

# Yes, The Student Council Merits Last, Loud Word

There has been a great deal of controversy concerning Sunday morning's editorial: "Student Council Merits Last Word On Suspension."

Thus we feel obligated to elaborate on the points which we sought to make:

(1) That any student whose name is smeared with accusations concerning "discipline" and supposed violation of the Campus Code, which puts students on their honor to behave as gentlemen at all times, is entitled to a just and objective trial by just and objective authorities—the Student Council.

Such a trial may clear the names of suspended athletes Reed, Russavage and Donnatelli. And it may stop ugly whisper campaigns concerning "the disgraceful behavior of three University athletes," including the football team's co-captain.

As far as most people are concerned, the mention of Coach Jim Tatum's suspension evokes implications and ugly shadows of misbehavior on the part of the athletes. But there is little evidence to support such blatant accusations. Thus in this case, and in future cases, if such occur, men whose names have been smeared by various and sundry rumors reverberating throughout the state and nation such have the opportunity to clear their reputation—through just trial by jury.

(2) That we do not disagree with Tatum's right to discipline his athletes. Any organizational head

is entitled to disciplinary authority, and such authority is necessary.

But, students who have been suspended from athletic squads, or from student government posts or any other position—with resulting ugly rumor circulation—are entitled to trial by an appellate authority—a non-partisan authority such as the Student Council. Possible arbitrary suspension from positions with inability to retaliate is an ugly precedent to establish.

(3) That students violating the Campus Code—athletes or others—must be tried by the Student Council.

Student autonomy encompasses the necessity of students disciplining themselves. If such discipline is sacrificed and neglected in any instance, then student self-government suffers irreparably.

(4) That no University student, administrative official or faculty member is in so high a position that he or she can override honor.

If conduct violations occur, then the affected authority must receive notification of such violation.

The Student Council's trial of Reed, Russavage and Donnatelli affords these athletes an opportunity to vindicate themselves.

Any action it takes—if precedents of the worth-while and capable council are followed—will be fair and non-partisan.

We feel that Chairman Mack Patton and the council has acted wisely in attending to the suspension case immediately.

## CAROLINA CARROUSEL: "Sure You Got Everything Under Control, Jimmy?" No Love Labors Lost Between Profs & Stus

Gail Godwin

There certainly is no love lost between the majority of professors and their students around here. In the professor's eye, the student is a seat number to which a more or less permanent I.Q. is assigned after the first quiz. To the student, "the man up front" is a competitor with whom he must match wits.

I went to one of my professors after I had been absent to give him an excuse. "Who are you?" he said. I told him my name. "No, I mean what is your seat number," he replied impatiently.

In one of my larger classes which numbers eighty-five on the roll, a girl dared to interrupt the professor with a question. It seems he had contradicted himself twice in the course of an explanation, thus confusing the class. The girl asked him to please explain once more.

He looked as if he were invoking the gods of wisdom to send a bolt of lightning down on the ignoramus who had stowed down his 66 mile-a-minute lecture. "If any of you still don't understand, I'll explain it after class sometime. Right now I am hurrying to get through this chapter." He dismissed the question.

Professor, why are you in such a hurry? Did it ever occur to you that we might not understand the material as well as you, who have been over it many times and taught it to many classes?

Professor, why are you so evasive? Don't you want us to explore the bright world of the learned as you have? Do you want us to be in the dark forever?

I do not think all professors fit the above descriptions. Most of us are lucky enough to have one exception who brightens our day.

He is not racing his departmental peers to see who can cover the most chapters the quickest. He does not drone. He does not use ambiguous words. He is interested in his field and he wants his students to be interested too.

Therefore, he exerts some effort to say something they will remember.

I have a political science professor who, I venture to say, knows all his students names. Maybe he has a little chart on his rostrum that we can't see, but at any rate he addresses us each by name. In fact, he even speaks to us on campus. He wears collegiate clothes, sits on the desk and smokes, tells us his war experiences relating to the subject at hand, and has a store of unusual cases to illustrate legal points.

He does not race to get through grading our papers, but goes slowly, explaining by the side of each wrong answer why it was wrong.

I have a journalism professor who can be seen up at Y-Court regularly. He has not lost contact with his students.

It would make classes so much happier if the relationship between the teachers and the taught could be improved. Maybe it is partly our fault. Maybe we have forgotten that they are people and not blobs in front of our desks.

The only remedy is interest. Interest in one side of the desk by the other side, and vice versa.

"Sure You Got Everything Under Control, Jimmy?"



### READERS' REPOSITORY:

## Myriad Views On Athletics Retorts On Tatumism Edits

EDITOR:

The football team and Coach Jim Tatum have done a good job this year and deserve a lot of credit. Whether they win or lose Saturday afternoon, these boys work hard all week. They spend a lot of time and effort trying to have a team that can compete with and win over other college teams. Why? Because the students and others within the state like football as a spectator sport, and they demand winning teams.

Some of the athletes maintain an exceptionally high scholastic average. They all have to conform with the usual University standards just as all students do. The football players that you portray as ogres with special privileges are just people, students with superior athletic skills. Could there be some jealousy that causes this animosity evident in those editorial attacks?

You continue to imply with your vague, empty writing that you know of some improper practices within the Athletic Dept. You hint of recruiting irregularities. We suggest you quit those unfounded attacks or make public what you know about it all.

Until we learn different, we shall continue to believe that the Athletic Dept., the coaches and their staffs are well-organized, efficient and well-meaning.

CHARLES CAPPS  
JIM HARWELL

EDITOR:

In reference to the Sunday (October 27th) editorial in The Daily Tar Heel, I would like to ask a few questions. What is the intent of such an article?

Is the writer trying to discredit our coach in the eyes of the student body? Is he trying to get the three extroballers expelled from school? Is he trying to get Dave Reed reinstated? Is he saying that gentlemen cannot drink beer? Is he saying that drinking beer constitutes a violation of the Campus Code?

Is he inferring that our administration officials are not capable of doing a job commensurate with their rank? Is he trying to incite the resignation of coach Tatum? Did he infer that Coach Tatum was responsible for lack of funds at the Maryland library, and for the low standards of admission and grading at the University of Maryland?

Is he saying that scholastics are necessarily sacrificed in the interest of athletics? Is he suggesting that the Student Council should have authority to overrule Coach Tatum?

Or, is he merely trying to provoke thought? If any of the former are true, I shall dismiss them as meager mutterings of a misled-mite, and levy partial blame upon myself for supporting his election. If the latter is true his purpose should certainly have been accomplished.

W. R. FRYE

EDITOR:

It amazes me that someone has the audacity to constantly try to start all feelings toward Coach Tatum. Coach Tatum has done every many things to help our University, and he would be better understood, if only some people would stop and take notice instead of searching for something to

write about. As any coach, Tatum wants to win. It is not that those of us who have goals in life, also have a great desire to reach that goal? Should we look forward to falling short of our ambitions?

I think the people who write the editorials for this paper should recognize what Coach Tatum stands for. Has Tatum not boosted our school spirit to very high levels? Is it not true that football players have to maintain a certain average in order to be eligible to play? And did Coach Tatum not make his high moral standards clear when he dismissed two of his most valuable players at a time when the answers to these questions will give more of an indication as to what kind of a person Tatum is than the articles written by those persons who have to search for things to write about.

JOE McLEOD

EDITOR:

Who are we? Are we the leaders in student democracy, in free speech, and in workable administration-student relations? Or are we the dog's tail that seeks to find the bark?

Is it necessary for us to examine the press policies of other universities? Can you name me another institution that is ahead of us in student democracy? Why, then, should we spend the time, effort, and money, experience undue hard feelings, and imitate schools that have nothing to offer? If any change in the student press is warranted, I feel that it should, most logically, come from within.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

### WISE AND OTHERWISE:

## Proofing Problems And Occupation . . .

Whit Whitfield

One of the perennial gripes about the Daily Tar Heel is lack of proofreading. We submit that the responsible people are doing every thing in their power to combat this. In every paper of good standing there will be a certain amount of errors in the copy, but most of them will be caught before the paper goes to press.

There are always some errors which do get by the proofreaders, but these are few, and they only add to the desirability of the paper. Some people are always looking for mistakes to comment on, this seems to give them a feeling of superiority over the capus journalists.

These people are more numerous than is usually thought to be the case. Soooo—there are more avid readers in this group proportionately to the number of errors?

In case some of you missed it in Sunday's paper: Lt. Governor Guy Hardwich, in a telegram to President Eisenhower after the murder of Albert Anastasia, has suggested that the present move Federal troops from Little Rock to New York City.

To quote briefly from the telegram, "Respectfully invite your attention to the total breakdown of the law of the land in NYC . . . Anastasia, the cold-blooded executioner of the old Murder, Inc. was assassinated yesterday in a barber chair . . . Report further Anastasia had beaten five murder raps through the murder of key witnesses . . . mob rule prevails . . . gang murderers are on the loose. Obviously local law enforcement unable to cope with the situation. Respectfully suggest that you . . . pull out the bayonets from state of Arkansas and move them forthwith to the state of New York where there is real, not imaginary, job to do. Situation in Little Rock and South Peaceful."

We believe that what he suggests (and not quite as respectfully as he maintains) that Ike send the occupation troops to New York where they will be killed by gang wars. And this is a likely prospect. If enough troops are killed in New York City then the present would have more trouble enforcing integration in the South. This is to the advantage of the state of Alabama particularly for they might well anticipate even more trouble on the same issue.

If the people in the South are able to keep gang warfare alive in New York City, and if Eisenhower's forces are moved there, then the South will be safe. Send contributions to Murder Inc., General Delivery, New York, N. Y.

Rumor has it that Sam Sneed will get the Republican nomination in '60, with Ben Hogan as his running mate. Neither has been reached for confirmation as yet, but the issue is doubtful. Both their games are off.

### ERIC THE RED:

## Cro-Magnons And Inquisitions . . .

Harry Kirschner

Since the entire meaning of Saturday's column was cut before it appeared in print I will relate it here as it is essential to the understanding of my following columns:

Beawolf saw that the Eagles were losing their liberty by the very means that were being employed (investigation and abridgement of free speech) to defend their individual rights from the threat of Bearist tyranny. Disgusted, Beawolf realized that the only way for him to preserve his freedom was to find a new land to live in.

Years later, while in the Alps, news reached him that the Eagles had become exactly like the Bears in tyrannical government, and the two tribes had finally reached the point of war when the Cro-Magnon peoples swept through France and drove all the Neanderthals to extinction.

News Item:

Bucharest, N. H. Wearing a halloween mask to avoid his being known to potential subversive suspects, Special Agent Nathaniel Hawkeye testified today that Mami Everfetter, 98, had uttered subversive remarks while taking a shower on the night of last February 29th.

Hidden microphones, Hawkeye explained, connected to a tape recorder had been planted in Miss Everfetter's rooms in a Federal Old Age Home upon the request of neighbors who reported her as having suspicious beliefs.

Miss Everfetter, who doctors report as being near death due to a stroke suffered last spring, was brought to the hearings on a stretcher. When asked if she had said that she wished they had served red boiled lobster for supper on the night in question, Miss Everfetter replied that she did not know, as she has been unable to remember "particulars" for the last four years.

The question was then repeated with the warning that excuses would not be of help, and anything she said under oath could be held against her. Miss Everfetter appeared to reflect for a moment before she replied, "Well, I guess so. I likes red lobsters enough anyways."

Her statement was immediately taken as a confession, and a charge of treason was victoriously brought against her.

It was a beautiful day for a hearing, and many spectators turned out for it. The air was sweet and just slightly sharp, and the trees ranged in blazing colors from yellow to bright scarlet.

## UP's Enthusiasm Grows: Election Prospects Good

The enthusiasm apparently generated by the University Party during nominating sessions is indeed admirable.

Any time students convene for three and a half hours to nominate student government representatives, the sense of debate and responsibility which comes to the fore is indicative of a strong, flourishing student government.

Approximately 350 University Party representatives—an extraordinary number—selected junior class officers, freshman class officers, dorm men's legisla-

tive seats and town men's legislative seats.

The University Party is to be highly complimented, and we salute them vigorously and vociferously.

If such generated enthusiasm reign for student governmental horizon during the coming campaign for student governmental posts, the academic year 1957-58 should be among the most active student government has ever witnessed.

Perhaps the University Party should have demonstrated more planning in plotting its agenda for Monday night. Maybe a smaller slate of selections would have enabled the party to complete nominations before coed closing hours.

But nevertheless, the UP's attendance and lively debate merits the highest praise.

We publicly offer our congratulations and look for a vigorous and promising election.

## Good Will & Misconduct

Leaders from Duke University and the University here are meeting this week in a good will session.

This meeting is an annual affair. Its purpose is to deter or totally prevent any misconduct—painting Silem Sam, painting Page Auditorium, salting letters on playing fields, throwing beer cans, etc.

This diplomatic gathering should effectively surmise methods of preventing such misconduct as painting Page Auditorium, salting letters on playing fields, throwing beer cans, etc.

And exchange representatives should provide a deterrent for such misconduct as painting Page Auditorium, salting letters on playing fields, throwing beer cans, etc.

The meeting affords an excellent symposium for exchange of ideas—a central dissemination point.

And students should not paint Page Auditorium, salt letters on playing fields, throw beer cans, etc.

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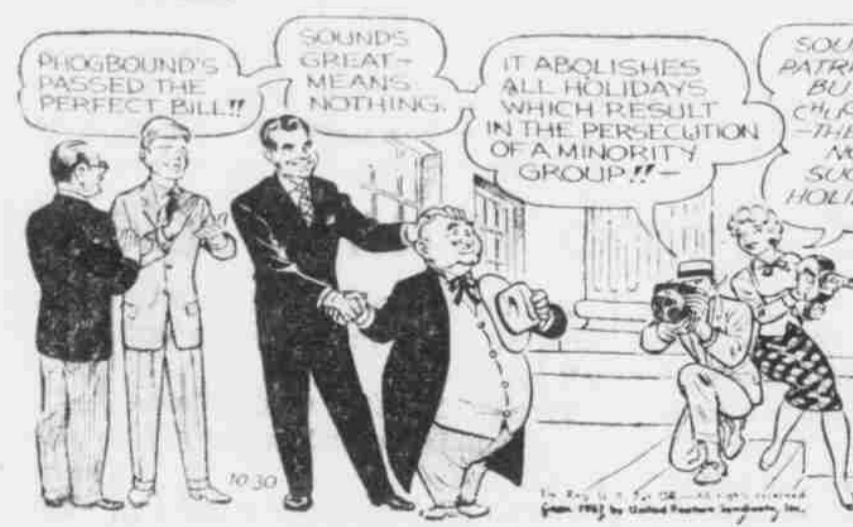
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