africa for denying Arthur Ashe a visa

Merry Christmas to all and Peace for the New Year.

grass by a nose

What are they going to do with a convention center if they can't get conventions? How are they going to attract swinging, swigging conventions to come to brown-bagging Charlotte while swinging, swigging Atlanta is so close? Progress is a nice thing and Charlotte definitely does need all the goodies in the bond issue package. Some people say a convention center in Charlotte will bring a lot of pressure for liquor-by-the-drink. Wow. If they don't get l-b-t-d/p-d-g they can use the convention center for UNCC basketball games. They always draw such big crowds.

Early Spring Grass is winning the UNCC Downs Sweepstakes by a nose over Dorm Diner. Gymnasium is running third. Two late entries - Fine Arts and Son of Library -- are, however, making impressive gains on the leaders. Previous favorite Bell Tower seems to have become bored with it all and quit.

New Rule: The cheerleaders must be two and one-thirds Caucasian, two and one-thirds Negro, and two and one-thirds Mongoloid. The remaining full one cheerleader consist of all the other minor races in proportionate shares.

In addition, there must be one Jew, one

Moslem, one Buddhist, one Shint (0), one Catholic and three Southern Baptists.

In addition, there must be two Democrats, two Republicans and two independents, and two who don't care.

In addition, there must be three males, three females, and two who don't care.

In addition, there must be two brunettes, two blonds, two redheads, and two steely greys.

In addition, there must be one from the 2-10 age group, two from the 11-20 age group, two from the 21-40 age group, two from the 41-60 age group, and one from the over group.

Finally, there must be proportionate representation from the over-weights, under-weights, tall, slims, Communists, Facists, upper-middles, lower-middles, drinkers, non-drinkers, country-western lovers, non-country-western lovers, farmers, industrialists, consumers, producers, capitalists, proletariates, good guys, bad guys, Ford-lovers, Chevy-lovers, night-people, day-peoples, our side, and their side.

Also they must all know how to say RAH, RAH, CISCUMBAH. And be purdy.

HOWARD PEARRE

Aquarian Hope

ED STONE

Well folks, the Bond Issue went through. Civic Center and all. Seems funny to me that everybody believed the OBSERVER and the NEWS when they said it wouldn't cost us anything. Down in the find print on the ballot it told anyone who took the time to read it that the city would be authorized to levy a "sufficient" tax to pay the principle on the bonds. We were told that the progress of Charlotte was on the line, but they won't let us even vote on liquor by the drink. They said it wouldn't cost us anything, and that we could make \$770,000 per year profit. But what about the streets uptown. They can't handle the traffic on them now, much less that to be drawn by the Civic center. The people of Charlotte have bought another one in a long list of promises. Remember the one about cutting our property taxes?

Meanwhile, back at the Dorms, there seems to be a concerted effort to tear up anything breakable. It seems that the actions of a few people will make necessary strong administration controls.

When we moved in, we had two rules: No liquor in the lounge, no persons of the opposite sex in the Rooms. Since that time, several hundred dollars worth of damage has been done, not to mention the total disillusionment of those who came there to live and study. Something must be done and when the Administration finally takes action, there will no doubt be cries of "repression". But that is the name of the game.

I didn't hear much about the Womens Liberation meeting but stand by fellows: maybe we can get retroactive reparations for the money we've spent on dates.

I would like to take this opportunity to present the First Annual New Left Free Speech Award. The recipient of this great honor is an ad hoc committee of a non-organization created for the purpose of protecting students. This protection consists of tearing down or defacing the posters of Young Americans for Freedom so that students will not have to decide the merits for themselves. Congrats.

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