

Letters

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Dear Editor

Since coming to this school a year ago, I have seen countless articles, discussions etc. on apathy among students. The bulletin boards, newspaper and leaflets attempt to build student participation in extra-curricular activities. They have not worked.

As an apathetic student, I will supply my reasons and attempt to give you an insight to the reasons others feel this way. Each individual has his own reasons just as those who attempt to spur activity have theirs.

I have attended this university for an education -- to learn what my instructors have to say and in some way be further motivated to achieve intellectual understanding. The original and primary purpose of this institution as the old Charlotte College was to provide just that -- not to imitate Chapel Hill for its parties or Davidson for its prestigious basketball team. It is my opinion that this school should return to that image. We have a highly qualified group of instructors but we could have better by spending the money thrown away on decorations and useless, supposedly mind pleasing ornamental buildings. I would rather hear a highly regarded expert in a certain field speak in a Quonset hut than one half as good speaker in a five million dollar auditorium. I would rather have an adequate library than a beautiful one.

I do not need this ornamental edifice on the gymnasium, a bell tower or fraternities, I need more

complete journals and a larger reference library.

A particular gripe of mine is what I consider to be excessive advantage being taken of the student where it hurts him most -- the wallet. One fee that galls me as well as other apathetic students is the activity fee. I do not choose to attend school functions such as free movies, dances, athletic events and the like. From what I've heard and read, neither do the barest minimum of students. Part of this fee goes to this newspaper which, in my personal opinion, descended in relevancy from last year's low. Last year's paper at least carried campus controversy with a discernible approach, this year's has stylized CPS reports and poor photography. I feel that a newspaper on campus is necessary as an information media. It should, however, be put on a basis of paying for itself out of subscriptions or advertising, not out of an inadequate grant from the legislature. The annual also should be put on a paying basis. There has been much criticism of it. If it were not free and allowed to be formatted at the artistic discretion of the editor and had to be published on a free enterprise "For Sale" basis, it would have to meet the requirements of the students or go under. If this free enterprise system will not support either the newspaper or annual, it should not exist.

The students at UNC-C are being taken in another way. The bookstore charges retail price on the items. In a field where the wholesale is

between forty to sixty percent lower than retail, enormous profits are made. It is my belief that the bookstore, supposedly a University facility should not be allowed this profit because of a captive clientel. I do not know the recipient of this profit, but it should be returned to the individual student, not a communal fund.

Another fee I resent paying is the sitting fee for the annual picture. The photographers, Smith Studios, is making an excellent profit on sitting fees. I know of no reputable studio in Charlotte that requires a sitting fee.

The administration, I realize, is in an awkward position. In North Carolina, a state institution must play politics, beg and then kiss ass to get finances. This is wrong, but it is another question which must be asked in a political science or economics class and be answered at the voting booths.

Perhaps I will be challenged by one who says that a university should perform a socialization function. What better place is there to be socialized than in a real society -- not an artificial one of dormitories, organized parties and basketball games.

One may criticize my opinion in that it is only my opinion and that the facilities, goodies etc. are there if I want them. Well, I do not want them, resent paying for them and believe because of the apathy that is prevalent, that the majority does not want them either.

Bob Adams

Dear Editor,

The time has come for the slanted views of this paper to be attacked! The CAROLINA JOURNAL is the example or excuse for a student publication this side of the globe. A newspaper is supposed to report the news as it happens, not opinions, not the reporter's view, and at least show both sides. A paper is not an editorial column as the editor seems to feel. The paper (if you will pardon the term) is nothing but an opinion of the staff, not the news, but not propaganda. The campus publication should be representative of the entire student JOURNAL is but the liberals tool to reach you the student body and try to present only their side of the views.

In the last JOURNAL, of the many articles, only one expressed a conservative view, that of Mr. Ed Stone in "Aquarian Hope." Mr. Stone represents the silent majority on campus. He is the Champion of the

Conservatives. It is refreshing to see something besides "Wayson's Wadicals" in the Journal. The Journal reported on the Washington Moratorium Campaign in its typically biased style. Its pages are smeared with Peace slogans. The fact that they have one conservative writer seems to ease their conscience and let them go rampant with liberal or leftist articles. Even the news articles are opinionated. In the entire paper, there is no hint of an article that presents the facts without an opinion of the reporter.

Surely there must be other students who agree with me. Send a letter to the Carolina Journal and show that you want a representative paper; not a repressed paper!

Robert Rhyne

P. S. Mr. Cuthbertson, I certainly hope this qualifies me for the Star Spangled Banner Award. I would consider it a privelege to recieve it!

To the Editor: Come for a visit and Stayed

Time to say a few things in answer to many questions asked of myself and my wife. Came in emergency, liked what I saw, and stayed when asked. made many close friends among students, staff, and faculty and will regret very much the end of a close relationship with all three. Had a hard time getting Mrs. Haus ("Alease," to most all) to come to Charlotte. She came because of the lovely home we found. Has loved all of it so much that when we were ordered to Raliegh, she refused to leave. This resulted in much soul searching and final decision at 9:45 on Thursday, November 13, we would stay in Charlotte. This left me unemployed but confident that our future was here in Charlotte. We will both miss our affiliation with UNC-C and the many happy occasions for us both. We feel like three years here have made us a small part of the University. We are so sorry that Mr. Haus's new employer could not use him in Charlotte. Saga asked Mr. Haus to stay with them, but never a word of transfer until Friday, early in October. We both felt that we could go to Raliegh, but it just couldn't be done. Everyone who has visited with Alease and Loren know what a pleasant, beautiful, comfortable home they have. Enough said: We came to UNC-C feeling it was until. We are both so sorry that it didn't stay that way. We will keep in touch, and, one can never tell, maybe another emergency. To a continued growth and success, we both wish you all well. Hoping this answers a few of many questions asked of us. Feel free to print part or all of this letter.

Sincerely, Loren and Alease Haus
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Dear Editor,

First, let me thank you for the privilege of sounding off about a personal situation - problem.

If there's anyone out there is Parking Lot Land who hasn't had the pleasure of spot painting the chips on the sides of your car, you might like to know that GM has a convenient tube with paint, brush, and sealer for almost all car colors. Most of these chips are caused by carelessness, though most people would say you were parked too close. Thank goodness these nicks don't ruin my attitude toward people. But now, alas, my hate venom flows free. Thursday, December 4, I returned to my car in the main campus lot to find a series of scrapes and a large oval smashed place on my left rear fender. Perhaps the culprit will remember this car, a white, 1964 Riviera. He must not feel any responsibility for he left no note. I'll say this much, Mr Hit and Run: I've got sharp eyes for any vehicle spotted white and so do the campus police. So, you better start scrubbing. Hopefully, one day, another victim will discover your sinful ways... or you may confess by calling 537-6329 any morning and ask for preacher Tripp.

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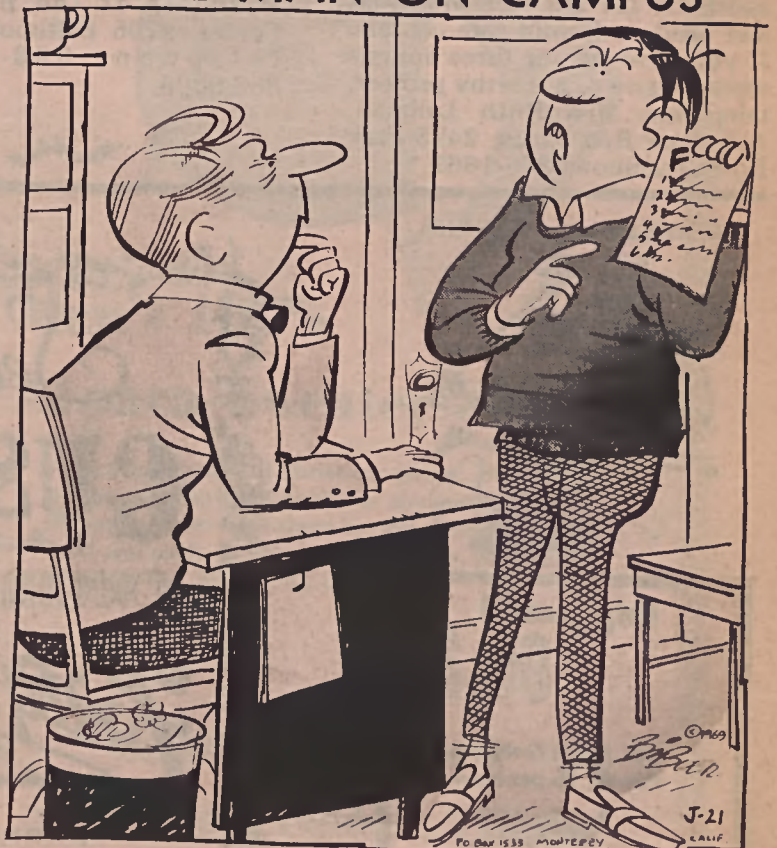
Dear Editor,

The past months have seen much in the way of progress on this campus in a variety of areas. We've established organizations of all types, reviewed our stances on major political and moral issues, and in general have shown a much greater activity and interest in our modes of living and thinking. Amidst all of this one new element has made itself evident on campus, and it perhaps is the cause of much of this enlivenment... the residence halls. Do you not think it odd that such an element, with all the positive effects it has sown, has failed to reap any of these? Is it not strange that this small community has created the very separatism in its own ranks that once permeated the entire campus... that intelligent men and women flatly refuse to assume any responsibility for their fellow residents, and often ignore the rights, privileges and courtesies due them? That they do, in fact, often live like tamed pigs, in a self-made squalor that rivals most chicken pens?

Many contend that the administration's stance here, namely that the residents should be able to live freely, (free to accept responsibilities for themselves) has proved unworkable, and I am inclined to agree. The "experiment" is in its death-throes, and perhaps rightly so.
A "PA"

Unless there is an increase of interested persons in riding the non-denominational bus carrying dorm students to downtown churches, the bus will be discontinued. The bus leaves at 9:50 A.M. on Sundays the traffic circle in front of the dorms. The bus stops at St. Peter's Catholic Church and Pritchard Memorial Baptist from where students must find their own transportation to other churches. The bus returns to the campus by noon. Contact Gary Williams for further information.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"HOW COULD THIS 'F' POSSIBLY REFLECT MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT WHEN I'VE ATTENDED ONLY FOUR OF YOUR LECTURES?"