

## The Daily Tar Heel

70 Years of Editorial Freedom

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### The Passing Of The President

For a fleeting instant in the eye of time, the world has become a neighborhood of nations, united almost unanimously in their attempts to console the bereaved family, each aware that the loss the family nation has suffered is shared by them all in a myriad of ways many of them as yet unforeseen.

Words, clothing noble, passionate statements, are let fly from everywhere, within and without the family nation, in well-intentioned efforts to assuage a grief so fundamental that words simply have not the capacity to reach and soothe it, for no word or groups of words has sufficient quality to match the caliber of the grief.

But it will not do to remain inert, to do or say nothing. Action is required to ease the strain of the tense muscles of emotion occasioned by the assassination. So, in desperation, resort is made to words in quantity, a poor substitute obviously, but the best each of

us has to offer.

Who was this man, John F. Kennedy, whom the world met in earnest only a few short years ago?

He was you and us as we would like to be, or to have been, way down deep inside the fastest recesses of our soul.

Born to privilege, but not content to rest upon it; accustomed to achievement, but continually striving; elected to lead, but shot down as he did.

This was John F. Kennedy.

Only now, his footsteps gone, do we see how large his footprints loom. Only now do we realize the extent of our attachment to him, of how much a part of all our lives he was.

Nearly two days have passed since Then, and still the poignant ache of his tragic passing persists unabated.

To every American worthy of the name, and to countless thousands around the world whose imaginations he caught and fired, his passing is a death in the family.



What does one say when a tragedy occurs? Not just a tragedy, but an event which is wholly outside the realm of our experience, and even our imaginations. You stare glankly around your room at all the little mementoes designed to conjure up warm memories, but you don't recognize them. The mind fights an anguished battle to reject the facts. Something of value is gone. Something young and vibrant and strong. Something which contained the capacity for humor, for pathos. A life which we were able to personalize, which infused our spirit with a new sense of confidence.

And now the legitimate and orderly transfer of power has occurred. We have a new President, and the strength of our system and our laws is once again proved. The law is strong because the people accept it, and the people accept it because of an unshakable belief in our system.

However, the tragedy of Kennedy's death may just be beginning. The crime was apparently committed by a mad man whose politics run to the extreme left. This is of course a contradiction of everyone's first instinct, but only serves to show that fanaticism is devoid of reason on either side.

But this assassin's politics may serve as the catalyst for further tragedy. All the kangaroo courts in the land may open as we enter another period of panicked political purges that encompassed us 10 years ago. "Assissins!" may well become the rallying cry of the far right as al the Robert Welches and Joe McCarthys sound the clarion call for the systematic elimination of those people with divergent po-

litical philosophies.

In the speech which the late President never got to deliver he characterized these people as those "perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility."

"Other voices are heard in the land," he said, "voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality, wholly unsuited to the '60s, doctrines which apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory and that peace is a sign of weakness."

"At a time when we are steadily reducing the number of federal employees serving every thousand citizens, they fear those supposed hordes of civil servants far more than the actual hordes of opposing armies."

"We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will 'talk sense to the American people.' But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense."

John F. Kennedy spoke with optimism and confidence. An optimism in our future and confidence in our system to realize that bright future.

It must not happen that this man's death be used for a cause which he so bitterly detested in life.

### Freedom

The New York Times

J. Edgar Hoover has told a youth group in New York that he would bar Communist spokesmen from college campuses because their ideas can "win the allegiance of American youth."

We think that the F.B.I. director underestimates the intelligence of American students and seriously narrows the concept of academic freedom. The Communists have been notoriously unsuccessful in their campus recruitment. One reason may be that when students are permitted to learn about Communism, its secretive glamour is stripped away.

American college students have invited and heard many repugnant persons and ideas in recent months. Racism, radical rightism and Communism have been preached—and debated openly—at major universities. "If you expect a nation to be ignorant and free," Thomas Jefferson once said, "you expect what never was and never will be." That's what academic freedom is all about.

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### Letters To The Editors

## Winston Residents React

### Keep Out!

Editors, The Daily Tar Heel,

Have things become so desperate that every dimwit who can hit a typewriter must be given space in *The Daily Tar Heel*? We refer to the article written by one Bob Cade of Parker Hall in Wednesday's edition: as far as we can ascertain there is no such individual residing in either Parker Hall or the University. Since there are a few students who are so naive as to accept the DTH as a properly edited newspaper, we feel that we must defend the good name of Winston Hall.

Disgusting indeed. We refer to the "perceptive" individual who finds it disgusting that he and a friend from Winston Hall (a doubtful statement) observed two live females entering the men's room in the eastmost section of the first floor of Winston during the reception following the Miami game. Perhaps Mr. Cade should have gathered the facts before he began shouting to the world about this situation.

The men of Winston have long recognized the necessity of providing bathroom facilities for girls when we are having a reception in our social room. Perhaps Mr. Cade would be willing to further enlighten us by providing us with another solution to this problem. Mr. Cade himself has committed the error because the bathroom was clearly marked "Ladies Only." Come now Mr. Cade, maybe your wondering eyes were out of focus because not eight short steps away was another bathroom without a sign on it. And for your information there are also a grand total of fifteen (count 'em) other bathrooms in our hall. Maybe Parker has only one bathroom so we can well understand your stupidity.

Mr. Cade remarks, "My friend and I did not go into the men's room while the girls were in there, but we did feel that our privacy was being invaded." We wish to remind Mr. Cade that he is obviously using the word "privacy" very loosely as there was no invitation for him to use our bathroom, especially one marked ladies only. Doesn't Mr. Cade feel that such a sign excludes him? We think so. And so do the other 200 residents of Winston Hall.

Mr. Cade, we respectfully re-

### Our Privilege

Editors, The Tar Heel,

I think a few misconceptions as to the exact status of women visiting in men's residence halls, namely Winston Hall, should be cleared up—in particular, as related to the women who were seen by Mr. Bob Cade going into a restroom in Winston after last Saturday's ball game.

Winston Hall, along with many others, has earned the privilege of not only allowing women inside the hall, but also of having a reception for residents of Winston and their dates after ball games. At the time in question, there was a reception in progress. It lasted about two hours, and during this time I think it rather polite to provide a restroom for women. In fact one particular restroom had a sign on the door announcing that it was for women ONLY. There were three other restrooms available for men on the first floor alone, and surely it was not too much to ask that men use one of these three and leave the other one free for women. I don't believe that Mr. Cade was forced to use the one and only restroom designated for women. Moreover, the women would probably have been as startled as Mr. Cade said he was if they had seen a man go into their restroom.

As to the man seen walking down the hall with his clothes off, the residents of Winston have been told that during the hours when women are allowed in the social room, the men should behave themselves accordingly. This case must have been one of forgetfulness, for few men, I think, want to deliberately make an exhibition of themselves in front of women.

In the future, Mr. Cade, I think it advisable to use a restroom for men rather than one designated for women and to investigate situations more fully before you criticize and possibly undermine progress that has been made in a positive direction—namely that of allowing men the privilege of having their dates come inside the residence halls.

Jim Medford  
414 Winston

### Now THIS

Editors, The Tar Heel,

Today the power of South Building was once again displayed. The office of the Dean of Men passed a final judgment on the "quality" and type of float to be permitted in the Beat Dook Parade. Admittedly the float had qualities that to some might be gross, but to the majority just pure humor. The proposed float was vetoed on the grounds that it "might put pressure on the University in light of last year's parade." To be sure last year things did get a little out of hand, but why try to do another extreme?

The University is screaming about the State Legislation controlling the academic life of the University by regulating its speakers. Will someone please point out the difference this "Speaker Ban Bill" and the "Float Ban Bill" that has been imposed upon us by the "Gods of South Building!"

As it now stands the students at Carolina are steadily losing the Lilliputian freedom that we have had. First it was the Apartment Rule, the Student Faculty Review Board, and now THIS! When will it stop? We should be able to see a few floats, if listening to "communist" speakers will not corrupt us! ! !

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307 Ruffin

### Beet Dook

Editors, The Tar Heel,

The circle of Negro and white

### POGO

Editors, The Tar Heel,

YOU HEAR ABOUT THE NEW SPACE SHIP CARRIES YOU RIGHT AROUND THE WORLD! 25,000 M.P.H.

YOU CAN START OFF FROM NEW YORK AND GET BACK THERE IN ONLY A HOUR!

BUT YOU COULD HAVE STOOD RIGHT WHERE YOU WERE AN HOUR!

THAT'S THE OLD WAY... VERY UNSOPHISTICATED.

PROGRESS! WHERE WILL IT ALL END?

NOT WHERE... BUT WHEN? THAT'S THE QUESTION.

## Currently by Fred Seely

One of UNC's oldest traditions is frat-baiting.

The Daily Tar Heel, through the years, has contributed to this tradition with editorials decrying the existence of the fraternity system at UNC, and with the election of Gary Blanchard and Dave Ethridge as editors it was hoped by many that the DTH would adopt a constructive attitude.

But, unfortunately, that hope has faded.

In an editorial Thursday, the co-editors called for a campus-wide referendum on the fraternity system, claiming the student body should vote on three choices: (1) Leave the system as it is, (2) Do away with any fraternity which has discriminatory clauses or "gentlemen's agreements," or (3) Open the system to anyone who wishes to join.

The latter proposal is the one which they favor. Their contention is that it is wrong for the Jews and Negroes of North Carolina to pay taxes to support an institution which recognizes private social discriminatory organizations, therefore the fraternities and sororities which choose to discriminate should either be forced to take anybody or be done away with.

They ask the Student Legislature to authorize a referendum to be presented to the student body, and "The results would dictate whether the fraternity system is to become a truly effective community force, as it is elsewhere, or whether it is to remain the artificial, ingrown order which currently prevails at Carolina."

Would the fraternity system at UNC be a "truly effective community force" if houses were required to take anybody who wanted to join? It seems to me that one has very little to do with the other.

Now, where else is the "total opportunity" fraternity system in operation? The editors cite Brown, Amherst and Dartmouth. At these schools every man who wishes to join a fraternity can do so, as the ones who do not receive a bid are assigned to a house.

The editorial claims that "Many people are not bothered by a fraternity or sorority rejection, but many are cruelly hurt by the rejection... (and)... in most cases they are the ones who most need the companionship and sense of belonging to a fraternity or sorority can offer."

Does it follow that a person would be happy in a living unit in which his presence is not desired? I think not.

From talking to various acquaintances of mine from the North, I learn that fraternity systems at Brown, Amherst and Dartmouth are not exactly a "vital and constructive force in the whole social pattern." Instead, they are little more than eating clubs in which companionship is merely a facade and community service is nil.

My fraternity has a chapter at Amherst, and several years ago the "total community" system forced them to pledge a Negro. The boy was outstanding in every respect, and served the chapter well during his four years. But this is not to say that it would work at UNC.

I cannot believe that a Negro would fit into any house on this campus and, in many houses, the presence of a Jewish boy would be extremely touchy.

UNC, for all its liberalism, is still a Southern university. It is not Dartmouth, Brown or Amherst. The student body is predominantly conservative, and if the referendum was held the first proposal, "Leave the system as it is," would be the overwhelming winner. Of course, there is no chance that the proposal would ever reach a vote, as it would have to be approved by Student Legislature, and there are very few members of that body who would even consider the measure.

A Negro member of a UNC fraternity is not likely for several years. One house invited three colored students back for every night of this fall's rush, but in the end took no action. It is doubtful that they will change their minds for some time.

If they choose to accept a Negro, it is their right, and the IFC would not consider criticizing them. But it is also the house's right to reject the boys, even if the rejection was only because they were of a different race.

There are many instances in which the rights of Negro citizens have been trampled upon. But one cannot correct these wrongs by trampling upon the rights of private citizens, in this case the members of fraternities and sororities.

When the time comes that a fraternity or sorority is forced to take somebody, that will be the time the fraternity system ceases being any kind of a community force.

## A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By ARMISTEAD MAUPIN, JR.

Last weekend we received Enlightenment.

At that time, almost 100 students from the Carolinas and Virginia descended upon N.C.S.-U.N.C.R. (State College) for the long-awaited National Student Association regional conference of 1963. We had always heard of the N.S.A. Now, as a delegate, we were to witness first hand the valuable service it performs for the colleges that support it.

A schedule of seminars, speeches, and panel discussions highlighted the event, instilling in all of those present an acute sense of dedication and responsibility. But, like all good things, it was over much too soon, leaving only poignant memories for the delegates to ponder on. Here are just a few of the inspirational moments that we will remember:

—The keynote address by NSA National Affairs Vice President Joel Sharkey, in which state legislatures, United States Congressmen, teachers, alumni, veterans, and old ladies were chastised for their frequent encroachment upon academic freedom.

—A conversation with Mr. Sharkey, who assured us that the Soviet Union has more freedom than Mississippi.

—The statement: "It sure is interesting to see a conservative here. Of course, I don't agree with a thing you have to say but..."

—The eloquent Malakai Greene of Charlotte College who drew spontaneous applause from the fans with his declaration that, "We are a fair body and we are a liberal body!"

—The statement: "It sure is interesting to see a conservative here. Of course, I don't agree with a thing you have to say but..."

## Reviews

All the Paintings of Vermeer, by Vitale Bloch, translated by Michael Kitson, Hawthorn Books, Inc., \$3.95.

By B. KEATING

This volume of "The Complete Library of World Art," published by Hawthorn Books is a great boon for the Vermeer fan. It contains all the pictures that can be definitely attributed to Jan Vermeer. An excellent text presents the reader with an ingenious accompaniment to this collection of black and white and color plates. Having the artist's works in one volume as the series is wont to do, provides the reader with a maturing knowledge of each painting and the artist as a person.

## Beat Dook

By Walt Kelly

