

Editorial: 1970 - Where is goodwill toward men?

The 1970 holiday season is again upon us. In the last two weeks before the new year as we celebrate Christmas and the coming of 1971, the world won't change.

Contrasted against the glitter of holiday night life and pageantry will rest the pain, suffering and needless deaths brought about by war and ignorance.

As members of the young generation, we tend to question the fairness of this state of affairs. This season will be no different from any other for those who struggle daily to keep body and soul together. It is certainly to our credit to be outraged by the shabby treatment some of the world's citizens, our brothers, are given.

In our youth, we look too far afield. We are too quick to criticize an older generation, and each other.

What shall determine our paths in the world of the future is nothing less than our attitudes toward each other today. For while we preach brotherhood and peace, in the hope of building a better world, we wrend ourselves apart by negative attitudes and actions.

We must work hard to get ahead in our competitive society. Unfortunately our goals are a little obscure, for we work, not so much to better ourselves, but to discredit the other fellow. In our battle for empty victories over others, we are defeating ourselves.

Self-evaluation is certainly appropriate for this time of year, especially for those of us connected with UNCC.

As first semester nears a close,

we should take a look at the positive inputs into our environment. Too often we see ourselves struggling to play the traditional roles our forefathers have played. We are pigeon-holed into the places reserved for us by our peers.

The friends of this university put their efforts into donating money and watching basketball games. The trustees try to prevent embarrassing situations from arising on a campus they visit once a year. The administration dances on a tightrope between trustees, on the one hand, and students and faculty on the other, as they try to please as many of both groups as possible.

Faculty members try to secure as much money for each

department as the budget will allow, while the poor dumb students sit in classrooms, expected to think and learn within their professors narrow unyielding scope. At the same time, they cast stones at their colleagues who dare suggest something new and different.

Yes, Virginia, there is student unrest.

But unrest lies in the very nature of students. For through expanding the knowledge of their world they strive to expand their knowledge of themselves. When students get to college they try to find their capabilities by seeking their limits.

What happens when they try to change the real world?

Success cannot be found in playing traditional roles. Perhaps, it lies in the positive interaction among administrators, teachers, students, and those whose

primary interests lie outside the academic community. Certainly, the answer can be found in each individual, but we must continue to make the world a place we would like to live in.

During our quest for a better world, we may not have peace on earth, but what's wrong with goodwill toward men?

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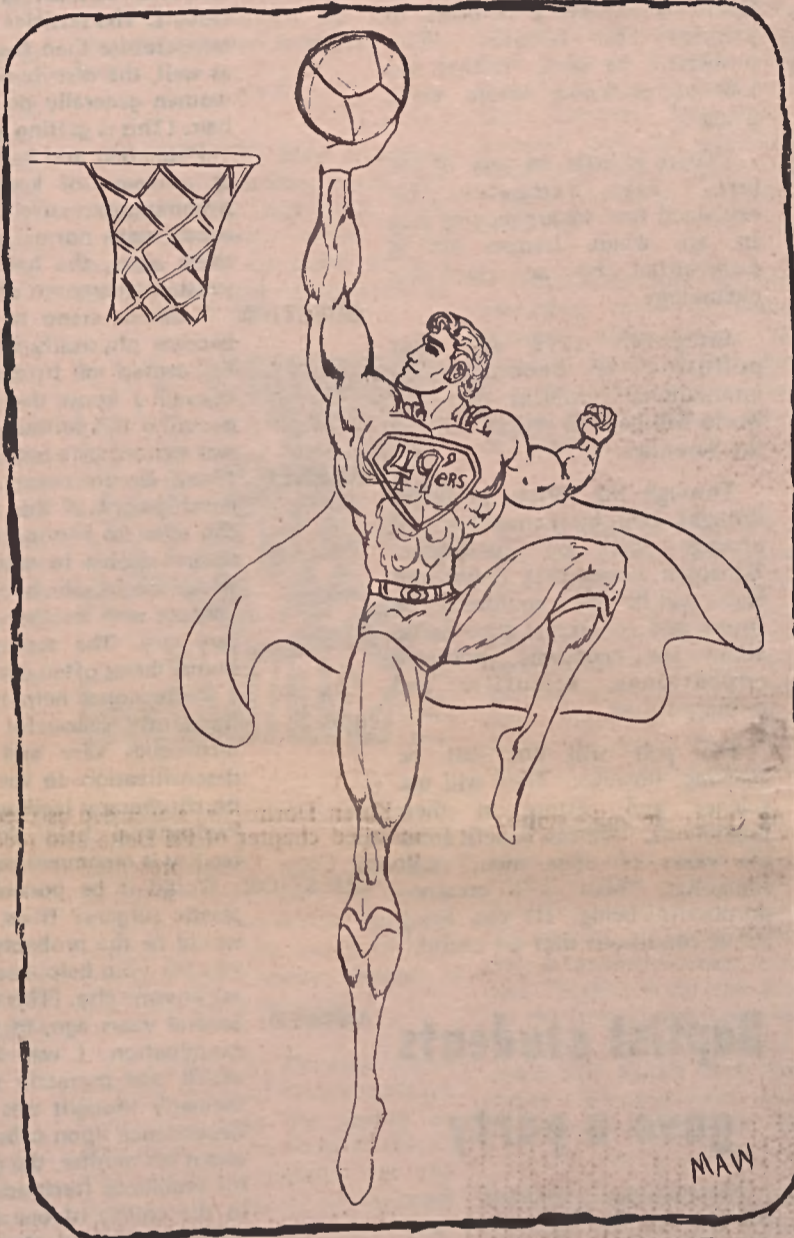
THE Doctor Speaks

Dear Editor: When I first began to write "The Doctor's Bag", I was a little unsure about where the whole project would go. It was clear that people had a lot of questions and relatively few places to go for answers. Somewhat to my surprise, given an opportunity to write anonymously, people began to ask questions about a variety of highly personal matters.

During this year the College Press Service of the United States Student Press Association has helped place the column in a number of college newspapers including yours. These days, much to my enjoyment, I receive mail from students all across the country and as you might predict, the same things bother people everywhere. Hopefully, the column is presenting a broad enough variety of questions to satisfy your readers.

A major purpose of this "Letter to the Editor" is to find out what the response is to the column on your campus. In addition, if you have a question you would like to personally address to me, why don't you send it to the address on this stationery rather than to my box number and I'll get back to you. I'd also be interested in hearing from you about the content of my column and whether you think there are areas that I should be covering that I'm not.

College Press Service will be contacting you about renewing the subscription to the column and I hope that it will have a chance to continue to appear in your paper. Sincerely, Arnold Werner, M.D.



dorm students are the power

Dear Editor:

In an interview with Doctor George Abernathy in the December 3 issue of the 'Carolina Journal', Doctor Abernathy asserted that UNCC has become a sectional campus comprised of two entirely different varieties of students. These sections are composed of the dormitory and the commuting student.

Abernathy argues that it is deplorable that 75% of the student body has no apparent voice and activity in the life of the school. While this may be true Doctor Abernathy should also face the fact that most commuters are content with this situation.

The University as organized now has one thousand students in residence and another three thousand commuting from Charlotte, and surrounding communities. The thousand which live on campus become by this association an integral part of it. But what about the other three

thousand that commute....The greatest tragedy here is that this wide and somewhat unorthodox division in the student body has left out the family element that is important for a complete university life.

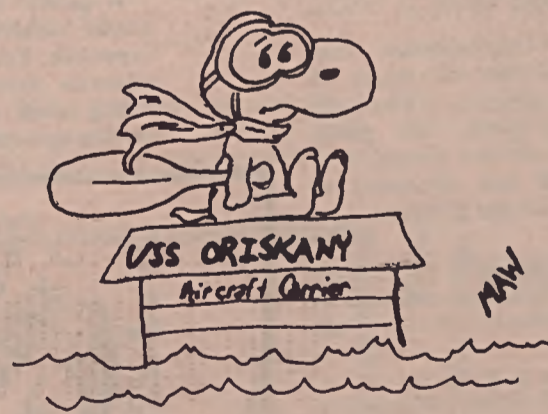
It is right though that the 25% that live on campus should be in control. All governments operate best when power is vested in those most attuned to the problems. And it is the problems and social life of the university that affects the dorm student the most. Take for example the situation which arose with SAGA a few weeks ago. The dormitory student was the most affected by poor service and general apathy of the food organization. Although the commuters use the facilities of the SAGA-controlled Union cafeteria, they are not actually forced by necessity to do so since they pay on an individual meal basis. They can protest service by boycott. The dorm student is in a different situation. He pays for the food service as part of his original fee and therefore is largely at the mercy of the food organization. For protests the dorm student must rely on the official organs of the university....Boycotts would be possible but not practical.

The "Carolina Journal", which Doctor Abernathy assesses in the power of the dormitory cliché, mounted a massive campaign to expose SAGA. This action resulted in the improved service that SAGA is now providing for both dorm and commuter alike....Also in the case of mailboxes in the dorm and visitation privileges, the student government, another of Abernathy's dorm power structures, was able to act promptly on the issues....A newspaper and SGA in the hands of the commuter majority would by the nature of the commuter's association with the campus not be as aware or concerned with these problems as the dorm student. And these are the problems which are the everyday life of the university.

Until the time arrives that the UNCC campus is peopled by the majority of its students, then the power is concentrated where it should be, among its elite few. This few is where the action is

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Snoopy's ground crew writes



Dear Editor,

On behalf of "W" division, I would like to relate our many thanks for all of the letters we have received, and hopefully, for all the letters we shall receive in the future.

Special congratulations go to the Journal's staff artist, Mike Whorley, for that brilliant reproduction of Snoopy in the 19 November issue.

Once again, a myriad of thanks for "W" division.

Sincerely,
Tom Campbell
Yeoman 3rd class

About those bells

Dear Editor:

Hear the electronic bells-- Silly bells!

What a world of muddlement their melody foretells!

How they jangle, jangle, jangle, Like a Freddy Freeze delight!

While the cars that intermingle In the parking spaces tingle

With the amplifier's might;

Keeping time, time, time, In a schizophrenic rhyme, To the tintintillation that so maddeningly wells

From the bells, bells, bells, bells,

Bells, bells, bells-- From the tangling and the mangling of the bells.

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