

# DTH Editorial Page

Opinions of the Daily Tar Heel are expressed in its editorials. Letters and columns, covering a wide range of views, reflect the personal opinions of their authors.

## Evaluation Booklet Is A-O.K.

We see the publication of the Course Evaluation Booklet, with the support of the administration, as a significant step toward true student autonomy without the trappings of belligerence, as per Berkeley.

Our approval of the booklet was expressed yesterday, in a favorable journalistic review. It is well - done, well-edited and, from the comments we have heard on campus, well received. The price is not prohibitive, and the reading is worth the admission fee.

It is the wholehearted approval of the venture by the upper echelon of the administration that impresses us. From the day Chancellor Paul F. Sharp came to UNC, he has constantly supported the students who run this campus, and his confidence, we believe, has been returned with appreciation and hard work. For the administration to just sit back and let the students put out such a booklet is a phenomenon in itself. It dramatically shows that the Chancellor and his cabinet are confident that Bob Spearman and his cabinet will not do anything which might reflect ill upon the University.

And the result of the Academic Affairs Committee's work is indeed worthy of this University. True, some professors are taken to task from start to finish, but we doubt that many students will deny they deserved every bit of it.

## And The Stars This Week . . .

**MAN OF THE WEEK:** Silent Sam, the last of the Confederate Army, who, spite criticism being poured upon his head from left and right, still takes it without a grimace.

**LIZARD OF THE WEEK:** Any Dean who doesn't go along with the new Spring Vacation schedule.

**DAY OF THE WEEK:** Wednesday was "Hate America" day in Viet Nam, putting that nation one - up on the United States, which celebrates "Don't Care About Viet Nam" day every day.

**LESTER CARSON AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY:** To Jock Lauterer, DTH cameraman, who took such a terrible picture of Don Carson, Paul Dickson and Camilla Walters that it is possible the Student Body will again try and elect a pig.

**LAST LAUGH AWARD, or WHO'S ON FIRST?** - To President Johnson and Governor Wallace, who for the past two days have been trying their best to outsmart each other with the status of the Alabama National Guard. At the DTH deadline, Johnson was ahead . . .

**UPSTAGE OF THE WEEK:** After weeks of ballyhoo about the U. S. space-flight planned for Tuesday, the Russians quietly sent up two men of their own, one of which actually ventured outside the craft.

**BITTER PILL OF THE YEAR:** Taker

When 35 questionnaires are received on a course, all of which pronounce it a total flop, we are inclined to believe that it is just that. If a professor has violent objections, we would request him to look first at his method of presentation rather than blaming the students who wrote the evaluation.

Additionally, the booklet will serve the purpose of making a few faculty members more conscious of the classroom and less concerned with the number of reports, papers, et al, which they can produce to impress their colleagues.

But there will be faculty members who object to the very idea of publishing such a booklet, no matter what its content.

This is an unfortunate state of affairs, and we can only ask them to look into the situation for the "Student Autonomy" they so often espouse in their tracts.

Student autonomy goes far beyond having a Student Government and few restrictions - it means that students should be allowed to choose for themselves and select their mode of life during their stay at Carolina. Their courses are part of this, and they should not have to walk into a class with no idea of its worth.

This is the purpose of the Course Evaluation Booklet, and it is exactly why we favor its publication.

by the professors who kept bugging Student Government and the Book Exchange about the publication date of the Course Evaluation Booklet, then finding themselves pronounced not - so - good when it finally arrived.

**NEW CONVERSATION PIECE, or HERE COME THE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:** Isn't the Course Evaluation Booklet something?

**SEMPER FIDELIS CITATION:** To the two battalions of Marines who dramatically landed through the surf in Viet Nam en route to defend the Da Nang air base, only to find they were greeted by (1) some 25 photographers and (2) a bevy of native girls with garlands. A local wag commented yesterday that this was an indication the only escalation in Southeast Asia was the number of wirephotos flowing into the nation's newspapers.

**OUR NEW MONSTROSITY:** The new dorm behind Chapel Hill high school.

**SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK:** By the Chapel Hill Weekly, which said that everyone planning to build a store in Chapel Hill would be required to post his building's design in a public place. This brings up the question: who would have stood for the new Student Union building?

**VERNAL EQUINOX CITATION, OR SPRING IS HERE:** The first outdoor party of the year was noted on Cameron Ave., with three fraternity men, three sorority girls and two pitchers of whiskey sours mixing happily on the porch of a fraternity house.

**SURE SIGN THE CAMPAIGN'S ALMOST OVER:** A poster on the door of a room in Old West, obviously put up by a scholar who was finally bored to death by candidates: "I'm Apathetic - Go Away."

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** There are 50,000,000 acres of sand dunes in the world.

**BONUS FACT OF THE WEEK:** In February, 1856, 200 sharks were frozen to death in Charlotte Harbor, Fla., after arctic winds made the area somewhat chilly.

**HISTORICAL DISCOVERY OF THE WEEK:** The Lost Colony, missing since 1590, was found yesterday. The entire colony was discovered at the State Legislative Building lobbying against Daylight Savings Time.

By PETE WALES Associate Editor Thursday's editorial blasting Norwood Pratt, candidate for DTH editor, is the most shameless smear Seely and Stevens have pulled this year.

Once again the innuendo, the slightly turned fact, has made a shambles of a perfectly respectable candidate. The first most obvious and most blatant piece of character assassination occurs in the innuendo about the Student Peace Union.

Norwood Pratt was a member of the SPU two years ago when that organization was campaigning for ratification of the Test Ban Treaty. The U. S. Senate later passed it overwhelmingly.

Pratt was never chairman of the SPU. Nor has he been a member since March, 1963. None of the present members of the SPU, so far as we can tell, were members at that time. Pratt no longer has any association with

them, nor does he approve of their present aims or practices. Furthermore, he has not dodged the issue as the editors claim. He has answered baiting questions about it at nearly every dorm meeting.

Certain backers of McCrary have spread out and out lies, saying that Pratt is a Communist. This image is further promoted by the suggestive editorial. This is the basest kind of smear we can imagine.

As with the NSA campaign, the DTH editors are trying to ram a single point of view down the campus' collective throat. However, this time they don't even have the facts.

The second point is experience.

Perhaps the most important asset Pratt has is that he has not been connected with this year's DTH. He has the intelligence and creativity to bring a new outlook to the paper and a fresh approach. This is the main point that makes him a better candidate than McCrary.

He has had minor experience with the DTH of two years ago when he wrote several stories

near the beginning of the year before leaving to work for the Brooklyn Graphic.

At the Graphic, he was assistant to the editor for six months, gaining experience in every aspect of newspaper work. He wrote, edited, assigned stories, did lay-out and even even had some advertising experience.

It is this kind of total familiarity with a newspaper that is essential to a good editor. The fact that it was with another paper again means he will have new and different ideas for the DTH. It will not be, to quote Seely's favorite phrase, "the same old show."

This year, Norwood has been associate editor of the Carolina Quarterly. This is significant for two reasons.

First, he had the interest to work, and work hard, for a campus publication in a serious effort to upgrade it. This confirms his interest in the campus, despite the fact that he could be writing in New York and be paid.

Second, he amassed one of

the largest and most interested staffs to work for the Quarterly in recent years. This indicates his skill in the most important job any editor has: staff organization.

This leads to the editors' third phony point about staff. They imply, as have McCrary's backers, that the present staff of the DTH will all leave if Pratt becomes editor and that they will be replaced with three "flunkies."

This is totally false. If the staffers truly "love it," as Seely said, and I believe they do, they will stay on no matter who wins. Few, if any, will leave should Pratt win, despite their support of McCrary.

In addition, there are several competent student journalists on campus, some with extensive who are not working for Seely nor Stevens, but would join Pratt's staff.

Pratt's organizational abilities have been proven. Staff will certainly be no problem.

With regard to Pratt's proposals, the "stringer" idea is a sound one. It has been tried half - heartedly in the past and has failed, but there is no reason to doubt that it could work and be tremendously effective. It takes a little determination on the part of the editor.

Obviously the present editors would not admit that they lacked determination.

With regard to McCrary himself, we have not seen him campaign but we know him to be a good, solid college journalist. He worked for the N. C. State Technician before transferring here this fall.

He was a reporter this fall and was promoted to co-managing editor this spring. We suspect this may have been political, since Mike Yopp had been doing a more than adequate job in that spot and needed no help. Ernie has not been managing editor for very many issues, especially with the campaign, but we don't doubt his ability.

The big difference between the two is in imagination. Pratt has the ideas, but for newspaper management and for editorials. He will take stands, which will be infinitely more interesting than reading wishy washy editorials.

We don't know that McCrary will be a bad editorial writer. We haven't seen enough of his work. We do know Pratt will be interesting and exciting.

The time has come for a change in the DTH. A breath of fresh air is always welcome. The establishment needs to be put out to pasture.

# Editors Smear Pratt's Candidacy

## "Hi-Ho, Silver—Awaaaaay!"



Readers Back Statue

## Sam Will Not Be Moved

### Hate Is Clouding Ribak Viewpoint

Editors, The Tar Heel:

One of the inherent disadvantages of complete freedom of expression is that we are sometimes exposed to the uninformed opinions of small minds, such as Ribak's comments on the editorial page of the March 17 edition of the DTH.

In the first place, although "Silent Sam" does depict a Confederate soldier, the inscription on the monument reads, "Erected in memory of the sons of the University who answered their country's call in the War of 1861-1865." UNC students and alumni fought on both sides in the War for Southern Independence, and to dishonor Sam is to dishonor both sides.

Second, the War was not "the darkest blot on American history." To the contrary, the brave men who were willing to sacrifice their very lives for what they believed, no matter in which army, wrote one of the most glorious pages in the history of the human conflict. When we Americans cease to honor the qualities of those men who endured so much for their beliefs, we will have ceased to be worthy of existence as a nation.

The idea that Negro slavery was the main issue of the war is absurd. General Lee was as strongly against slavery as was Abraham Lincoln, and General Sherman as strong a believer in it as was any Southerner. In fact, such great men as Adams, Jefferson, and Washington owned slaves, are we to tear down our monuments to them?

The monument is not to "militant white supremacists and extremists," but to brave men, sincere in their purpose and resolute in their determination to defend their homes and heritage.

If it is an affront to anyone to recognize courage and sacrifice, if it is shameful to commemorate devotion to duty and

honor, if the actions of a few bigots in Alabama today are to be compared to the deeds of heroes, what do we as a nation stand for? When one's mind becomes so clouded with hate that he cannot recognize the greatness in men who, perhaps wrong by modern standards in some of their beliefs, fought and died for their conception of the rights we demand today, he becomes little better than the men who so pervert the ideals Confederates fought for as to fly the battle flag of the Confederacy over the capitol of Alabama today.

Steven Kropelnicki, Jr. 314 Parker

### 'South' Building Should Go Also

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Upon reading yesterday's (March 27) letter in the Tar Heel, we are in complete agreement with the writer that Silent Sam be removed at once from the environs of Chapel Hill. But such an action, in our opinion, is not enough:

What about South Building? We feel that this edifice should be demolished immediately. The implications of the name "South" suggest bigotry and right - wing extremism. The founders of the University obviously had racial discrimination in mind when they built it in the early 1800's.

The South Room of Lenoir Hall must also go. Here again, the word "South" suggests that it is a meeting place for racial bigots. It must be removed from the cafeteria building as soon as possible.

Also the South Wing of Memorial Hospital. The name suggests Southern right - wing extremism. It is imperative that this portion of the hospital be destroyed without delay.

Last, but by all means not least, we would like to petition a boycott of the Daily Tar Heel. Confederate soldiers from North Carolina who fought during the Civil War were called "Tar-heels".

We hope fervently that the students and the administration seriously consider our requests. And we would like to make our further demand; that South Road be closed to all traffic.

John Edward Stewart John Edward Buchan Jeff Saleeby Battle-Vance-Pettigrew

### Image As A Sex Diety Disgraceful

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Al Ribak has spoken out for a noble cause. Certain elements of thinking on the University campus have long suspected that the metamorphosis of Silent Sam into a local sexual deity (it is said that he fires his gun any time a virgin passes) was a plot on the part of certain traditionalists to shift the emphasis from his original image of Civil War Hero to a more popularly acceptable image.

This shifting has been so carefully carried out that Silent Sam has all but lost his initial face and fame. We cannot lay it all to the door of Freud and the advocates of free love.

Instead the "blame" should all be laid to the coor of modern humanitarian - Christian - liberal thinkers. Actually it is not a "blame" but a laurel that should be placed there.

A century after the strife of half-nation against half - nation has ended, Silent Sam still points the gun that failed. He watches over the silent dead who died for the right to enslave a part of our fellow man. He is a monument who does not go unnoticed by any outside visitor to the campus.

And we need not be reminded that to those visitors he is not a local sex deity, but the embodiment of Civil War honor or worshipped by a cult of a different nature. He is the greatest disgrace our campus cannot afford.

Will Clauton Durham Road

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Students Trample Grass Like Sheep

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Perhaps it is too much to expect college students to exercise a little more grey matter than common sheep, but it does seem that they could. Like animals who follow the leader, a goodly number of our intellectual elite is presently helping to destroy the aesthetic beauty of our campus.

I am referring to the ridiculous paths which are presently being worn in criss-cross fashion on the central campus greens. For anyone who considers the Carolina campus a thing of aesthetic beauty, seeing it desecrated in such an ignorant manner is certainly disturbing.

Should we erect electric fences? I think it would be irrational and silly to try to keep people from walking on the grass, but I don't think it silly to expect students to have enough originality to take a different route each time instead of plodding the beaten path.

A Committee of One For Preventing the Carolina Campus from Looking Like N. C. State.

Robert Lee Griffin 232 Parker

### 'Judas' Wales Gets No Pay-Off

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Pete Wales raises several interesting points in his column Sunday. The first of these is when he absolves the Free Speech Forum from any responsibility for the end of fraternity discrimination. It was wrong to criticize the Administration for not acting because

this only postponed the decision. It is now wrong to criticize the five years it took for action to be taken because it is all over and why drag up old issues? Presumably there was a time when it would have been proper to criticize, maybe as much as 20 whole minutes.

Wales goes on to explain that we must not attempt to have the speaker ban repealed on any such idealistic and impractical grounds as freedom of speech. Rather we should not talk of freedom, but see if we can't trick the legislature into repealing the ban. Practical realists like Wales know that this is the way to proceed.

Of course, as of the time of this writing, no bill has been introduced into the legislature to modify the ban at all. I would not expect a realist to be upset at selling his freedom, but I would expect him to balk a bit when he doesn't even receive his thirty pieces of silver.

Wales' views on the Free Speech Forum have already been stated. When the idea first came up he opposed it as not the correct way to handle the problems. When the Y took it over and it became respectable, he applauded it, but only after the dirty work had been done.

"We sometimes wonder whether Gardner and others like him who habitually take a minority position, abandoning it as soon as it becomes a majority position aren't really defeatists at heart." So writes Pete Wales.

I would submit that there is a n o t h e r possibility. Perhaps Gardner and others like him merely wish to accomplish something in this far from perfect world rather than sitting happily with the majority, patting themselves on the back for what has been accomplished by Gardner and others like him.

Frank Anshen 407 West Franklin

## Senior Candidates SP UP

The Student Party nominees for Senior Class officers are: Bob Payton, President; Jeff Parker, Vice - President; Lois Black, Secretary; Samantha Townsend, Social Chairman; and Lois Shepherd, Treasurer.

If elected, we promise to break the "do-nothing" attitude of the past Senior Class officers of the last three or four years. We do not offer a lengthy, ideological platform, but rather a short, realistic one which we pledge to fulfill:

- Our promises include:
  - 1) A Senior Class - sponsored concert with artists like the Smothers Brothers, Dave Gardner, or Johnny Mathis.
  - 2) Senior Day in the fall when Seniors will have the real class spirit.
  - 3) A campaign for late hours for Senior girls.
  - 4) A class excursion to the beach in the Spring.

We won't promise more than we know we can deliver; but what we do promise we will deliver. The SP candidates promise to make our senior year one that we can well remember when we return in 1961.

Bob Payton

Editors' Note: The SP candidates felt it unnecessary to submit endorsements.

Since we feel that the officers of the Senior Class should be experienced, capable and eager to carry out the duties of their positions, we are endorsing the full slate of University Party candidates.

John Harmon, the Presidential nominee, Armistead Maupin, the Vice-Presidential nominee, as well as Kathy Cannon, the candidate for Treasurer, Carol Payne, candidate for Secretary, and Beverly Bailey, candidate for Social Chairman, meet these qualifications.

We are giving our unqualified support to these candidates, but their success depends upon your votes on March 23.

- Harrison Merrill
- June Troy
- Frank Martin
- Priscilla Patterson
- John Yokley
- Jane Dallen
- Bob Spearman
- George Wainwright
- Ed Stringer
- Ellen Allen
- Borden Parker
- Gerry Hancock
- Bill Webb
- Bill Taylor
- Wade Logan
- Ed Freakley
- Jim Smith
- Kay Hoyle
- Claude Reynolds

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