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Open Trial Opposition: Charging At Windmills

"Open" usually denotes honesty. It means you have nothing to hide. It means you are not afraid of the public, or of public opinion.

Open honor council trials, as proposed by men's Chairman Walter Dellinger, mean the councils would no longer appear to conceal their decisions behind a mask of "protection of the defendant."

Trials which are open only to two Tar Heel reporters, using no names of defendants or witnesses, would make possible a wider understanding of the honor system, without exposing any students to unfair public ridicule.

In Sunday's Tar Heel, however, the Women's Council expressed its disagreement with Dellinger. The women apparently see no value in letting the students now how they perform their duties. They see no value in publicizing the methods and procedures of the honor councils; the nature of the cases they tried; or the nature of and reasons for the penalties.

The women's council brought out several objections which on the surface, no one could object to—they say no student should be put on public display for the entire campus to criticize (very true, but no names will be used in the Tar Heel stories—remember?)

"Avoidance of a penalty would become a student's primary reason for not violating the conduct codes," the Women's Council said. "His conception of right and wrong and his respect for the trust placed in him should be the guides for his actions."

These sentiments are very admirable, but the charge has nothing to do with open trials. Avoidance of a penalty unfortunately, has always been the primary reason that students do not violate the honor and campus codes. The innovation of open trials would have no effect on this situation.

The Women's Council suggested that bare statements of sentences meted out by the councils be submitted to the Tar Heel for publica-

tion. What good would this do? The campus would read that Student A was convicted of writing a false name on a library card and given official reprimand; the next week the Tar Heel would carry the notice that Student B was convicted of writing a false name on a library card and was suspended from school. Under the Women's Council proposal, there would be no explanation, no reason why the sentences were different. If the trials were open, all extenuating evidence could be presented to explain the councils' decisions.

One of the worst of the council's misconceptions was in its statement that if trials were opened, the Daily Tar Heel would control the honor system.

At present the Tar Heel reports fully the actions of the student government's executive and legislative branches. The Tar Heel reports the activities of the YM-YWCA, the IDC, the IFC and Pan-Hellenic Council, etc. Does this mean the newspaper "controls" student government or the IFC or the 'Y'?

If the honor council trials were opened, the Tar Heel would observe the restrictions as put down by the proposed constitutional amendment—using no names and objectively reporting the court proceedings. Certainly there would be no ulterior motive of seeking "control" of the honor system.

The Women's Council undoubtedly acted in perfect sincerity when it voted on, passed and submitted its statement. There is no doubt of their desire to improve the honor system.

But the council is charging at windmills when it accuses the Daily Tar Heel of trying to control the honor system. The council is charging at windmills when it says open trials tend to destroy the spirit of the honor system and substitute fear in its place.

In the best interests of the students and the honor system, the Women's Council should reconsider its opposition to open trials. (JC)

Carr And Cobb

It has been brought to the attention of the Daily Tar Heel that an occasional coed has found her way into the halls of a now-male Carr dormitory.

The ensuing embarrassment has yielded many a scream and hasty retreat, but little else of consequence. It seems that, to the dismay of Carr residents, once their

lapse of memory is filled with vision, the coeds take their business elsewhere.

The boys in Carr say that they are glad to have the coeds visit their dorm, but prefer that the visit take place in the social room. And they say they understand how the girls may easily forget that Carr was changed from a girls' residence to an all-male graduate dorm over the summer. But they are not so sure how a girl can come in and wander around for several minutes without readily discovering her mistake.

It may be that the girls know what they are doing, and just find the urge to visit their old rooms too strong to resist regardless of circumstances.

Wasn't Cobb a boys' dorm last year? (CW)

Beer

Carolina students who think their gang throws big drunks should take a look at Munich, Germany, which recently ended its 16-day October-fest beer festival.

During that period the police made 115 arrests. There were 113 reported fights and 4,500 persons were treated at the Red Cross first-aid station—many of them victims of beer-mug fights in the huge, specially erected drinking tents.

Total attendance this year at the festival was around four million.

"How'd You Like Your Daughter Marrin' One Of Them?"



Letters To The Editors

Open Trials And Barnett

To the Editors:

The Women's Council is deeply concerned about Mr. Dellinger's proposal which would force an open trial upon a student who faces a trial by a judicial body.

We emphatically oppose the adoption of this mandatory open trial system.

By placing emphasis on the decision of the Councils, especially upon the penalty, our system would become a system based on fear and threats: Avoidance of a penalty would become a student's primary reason for not violating the codes of conduct. His own conception of right and wrong and his respect for the trust placed in him should be the guides determining his actions.

A defendant should be the primary consideration of a judicial body. Even though a student violates the Honor Code or the Campus Code, there is no reason to publish his breach of conduct and to place him on display for the entire campus to criticize and condemn his error.

The councils are charged with the responsibility of deciding the innocence or guilt of a defendant and of rendering a penalty when necessary. We have progressed beyond the point where we have to place people in the stocks as a means of punishment. Are we now going to regress so that we must publicly brand a student for a misdemeanor?

The student body elects councils to act as leaders in the enforcement of the Honor System. By making an open trial mandatory, the Daily Tar Heel would be able to control the Honor System. The Council could do no more than call attention to any misrepresentation of the facts in a case. They could not offer any explanation of their reasoning used in

making a decision. The defendant's right to control all information released about his case must be guaranteed.

The Women's Council believes that a general statement which would include the violation and the decision rendered in each case could be submitted to the newspaper, however, there would be no reporters at the trial. This statement would serve the purpose of allowing the student body to know the type and the amount of work which their councils were doing, and it would not encroach upon the right of the defendant to have his identity and reputation protected. Of course, all students who desire to have an open trial would definitely be granted this right, as they have been in the past.

The councils are not courts of law, and they do not treat defendants as criminals. "Every individual possess basic rights and liberties simply because he is a human being entitled to decent respect from his fellow." We intend to uphold these rights.

—Women's Council

Barnett's Action 'Really Pathetic'

To the Editors: The grave crisis in Mississippi is probably the greatest exemplification

of ignorance, bad judgment, injustice and unconstitutional actions on the part of any Americans. To deny a person the right of an education because of his color is the most unjustifiable reason possible. Governor Barnett and his "civil war army" certainly must accept full and total responsibility for the violence that occurred, and the deaths that resulted. While Barnett used the reason that Meredith's admittance would cause an imminent breach of peace, no one is going to believe that it wasn't his attitude of complete racial prejudice that brought his decision. The entire affair is being criticized the world over, and those foreign viewpoints are being critical of Gov. Barnett.

President Kennedy reacted to the situation in the only manner left available to him by the Barnett army. Because the constitution and the federal government guarantee the right of Meredith to be enrolled at the University of Mississippi, Kennedy was completely justified in defending him in such a way.

It is really pathetic to see the actions of these supposedly responsible leaders both defy the constitution and federal writs. It should make North Carolinians feel proud that this unreasonable discrimination is not greatly exemplified in our higher education.

—James Rector

Pieter Voorhees

'Lolita' — An Excellent Love Story

MOVIE REVIEW

Most of today's foremost scientists, journalists, would-be philosophers and politicians emeriti (if there's a difference) are fond of referring to the present as the Age of the Atom. Not being foremost anything except perhaps antagonists, we would venture to christen our time as the Age of Psychoanalysis. Are you well-adjusted? Does the beach make you think of Mother?

The point of all this groping is that in this era, it is practically impossible to see or hear anything abnormal without falling back on the much misunderstood and ill-used clichés of a science whose theories are one by one being disproved or altered by those supposedly expert in the field. To try to apply these clichés to Lolita is to do it injustice, for in spite of the fact that by our standards Humbert Humbert's love for Lolita is abnormal, Lolita is no more or no less of a psychoanalytic exercise than any other love story.

Therefore, it can only be taken to be the story of an extremely jealous man who destroys the affection, or more aptly, the co-operation of the woman he loves by the suffocating and overly-demanding quality of his love for her, and then destroys the man who took her from him.

—Arch T. Allen

Bill Hobbs

Fraternities - Ideas Don't Meet Reality

(Eds' Note: This is the first in a series of three articles on fraternities. The second and third articles will appear here tomorrow and Thursday.)

Today is the third day of fraternity rush. By now the rushees have visited all the houses they are interested in and are beginning to make up their minds. They have formed at least a vague idea of the character of the various houses, and the fraternities have formed at least a vague idea of the character of the individual rushees.

That sounds very nice, doesn't it? It sounds as if fraternity rush was an intelligent, mature process by which incoming students could find groups of their contemporaries with interests similar to their own. It sounds as if these groups were interested in finding new members to join their group, it sounds as if they were going about it in a natural, mature manner. It sounds as if fraternities were worthwhile.

Well, there is some truth to that. Fraternities can and should be worthwhile.

But you would never know it on this campus, perhaps not on any campus in the country today.

(Now before you fellows out there in those nice big houses with all the columns start screaming, let me explain that I am a brother in one of UNC's 24 social fraternities; that I have been through pledge training, initiation, brotherhood, any number of German weekends, happy carnivals, big fraternity parties, little fraternity parties, the works. So please don't start writing all those nasty little letters to the editors just yet. And please, when you do, don't say, "No one who has not actually been in a fraternity can realize the sublime joys, the spiritual and moral delights a fraternity offers." And please don't say, "He's just bitter 'cause he didn't get in one." Save that stuff for your pledges; they may need it.)

(Also: a note to all of the loudmouth professional fraternity-haters on campus: please don't go slopping off at the mouth because "One of their own members said they were bad." And please don't come talking to me. I don't like you, because I have never seen anything constructive in your continual attacks on fraternities.)

Freshmen and new students may well wonder about those two notes. You have probably been suffering under the naive impression that people could talk about fraternities in a rational way, could make realistic criticisms and legitimate defenses of them in a rational manner. But that is not the case at UNC. You see, whenever anyone criticizes fraternities, he is immediately branded by innumerable thick-headed fraternity boys as a grub who couldn't get in a fraternity, someone who has no real knowledge of fraternities, or someone who is at least a radical, maybe a pinko. And on the other hand, whenever someone praises or defends fraternities, all the loudmouth fraternity-haters explain that he is either a bigot, a

snob, a rich kid, a playboy or all four.

Very rarely is there any concerned, dispassionate examination of both the strengths and failures of fraternities. But there is a great need for such an examination. These articles will certainly be concerned. Whether or not they are dispassionate is another matter.

The idea of a fraternity is a fine one. It is the idea that a group of individuals with similar interests can live and work together for the mutual benefit. It is the idea that running their own living quarters, keeping their house, improving it, maintaining their own financial affairs, all largely free from the influence and control of their elders, can develop a valuable personal responsibility. This is a more specific incidence of the idea behind student government here.

The idea of a fraternity is also that the constant contact between different individuals, the working together on joint projects, eating together, living in the same house, talking together, having parties together can also be a valuable part of a person's personal development. It is the idea that if this is undertaken in a spirit of brotherhood (a spirit which is, unfortunately, rarely realized, if at all) the individual can grow by the intimate contact with other personalities and ideas on a friendly basis.

The idea of a fraternity is also to have a good time. It is the idea that with a big house, lots of people to share the expense, live music, keg beer and a good crowd, you can have a tremendous party. It is also the idea that people enjoy bringing their dates to an attractive place with their friends for a good party.

Finally it is the idea that the relationships and enjoyment of a fraternity in college can be continued throughout one's life in the group's alumni organization.

Very briefly, then, that is the idea behind fraternities. It is the idea that they can be a rewarding part of individual development, that they can be an enjoyable experience, and that the friendships they can build may last for years.

The difficulty, the criticisms and the disappointments come in the realization of this idea. They come when you realize that rush week, when fraternities choose their members, is largely a petty sham cloaked in an empty smile, when you realize that pledgeship, when the fraternities prepare their members for full participation in the group, is a degrading farce, and when, finally as a brother you realize that the idea is only faintly connected with the reality of a fraternity.

But in spite of all this, the connection is still there. It is indeed real, but it does exist. In some areas it is stronger than the critics think. And the fact that it still does exist, in spite of innumerable weaknesses, may be the saving grace of fraternities.

(Tomorrow: Discrimination clauses, 80%, and deferred rush.)

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