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Prolonging The Agony

If a fellow tries hard enough, he can make almost any job more complicated than it needs to be. When Alvin Tyndall was appointed chairman of the Elections Board by Paul Dickson, he surely didn't expect to have to supervise the handling of a petition asking for Dickson's recall.

But he has handled it . . . and handled it . . . and handled it. In fact he has handled it so much that we wouldn't be surprised to find out that the sheets of the petition are falling apart from overuse.

Tyndall, conscientious soul that he is, has had possession of the petition since it was presented to Dickson almost a week and a half ago on Oct. 18. He has worked hard. Ask him. He'll tell you.

But we find his technique of name-checking a little too laborious and time consuming to be really credible. Was it really necessary to copy all the names off the petition onto file cards and then make another alphabetical list?

Tyndall says he is about through with the petition, and it's high time. We have little sympathy for the "tough job" he's had because members of the board will agree that the emphasis has not exactly been on speed and efficiency. As one checker said yesterday, "There must be an easier way to do this."

Tyndall's boss, Dickson, tried a neat little maneuver Monday when he decided to set the date of the recall election himself. The Student Government constitution says, "The dates for all elections shall be established by an act of the Legislature."

If Dickson did not know that, it's just another example of his executive incompetence. If he did know it, it's an example of an attempt to "put one over" on the student body. Obviously Dickson would not be opposed to so arranging it that he is the only candidate who can legally run in the election.

But we don't hold it against Dickson. He just does what his "graduate advisers" tell him. Let's face it. There is going to be an election. Let's quit prolonging the agony and get it over with.

What A Dirty Trick

Those Ivy Leaguers, apparently with too much time and money on their hands, are at it again.

Sunday morning Harvard men found a special edition of their newspaper, the Crimson, at their doors. The paper said that Harvard President Nathan M. Pusey and the board of overseers had decided to end intercollegiate football there after this season.

It seems that Dartmouth had just beat Harvard 14-0 the day before. And actually the Harvard "extra" was printed by the staff members of the Dartmouth newspaper.

Now that was an awfully dirty trick, and not even a very original one. Last February Cornell pulled the same stunt on Princeton, delivering a bogus edition of the Princetonian which said All-America basketball player Bill Bradley had been injured and would not play in the crucial game against Cornell that week. Both teams had only one conference defeat at the time, and the trick reportedly caused a few convulsions and near-heart attacks on the New Jersey campus.

Such frivolity is a useless waste of valuable student time and energy. Those decadent Ivy Leaguers deserve to be soundly condemned.

Now you'll have to excuse us. We have to get busy on the next issue of the Wake Forest Old Gold and Black.

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"I Don't Care If It Is Me—Check It!"



The Case Of The Rugged Individual, Or How To Get Through Life Without Help

(Editor's Note: The following article is from a newsletter sent by Sen. Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) and reprinted in The Lather, official publication The Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union. The Lather comments that this article "puts into rather good perspective, we think, the independent, ruggedly individualistic position of some of the far-right-wingers.")

A young man lived with his parents in a low-cost public housing development in Hamilton County. He attended public schools, rode the free school bus, enjoyed the free lunch program. Following graduation from high school, he entered the Army and upon discharge kept his National Service Life Insurance.

He then enrolled in an Ohio university, receiving regularly his GI check. Upon graduation, he married a Public Health nurse, bought a farm in southern Ohio with an FHA loan.

Later, going into the feed and hardware business in addition to farming, he secured help from the Small Business Administration when his business faltered. His first baby was born in the county hospital. This was built in part with Hill-Burton funds.

Then, he bought considerable additional acreage adjoining his farm, and obtained emergency feed from the government. He then put part of his land under the Eisenhower Soil Bank Program and used the payments for not growing crops to help pay his debts.

His parents, elderly by now, were living comfortably in the smaller of his two farm homes, using their Social Security and Old Age Assistance checks.

Lacking electricity at first, the Rural Electrification Administration supplied the lines, and a loan from the Farmers Home Administration helped clear the land and secure the best from it. The agent suggested building a pond, and the government stocked it with fish. The government guaranteed him a sale for his farm products.

The county public library delivered books to his farm door. He, of course, banked his money in an institution which a government agency had insured up to \$10,000 for every depositor.

His son attending the Engineering School at Ohio State University receives financial assistance under the National Defense Education Act. His daughter is taking her nurses training with assistance from the Nurses Training Act.

As the community grew, he signed a petition seeking federal assistance in developing an industrial project to help the economy of his area.

About that time he purchased business and real estate at the county seat aided by an FHA loan.

He was elected to office in the local Chamber of Commerce. It was rumored he joined a cell of the John Birch Society in the county seat. He wrote his Senators and Congressmen protesting excessive government spending and high taxes, and enclosed John Birch pamphlets, some containing outlandish false statements.

He wrote, "I believe in rugged individualism. People should stand on their own

two feet, not expect government aid. I stand on my own two feet. I oppose all those socialistic trends you have been voting for and demand return to the free enterprise system of our forefathers. I and my neighbors intend to vote against you next year."

Foolish War

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I should like to say that I consider Henry Coe's conduct admirable and do affirm his belief that the people are being forgotten in Viet Nam. It seems we neglect the people where ever we are involved . . . whether Viet Nam, Cuba, Brazil, or the Dominican Republic.

War has solved so little for mankind. Terror and misery follow it everywhere. Is it not time that we used our confidence and power more persuasively with our enemies without killing and war?

Rallying to the colors and severing relations is invariably followed by stupid killing, creation of unthinking hate, and prejudice uneraser for centuries. Blindness in broad daylight by the seeing it is!

I say what I have with a degree of emotion. The Bolshevik Revolution killed my grandmother, my grandfather died of torture in Japanese occupied China in WWII, my father was lost as a POW in the Pacific, one uncle died a prisoner in Communist China and another freely of suicide as a result of the war. This is not an unusual sequence of events for many of the world's families. Is it any wonder there are those who see little solution in war?

Again, however, another cycle has begun: misunderstandings leading to insults, insults to the severing of communications, severing communications to rumor and hate, rumor and hate to the whole bloody mess again.

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Letters To The Editor

SPU Interviews Suggest Tragedy

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:
 "Go down to Y-Court and listen to what the SPU has to say," my Mod. Civ. instructor said.

So down I went. I won't argue, I thought, I'll keep my mouth shut and listen. There was a circle of students grouped around a lone thin pacifist who was arguing with in turn and didn't have sense enough to put down a set of obviously heavy books he was carrying.

Then I was in it. We fought the Asian war from Hanoi to Peking and then down to Saigon, he and I. He thought the U. S. a bully: an outsider in a national struggle.

"Why is there a Berlin Wall?" I asked. "Why are people fleeing Cuba? Why was the Hungarian revolt crushed?" He appeared very thoughtful for a few seconds and then, when someone else challenged him, forgot me entirely.

Next, I stopped by a girl — very attractive and neat — who stood behind a sign that read, "Let's make love instead of war."

"I'm all for that," I said. But she was the same as the first. My questions were answered with questions: my most basic contentions repudiated: I had to argue in the fifth dimension or not at all.

I left the Y-Court feeling sick and sad. Some of them were clean; most were intelligent; but, all were lost. "Be open minded," one of them said, yet their minds are narrow and closed. It is sad that they must claim humanitarianism as their cause, for they profane it. Anyone who takes the matter seriously must feel a sense of loss, or even tragedy.

Joseph Sanders
 426 Morrison

LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, particularly on matters of local or University interest. Letters must be typed, double spaced and must include the name and address of the author or authors. Names will not be omitted in publication. Letters should be kept as brief as possible. The DTH reserves the right to edit for length or libel.

We all agree that our true image must be made clear if this institution is to thrive.

But, can anyone blame the citizens of North Carolina for being concerned over the activities at UNC when we continue to belong to an organization which, among other things, has unconditionally condemned the U. S. intervention in the Dominican Republic, called for American sponsorship for the admission of Red China to the U. N., endorsed immediate cessation of bombings and offensive military action in North Viet Nam, and termed the Berkeley riots "responsible action"?

Are you kidding me? Are these the things our students believe in? I don't think so. Certainly there are a few who might adhere to one or more of these convictions, but just as certainly, this is a small minority. Nevertheless, it is this minority opinion which we, as members of the National Student Association, are represented by. Why then do we continually belong to, pay dues to, and send delegates to the National Student Association Congress? Let us not have the gross misconception that we might moderate the action of radical left-wing students by remaining in the NSA, for moderation — and especially responsibility — are evidently rarities at the Congress. And certainly, let us not use the old philosophy of "if ya' can't like 'em, join 'em."

If we really want to clear our image and if we really want the people of North Carolina to have faith in UNC, let us begin by showing some responsibility and withdraw from a student association which represents a minority student opinion. We must bring this issue to our electorate now, and we must relinquish our NSA membership.

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Sacrificial Saving

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

A member of the administration has taken, to publishing clinical details of campus code offenses in the News of Orange County. Some students think that we can save the University from attack if only we will sacrifice someone. And people are saying that pacifists are "ridiculous." What a crazy place!

How far is the good dean going to go in his manifest zeal to see that harm is done to someone he wants harmed? What revelations will next week's publications bring to us?

After Dickson, who? Will we turn next on "beatniks," out-of-state students, graduate students, or students with "B" averages? Who shall we sacrifice next, hoping thereby to win the favor of the witch-hunters?

And when did pacifism become ridiculous? At the very least, pacifism is in keeping with the Commandment; this alone should suffice to suggest that there are at least two sides to the issue at hand. People seem to be advocating exceptions to the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Sure — they say — the Commandment is okay in its place. But it certainly doesn't mean that we shouldn't kill dirty people, foreign people, people who disagree with us. But again: what exceptions will come next? How about the Commandment against adultery? What is the Official Groupthink on this? I await the announcement with anticipation.

These are things that are happening now; and they are tough acts to follow. What's going to happen next? After we are done with vendettas, human sacrifice and a little killing here and there, what will we do for an encore? The prospect charms me not. What a crazy place!

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UNC And NSA

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

On University Day, Chancellor Paul Sharp requested the people of North Carolina to have faith in UNC. This is well and good, for it is a shame that this great institution has recently had its name marred by the violent controversy over H. B. 1395.

Clean-Cut Attack

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Just a glimpse of their clean-cut good looks and neat but not ostentatious dress will tell you that here is American manhood at its finest; nor do their actions disappoint us. In their attacks on groups whose opinion is not that of their majority they have shown that they do not intend to stand by and let these minority odd-balls undermine the democratic principles which made this country great — not when they can do it so much more effectively themselves. Still, effective action needs an atmosphere of encouragement, and many have gained new inspiration from the way in which The Daily Tar Heel has been putting all those in their place who were behind the door when the rest of us were cast in the true mold.

If we're looking for meaningful issues at UNC we should forget Viet Nam and turn to the problem of stamping out the cancer of minority opinion (and minority dress and behavior, as well) right here at home.

Barnard should already have received something more than the mere admiration of his friends for his work along these lines, but I would ask him to do even more by trying his hand at something instructional as well as inspirational; perhaps a scene (suggested by recent incidents in the Y-Court) demonstrating some effective method of distributing SPU literature — all over the ground. (Some students deep down really want to strike a blow for democracy, but just don't know how to go about it.) I know I needn't instruct the staff cartoonist on how to make it crystal clear with whom we should be identifying, nor on how to make the raunchy victim sufficiently ridiculous to tickle our funny bone as well as instruct us.

I leave the details, and further thinking along these lines to you, trusting that my main call to duty has been heard and understood.

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