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### How To Improve It:

## Honor Council

In past articles we have tried to point out some of the shortcomings of the student judiciary system, particularly the Honor Council.

While some of the criticisms have perhaps been somewhat over-emphasized, the motive in doing so was simply to make clear that a danger does exist. Every judicial decision is an important one; its effects reach far beyond the boundaries of the campus and are permanently felt.

But questions are easy to pose; answers are not so simple. What can be done to correct some of the problems inherent in the Honor Council?

First, and possibly most important, is the make-up of the Council itself. At present, any undergraduate student who holds a C average and is otherwise in good standing can hold a seat. This means that the Council can be made up of any proportion of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Although this allows for equitable representation from each class, it also permits students who are too young and inexperienced to hold Council seats.

The majority of freshmen who enter Carolina have little real conception of what living under an honor system means, not to mention having the knowledge and experience to pass judgment accordingly. And while wisdom is not necessarily a by-product of age or class standing, it is perhaps the best measurable indicator.

For this reason, Honor Council membership should be limited to those who have been in attendance at least three semesters. This would insure that the Council be made up of students who have had some experience in living under the system they will administer. This is no guarantee of competence, but is a step in the right direction.

Secondly, no Council decision should be rendered by fewer than nine members, nor should any penalty be decided by less than a two-thirds vote. At present, six men can hand down a verdict, which means that only four of them need concur to convict and suspend a student. Other penalties require only a simple majority. We believe any

Honor Council penalty is serious enough to warrant more than majority agreement.

As for procedure, the leeway currently allowed the Council in deciding cases is too broad. A bill to go before Student Legislature soon will help codify this procedure, making it standard from year to year. This bill, if passed, should help make decisions more consistent. However, further codification concerning gravity of offenses is necessary to further standardize decisions, making them less liable to vary from case to case. At the same time, such codification would necessarily have to be broadly based to allow for unusual cases and possible extenuating circumstances.

Another procedure which might aid in insuring that Council members have adequate experience would be to require that all new members sit in on five sessions before they are granted the privilege to vote. At present, there is no requirement that new members have any previous experience, although there is an unofficial practice of asking new members to hear a few cases before they are allowed to vote.

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These are merely suggestions. Some of them might require that the number of Council members be raised from 16 to a higher number in order to have the minimum number of members present and voting.

Some might be impractical, although we think any or all of them can be effected with a minimum of effort. They would help to eliminate most of the errors that hurt the Council in the eyes of both the students and the administration and place it in a position of respect and confidence.

The honor system is the best system, although it is perhaps out of vogue to say so. We have no quarrels with the system itself, nor with its principles.

We do think, however, that the Honor Council could be reformed in the suggested ways to make it a more equitable and just body, less prone to error and more able to deal justly with students.

## No Fireworks

The "muzzling" of the military probe thus far has produced nothing startling. In fact, a majority of the officers testifying deny having any impression of being gagged.

The practice of previewing speeches for consistency of policy is sound. The problem is that policy is not always clear, and that censorship is an imperfect art, dependent upon individual judgment.

Secretary McNamara's insistence that full responsibility for any criticism be placed on him is commendable. Subordinates following his orders could become convenient scapegoats for probers whose appetites have not been satisfied.

Let the critics of the program fight it out with McNamara. He seems well able to take care of himself.

—Charlotte Observer

## Dawn Over The Mediterranean



### ATTITUDES by Clotfelter

## 'POPulation Explosion'... More \$

Americans usually take the figures of the "population explosion" in their stride because the problem appears to be so inevitable and everpresent.

That the population of the nation jumped from 151 million people in 1950 to 179 million in 1960 worried few persons. That the percentage jump of 18 per cent was the greatest for any ten-year period in 50 years worried few persons.

The other "facts of life" which the census announced had been predicted by sociologists for years and surprised few: people are moving from the country and from the city into the suburbs; population is leaving most Southern areas (except the big cities) faster than it is entering.

But there is one factor in the population growth which may be the most important for the long-term and certainly is the most urgent: more than two-thirds of the additional Americans are aged under 18 or over 65. This increase in the number of young and old means practically the same number of people in their working years now have to support almost double the number of dependents.

This means schools. Hospitals for the old and for the mentally retarded. It means correctional schools for the young (and old) who get in trouble.

It means virtually the same number of taxpayers are paying for these increased services.

More schools. More colleges and universities. More hospitals and correctional institutions. More money needed.

North Carolina is presently facing this problem. Last year's defeated bond issue would have provided funds for higher education, correctional schools and mental health institutions. With its defeat by the tax-fearing voters the state was faced with a critical situation.

UNC officials are still searching for ways to obtain the funds which the defeated issue would have allowed to be raised. Carolina would have gotten almost \$6 million dollars for capital improvements. N. C. State, Woman's College, other state-supported colleges, and community colleges were in the issue to the extent of approximately \$27 million more.

At Chapel Hill the University is marking time until appropriations can be secured in other ways.

The renovation of Cobb dormitory, and an additional undergraduate reading room in the Library is being planned. Other state schools are searching for room to put new students and places in which to teach them.

UNC enrollment is up from 8,600 to 9,500 this year and will

continue to increase. More students will be "qualified" to attend college, but many of these students—particularly those from out-of-state—are already being turned down for lack of dormitory and classroom space and more will be turned down in the future.

There will be a similar pressure for admittance into the smaller state-supported colleges and the growing community colleges.

The bond issue included badly-needed appropriations (\$7.4 million) for mental health institutions.

North Carolina, in common with most Southern states, has an understaffed, inadequate institutional set-up for the treatment of mental illnesses.

Half-a-million dollars were provided for local hospital construction—this money will have to be gotten somewhere else. More than a million dollars was included for state training schools, which are woefully inadequate.

Supporters of any future bond issues will have to overcome the reluctance of many individuals to spend tax money on badly-needed

state improvements in the fields of education and hospital care.

The population increase and its resultant effect on the number of people under 18 and above 65 can only be weathered by intelligent action on the part of government officials and the voters.

The "explosion" is more than a handy term, used by politicians lacking subjects for a real speech.

The explosion has direct and impending consequences for the taxpayer, for the young and for the old.

—JIM CLOTFELTER

### Book Review:

## Ayn Rand's Basic Ideas Contained In 'Anthem'

ANTHEM.  
By Ayn Rand.  
Signet  
123 pages.

Ayn Rand is famous today as the writer of the recent bestsellers THE FOUNTAINHEAD and ATLAS SHRUGGED; however, she is also the authoress of ANTHEM. Anthem was one of her earlier works. It was written in 1936, published in Great Britain in 1938, and finally appeared in the United States in 1946. It has only recently become available in paperback as a Signet Book. It is a much shorter novel than her more recent works and it is far less complex. ANTHEM contains most of the basic elements of her philosophy, which she goes on to elaborate at such great length in her later works. It is concise to the point where one rather wishes that it did not end after only 123 very short pages.

Anthem is the incisive account of life in a futuristic society which has regressed technologically; however, its social structure has progressed to a horrifying point of collectivization. There is no such thing as the individual. The use of the first person singular is a crime in that society which has for its motto:

"We are one in all and all in one. There are no men but only the great WE. One, indivisible and forever."

Personality is stifled and emotion is forbidden. Miss Rand is concerned with one character, Equality 7-2521, and with his struggle for individualism and the rediscovery of the "I".

The basic premise of her philosophy in ANTHEM is that as society moves toward collectivization the individual must not be engulfed. He must retain freedom of thought and spirit. It is the individual, not the crowd, who counts. The only road to greatness is through individuality and a break with the bonds of society.

This novel is written with the greatest clarity and simplicity. If one has not read anything by Miss Rand, then ANTHEM is the place to start. It is doubtful that anyone who has ever thought about the loss of individuality in our society or who has not wanted to conform to the herd will disagree with Miss Rand's thesis. Some readers will be stimulated by ANTHEM. Others may find that it contains a creed for them. Still others may find in ANTHEM the articulate statement of thoughts which they have unsuccessfully been trying to formulate for themselves. Everyone will recognize that they have been exposed to a new and refreshingly original view of society.

HAYS R. BROWNING, JR.



### Book Review:

## 'Dyeing The Snow'

A Jacob's Ladder  
Denise Levertov  
New Directions  
\$2.95

A recent release from New Directions Paperback Publishing Co., "A Jacob's Ladder," by Denise Levertov, opens with a thought that is a little strong for a traditionalist such as myself:

"As you read, a white bear leisurely pees, dyeing the snow saffron . . ."

Truthfully, once Miss Levertov gets this out of her system, she settles down to some excellent poetry. Incidentally, I am assuming she is a Miss; it would take a hell of a strong man to marry a girl who sees white bears leisurely dyeing the snow, etc.

The precision of her choice of words is amazing; like a black-and-white motion picture with the film slipping, disjointed images come and go too quickly, leaving the reader with a desire to go back and examine each frame more closely:

"On the kitchen wall a flash of shadow:  
swift pilgrimage

of pigeons, a spiral  
celebration of air . . ."

Slices of surrealism such as this and poems like "The Rainwalkers" make "A Jacob's Ladder" a very interesting book indeed.

The only distraction is that Miss Levertov's typewriter seems to have developed hiccups at the most critical spots, splicing thoughts and drawing-and-quartering complete ideas. This is rough on those of us still enamoured of Tennyson's measured pace.

A note in the back of the book calls to our attention the fact that Miss Levertov's mother is Welsh and her father, an Anglican clergyman, was by birth a Russian Jew. This may explain something.

All in all, the book is an interesting if mildly incoherent bit of writing. I greatly admire Miss Levertov's talent with words.

As concerns her verse patterns, I still don't dig that jazz.

—CHRIS FARRAN

"And, for you new members of the Honor Council, we have a wide range of possible penalties for offenders: Reprimand, Probation and Suspension."

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