

## The Daily Tar Heel

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### Misery Likes Company

Well, it is heartening to see that the DTH is not the only paper in the immediate area that apparently suffers from hurried amateur journalism.

The Raleigh Times, obviously endeavoring to fulfill its obligation to readers in that fair city, felt that many of its readers would be interested in various aspects of the Honor system here at UNC. The Ann Carter case has been brought to the attention of the entire state; the future expansion of the Consolidated University has drawn attention to existing educational units; an the Honor System in Chapel Hill is usually interesting material.

So the Times sent a reporter over to interview some of the administration and to question a few students on their views of the Honor System.

He came by the DTH offices and spoke briefly with the editors. He was told why they felt the system

did not work, and why they felt that open trials would benefit the student body.

Then he went home to write the story.

A few days later the Times carried his interview, as part of a series on the Carolina Honor System. The headline, in an obvious attempt to attract readers' attention, read: "UNC Editors Call Honor System Absurd."

The fact of the matter is that the editors did not call the Honor System absurd. They told why they felt it did not work, and they expressed some views on how it might be made to work; they did not "call it absurd."

But the headline certainly drew attention to the article, and it must have been written in a hurry. So we can sympathize with the Times; we make quite a few blunders ourselves. And as previously stated, it is nice to have company. (CW)

### We Are Thankful...

As we approach the day of Thanksgiving we feel it appropriate to list a few of our blessings:

We are thankful for the Student Legislature for introducing a source of humor into an otherwise dull existence.

We are thankful for the Yack being an even more confused publication than is the Tar Heel.

We are thankful for the administration for being so shrewd and cagey and "You'll never know until it hits you".

We are thankful for Chapel Hill's weather, so that we can better ap-

preciate the weather everywhere else.

We are thankful for such programs as the Toronto Exchange, to prove that student government doesn't always take itself so deadly serious.

We are thankful for REPORTER, NEW REPUBLIC, and NATIONAL REVIEW magazines for adding some zest to political writings, and for Norman Cousins for telling us about peace.

We are thankful for California.

We are thankful for professors who don't enforce the "No smoking" rules in some buildings. (JC)

### More On Nixon

With apparent good taste and a bit of experiential wisdom, Mr. Nixon has chosen to remain out of the raging controversy about the appearance of Alger Hiss on American Broadcasting Company's political blunder.

However, we should not immediately attribute Mr. Nixon's silence to lack of concern over the show, "The Political Obituary of Richard Nixon," but perhaps to a momen-

tary state of shock.

What could anyone say after issuing a statement praising TV for keeping the press honest?

About the only significant fact to come out of the whole Nixon affair appears to be: the excitement and thrill felt by those expedient souls who jump on bandwagons is surpassed only by the insane glee felt by those warped souls who jump on dead men's graves. (CW)

### Dorms In The Yack

The Yack has agreed to include a dormitory section in this year's

annual. It will be similar to the fraternity and sorority sections which have long been an integral part of the Yack.

This is an encouraging sign that more people are recognizing the inherent humanity of dormitory residents and — maybe even letting them into the mainstream of campus life.

Dormitory officers who think they can raise the required \$70 for a full page (or \$35 for half-page) should contact George Rosental, 120 Craige, 942-6227, before the end of the month. (JC)

### Democracy

News item:

"Greensboro — Bob Considine, columnist and radio commentator, told high school pupils Thursday the U. S. 'may have to ram democracy' down the throats of Cubans."

... Yeah, and then we can force all men to be free. (JC)

### " — And Now A Few More Late Returns In Those Disputed Races — "



## NSA President: Communist World Youth Festival Doesn't Have Free Exchange Of Political Ideas

(Eds' note: this report, from Current Magazine's Campus supplement, was written by D. Dennis Shaal, President of the U. S. National Student Association. He was in Helsinki during the World Festival as Director of the Independent Research Service, a group which attempts to present Western non-Communist views at the various Communist festivals.)

Perhaps the most striking thing for anyone attending the World Youth Festival was the universally poor press coverage it received. It was not that the event lacked coverage; rather the coverage given was either inaccurate or irrelevant. In the United States almost all the newspaper stories centered on the riots. From these riots, it was concluded that the festival itself was a failure. Yet anyone who attended realized that the riots were comparatively insignificant and that the Soviet Union gained much from the festival.

In advance of the festival, its sponsors, through the International Preparatory Committee, a front for the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, claimed that it was to be a truly open, nonpartisan meeting. They even constructed new instruments such as the "Free Tribune" and the "Colloquium on Peace" to indicate a break with the past and a determination to provide a mechanism for the free flow of ideas. They attracted an observer from UNESCO, thus underscoring their contention that the festival was a meeting in which any group, whatever its political view, could participate. Continually they stressed the many cultural features of the event.

#### Mechanical Response

Once the festival started, it became apparent that the structural part of the meeting was not only controlled and one-sided, but also emotional and fruitless. The free forum never really became free until after the Soviets had exploded their first nuclear device in the new series on August 5. Up to that point the forum had closely paralleled their other meetings in political content. A series of boring speakers used the festival as a convenient vehicle to voice their oft-repeated clichés about the West, and the United States in particular. The speeches were striking only in that each exceeded the prescribed time limit, and each failed, and seldom even attempted, to voice original political thought.

To dwell on the insignificance of the political meetings of the festival is useful only indirectly, but perhaps very importantly. They had

an unreal and mechanical quality about them. They seldom elicited an emotional response even from the faithful. It sometimes seemed as if the Soviets themselves realized that this procedure no longer reaped great results. This may indicate a Soviet willingness to get away from the festival format. It may also indicate the growing sophistication of the student and youth leaders from the developing areas.

#### Significant Absentees

It may be that the significant absences from this and previous festivals have also convinced the sponsors that many will not buy the "games" and cultural approach to world political questions. For instance, Ghana and Nigeria could not find room on their calendars to attend this or past festivals. The Indian Congress Party sent only a handful of observers as did the United Arab Republic.

Neutrals themselves, during the course of the meeting, indicated their displeasure with its political content. Some did so in the same way the Ceylonese did — by walking out. Others, numerically far greater, did so by staying away totally from any political meetings. Africans especially were critical of the dull and repetitious character of the meetings and avoided them. By the second day, several political discussion groups were nearly empty.

Viewed from the perspective of the political meetings, the festival would in any event seem to be a complete failure. Even had the meetings been characterized by original, thoughtful and convincing speeches from the Soviet position, few if any converts would have been made. There is no need to convert the faithful. The Westerners who were in attendance were not about to be convinced. The true neutrals — few in number at any event — were dedicated to neutralism itself; no other creed would supplant it.

Assuming that the Soviets want something for their money, it is obvious that they expect to get it from sources other than the political meetings. To some extent, they expect to get it from the contact itself — from the ego bolstering and reaffirmation of faith which occurs when individuals dedicated to a common cause get together — a process not dissimilar from what happens at a United States political convention. This process not only bolsters the already dedicated, it spreads an enthusiasm which is infectious, and which the Soviets undoubtedly hope will plant itself in the uncommitted.

If there is a single goal which the

sponsors seek at an event like this, it is to present a convincing portrait of a society on the move. Emotional fervor on the part of the dedicated is a necessary prerequisite.

The emphasis on culture, and presentations by highly able cultural groups from Soviet bloc countries, is an important complement to this. The Soviets tried hard to give the impression that because their society is not capitalistic, it is also not materialistic. They presented a picture of a thriving artistic community, and often by word or with implication juxtaposed that to a United States which they painted as materialistic and uncouth. The type of delegate sent from the bloc countries, often an expert in his profession, further strengthened the image they wished to project. The Soviets hoped to use, and did use successfully, informal contact to score their points and get their message across.

#### Are the Soviets Satisfied?

How can one evaluate the festival by looking only at the ten days themselves? Probably better than half of the delegates from developing areas were given pre and post festival tours. Many were offered scholarships to study in East European universities. Some were taken to special seminars run by the Soviets before and after the festival. Some were probably recruited for active party work, or put into front groups. Many were offered free trips — often their first experience abroad. All of this was not without its impact. Dull political seminars and riots aside, in these areas there were gains for the Soviets.

There were indications, however, that even the Soviets were not altogether happy with the event. For one thing, the costs of past festivals have been estimated at from \$30 to \$100 million. With results so hard to define and so intangible, the Soviets must wonder whether they are getting all they might out of their money.

Some Soviet remarks, given often as replies to criticism, indicate that the Soviets may want to do away with the festival altogether and replace it with meetings such as the Moscow Youth Forum. Such meetings offer the opportunity for more control and straight politics. They may be more attractive to political types from developing areas who recognize that there is a conflict in the world and who want to talk about it. Thus, the emotional fervor of the festival may very well repel as many as it attracts.

The festival must have been most disappointing to those who came hoping to discuss the conflicts divid-

## Letters

### Grad Condemns Seeger Sponsors

To the Editors:

An issue of the DTH, announcing the forthcoming appearance of Pete Seeger on December 5, has recently come to my attention.

Without disputing the relative merits of Pete Seeger as "a folksinger of some renown," I would like to admonish the student body to consider the far-reaching implications of the appearance of Mr. Seeger and his sponsorship by the New Left Club. The New Left has openly avowed that a primary purpose for their sponsorship is to gain financial backing for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee—a student group for non-violent liberal activities.

I hope that students, who might be tempted to view the appearance of Pete Seeger as a harmless affair, worth the price of admission, will consider the left-wing, un-American causes to which the admission proceeds will be applied.

With this in mind, I am sure that on December 5 the entertainment will be better and the air a good bit fresher anywhere but in the company of Mr. Seeger and the New Left.

Spencer Everett  
UNC '60  
Charlottesville, Va.

### Peace Corpsman Thanks Campus

To the Editors:

Tomorrow (Saturday) marks the end of a ten week period of intensive training I've experienced as a Peace Corps Trainee here. I would like to take this opportunity to ex-

press my appreciation to the University of North Carolina for their hospitality and the important role they play in the program. It is with mixed emotions that I will be leaving UNC—sadness caused by thoughts of the wonderful experiences I've had and the newly formed friendships that will be left behind, but happiness with the prospects of new adventures, further growth, and of the service which I will be able to give to the country as an English teacher in Venezuela.

It would be impossible to list all of the people who have worked so tirelessly and sincerely during the training period, so I would like to simply say thank you one and all for the interest and selfless hours you've spent working with us, teaching us, counseling us, socializing with us and in general preparing us for the job ahead.

A special note of thanks to the program head, Dr. Frederico Gil. Without his effective organization, constant leadership and warmth all would have been impossible.

Now things can return to normalcy around Dey Hall, room 301 will await new occupants and everyone can rest for a change!

Muchas gracias, amigos, por todo!

—Anita M. Rathling

### Where Are The Men On Campus?

To the Editors:

After your most enlightening editorial on the whereabouts of the nation's "most delectable (after sex)" — written for the benefit, we're sure of the boys on campus, how about an article on "Where the Men Are" for the co-eds who have been looking.

—Barbara Graham

sometimes pleasant social exchange. The youth of the world deserve something better; the problems of the world demand it.

### Conservatives Get New Grant

To the Editors:

Of course we are all familiar with the football chant:

Lean to the LEFT; Lean to the right; Stand up; SIT DOWN; Fight, fight, fight.

Today's conservative would reply: Lean to the right; Lean to the left; Stand up; stand up; Fight, fight, fight.

Speaking of politics in connection with football, that sport relies to some extent on the failure of politics (i.e., war). Can you imagine a game in which the quarterback is not BLITZED? Or a game in which the quarterback does not go for the BOMB?

Of course we'd be just as happy without the source for such colorful terms. Then we'd have to get our terms from elsewhere.

But can you imagine a quarterback checkmating a quarterback?

—Bill Stremp

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