

DTH Editorial Page

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And The Regular Season Ends

The Duke game brings an end to a season many are happy to see close. It has been a disappointing year for the team. They were rated as high as eighth in the nation in the pre-season polls, and now are fighting for their lives to finish in second or third place in the conference.

But, of course, the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament lies ahead. If the Heels beat the Blue Devils today (and we think that will be the case), then they will go into the dogfight next weekend as the favorites.

Despite the shoddy performance against Virginia Tuesday, the Tar Heels are the hottest team in the conference. They have hit their stride, and despite a record marred by eight losses, they are today the best around.

Judge Gwyn: A Man of Vision

From The Charlotte Observer

Judge Allen H. Gwyn is a man of breeding and genteel background who has spent 26 of his 71 years on the bench, dispensing justice to countless individuals according to the laws of North Carolina.

If our society were one of rigid class distinctions, he would qualify as a Bourbon, a member of the elite or, if we may use the term, an aristocrat.

It is of more than casual interest, therefore, that such a man has a deep curiosity and sense of responsibility toward the luckless and the less able members of our society.

His concern was vividly illustrated at Salisbury Monday when he called into Superior Court the parents of children who had dropped out of Rowan County schools.

No law violation was involved, for the children had quit school after their 16th birthdays. The judge assured parents and children in advance that this "little session of inquiry" was not called for the purpose of abusing them, but so that he could get "a better picture of the entire situation."

Parents showed up to represent 25 youngsters, and the youngsters were there too. The judge talked with each, listening to the reasons—lame and not so lame—given for why each child had quit school.

The Awards Come Flocking In

MAN OF THE WEEK: Luther Hodges, former Secretary of Commerce and presently \$1-a-year chairman of the Research Triangle Foundation. Supposed to work "about an hour a week," Hodges showed up five days last week, working eight hours each day.

LIZARD OF THE WEEK: A picket at the Xerox Corp. protesting the company's sponsorship of the series on United Nations. His sign read, "Xerox Promotes People-Eaters."

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The Blue Devils will be out for revenge this afternoon. They don't like to lose at home, and Cunningham and Co. edged them at Duke Indoor Stadium in January, 65-62. The Dookies didn't like what happened that night, and, like elephants, they don't forget.

Of course, there won't be a spare television set in Chapel Hill this afternoon, just as there won't be a spare seat in poor old Woollen Gym. For, despite the efforts of a few rabble rousers, the campus is solidly behind the team and Coach Dean Smith. We are ready to see the Dookies go down today, and we are eager to see a repeat next week in Raleigh. But it's one game at a time, so let's just worry about stomping the visitors today.

Give 'em hell, Heels.

When the session was over, one thing stood out.

Much of the "dropout problem" — which in turn causes us so much woe in terms of crime, poverty and other problems—is directly traceable to the parents of children who quit school early.

Blame is not automatic, nor easy. It is difficult to chastise parents who must work on different shifts, leaving almost-grown youngsters to themselves much of the time.

And what good is it to blame parents who were dropouts and the children of dropouts? Especially, how does one blame parents who work hard, abide within the law, and who have taught their children to "stay out of trouble"—but do not have a speck of curiosity about the world outside their own immediate surroundings?

Perhaps it isn't provable, but curiosity, even in a semi-literate parent, may be vital. Expressed in family conversation, even in the presence of magazines around the house, it transmits itself to the children, and they in turn are quickened and stimulated to learn.

But this is only theory, and there are others, and many factors that influence children to quit school. Nevertheless, Judge Gwyn's "session of inquiry" put the spotlight on the source of most of these causes, the parents.

He got "a better picture" of a knotty, elusive problem, and so did we.

Honor Systems: Should You Turn In Violations?

The Albany (N.Y.) Knickerbocker News

"Have you ever cheated in an examination?" "Do you know others who have cheated?" "If you knew another student had cheated, would you report him or her?" "Why?"

With the recent cheating scandal at the Air Force Academy in mind, I have put these questions within the last week to some 60 students at several upstate colleges and universities. To one group I addressed the questions verbally. To another group, I submitted the questions in written form on slips of paper and asked for written answers to be returned anonymously.

Their answers on cheating, for it's no surprise or secret that there's a great deal of cheating in high schools and colleges. However, I did want to learn what they think of the so-called honor system, particularly the West Point and Air Force Academy honor codes, which require cadets to turn themselves in if they cheat and to turn in anyone they know to have cheated.

The answers are interesting in their reflection of the changing American moral climate.

Of the 30-odd who wrote their replies anonymously, only one admitted ever having cheated,

but all wrote that they knew others who had cheated. Of the other 30 to whom I addressed the questions verbally, all but five admitted that they had engaged in some form of cheating and all said they know other students who cheat. Obviously most members of the first group hesitated to put down their replies in writing even anonymously.

On the question of whether the students would report a cheater, those who wrote their replies anonymously were split close to 50-50. But the overwhelming majority of those who replied verbally said they would not report a cheater.

The minority — those who would turn in a cheating fellow student — gave such reasons as "Because cheating is unfair to those students who have studied hard to pass an exam" and "to protect the validity of the exam system."

But the majority—those who would not turn in a cheater—gave a revealing variety of reasons. These were the most common:

"How he or she gets through college is none of my concern."

"I don't condone cheating, but I'm realistic enough to know that our society not only winks at it, but sometimes even applauds the cheater who gets away with it. Why should I alone fight the system?"

"I've been brought up on the theory that it's wrong to tat-

tle-tale. Today it's the informer who frequently is more despised than the cheater."

"To be frank, I am afraid of becoming involved. Once you report an offender, you become a part of the disciplinary process. You may be called as a witness. You lose friends. You're considered a hypocrite or a traitor. What's the percentage?"

"As far as I can see, the big goal in today's society is success — particularly financial success, with little regard to how you achieve it. How many of today's most powerful politicians and business executives have reached their present positions through the use of some cheating along the way? This is the way the adults do it, so how can I buck the system?"

On the basis of replies such as these, it would appear that what is wrong is not the service academies' honor codes, but our changing set of moral values, which condone and even permit grudging admiration for the "operator," the fast-buck artist, the income tax evader and the political fixer.

The parent of one resigned Air Force cadet unwittingly spoke for the new moral standards when he complained bitterly:

"I've always taught my boy never to rat."

Without realizing it he was using the jargon of one particular American code — the underworld's.

"Now, Boy, Just 'Cause It's The Last Game In Woollen..."



To Clarify Position

Liberals Must Define Left

The Minnesota Daily

Every so often liberals are challenged to define themselves on the left as well as on the right. Occasionally they have to suspend the sport of fighting conservatives to undertake the much more demanding task of separating themselves from the less responsible elements in their own camp. It's a healthy but exacting experience.

The challenge usually takes the ironic form of an attempt to stretch liberal tenets to the point where they defeat their own ends. The younger liberals seem especially prone to a mild antipathy which makes this test even more difficult.

Right-wingers have been calling so many things Communist for so many years that many liberals have been driven to the point where they see nothing as Communist. So many groups have also been termed Communist-fronts that some liberals assume there is no such thing. So many things "follow the Communist line" that it is often assumed that nothing can ever serve Communist purposes and be at cross-purposes with their own aims.

Yet every once in a while a group forms with the specific intent of infiltrating other groups. Young liberal groups are especially vulnerable because they sometimes are especially naive. A small number of people whose

first and conflicting loyalty lies elsewhere may attempt very quietly to use a larger and more stable group to lend prestige to activities that would never justify themselves on their merits. The word "Communist" isn't important. The point is what they do.

These attempts are often furthered by the brand of liberal who will jump on the bandwagon of any cause that sounds worthy. They tend to pooh-pooh infiltration attempts, and almost always underestimate the danger.

The civil libertarian emphasis of much of liberalism takes a queer twist here. While nationally it is an elementary opinion that there is no danger of Communist takeover, that confidence should not automatically apply to every labor union, every PTA, or every student club.

J. Edgar Hoover (who isn't always wrong) has suggested a recent upswing in CP youth indoctrination efforts. He has overstated these things in the past, and may be doing so here. But it should be noted that with the advent of the communists in this country the libertarian view could no longer make such easy recourse to Jeffersonian scripture for the answer to every problem.

The new element which the Communists have injected into

the picture," Norman Thomas notes, "is their assertion of a right to the protection of laws which in power they would abolish, a right to do . . . what they would punish . . . if they should come to power."

We speak theoretically about the national threat these people pose, but the threat to small groups is concrete.

"These people are the first dissenting group in American history to make a virtue of lies and deceit," Thomas goes on, "the first to reduce all social ethics to the appalling simplicity of the commandment: 'Thou shalt at all times obey party orders. There is no other moral law.'"

The American Communist Party is probably not the slavish tool of Moscow the right-wingers speak about. It definitely is, however, a brood of intellectual slaves who resign themselves to absolute conformity in order to give strength to their small numbers.

Small numbers can't do much in a big country where, as Harry S. Truman noted, "every disability that can practically be applied to the Communists is already on the books." But they can do a great deal in small groups with members sincerely interested in furthering high ideals.

History is a good teacher of the things that result.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITORS

Inaccurate News Needs Clarifying

Editors, The Tar Heel:

There seems to be some discrepancy between the news articles in the Feb. 21, 1965 issues of the DTH and the Civil Rights Advocate concerning the pellet that struck a window in Kenan Dormitory. The following are two obvious incongruities — or at best definite news slants:

1) Advocate: "A third student . . . was peppered with glass, though not injured." DTH (quoting Campus Police Chief Arthur Beaumont): "There was a hole in the window you couldn't even put a pencil through."

2) Advocate: "A witness noted that two cars had driven by on Battle Lane at that moment and the police speculated that the shot came from a passing car."

DTH (Again referring to Chief Beaumont): "He said the dormitory faces a residential area and 'it could have been a kid playing — it looked accidental to me.'"

Understandably, the DTH and the Advocate would interpret such an event in quite different manners. However, in a news article, the facts should not only be synonymous, but all of the facts should be printed.

The Advocate is published by the Chapel Hill CORE chapter, and as such is not directly responsible to UNC students. However, the DTH is published by students with funds taken from student fees and as such must present a responsible interpretation of current events. Facts must never be altered to "save face" or to preserve the pride of the DTH staff.

Was the incident at Kenan accidental? Were the two cars connected with the incident? Did police "speculate" that the shot "came from a passing car?"

As one of the financiers of the DTH, I demand an answer to these questions because if an FSM Rally could result from only a few hurled insults, I want to be fully prepared and forewarned of whatever may result from a fired pellet.

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'Kid' Deserves

A Good Send-Off

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I wish to speak in defense of the Tar Heel basketball team and their leader, "The Kangaroo Kid."

Regardless of what happens in the next few weeks, I think all UNC students should stand up for the Tar Heels and their captain.

Whether Billy Cunningham leaves this University in a blaze of glory does not depend on whether they win or lose the game although a win would help. It depends on how the students react when he plays his last game with Duke. If the students criticize Billy and his exploits, which are many, he will probably think that they really do not care whether he leaves or stays at UNC, and I'm sure many would like for him to stay.

I'm sure the majority of the students at UNC (with an exception of those on the State campus at Raleigh) will have tears in their eyes when he leaves the Duke game Feb. 27. He has led the Heels to "Victory" on many occasions and if he goes into the pros, I'm sure whoever gets him will benefit greatly.

As far as the Heels being better off without him. Well, that's not the way I think of it. In a way, I hope this theory is proved wrong. No, I don't like to see the Heels lose, in fact, that's the worst thing I could think of. They don't have to lose to prove this theory. There are many close games, which no one can deny.

Yes, I hope Bobby Lewis and Company come through with a good season next year. Bobby Lewis is a very good ball player, but I'm sure no one will ever forget Billy Cunningham.

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Name Witheld

DTH Birthday Loses Meaning

Editors, The Tar Heel:

On this, the Tar Heel's birthday, I recalled that last year the DTH stood out as a voice of liberalism and good sense on both campus and "outside" issues. This image is rapidly being shattered by recent reporting and editorial stances.

First, there came virtual character assassination of Mr. Gardner, uncalled for even by the extremity of his position.

Then the student body was told not to be too active in try-

ing to remove the burden of the speaker ban law. Our student leaders, we are told, are working quietly, behind the scenes, to reach an accommodation (This indicates either that the democratic process is being thwarted by lack of communication with the governed, or more likely, that nothing at all is being done). We would not want to embarrass the University, you argue, by demanding the rights of citizens.

I would contend that the greatest embarrassment to the University is its lack of free speech, combined with a docile student body. Of all people, you, the press, should be concerned with the maintenance of first amendment freedoms.

A third retreat from your former standards came with the in-Finally, I was shocked by ing at the room of 2 civil rights accident or prank. Surely, you planation" is credible. And if any recent event on campus merited an admonishing editorial, this was it, yet editorial comment was totally lacking.

These positions have led to the inescapable conclusion that the Daily Tar Heel has fallen to the position of being the apologist for the antidemocratic, conservative, and segregationist elements on campus. One of the many horrors of this is that I don't know if this was done on purpose.

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Peacenik Bravery Is Not Admired

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Last Saturday, on our way downtown to get a beer, we encountered in front of the post office a group of our student comrades advertising to the world the solution to its problems.

We were struck with wonder at the simplicity of their solution. Why hasn't our nation yet grasped the beauty of it? Don't the leaders of this great country realize we must stop misusing our military power to blackmail the people of North Viet Nam in their attempt to free their southern neighbors from Western imperialism?

We admired the righteous faces of these young men and women, so enrapt in their visions of peace and order that they seemed unconcerned with mere physical appearance. "Stop U.S. aggression in Viet Nam," "Immediate cease - fire negotiations" read the flyer handed to us by one young lady.

We can only agree. Removal of American forces will permit North Viet Nam and her compatriot, Red China, to liberate all of Asia and later maybe Africa. Occupied with this heavy task, the Communist will offer no threat to the United States, and the black spectre of war will be forever banished. We shall have attained peace in our time. What a glorious prospect! There will no longer be any need to sacrifice our lives or property to any cause. What a timeless solution! Had we adopted it in the forties, millions of American lives and billions of dollars could have been spared.

The Communists are peace lovers and advocates of nonaggression. Haven't they proved it by their support of wars of liberation in Korea, Cuba, and the Congo? Haven't they proved it in their refusal to adhere to false treaties which they were tricked into signing by the warmongering west?

Or in their suppression of dirty capitalist interventionism in Hungary in 1956, and by their valiant efforts in freeing the people of East Berlin from the degrading influence of the foreign-dominated western sector? Surely the enlightened Communists would be glad to negotiate a settlement in Viet Nam, keeping the interests of the people closest to their hearts.

We feel certain that the young men and women who now advocate peace at any price in Viet Nam will be among the brave few who will advocate "multilateral cease-fire negotiations" when the world movement takes steps to liberate us.

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UNC As Liberal As Mississippi

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I want to thank the Daily Tar Heel (with their argumentum ad hominem tactics), the fraternities (and their exclusive "brotherhood clause"), and the active spectators of the rally in the Y-Court, for giving me the true image of Carolina.

From now on I can say that Carolina is a very liberal university—about as (if not equal to) liberal as the University of Mississippi.

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