

Distinguished Profs Extinguish Students

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Beware of non-Greeks bearing gifts.

There was an army of pleas inside the wooden "M" presented to Assistant Professor William Geer by Craige Hall the other day.

Geer, one of the two faculty members to win the Tanner Award twice, received a plaque from Maverick House for his work as an "outstanding professor."

Although not even a Ph.D., Geer is highly respected by his colleagues in the History Department and is one of the few universally popular teachers on campus.

Why? Because Mr. Geer likes students to the point that he goes out of his way to spend time with them.

Most professors do not have the personality or the time to do this.

This was one of the major points made by faculty members attending the student-faculty-administration conference on residence colleges in Reidsville, shortly before vacation.

"Not only do we not have the time to spend outside the classroom, but we shouldn't take the time," one professor said.

"University professors are not nurse maids, they are scholars. They have their hands full with their courses and with research in their fields."

The concept seems to be that a history or a chemistry professor is a professional historian or chemist rather than a teacher. The attitude given at this conference was that the principle concern of the faculty member should be with his subject.

The argument continues that by doing research and by keeping up to date in his field, the professor will be that much better in his lecture. He will talk with the student about the course during office hours, but he has no time outside of that.

Students at the conference were disturbed by this view, but were happy to see that these same professors had taken a weekend off and travelled 55 miles to talk with students outside the classroom about problems involving the campus as a whole and students in particular.

Not all faculty members share this view, in theory or in practice, however, and Geer is one.

Such men go into teaching with their primary interest in teaching itself rather than devotion to their particular field.

But these men are in a minority in college teaching today. The emphasis in hiring and in promotions is on excellence in the field, in scholarship. Departments don't hire a man because "he gets along with students."

The University is hot on the heels of a national reputation, and reputations are built on what your faculty publishes. UNC is a lot better than most of its competitors in that the top publishing professors are not siphoned off into graduate schools far from the clutches of the immersed undergraduate. Nor is the pressure terribly great to publish.

Students hold a different view of the faculty member. They often do not understand what his problems and his priorities are.

His view is unrealistic, but it is not without foundation.

For a faculty member, just like any other citizen, must have more than his own self-interest at heart. Certainly he should be concerned about the welfare of others, particularly those who are in pursuit of similar goals. This means more than teaching the student well in the classroom and allowing him to come into the office every now and then. It means participating in University affairs and rubbing elbows with one's peers as well as the students.

One of the shocking facts of our university life is the lack of communication between faculty members of different departments.

Clearly this is the meaning of the plague given by Maverick House. These students know little or nothing about Geer's publications. What they do know is that he teaches well in the classroom and is willing to come back and speak to them in the residence hall.

He participates in campus activities through the YMC-YWCA and Graham Memorial. He is one of the most popular out-of-class lecturers and discussion leaders on campus, and he does not mind sitting over a cup of coffee to talk about something of no relevancy to history.

Heaven knows where he finds the time, but Mr. Geer is one of the best TEACHERS on this campus.

Distinguished professors are admirable and we often have reason to be very proud they are here. We just wish they weren't quite so distinguished all the time.



William Geer



Letters To The Editors

Chancellor Is Challenged

University Lacks Social Conscience

Editors, The Tar Heel:

The text of Chancellor Sharp's address to the UNC Faculty Club (published in the Tar Heel Tuesday) leaves a number of perplexing questions.

The Chancellor states that "all this attention focused on a few unchaven, dirty young men whose hero instinct drives them into intellectual ghettos really misses the point," in reference to the beatniks; yet he spends five paragraphs severely criticizing the dress, lack of cleanliness and attitudes of this unshaven group.

Chancellor Sharp then goes on to attack the beardless beatniks whom he defines as those with "intellectual pointlessness, social irresponsibility and self-gratification... oscillating violently between antagonism and conformity." This broad statement covers about 70 per cent of the student body (this is a modest estimate).

It is difficult to think of anything more intellectually pointless than the present grading system at the University. I'm sure most professors would agree with me. However, a large portion of the student body (even the graduate students who unfortunately have recently been ensnared in the grading system) strive for grades giving little importance to the knowledge and understanding they are gaining.

The general greeting between students on campus is indicative of this attitude i.e., "How are your grades coming along?" Why does the administration of this University perpetuate and insist upon this intellectually pointless system?

The civil rights demonstrations last year revealed the social irresponsibility firmly implanted in the University. The psychologists, anthropologists and sociologists at the University tell us that Negroes are not innately inferior to the Caucasians. Our country has long been proud of the freedom and equality guaranteed to all men in our Constitution.

A small but determined group of socially responsible students wanted to make human rights a reality in Chapel Hill appeal-

ing to the other students and townspeople to help them in their cause. Few responded.

Most students continued to patently support segregation by patronizing the segregated stores and restaurants. The Board of Aldermen twice rejected a local public accommodations law. Although there is now a national civil rights bill, segregation is still plainly visible in Chapel Hill, e. g., employment, housing, etc.

Recently I read a statement in which Dean Cathey, while serving jury duty at the Orange County Superior Court, announced himself to Judge Raymond Mallard and praised the latter for all the good he has done for the University.

Everyone knows what unduly harsh sentences the demonstrators received in Judge Mallard's court, especially after the Civil Rights Bill was passed. Does Dean Cathey's remark reflect the administration's point of view on this "Mississippi" justice? Is this being socially responsible?

Let me extend this social responsibility to the legislators of the state. Last year they felt it their social and moral duty to protect the minds of the students in North Carolina and passed the Gag Law. President Johnson has extended an invitation to the new leaders of Russia to visit the United States. We at UNC are forbidden to see these men because we may be corrupted.

Why hasn't there been a massive protest against this odious law? Doesn't positive action against injustices rather than submission to them? Where are the students at the University of North Carolina?

They are buried in their grades, fraternities, sororities and football games not wishing to upset and, in many instances, not being aware of their apathy toward social responsibility.

Chancellor Sharp chose to attack those few whom he labels "bearded and beardless beatniks" overlooking the indifference, social irresponsibility and intellectual pointlessness found in the vast majority of the student body, our pragmatic overlords in the legislature, and the present education system which stifles intellectual and social growth.

Why? I hope Chancellor Sharp can clarify some of my questions.

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The LBJ Show Was A Giveaway

Editors, The Tar Heel:

A man named Mr. L. B. Johnson made a speech Monday night, taking up about \$500,000 worth of the air time. Considering the amount of money the networks gave up to broadcast this speech, it must have been important. So I thought some people who missed the speech or didn't get the gist of it might want to know what was said.

This fellow Mr. Johnson was really out to win friends. He kept telling how he and those other men in that big chamber were going to help just about everybody. There's no way to get a flock of friends like giving things away. The words he kept using were: "We are going to help (he said "give" sometimes)..."

I guess he meant that he and those other men there are going to pool their own money and give it away to all those different groups he named. It certainly did sound like there would be quite a bill to foot for their "Great Give-Away" when they got through. Young people, old people, farmers, cities, schools, parks, men without jobs and just about everybody is on the list.

I wonder why he left out men who work hard to provide for themselves, if anyone deserves to be rewarded, these men do.

Like I say, Mr. Johnson is really trying to make friends, he sounded right hospitable when he invited the Russian leaders to come over here and visit and to go on TV like he did. Maybe this is what he and his friends mean by their "wait and see" foreign policy.

I guess the people who saw and heard Mr. Johnson's TV show were kind of reminded of those give-away quiz shows that use to be on TV. It's too bad they had to go, but they turned out to be a big swindle, didn't they?

Kenneth Counts
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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By ARMISTEAD MAUPIN, JR.

In a recent Playboy interview, the Reverend Martin Luther King proposed a \$50 billion federal program "to rehabilitate the traditionally disadvantaged Negro" in America today. The program, as the pastor sees it, would be one of "preferential selection." That is, it would apply only to Negroes, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

The projected consequences of such a program would be interesting, to say the least. Imagine, if you will, that you are watching television on a quiet evening several years from now...

COMMENTATOR: This is Charles Collingfield in Wiley Junction, Alabama. This tiny hamlet is a different place today. One almost forgets that barely two years ago Wiley Junction was a hotbed of bigotry and fear. Today, there is a decided air of equality about one place that lets you know that, even in the South, the Great Society can become the Great Reality.

Our special guest this evening is Dr. Geoffrey Phipps-Fonville, a gentleman who has a most unique story to tell us. Dr. Phipps-Fonville, I believe you hold the distinction of being the first Negro ever appointed to high public office in Alabama?

DR. PHIPPS-FONVILLE: Yes, Charles, that is correct.

ANNOUNCER: Would you please tell us, sir, what is the nature of your position.

DR. P-F: Certainly. I am state director of the Fund for Racial Economic Equality. We call it FREE, for short. We feel that name symbolizes the true essence of our objectives.

ANNOUNCER: Yes, I see. Tell me, Dr. Phipps-Fonville, what are your specific administrative duties? What is typical day like for you?

DR. P-F: Well, Charles, my office is on the first floor of the Wiley Junction City Hall. The checks from Washington usually come in about the first of the week, and it is my job to distribute them equitably. A line will generally form outside my door at noon, and I'm busy

most of the day. ANNOUNCER: As I understand it, Dr. Phipps-Fonville, these government checks are available only to Negroes, is that correct?

DR. P-F: Yes, Charles, that is correct. We feel that this is the only equitable way to elevate the Negro to his rightful place in society. Incidentally, Charles, we occasionally run into difficulties along those lines.

ANNOUNCER: Difficulties? DR. P-F: Yes, impersonators, you know. Whites. We try to keep them out, but occasionally one or two will slip in.

ANNOUNCER: Oh, I see.

DR. P-F: It's amazing what those people will do to sponge off the government. Most of them claim they're orphans. They'll tell you their grandfathers were slaves or a mammy or something. They claim they've passed over. I've gotten fairly good at spotting them.

ANNOUNCER: Do you run up against these impersonators often?

DR. P-F: Oh, once or twice a day. Some of the hoaxes are quite elaborate. Not to mention the disguises.

ANNOUNCER: Disguises? DR. P-F: You know, burnt cork and shoe polish and all that. Pretty rudimentary stuff, but they really go all out. That's really their problem, Charles. They overdo it every time and it really gives them away. We had one like that last week.

ANNOUNCER: Would you mind relating that incident, Dr. Phipps-Fonville?

DR. P-F: It wasn't much, Charles. The watermelon was a dead giveaway.

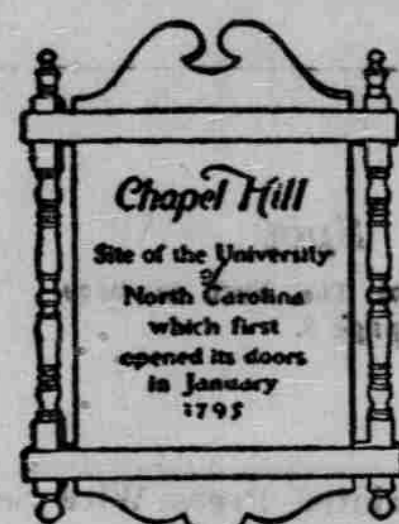
ANNOUNCER: Watermelon? DR. P-F: Right there in the hallway. He was eating it. I knew something was up. It was just a little too much.

ANNOUNCER: I see your point.

DR. P-F: You see how it is, Charles. I don't want to exaggerate. The whites are basically a happy lot. We don't have much trouble with them in Wiley Junction. Just as long as they stay in their place.

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John Motley Morehead - 1870 - 1965

The passing of John Motley Morehead brings grief to the hearts of everyone who loves and reveres Chapel Hill.

His contribution to UNC cannot really be measured in values or, indeed, words. It is a contribution which is an integral part of our daily lives, and it will be with us as long as this beautiful University town exists.

John Motley Morehead was more than a philanthropist. He was a man of vision, and he has left among us a legacy which will endure for years and years, a legacy which will smeday leave a great mark on the state and give tremendous prestige to the University he loved so much.

The Morehead Scholars are undoubtedly the pride of Chapel Hill, and Mr. Morehead's foresight in instituting them has given UNC a vital key to outstanding secondary school students.

The prestige incumbent in these scholarships has brought to Chapel Hill many,

many students who were qualified for scholarships and grants elsewhere. Mr. Morehead's idea that the awards should stress not only academics, but service as well, has lured the best to Chapel Hill in the past and doubtless will in the future.

This is his greatest legacy to us, and in future years his idea will have brought great honor to Chapel Hill. The Morehead Scholars of today are certainly among the leaders of tomorrow.

John Motley Morehead lived a full life, a happy life, a satisfying life. His passing is a shock, as indeed it seemd as if the courageous little man could live forever.

But the memory of him will never pass away. It will live on as long as we have among us his sons—the Morehead Scholars. They are part of the future of the state and the nation, and the pride they bring to Chapel Hill will live as a monument to the good works and great foresight of John Motley Morehead.

The New Steps In Place Of The Old

The reins of North Carolina's state government changes hands today, but the signs are that the process will come so swiftly and naturally that the taut lines will not slacken even for a moment.

Dan Moore brings with him to the Governor's Mansion new ideas and new people, of course, but his appointments and actions in the two months since his election indicate that he will have little difficulty in keeping things running smoothly.

The new Governor's proposals and actions have shown unusual responsibility for an in-coming chief executive. He has met with officials of private power companies and rural co-ops in an attempt to prevent a showdown between the two; he has expressed his firm support for the state's crucial tobacco program; he has accepted membership on the governing boards of some of Governor Sanford's important projects, such as the Learning Institute of North Carolina (LINC); he has promised a strong effort in both education and industrial development; and he has appointed men of tested ability and stature to important posts. In short, he has prepared himself to move into the

Mansion with a minimum of difficulties.

As with all such change-overs, of course, a little time will pass before the new wheels are turning as smoothly as the old. Dan Moore will have to familiarize himself with the power of the governorship and learn to use it most efficiently. He has some political fences to mend, especially in Washington; and he will have to wait for the General Assembly to begin functioning at its peak before embarking on his personal projects.

North Carolinians will also find themselves with a Lieutenant Governor for the first time in almost four years when the new administration takes over. Governor Sanford's close friend and second in command, Cloyd Philpott, died early in his term, apparently with a great political future ahead of him. The void left by his passing will now be filled by young, able Robert Scott, son of the late Gov. W. Kerr Scott. His youthful and likeable personality will be important in the Moore administration, where his major role will be wielding the gavel in the Senate, a role which he can be expected to fill with authority and imagination.

Whatever is said by way of a prelude, of course, can be only that—a prelude. Only the events which the next four years bring will ultimately shape the tone and the achievements of Dan Moore's term as Governor of North Carolina. Certainly, he will find that his lofty post is sometimes lonely; but he is also sure to find that is a unique opportunity for service and accomplishment. Often, he will grow weary, but like all who have gone before him he will find himself sustained by the people of North Carolina with their dreams and visions. More often, certainly, if he performs well, he will find contentment in progress and satisfaction in the knowledge that he has given of himself for the betterment of Tar Heels everywhere.

Thus, as Terry Sanford's "New Day" passes and the newer day of Dan Moore dawns, we extend to him and those who will be vital cogs in his administration every good wish for success during the next four years.

The slogan "Good Government is a Habit in North Carolina" is never more applicable than at times such as these, when the scene changes and the burdens and joys of responsibility are passed from one man to another.

We are certain that Dan Moore can be counted upon to continue that habit.

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