

Modern College Athletics: A Request For Chancellor

Not the players, nor the coaches, nor the taxpayers are to blame for what The Daily Tar Heel feels is the rottenness of present-day college athletics.

At most places it is the administration of the colleges and universities. For the administrations are the bodies which can make athletic policy and can enforce it. They are the bodies which send representatives to national conventions, to conferences, to associations.

At Carolina, our athletic policy appears to be far above the national level. For this we are proud. We are proud of the men who made it that way—primarily, Chancellor Robert House and former Presidents Frank Graham and Gordon Gray.

We are also proud of the men who keep it that way—primarily, Athletics Director C. P. Erickson and Coaches Jim Tatum, Frank McGuire and others.

What we ask is that the University administration raise its standards even higher than they are now. We feel the University should make academic requirements even higher for prospective athletes and those already enrolled. The grants-in-aid program should be even more selective.

The administration is the only body which can do this.

The University, headed by its chancellor, can effect a gradual revolution in the running of collegiate sports.

The revolution should emphasize putting sports more into the hands of the students, insuring that athletes also be real students, and taking the money pressure off the big sports.

The University and its chancellor can do this, and at the same time it can retain all the respect and dignity the University has commanded since it began. People will have faith in the University.

Chancellor House said, in an Atlantic Coast Conference meeting in December:

"We are getting into trouble and we stink. Not one of us has a reason to look down his nose at another one." He was speaking about "the recruiting racket all over the United States."

Chancellor House was correct. It just is not right for a university to start recruiting athletes years before they even finish high school.

A university, and this University, takes part in the recruiting program, in the grants-in-aid program and in all the other programs simply because it is in competition with all the other universities and colleges in the nation—everybody else does it.

But the University of North Carolina, because of the respect people have for it, because it has reasonably strong leaders and because

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CHANCELLOR ROBERT HOUSE
...he is the one man

its skirts are reasonably clean so far, can be the leader in a gradual revolution.

Chancellor Robert House will retire this June after serving the University more than a quarter of a century as an administrator.

The Daily Tar Heel asked the chancellor to leave his office with a bang. We ask him to turn his energies toward a revolution in college athletics.

If he leads the crusade in the next few months, maybe other chancellors, other presidents, will notice what the University is doing and will follow suit. We are sure other institutions will respect the chancellor and the University for doing it.

It would be a wonderful gift for Chancellor House to leave behind. It would be a blessing for the future.

Petition: Everyone Sign Names

It is good to see people are considering a petition for married students' housing here.

The petition came after the University announced it will push for self-liquidating housing units for married students.

If legislation hits the state General Assembly this session asking for permission to erect such housing, one of the University's major obstacles to progress will be on its way to removal.

For lack of married students' housing has been a continual sore spot at this university. Without some sort of help from the state, it will continue even longer that way.

According to the information released so far, all we are asking the General Assembly is this:

We want permission to borrow money (probably from the federal government) to build the houses. The loan would be paid off through increased rents, tuition or in some other way. We do not know this detail now.

In this way, married students' housing would be a burden on no one. It would be beneficial for everyone.

We wish the petitioners much success in their campaign.

It would be extra-nice if single students who realize the plight of their married classmates sign the petitions as well, along with professors, administrators and townspeople. The General Assembly should be informed that the problem of married students and their housing is everyone's problem, not just that of a special interest group.

YOU SAID IT:

Unhappy But Proud Soph Comments

Editor: I am proud to be a sophomore at the University of North Carolina: proud to be a part of this University; proud of the ten or twelve guys who make up the Nation's best basketball team; and proud of nearly every activity of the school life here. Yet it seems abominable to me that in the midst of all should be an editorial page of such poor taste, of such bias opinion, of such misinterpreted and uninformed information, I am, of course, referring to the notorious second page of The Daily Tar Heel which has to date an unblemished record for sorry editorials.

All of last year and until now this year, I reluctantly refrain from entering into what seemed a futile battle of opinionated letters "to the editor." About two weeks ago I knew I had reached

my rope's end when I read the news story concerning "unnatural acts," fortunately, though, I waited long enough to read Thursday's article on Jim Tatum: it was even worse.

I like to think that I am able to look at both sides of an argument, to reason logically about a dispute, but I can see no explanation whatever for the former being printed.

(Are you a psychiatrist? A physician? Or even has the slightest bit of medical knowledge? I am neither a psychiatrist nor a physician, yet I know that homosexuality is a mental disorder, and can often be attributed to physical defects.

You have printed the names

of two homosexuals on the campus. Aside from perhaps ruining their lives, you have cut open murderously personal veins. May I suggest that next week you make mention of those students who have only one arm, those who take a course in Ascetics? After all, they are all "different."

To turn to Mr. Tatum is a difficult task, for this controversy is perhaps above all our heads. I would raise only one point here. It appears your major grievance lies in "fact" that our academic standards are being lowered by the innovation (in recent years, that is) of big time football.

I doubt that any of us know

if this is actually the case or not, but from all I have been able to gather it is definitely not. If you have ever talked to Mr. Tatum, you would know that it is his sincere desire and sought after determination to improve academic achievement among his athletes as well as to build a football team of which we can all be proud (hence, a dormitory for his players).

I am not happy to have written this. It is an unfortunate situation for a newspaper to have to resort to worthless, trivial and trashy matters to insure its circulation or to stimulate its readers into providing space for its second page.

Robert Hastings Perry

Don't Say I'm Not A Good Watchman—I Watched The Whole Thing



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REACTION PIECE:

On Chapel Hill's Reputation

David Mundy

What happened to Chapel Hill's reputation as the "liberal capital of the South?" For years it was even supposed to be a center of socialists, communists, and wild-eyed radicals who were going to force racial integration on the South.

Whatever leadership Chapel Hill might have shown in desegregation has failed to materialize. All over the South, from big cities to backward towns like Clinton, Tennessee,

desegregation in schools and the use of public transportation and recreational facilities has been accomplished.

Why has desegregation taken place in these socially "backward" areas, with violent results, rather than in a place like Chapel Hill where a large segment of the "socially enlightened" population is in favor of integration?

"Lack of leadership" is the only possible answer. With that answer Chapel Hill has lost its

right to proclaim itself a "center of liberal thought" or anything else of the sort.

If Dr. George has become a leader of the Patriots of North Carolina Inc., why haven't some of the more liberal faculty members provided some leadership toward racial integration.

It can't be the climate, or the altitude in the schools which their children attend? Possible answers would be lack of interest, opposition to integration, or cowardice. None of them reflect favorably on Chapel Hill.

L'il Abner



Pogo



By Walt Kelly

TELEVISION ROUNDUP

Critic's Task Is Difficult

Wolff

This is the first in a series of columns that will appear once a week in The Daily Tar Heel. Columnist Wolff will also prepare outlines of future TV fare.

The critic practices a pariah trade, without any clearly defined status—to some he is a parasite, to others a misanthrope. In view of this I feel obligated, to both myself and the reader, to essay some definition of this critic's function, some valid delimiting of what I shall henceforth consider my particular province.

Such an attempt is often considered to be "bad form"—putting one's self on the defensive rather prematurely. This is probably due to the fact that the critic's position is usually so undefined, indeed so indefinable, that it behooves him to retain a vague status and so escape criticism himself. The convention to refrain from such a declaration of function is one that I do not respect.

Let me list some of the things which I shall consider "off bounds" and some of the areas into which I shall seldom if ever trespass; by this negative approach I may come close to characterizing that which I consider my job.

First, though I shall often attempt to lead the horse to water, I shall never try to make him drink. The weekend editions of this paper will carry my guess as to the best of the following week's shows.

I shall be as discriminating as I can and still try to mention from ten to twenty hours worth each week. On the other hand, I shall do my best not to limit my selections to my own preferences, but rather to cover all areas of programming.

Nor shall I ever tag any honest effort with an unqualified "good" or "bad". And I consider valid my own value judgements, I also respect the right of anyone to his own opinion.

I shall refrain from making statements concerning the "function" of television. I believe that television, like any mass media, has the sole function of satisfying the viewing needs of its audience.

I thoroughly concur with the opinion that the viewing preferences of the American audience are not as sophisticated as they might be, but television itself can change them to a very limited extent only.

Each show, by virtue of its own assertions, its choice of subject, and its personnel, chooses for itself a standard, and it is against this standard that it must be judged. The only thing that could be called the function of the medium as a whole is its responsibility to satisfy the needs of as many of the viewers as possible, and when it fails in this respect it should and will be criticized.

From time to time more "do's" and "Don't's" will probably occur to me and I shall mention them as they do. For now, this is what I consider my function to be.

Until next week, then...

CHARGES & COUNTERCHARGES:

Shaw 'Charges' South Building

Shaw

It seems to be the custom these days for various members of the administration and the student body to make charges, counter-charges and clarifications about who has or hasn't initiative, foresight, integrity and intelligence.

We sit around and impune each others motives with the greatest of delight while an event of such importance to University is coming about that we are for the first time, really frightened.

We have found out that the legislature has generously granted the University \$100,000, less than was requested for the Wilson Library. It seems that neither the administration nor the student body has taken any great note of this fact, although Mr. Horn, the present, but not future, University Librarian has stated that a move such as the present one would seriously hinder, if not destroy the future of our library.

The University of North Carolina has long enjoyed a position of leadership among Southern institutions of higher education, but it is quite clear that this position of being "the mind of the South" is gone forever.

We are faced with an administration which lacks the guts to handle even its own petty and internal squabbles (as in the Moreland Case), and a student body which has become enamoured of bureaucracy.

South Building has become a refuge for persons who are either unable or unwilling to face the outside world and Graham Memorial is the official residence for the Chapel Hill Chapter of the Junior Bureaucrats Club.

The fault lies with both groups for their lack of initiative, although the students appear to be less at fault than the administration (for they get paid for what they don't do.)

It is nevertheless for both groups to drop their ridiculous and petty competition for the local headlines and start something.

A movement has been initiated to circulate a petition to implore the General Assembly to fulfill its obligations. It is hoped that every student, faculty and administration member who has the opportunity to sign will, but in the meantime we must realize exactly how much good petitions do.

The petition to keep the Quarter System got less than a warm reception a few years back and it is reasonable to expect that this one will get no better treatment, but every method must be tried.

We believe that a mass of letters to members of the North Carolina General Assembly might also be of benefit. It always helps to hit a politician where it hurts, and that is to make him believe that he will be losing votes and help in the next election.

But more than any of these the thing that needs to be done is for a courageous and fighting administration to go over to Raleigh and not take no for an answer.