

The Daily Tar Heel

70 Years of Editorial Freedom

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It's A Long Way From To To For

Mike Lawler's recent request to the student body for a boycott of all segregated places of public accommodation in Chapel Hill has been much misunderstood, and in some cases, purposely misrepresented.

Some students felt that Lawler, as President of the student body, was trying to speak for all students and all students didn't feel the same way. This impression has been reinforced by some members of the student legislature who opposed Lawler on this issue, and they have done it by consciously misrepresenting the case.

The point is, Mike Lawler did not speak for the student body, he spoke to it. He spoke in the same fashion that the President of the United States speaks to the people when he asks for support for his legislative program. Obviously not everyone agrees with him, but he, and Lawler like him, are elected to lead, and lead they should.

When President Johnson asks the nation for passage of the civil rights bill, he is performing his duties as chief legislator and opinion former, duties he was elected to perform. When Mike Lawler does the same thing he too is performing duties he was elected to perform.

We elected him to lead, and when he requests something of us he is doing just that. That fact that we might disagree with what he asks at times does not mean that he has overstepped the bounds of his office.

Lawler specifically did not address himself to the legal question of whether a public accommodations law is constitutional or not, or whether a man has the legal right to choose whom he wishes to serve. These are thorny arguments with reasonable positions to be found on each side, and Lawler, because he is the elected leader, did not delve into the question.

Only at one point in his speech to the legislature did Lawler presume to speak for the student body. He said, "I am certain we believe with unanimity that discrimination on the basis of race in public facilities is morally indefensible. . . Upon what basis can you and I support a restaurant owner who refuses service to a fellow student because his skin is black? Legal questions . . . yes; ques-

tions of human dignity . . . no."

It is obvious that Lawler asked the students to withdraw their patronage from these segregated establishments on moral grounds, not on legal grounds. He may be mistaken, and he most likely is, that every student at Carolina feels that discrimination is morally indefensible, but we feel sure that he spoke for an overwhelming majority. Even several of the backers of the anti-boycott petition have made it plain that they cannot morally justify racial discrimination. They of course feel this to be secondary to the legal consideration of the man's right to serve whom he pleases.

The Student Legislature is in the same position essentially that Lawler is in. Members of that body are elected more on the basis of leadership ability than on any other question. The fact that they, as campus leaders, also urge the boycott, does not mean their constituents necessarily take the same position.

There has been no attempted power grab in student government nor any attempt to ride rough-shod over student opinion. Rather there has been responsible student government action in the face of an extremely important and pressing question that involves us all very deeply, whether we choose to recognize it or not.

If more students would read President Lawler's full statement and the Resolution passed by the Student Legislature (which will be published tomorrow), they might have a much clearer view of what the problem really is.

It might also be interesting to examine the President's motives for requesting this boycott. He certainly knew that it would gain him nothing politically, which it hasn't. But he requested this boycott, and hoped that it might, if successful, become a substitute for street demonstrations and sit-ins. This sort of substitution is to be greatly desired, as is any form of action that will take the demonstrations out of the streets of Chapel Hill and still insure progress in the area of human rights and dignity.

In requesting this form of action, Lawler was only acting in the best interest of the University and its student body and the town of Chapel Hill.

Utilizing Our Natural Resources

Old East Residence Hall got its Lecture Series underway Tuesday night, and the occasion ought to be recorded. It's the first such instance of student initiative in this area that we've heard of this year.

About 65 people braved the wind and rain to get to Howell Hall auditorium and hear Dr. Harold A. Bierck of the History Department and Dr. John D. Martz of the Institute of Latin American Studies discuss the complicated Panama Canal situation.

Howell Hall holds a lot more than 65 people, but as far as Old East President Dailey Derr is concerned, the program was a success.

"It would have been disappointing," said Derr, "except for the fact that it was raining and those who came were

quite responsive."

Clearly, there is a desire for programs of this type. It is to the credit of Derr and his Old East roommates that they care enough about what's going on to provide forums for experts in different areas of current interest.

As we recall, Ruffin Residence Hall last year, but it seems to have folded had a Forum program similar to this up.

We hope that Old East's success will serve as a spur to Ruffin and other Residence Halls to see about setting up similar programs.

The amount of expertise on this campus which goes neglected because of a lack of apparent student interest and initiative should be reduced. Such programs as Old East presented Tuesday night is a great way to do this, in a manner that redounds to everyone's advantage.

Just A Note

Just a note to remind interested students that they still have an opportunity to get a look at what the Peace Corps is all about without much difficulty.

A movie of Peace Corps volunteers in action will be shown tonight at 6:15 and 7 p.m. in Murphey Hall, and the information table in the lobby of the YWCA Building in Y-Court will be in operation throughout the day.

Students interested in joining the Corps after graduation can apply now on the Senior Year Program and take the qualifying exams right here on the campus.

Students accepted into the Corps will go through the first part of their training this summer.

The Peace Corps has proven its worth. Among other things, it provides American college students with a chance to prove theirs.

Council, Cartoon Draw Criticism

Campus Code

Editors, The Tar Heel:

It saddens me to see that the day of the UNC Campus Code is no more. This code states that UNC students are to act as ladies and gentlemen at all times and to see that their fellow students act in the same gentlemanly manner.

By condoning the racial demonstrations the student government and parts of the university administration destroy the very foundation on which our campus code is based.

Volume 67 of "The Carolina Handbook" states in the section on the campus code: "Miscellaneous, AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES, is a reflection upon the University as well as upon the student." I imagine that by now most of the student demonstrators have police records, which is tragic in itself, and therefore have no more self-respect. These people should be exceptions to the latter part of the above statement. The major concern is that these students and faculty members who demonstrate ARE a reflection on The

University. Although only a small part of the University community takes part, these are the ones that make UNC lose face in the nation. This is hardly fitting for the oldest state university in the Country.

Unfortunately, though, this seems to be the growing trend so I would like to suggest that future editions of "The Carolina Handbook" omit the part on the Campus Code and possibly insert pictures of the UNC demonstrators in its place.

Anthony Morris Gardiner 106 Aycock Hall

Cartoon

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I feel called up to protest the blatantly unprincipled attack which the Daily Tar Heel unleashed upon Armistead Maupin and Clark Crampton in the vicious "cartoon" in the Sunday, Feb. 16 issue of the DTH.

I know both Crampton and Maupin well. Both are gentlemen, perhaps not in the DTH sense of a gentleman being one

who stages sit-ins and violates the law because the law violates his conscience, but in the sense of men who believe in abiding by the law and the moral codes by which society exists.

Both Mr. Crampton and Mr. Maupin believe fully as deeply in what they are fighting for as do the Daily Tar Heel editors and CORE believe in what they are fighting for. To place Mr. Crampton and Mr. Maupin in the same category as Mrs. Watts would be laughable if it were not so basically untruthful and libelous.

Perhaps the DTH fears Mr. Crampton and Mr. Maupin because they have chosen to fight with words and not with blows, bombs or crudities along the lines of a Mrs. Watts. Hence the savage cartoon with its attempt to vilify these two students.

I am not in agreement with Mr. Maupin or Mr. Crampton; I believe that they represent an intransigent and archaic attitude which must pass if the South is to progress. But neither am I in agreement with the radical and unrealistic policies of CORE and the DTH which are

like a corrosive acid eating away at the foundations of American constitutional liberties.

But this is not the point. The crux of the matter is this. If the DTH editors cannot combat its opponents in a reasonable, lucidly logical manner, but must resort to underhanded smears, then it is time for them to step down and let others, more competent to run a college daily, assume their positions.

Gentlemen, by printing the unprincipled cartoon of Sunday, February 16, you have perpetrated a foul piece of degradation, not upon your intended victims, but upon yourselves.

Charles B. Neely, Jr. 206 Teague Dorm

Lawlerism

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Through the recent boycott squabble, the defenders of Lawlerism have been telling us what a great job of leading the Student Body the 22 Lawleristic legislators are doing. I seem to remember that these Legislators, when they were candidates, sought the right to REPRESENT us, some of them even promising to bring the Student Government closer to their constituents. Somehow, I can't recall a single one of them issuing the campaign statement: "A great prophet has come from California. I am his disciple. Together we shall lead you out of the wilderness of your own ignorance."

The democratic spirit of Lawler's following has again made itself evident in the postponement of Student Government elections. Arthur Hays provided five semi-legitimate reasons for the later date, all handily refuted by Don Carson. Phil Baddour, the disciple whom Lawler loves, gave a much more believable motivation. Phil told me that the date changing had been enacted in order to give the campus time to cool off after the boycott controversy. It doesn't seem quite in keeping with the other principles of true Lawlerism that the chosen ones should wish to cool off anything, but the ways of divine leaders are not always those of ordinary mortals.

There are several of us still around who remember when the Messianic Michael could be found any night of the week at Harry's, with his unshaven cheeks, his unwashed jeans, and his very nearly unshod feet. Lawler seems to be a North Hollywood Moses, who never realized that sandals do not a prophet make, nor legislative acts a leader.

Dave Sentelle 201 Stacy

Gallant Knights

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Being an extremely bright, alert, and constantly aware individual, I am happy to say that it has taken only six months for me to grasp your stand on such issues as the Speaker Ban Law and integration.

Of course, had it not been for your tireless efforts of keeping me informed of the developments day after day after day after day, I might easily have missed your point. Boy, you guys sure are subtle. I guess we at Carolina are just plain lucky to have such individuals of your caliber to keep us on the ball. Without your continuous stream of new and exciting articles, I would still be the uninformed and dull person I was six months ago.

There are, however, some members of our student body who have not yet understood exactly what you are trying to convey to them. They are not as sharp as I am and on their behalf I request that you continue your flow of information concerning these two topics. With your diverse and unbiased presentation of these two events of interest to the students, I feel that in only four or five more months you will have reached all the students and freed them from the shackles of ignorance and

prejudice as you have freed me. I have the utmost confidence that you will not shirk from this courageous task.

Ride on Gallant Knights!

Frank Eiland 107 Plank Road

A Proclamation

Editors, The Tar Heel:

We, the undersigned, would like to have it known that, even though we may not approve of all the tactics employed by CORE, we agree with its ideals. Although most of us have no desire to become involved in the Civil Rights Demonstrations and have never carried a picket's sign, we intend to at least do our own small part by boycotting those businesses which refuse to admit that all men are equal, regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

Sincerely,

- Bill Gernon
Rev. James E. Kelly
Nancy Garlin
Bruce Cooper
Bernard Spielvogel
Donna Spielvogel
James B. Neal, Jr.
Peter A. Harkness
Randi Lea Passamanek
John Gulick
Patricia Taylor
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LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel encourages its readers to express their views on any subject of interest, but reminds them that space requirements place certain restrictions on length.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not longer than two pages in length. As the editorial page is made up one or two days in advance, and the volume of correspondence is often quite large, letters may not appear until several days after they are submitted. We will make every effort, however, to print ALL letters that do not violate standards of good taste, and which bear the name and address of the sender. Names can be withheld only under most unusual circumstances.

Heelprints

Czechoslovakian requesting asylum in West Germany: "Can you cache a Czech?"

Definition: Drunk driving—putting the quart before the hearse.

We knew that picketing was getting to be commonplace in Chapel Hill, but Sunday at the Pines it got downright Methodical.

A news report last week announced that a course in skiing is now being taught at Appalachian State Teacher's College.

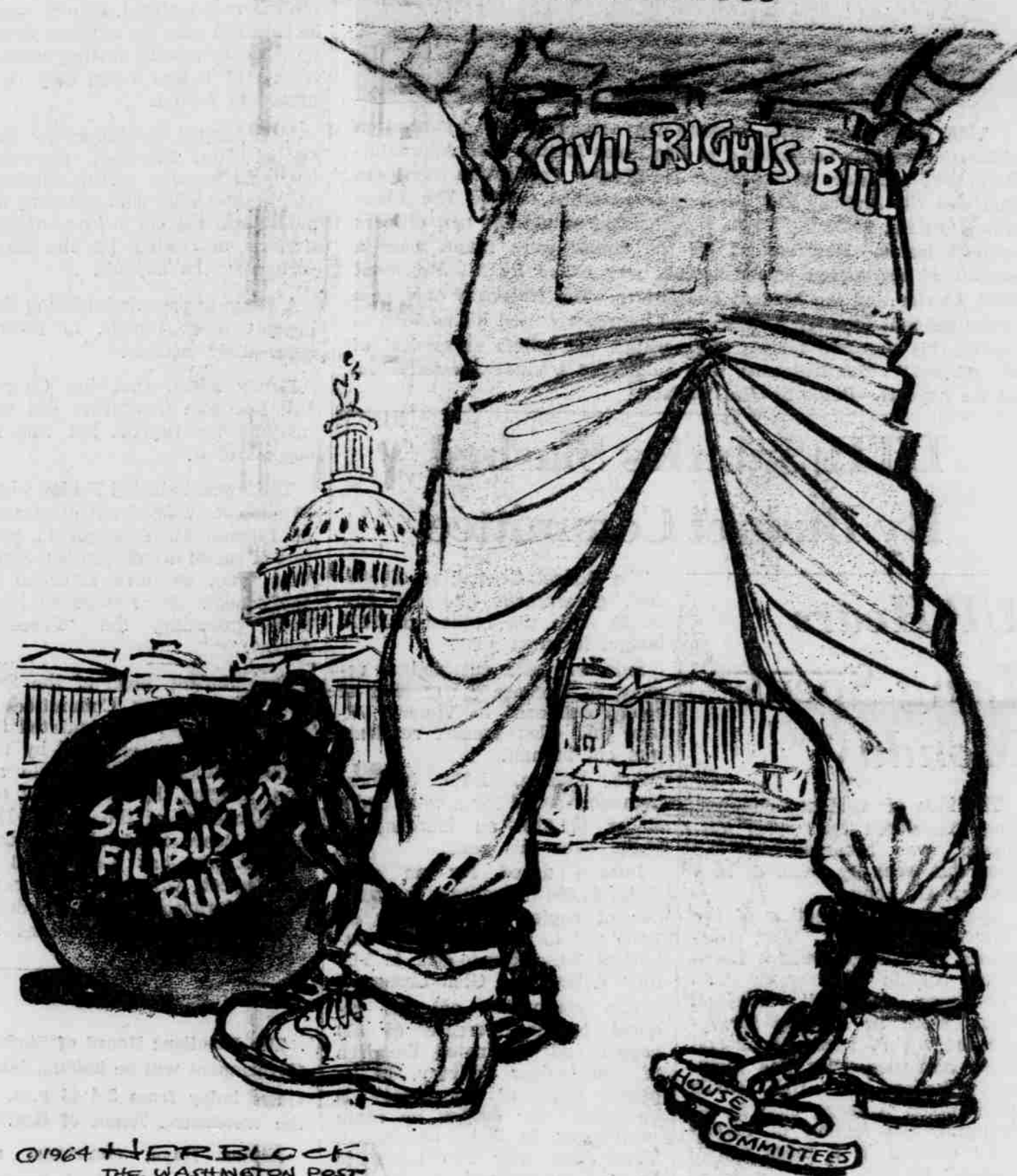
The instructor grades on the slope rather than on the curve.

It's beginning to look as if the courts think that in a trial of the President of the Teamsters, they Hoffa declare him not guilty.

Then there's the Chapel Hill forecaster doll—you wind it up and it can't decide weather or not.

The way the date of spring elections has been leaping around, we suggest February 29 as an ideal date.

Half Slave And Half Free



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Book Review

Reviewer Says 'Late Liz' Is Same Old Soap Opera

By DIANE HILE

"The Late Liz," by Gert Behanna. 283 pgs.

History is history—facts is facts, man, and once you know 'em you've heard 'em before.

In the great tradition of the soap opera, "I'll Cry Tomorrow" and True Confessions, we have . . . (fanfare please) . . . "The Late Liz," starring Gert Behanna, girl wonder of the Waldorf Astoria.

You know the book, its paperback with the sexy dame on the black cover, with all the impressive quotes from various newspapers. It sells for 50 cents at your nearest friendly bookstore!

This is truly a true confession. It's an "uncensored," "to hell and back" account that has "complete candor and sensible evaluations," Gert Behanna, this is your life.

To begin at the beginning of our historical venture, we pause briefly at the entrance of Astorland. The ticket keeper is big Daddy Sam, the self made man. He gives little Liz a gold glittered ticketbook to try all the rides and spills that await her. However, he made a mistake when he gave her the exit ticket.

For some reason, he stamped her head instead of her hand. So we have to follow this little girl through the lands of frontier, adventure and fantasy—shedding a husband each go 'round. Some-

times the girl is floating, sometimes she's drugged, but all the time she's selfish and convinced she's wonderful.

At the end of fantasyland we have a brief interlude to rest our weary feet as Liz gets sick from too many rides and tries to escape. But her "spirits" are lifted, she finds God and herself and merrily we go off into tomorrowland.

I must mention Liz's two sons. One got tired out before he reached fantasyland. However, he rejoined us before we closed the book in the place marked tomorrowland, thus assuring a happy ending.

This book is far from great. It's just the story of a girl who hits Skid Row, or as she says a "Skid Row with silk sheets." With blood and guts she pulls herself out.

We are given the facts. Liz has money, is looking for something, worships her father, knows she drinks too much, knows she's smart and an individual, likes men, loves her sons and floats from bar to bar. We know in the end, she finds God and herself.

But she commits the sin of humdrum writing. She tells you she is going on an exciting ride before she pays for the ticket—thus making the clumsy details boring. She analyzes to the extent that there is no challenge to the reader, he soon becomes so spoon fed that it is easy to put

the book down. Her story is a real lulu—but the book is a bore.

The highlights of the book are when Liz is seen through someone else's eyes. It is then that the faint hearted tremble. These brief interludes come as a welcome change to the constant self analyzes and superficial descriptions. They play on the quick witty answers of the tight tornado she really was.

Her whirlwind personality still persists, though in the book she would have you think she became the shy bleeding rose of humanity. Obviously, her speeches on the college campuses have proved this picture to be false.

I doubt this book will knock you completely out of your chair as some of her speeches are reputed to have done. She stifles her personality and in turn, stifles the story. Her whiplash remarks get lost between the tongue and the pen.

This book was not destined to have been a sensationalized "shocker." No woman who has fought so hard to find herself and God would want to see her book "Banned in Boston." Nevertheless, it should have been presented in a more interesting and less plodding style.

It is recommended that Gert Behanna's next book be written by someone who knows how to make the reader want to get to page 283 before he's lived as long and hard as Liz.