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by Bill C. Brown Tar On My Heels

Congratulations, Everett Dorm! Above the hue and cry of the politicians can be heard the popular vote-getting cry from all sides for more social rooms.

I would like to remind our politicians that there is a difference in having social rooms and in having social rooms. All the dorms in lower quad have social rooms. Everett has a social room.

Ed Smith, president of Everett, with a group of interested students, has really gone to town fixing up Everett's social room. They have installed pictures, potted plants, ash trays and stands, and are going to put up curtains in the very near future.

I stumbled into this situation the other night as I was looking for a place to study. The noise of 209 Aycock—"Grand Central Station"—became a bit boisterous, so I went down to our social room. There was the usual group playing cards so I journeyed over to another dorm. There I found a complete wreck. The cigarette butts and stains covered what used to be the hardwood floor. The chairs were slung in a slipshod sort of way into the middle of the floor and a poker game was being planned for the remainder of the night. (I have nothing against people playing poker and apparently the IDC doesn't either, but does the social room crowd have to make a casino out of them?)

My next stop before making way for a classroom was Everett. Peace and quiet at last! But not for long. In a few minutes my studies were interrupted by the arrival of a gallon of ice cream, boys loaded with pictures, ash trays stands, napkins, and what-not.

There was the announcement that a dorm meeting was to get underway immediately. Remembering the dorm meetings I have attended, I made a hasty retreat. I returned in about an hour and found eighty people jammed in the much too small social room. Quite different from the dorm meetings I am used to.

After the meeting I found that, spurred by an interested president, a group of students were really making Everett a place to live—not a "hogpen."

With the example set forth by Everett, the other dorms can fix up their social rooms too. It doesn't cost much—only slightly over \$12, Ed told me. I know the dorms have the money; or, at least I know my dorm hasn't spent any of the money it gets from students.

So, it's up to the individual dorm residents to decide whether they want social rooms or social rooms. You can't expect the Legislature, IDC, and University to do everything. Some interest must come from the dorm officials and residents.

And if your dorm president isn't interested, remember, you elected him, so go to him and let him know you're tired of a hogpen instead of a social room.

Vote Today!

Letters To The Editor

Madam Editor:

The player who carries the football across the touchdown line often gets much more credit than he deserves. Forgotten are the reports of the football scouts, the plans of the coach, and the cooperation of teammates.

Likewise, the Carolina Political Union has received more credit than it deserves for securing speakers for the student body. A great deal of the road had already been paved before the Union sponsored a trip to Washington. Almost every official we met spoke of the outstanding Christian character of his numerous successes in labor—management quarrels, his recognized abilities on the floor of the Senate, and his work in Indonesia and Pakistan for the UN went far in preparing the ground for the Union's trip. Again, the excellent reputation of Gordon Gray in the Budget Bureau, as Secretary of the Army, and with the Psychological Warfare Board, among his many other services, enhanced the Washington standing of the University. I am sure the reader

Madam Editor:

On Thursday night in Gerrard Hall we were given the opportunity to hear a lecture on the philosopher David Hume. Anyone who is unacquainted with Hume probably wouldn't think it such an extraordinary occurrence. However, Hume is a skeptic, and skeptics are not "respectable," especially at a University which is careful not to expose any of its youths to corrupting influences. But a skeptic doesn't have to be the ogre and bad man which preachers are apt to lead us to believe, and which Hume personally was not, as Dr. Kuiper felt that he had to point out. The word "skeptical" has actually what would appear to be a very respectable meaning: "thoughtful, reflective." But we must not let ourselves be fooled. Anyone who thinks for himself may very well come to some morally "wrong" conclusion. As I was saying, to keep the youth from being corrupted by these bad examples, many of the speakers who are presented to us are innocuous (another word for the same idea) or "uplifting."

I should have known better, having the above mentioned empirical data, than to expect a straightforward presentation of Hume's philosophy from Dr. Kuiper's lecture—and I didn't receive such a presentation. Personally, Dr. Kuiper appeared to be a very nice guy, but—that should not have any influence on our judgment of his philosophy, or his interpretation of someone else's philosophy, as to truthfulness or falsity. Too often we accept the philosophy of a person or an institution because we approve of what they stand for rather than because we believe in the validity of the philosophy on which it is based. A good man can be good for wrong reasons. What I am saying is that certain rather general effects can have a variety of causes, and that the causes, in this case philosophies, have to be judged on their own merits.

knows others to whom credit should go in building the reputation of the University in Washington.

The cooperation of students who are not members of the Union but who were able to represent UNC in Washington must receive recognition. Their thoughtful questions and practical advice were invaluable. They are P. J. Warren, Leta Muller, and John Nicholson.

The tendency to label an organization as all black or all white is misleading. The Carolina Forum, the University's agency for procuring speakers, is not all black any more than the CPU is all white. The Indonesian ambassador sponsored by the Forum, was one of the most able speakers brought to the University this year. While he was not a so-called "big name" speaker, his ideas were worthwhile for any student to ponder.

I sincerely request every student who hears Senator Douglas this Sunday night to remember those who helped make it possible.

Bob Thomason
Chairman, CPU

On Thursday night Dr. Kuiper assumed the truth of one of these behind-the-scene philosophies. For a professional philosopher to do such a thing is uncalled for. As I said, I went to hear about Hume, but, alas, I was "preached to" again. Dr. Kuiper tried to defend Hume from charges that he is to a degree responsible for modern terrorism, nihilism, etc. One of his methods was to redefine slightly some of Hume's statements—such as the one which says that reason is and should be the slave of the passions—which, according to Dr. Kuiper, uses terms that he doesn't believe Hume would use if he were living today. Other similar points in Hume's philosophy he dismissed as "fallacious" (his word). He gave no pro and con arguments as an objective critic should. The premise upon which the whole significance and point of the lecture was based was hidden.

He assumed (it amounted to it) that to be true a philosophy must be one which leads to good actions, and that therefore, since certain parts of Hume's philosophy would not lead to good actions, then those parts were "fallacious" or untrue. His choice of words in appealing to the similar prejudices—for that is what they are, when they do not have proof—of his audience were the words of a travelling preacher who seeks to paint such a revolutive picture of sin that a listener will immediately hate it and everything connected with it with all of his heart. I was so disgusted with his methods that I would have walked out would it not have embarrassed the person who went to hear the lecture with me. It would have taken only a few words for Dr. Kuiper to indicate his position in a philosophic manner. It is an excuse to say that we should not attach too much importance to a casual lecture.

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English student

VOTE!

It's still your vote; use it.

Another "Trade Journal"

The Daily Tar Heel and the Yackety Yack, as official publications of the student body, sit back all year long in their socialistic security, seldom cognizant of the free enterprise efforts of smaller publications to serve special needs of the student body.

One such publication has newly reached the campus in the form of "The Scalpel Hill News," spanking brand new publication of the Medical School. The first issue indicates a desire to serve the multi-million dollar hill through news coverage, art work, and a clean mimeographing job.

Not to be passed over in belated recognition of hard publications jobs well done is the Carolina Quarterly, independent literary publication, which replaces the old Carolina Mag. The Mag was possibly the best example of ignorant ire on the part of a legislature this campus has ever seen.

Later examples have since arisen; meantime, the Quarterly has steered clear of student politics and student funds, which must necessarily be dispensed by that same legislature. And the Quarterly continues to do an adequate job.

Other private babies include the Di and Phi publications, ROTC publications, and fraternity publications. With such a wealth of sources of information on campus, no student need miss pertinent news in his sphere of interest.

In fact, it may not be such a bad idea at that for the legislature to kill The Daily Tar Heel, leaving the area of daily news publication to the private activity which would almost surely rise in its stead.

Of course, if the legislature should dispense with yet another publication (or seriously cripple it, as it threatens to do tomorrow night) individual legislators may be unhappy with the resulting privately owned, and therefore righteously biased, publication likely to supplant it.

Anyhow, more power to the Scalpel Hill News, and other house organs now on campus.

Off Campus

A psychology class at City College of San Francisco, asked to write its views on the causes of college apathy, has come up with some interesting results.

One student said apathy was "due to the lack of knowing each other; that is, there is not a friendly relation between the students as there was in high school . . . when we graduate, we don't even know who's who."

A slightly bitter coed took a different approach: "You have to have a student body card to breathe in this school. Most of the people who are here cannot afford the money to go to any other college, or their grades are too low."

"The only thing you have to have to get into this place is warm blood, but to get out you have to be a genius."

Other students blamed apathy on worry over the draft, uncertainty and student immaturity.

A columnist for the Daily Pennsylvanian, University of Pennsylvania, recently made a personal cigarette survey. Here's what he found:

"I discovered most doctors don't even smoke, there is no T-zone, certain cigarettes are not firm and fully packed."

"Cigarettes always leave an unpleasant aftertaste, most people drop ashes everywhere but in an ashtray (everybody looks for one but never uses it) and a longer cigarette is a nuisance to handle (anyone not used to one tries to light it in the middle)."

"Smoke gets in your eyes, and your cigarette is my cigarette."

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