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VIGAH—It Needs Vigor

The weathered relic to the right is not some ruin Dr. Harland found on his last trip to the Near East—it is located in Orange County, a mere baseball throw from Chapel Hill.

The building goes by the name of Robertson Street Community Center, and it serves as the only place for recreation for the impoverished area surrounding it. To say that it is a poor facility would be treating it far better than it deserves—it is foul, and it is time something was done about it.

And, even with all its squalor, it does not stand alone in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area. There are other places where poverty and indifference have taken their toll. Nor is this disease confined to buildings—many citizens of this area are illiterate, more are hampered by just a basic education.

Hopefully, something is being done, but in order for it to be a success it will require the participation of many members of the Student Body and the University Community.

It is a project called VIGAH—Volunteers In Giving A Hand. Sponsored by Student Government, it will use available Federal funds to work in areas such as improving the Community Center and literacy projects.

A total of eight projects have been listed tentatively for VIGAH. In addition to the community center and literacy projects, they include counseling of impoverished residents to aid in overcoming their problems, assisting the Chapel Hill Recreation Dept.; business surveys, in order to determine which local businesses can get assistance under the terms of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; training for high school dropouts, aid in day care centers, and working with the local branch of the Dept. of Public Health.



In addition to the projects, volunteers are needed for secretarial work, office staff and coordinators.

It is projects such as VIGAH which will ultimately do the most to rid the nation of poverty. Federal and state aid, of course, will play a major role, but only concerned and dedicated people can make the dream of equal opportunity a reality.

These projects embrace the citizens of America—liberal or conservative, black or white. They are part of the "American Way," that folkway which spurs citizens to aid one another.

VIGAH is well worth the time, and volunteers are needed. Student Government is hard at work to make the projects worthwhile for all participants.

A philosopher once said: "Few, save the poor, feel for the poor." We doubt there are only a "few" who are concerned in this community. Won't you help?

True Representation Should Be Insured

For a number of years, the UNC cheerleading squad has been a self-contained, self-perpetuating organization which has functioned successfully in spite of, rather than because of, its standard operating procedures. A bill currently in the Student Legislature hopper will correct this situation, and we urge its passage.

Currently, the cheerleaders choose their own successors, a practice which virtually guarantees two things:

- (1) any cheerleader, once selected, will keep his position unchallenged as long as he continues in residence;
- (2) the squad will be dominated by the same fraternities and sororities year after year.

The proposed statute would put an end to both situations by establishing a board to oversee the selection of cheerleaders and by requiring all aspirants, including past members of the squad, to participate in public tryouts.

The cheerleaders would be represented on the selections board by a senior boy and a senior girl elected from the squad, while other members would include the president of the Student Athletic Council, president of the Women's Athletic Association, a representative of the Monogram Club, and a representative of the athletic director.

Several advantages of the proposed system are obvious:

- It gives the cheerleaders a voice on the board, for example, but takes away some of the "self-perpetuation" opportunities of the current system.
- The presence of the WAA and SAC heads, both of whom are elected by the student body, provides a more democratic and representative opportunity for student opinion to be expressed.
- Voting power for a Monogram Club representative would give the athletes a voice in the selection of their cheerleaders.

—The presence of a representative of the Athletic Director would allow the Athletic Department, which finances the cheerleaders, to help decide just who would be spending its money.

—Public tryouts for all interested persons would be guaranteed, and a permanent selection and operating code for the cheerleaders would be established.

The Carolina cheerleaders have provided some excellent leadership for school spirit in recent years despite the absence of any such standardized, regular procedures. But many of the complaints about their domination by two or three Greek houses have been justified, and in a few isolated incidents the squad has simply fallen down on the job.

We hope that Student Legislature will pass the bill now before it, and thus guarantee to the student body that which it rightfully expects—a sound, efficient foundation for the cheerleading squad which represents it.

Romantic, Hell! You Do That One More Time and I'll Knock Your Block Off!



Letters To The Editor

UNC Compared To Colombia

Latin American Students Active

Editors, The Tar Heel:

It has been said many times that students of universities in Latin America have privileges that would be envied by students in the United States. This is only partially true. Of course, everybody knows about the hundreds of strikes there (90 per cent for reasons for which a Hegelian would be unable to find the causal connection); but on the other and more important side, there are two points (at least) on which Latin American students are at a disadvantage in comparison with those of the United States.

First, we wonder about the flexibility and freedom the students here have to choose subjects in which they are most interested, permitting them to have a precise specialization to place in the market, and a fair cultural background that lets them know their place in society. Besides it is helpful in the pursuit of happiness. It allows for a study of all points of view, leading to a creative skepticism—basic for democratic goals. Things there are quite different. The student following any career sees himself obliged to take 30 hours weekly of courses in all branches of the subject, without specializing in any of them. Cultural courses are not like modern physics or logic, but subjects ranging from the mechanics of Aristotle or Thomistic philosophy to the sociology of Saint-Simon.

The socio-political situation and historical reality are so striking that they have a dual result: 1) students cannot receive it from authority, but from Marxists, so they establish towards them a dysfunctional loyalty; 2) anomic trends are very visible.

Other disadvantages are structural and are not so easily correctable: lack of vocational guidance, lack of I. Q. tests to exploit and give opportunities to talent, lack of specialized full-time professors, etc. The possibility of an advanced non-technical career is practically nil.

Fortunately, the situation is changing—within certain limits. There are new dynamic elements. But, having so much organizational work to do, they don't have time to learn the latest educational techniques.

Also there is the help of developed countries, principally the United States. I mention here as a typical case the 40 scholarships now being offered to beginning Colombian students for coming to the best universities here (Harvard, Princeton, UNC, etc.). There are measures of long-term, wide-scope effects in the shaping of a more open society and the fulfillment of developing needs.

But there are also many reactionary elements of the right and left, as one observer, Harvey Kline, points out. There is a strong nationalism among the students that makes them say, "Methods which are good in Chicago are not good here." Such an attitude is not only seen in the students. There are many professors and directors

who maintain: "those who don't know Greek will not be able to learn zoology." Surprisingly, the texts sometimes bear them out.) There is a third point: American students know from the beginning the jobs and salaries that are offered and are able to make an evaluation of ends and means. The Latin American student goes into the market without a definite skill and the skill he has is shared by all his mates.

Not accidentally, in terms of supply and demand, it is uncomfortable, and the students have an idea that they are going to earn much more than they really will (as a study of Williamson shows). But I am not sure it is a disadvantage, because this fiction lets them study happily and "profitably".

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Gardner Letter On Cathey Hit

Editors, The Tar Heel:

First, to avoid confusion, I want to say that I was in favor of the passage of the Civil Rights Bill because it was moral and just and because it gave positive hope to the fulfillment of an American ideal of fair play and opportunity. In June, 1963, the late President Kennedy said that Civil Rights was a moral question facing the nation.

One year and one month later, candidate Goldwater claimed, "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." I hardly believe that he was encouraging SNCC and CORE demonstrators outside the Cow Palace or even urging them to more extreme forms of protest. The fact is that the whole idea of non-violence in achieving equal rights and opportunity for Negro citizens is one of moderation. The word moderation essentially means reason and restraint (for a complete treatise on moderation, I urge the reading of Dr. Bond's Phi Beta Kappa address entitled "The Middle Course").

However, non-violent forms of protest can be carried beyond reason and restraint such as lying in front of a Mayor's office door or in the streets. Neither action commands dignity, and the reason that Dr. King retained his dignity and eloquence is that he practices neither. Although Dr. King believes his cause is just, he does not believe that he necessarily has the moral right to slap someone, in spirit, who may appear to get in his way.

Therefore, even though I favor civil rights as being just, I feel that I cannot tolerate the abuse directed towards Dean Cathey, even if he did accidentally mix up Nigeria with Liberia. This is an excess because it attempts to undermine Dean Cathey's character and his concern over the insult. He merely placed the insult in its correct perspective; he was intellectually honest, and I believe almost the entire faculty (and it is reasonable to assume its intellectual honesty) would back his judgment.

Also, Dean Cahtey did not dismiss the insult incident by

saying or implying that Hage was overly sensitive. He said it was regrettable, but understandable in the sense that such an occurrence was possible. However, we have not yet reached the stage of Orwellian thought control. The Administration also sought to find out the alleged guilty parties, and because it failed to find a guilty party, it is not guilty of injustice.

Whereas many on this campus swallowed Gardner and his supporters bait, hook and sinker, I did not. The insult affair was blown way out of proportion as they were well aware it was a shrewd move. They "love" but they also value their publicity—1,500 students worth. But it is a tragedy when a high official's character is unjustly trampled in the process, and especially now that the rally's organizers have successfully achieved their immediate end—a popularly attended gathering.

In retrospect, one can only conclude that for Dean Cahtey to suffer the slights, the disdain, and the abuse from certain local civil rights directors is to leave an ugly wound on the way affair. This distasteful blot could at least be partially erased by an appropriate apology.

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Maverick Heart Drive Praised

Editors, The Tar Heel:

"Hats off" to the Maverick Maids and Men. Know your Heart Drive is in "High Gear." I am an employee at the University and follow your paper daily. I am concerned at times with some of things I see and read. After reading of the method to be used in raising money for the Heart Fund, I was impressed.

Going home to Durham Friday, the full impact really hit my heart. About seven miles from Durham there they were, boys and girls pulling the Wishin' Well to Durham. I stopped, was greeted with cheers and sent merrily on my way.

I gave thanks for my healthy heart and a thought that those who love a sick one will be better off because of this group of young men and women. I think our country and University are in good hands. I know your Drive will be a success. Thank you for letting me be a small part of Your Heart Beat.

Lorin Haus
Ehringhaus Cafeteria

LETTERS

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The World Needs More Romantics

By BRANTLEY CLARIS

Reading Sunday's article "anatomy of a Romantic" was one of the most unpleasant experiences I've had in a long time (say, since exams), and I must say, dearest editors, that your taste in literature is degenerating. The other side of the story—the ONLY side, if I may be so bold—must be presented in defense of all the wonderful romantics in this otherwise dreary world. I would be delighted to throttle the misinformed Mr. Jeff Greenfield.

Romantics have to be. Who else could balance the misery of the Others? What kind of world would we live in if there weren't people to look at the stars, to take long walks holding hands in the springtime (and the summertime and the fall and the wintertime), to be glad that the trees are getting green again and the flowers aren't dead anymore and the sun is warm and glares like a mirror and blinds them and is wonderful anyway because there IS a sun shining? Nobody can tell me that the person who gripes because the sun is too hot and the grass is too long is wiser and better off than the person who's glad that there IS sunlight and there IS green grass.

A girl who's a romantic is just glad to BE, wherever she is. She can find something mysterious and delightful about anything around her, no matter how bleak the situation is. She is innocent and naive like a child, perhaps, because she can find joy in seemingly little things—but is this type of girl unappealing to the average male? Would he rather date a girl who wants to stay inside and discuss economic systems than a girl who wants to take a walk in the warm night air with his arm around her?

Not that romantics can't discuss intellectual topics when called upon. They just have the

advantage of being able to think of other things besides solving all the problems of the world in one fell swoop with a profound master plan. Is it wrong to want to walk barefoot in the grass rather than sit in a smoke-filled room re-designing the governments of the world?

One of Mr. Greenfield's major misconceptions is that romantics have "Experiences" (dates) and "Relationships" (some vast category covering everything from acquaintanceships to love affairs, as far as I can gather), most of which are primarily concerned with sex. Romantics have FRIENDS, lots of them, and they are always trying to have more, because they like people and want everybody to like them. And romantics DO have dates—but mostly they fall in love. After all, who wants to look at the stars by himself? And it's not much fun to take long walks holding hands with yourself!

For instance last weekend was a very good weekend for being in love. There'll be a lot more weekends like it this spring. Should we ignore this vital information and forget that love exists? As for the sex aspect—well, romantics are like everybody else: every man for himself.

OF COURSE romantics are "People-Watchers." It's fun to lean on the window sill and let the breeze blow in, to day-dream about the future and what - might - have - been and what - ought - to be and what - I - sure-wish - would - be, and to watch all those people walking by. After all, people are the world, and romantics live in the world and believe in it and love it. They are a part of the world, while some of the Others sit in their dark little rooms trying to make a NEW world when they should be outside appreciating all the wonderful things in the world that already is.

FSM Undergoes A Name Change

By DAVID ROTHMAN

Twenty-five persons attended the funeral of the UNC-FSM last week.

It was buried beneath Davie Poplar when the tiny group—minus the 1,475 curiosity-seekers of the Feb. 19 rally—decided on the name Free Speech Forum.

What's in a name? Why did Gardner and his followers abandon the FSM banner, under which they had threatened another Berkeley?

The question is self-explanatory: the name change was Gardner's subtle way of disowning his would-be imitation of Mario Savio's anarchy.

When UNC students had heard Gardner's plan for possible demonstrations, their reaction had been hostile—whereupon Gardner then denied ever having suggested civil disobedience.

But the students remembered his original statements, and there was little he could do to erase FSM's "unfavorable" image. It was too permanent.

FSM—those three letters had become a titanic burden to Gardner, so the logical step was the disbanding of the movement per se.

In its place, Gardner has substituted the FSP—the Free Speech Forum.

But FSP is not another FSM. It is not directly based on the principles of civil disobedience, which in the minds of most UNC students are an inherent part of any Free Speech Movement.

Thus, what lies beneath Davie Poplar is really a corpse; FSM at UNC no longer exists.

Why? Gardner's most obvious error was his narrowing of FSM support.

Gardner organized the UNC Free Speech Movement shortly after the well-publicized racial incident of Feb. 12. He may not have meant it this way, but by his timing he forever excluded the segregationist element from his organization's rank.

Why, thought the segregationists (a major segment of the student body), should we support Gardner's movement if its origins have been so closely connected with civil rights?

Gardner further complicated matters by openly emphasizing his contacts with CORE and the UNC-NAACP. He even went so far as to invite National CORE chairman Floyd McKissick to address the Y-Court rally.

The segregationists responded with their firecrackers and their Confederate flags. And given a chance to speak, they uttered the traditional platitudes.

"I'm a Southerner, and I'm damn proud of it!" thundered one fiery orator. Another maliciously suggested that the Tar Heel State was no place for

Northern civil rights. Gardner wanted the issue to be free speech, but in the minds of the students it became something less exotic: integration versus segregation.

Inadvertently, Gardner had established his movement as a tool of the active civil rights, and UNC students, far more moderate than he, turned him in down.

Of course this is not to say Gardner enjoyed the backing of most liberals. In fact, many veterans of last year's civil rights demonstrations were opposed to FSM for other reasons, among these that he was "making something out of nothing."

Conversely, the successful Berkeley FSM enjoyed a wide base of support. Everybody backed Mario Savio; Youth for Goldwater as well as the W. E. B. DuBois Club and the Young People's Socialist League.

Gardner, unlike Savio, was hard-pressed for issues. He hoped that the University Administration would prevent his group from meeting, and was quite disappointed when this did not happen.

Finding no official hostility within the University, he turned his attention to the State Legislature's Speaker Ban.

But this was like speaking out on behalf of Motherhood, the Flag, or Billy Cunningham. UNC students, needless to say, were already too aware of the infamous law. They did not need Gardner to remind them of it.

Another issue Gardner tried to bring to Chapel Hill was the difficulties of other universities.

With impassioned eloquence, the crowds at the Feb. 19 rally were told that throughout the nation, administrators tend to view universities as "property," teachers as "hired help," students as "consumers."

But UNC students "didn't give a damn." They were too busy leading their own lives to care about strangers in California or Massachusetts.

Gardner and his followers are NOT Communists, but their FSM philosophy seemed an amusing parody of Marxism.

The thesis was the University Administration (i. e. the bourgeoisie of the academic world); the antithesis, the supposedly downtrodden students (i. e. the exploited masses); the synthesis, the Free Speech Movement (i. e. the classless society in which students, faculty and administration exist as equals).

Like the workers of 19th century Europe, the students at UNC were supposed to revolt. Only they didn't.

That is why Chapel Hill, far from having an awesome FSM, has nothing but a public debating society, a Di-Phi of the proletariat.

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