

The Daily Tar Heel

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General Assembly And Us

Rumors have been flying around Raleigh lately the Gov. Dan Moore will call two special sessions of the General Assembly, one to deal with the speaker ban law and one to handle reapportionment.

The reasoning is that the speaker ban would be considered first because things are likely to be considerably shaken up after reapportionment and the General Assembly might be full of lame duck legislators who won't feel like doing anything.

Rep. David Britt, chairman of the speaker ban study commission, has said his group will make its recommendations about what should be done to the law by Nov. 10 — possibly earlier.

It is expected that the commission will ask that the law at least be amended to return control of campus speakers to the schools' trustees.

Once his pet road bond issue is out of the way after Nov. 2, Moore should be in a good position to call the special session just as soon as he gets Britt's report.

The acting director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools said yesterday that he thinks the group, when it meets in Richmond Dec. 1, will "take some action, possibly probation" for North Carolina's state-owned schools "unless action is taken by the North Carolina legislature or the governor."

So the special session must come between Nov. 10 or thereabouts and Nov. 30 and it must change the speaker ban law.

Or we're in trouble.

Get Out The Stationery

UNC coeds, where is your patriotism? Here's your chance to really do something for the morale of our soldiers serving in Viet Nam, and so far only about 20 of you have inquired about taking advantage of it.

Six marines in Viet Nam have sent a letter which is in the hands of Student Government which says, "We were engaged in an 'intellectual' conversation, and the name of your college popped up. One of the guys lives in North Carolina, and he says all southern girls are 'nice and friendly'..."

"We thought it would be a good idea to converse in letters with a few of you people. Please don't get us wrong — this is not to be any of this lonely hearts junk. We just think it is a good idea and that it might turn out to be a lot of fun."

Writing letters to the soldiers isn't a particularly unique idea. The North Carolina American Legion has started a campaign to send letters and Christmas cards to the fellows, and students at Pfeiffer College say they are going to try to send cards and letters to every GI in Viet Nam.

But we're in a special position and ought to feel even more obligated because the soldiers have written to us first.

Reports are that about 15 girls have come by the Student Government office to get the names and "characteristics" of these marines, and about four have called. At least some of the girls said they would put the information up on bulletin boards in their dormitories.

That's a great idea and we heartily encourage all you non-draftable girls to take a little time out of your busy school life and send a bit of cheerful correspondence to some guys who can certainly use it.

Is The Great Pumpkin Here?

The Great Pumpkin? Don't be ridiculous. Everybody knows he only exists in the mind of Peanuts' Linus.

Or at least that's what we always thought — until yesterday. We're not so sure anymore because at least one student has received a whole boxful of gifts clearly marked "from the Great Pumpkin." The student swears that it just can't be a hoax and he is a man of such honor that we can hardly doubt his word.

"I'm a believer," he said. "You have to be a believer before the Great Pumpkin comes."

Nevertheless, we're still a bit skeptical. The Great Pumpkin is supposed to rise up out of the pumpkin patch and go about delivering his goodies to "those who believe."

But that package we saw was delivered by mail. Santa Claus wouldn't operate that way, and the Great Pumpkin shouldn't either.

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Letters To The Editor

Sixty Band Members Rise To Own Defense

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

This letter is in response to the many remarks made by Ed Freakley about the Marching Tar Heels in his stories concerning football games. We've read all we want to read of his comments. There are many reasons why the band is the way it is. Not many people know what these are, and it's high time everyone is told.

Number one: The students at this university seem to complain and criticize everything and support nothing. They don't know what to appreciate. For instance, at the Maryland game the UNC band did not get any applause. Yet, its drill was much more complicated and exact than the Maryland band's. It did a darned good job and got no thanks or sign of appreciation from the students or faculty. Incidentally, footballs were being thrown which could have been done during the quarters. Freakley told one band member that he and other students thought UNC should have at least 185 band members out of 12,000 students. Well, we've got news for him, this university will never have such a band. Why? — because the students don't seem to give a darn about the band. They don't seem to care whether the band marches or not, except they wouldn't have anything to laugh at or to make cracks about.

Number two: The band members feel that we get very little support from the "fine" music department. It appears that it would be all right with this department if the band just disappeared.

Number three: This is the greatest reason of all why the band is as it is. The UNC Athletic Association expects miracles out of very little. First of all, the band gets much less than what all the big school bands in the nation get. The UNC band gets approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 a season. Maryland gets \$20,000 a season, excluding bus fare to away games. The University of Miami band gets \$70,000. All expenses of the UNC band have to be taken out of its amount: Instruments, repair, bus fare to away games, food, cleaning and altering of uniforms, music, etc. Unfortunately, the band suffers and so does the entire school from this lack of money. Secondly, the physical education department will not let band members be excused from fundamentals for marching season. Admittedly, it does exempt other band members and gives P.E. credit for half a semester, but the other requirement prevents a large number from participating. The band lost at least thirty members due to the immediate requirement of fundamentals. Academically or otherwise, you can't tell us that if a football player were needed, the Athletic Department wouldn't make an exception.

Number four: Time is also a good reason. The band gets to practice from 4:30 'til 6 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On two of these days at least eighteen band members can't be there because of lab and class conflicts which no one wanted to change (in cases that were possible) in order to help the band have everyone present for every rehearsal. It's extremely difficult to learn and practice a show with even eighteen absent.

These are only a few reasons, but we hope that they will sink into some hard

heads around this university.

The band works very hard and does well under all the above circumstances. If anyone wants to complain or thinks he can do better, we would like to extend a personal invitation for the "anyone" to come and join the band and see what it's like.

In regard to Freakley's comment in Sunday's DTH, the UNC band did an excellent job at the Wake Forest game. There were no mistakes, and at least the Wake Forest people gave a big applause. Freakley will never see 185 band members as long as the students continue to act as they do and as long as the other important factions of the university persist in giving only mediocre support.

At least 85 people at this university want the University to have a good band and they are willing to make the effort at a personal sacrifice; and if it weren't for them, this university wouldn't have a band at all.

We need EVERYONE'S support!

Jackie Crabtree, Denny Caldwell, Bill Mims, Jr., Jim Ogburn, Jim Dilda, Kenny May, Rick Elliott, Gene Irons, Tom McLintock, Flip Jones, Charles Lewis George Newman, David Chamberlain, Robert E. Pittman, Gray Tuttle, Thomas Easte, Randy Ferguson, Charles Shore, Nita Wilkinson and Jim Allran.

Also Paul Weinberg, Duane Rominger, Ralph Cooke, Sam Fulk, John Southern, Bruce Buckner, Louis Bregger, Douglas Lain, Mike Goodson, Anne Daugherty, Paul Thompson, Philip Marivn, Thomas Beal, Ronald White, and Michael Smith.

Also Ricky Marks, Greg Barton, Ray Beshears, Robert Taylor, Margaret Howell, Kathryn Howell, John Whitehurst, Leonard Brendel, Perry T. Carroll, Edward Walton, Richard Yarbrough, Ken Lemons, Norman Leach, Frazier Glenn, Ronald Shuping, Steve Hoar, and Harry D. Hollingsworth, Jr.

Rejoice Alabama, Wilkins Is Free

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Rejoice, Alabama, because Collie Leroy Wilkins is a free man today. Be of good cheer for "Never before have so few" made so grand a mockery of the sacred institution of Justice. Two hours it took to deliberate and acquit the accused woman-killer — two hours, characteristic of swift "Alabama Justice" that strikes like a bullet in the night — quick and effective.

Hayneville, Alabamians have good reason to be proud — a woman who deviated from a few norms we've grown up with and never questioned was murdered along with a list from the past of other Negroes and their friends, and no one, no one has been brought to trial and convicted for these travesties of justice.

Be happy for you "have the Negroes 'in their place'"; you have them "scared" and you've added one more block to the society you are seeking to build. Would you like to know what this society of white authoritarians will be like if you complete it — ask the survivors of Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy. Ask them what it was like to sit by while a minority's rights were taken away, then mass killing of that minority group was accomplished (6 million Jews!) and finally the rights of all Germans or Italians were altered or destroyed by the "Mad Painter" with his poisonous tongue and the cocky, black-shirted Italian. Ask them.

You are creating a society of brute force over logical, civilized institutions. You are seeking Darwinism in its harshest form — survival of the fittest, and do you know who are the "fittest"? They are those with the most guns, quickest fists and greatest violence capacity. There is not much room at the top of this society as far as leaders are concerned.

If you are lucky you might claw (that's right, I said claw) your way to the top of this animal society of dead civil rights workers, Negro beatings and intimidated, enlightened individuals. Be of good cheer for you might be one of the leaders; however, do not be surprised if after you succeed in building this society of terror you too might be forced to cower under the stronger principals if you disagree, in the slightest, with their warped aims and whims, but that won't be too bad; they will all be good "Christians," "anti-communists," all American, pure-blooded whites. What more could you ask?

Ask the people of Germany and Italy!

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Great Crusade

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I'd like to carry the crusading banner for the Carolina Playmakers, the Ackland Art Gallery and Graham Memorial.

The Carolina Playmakers work long and hard to produce plays on the campus; some years ago the theatrical group was one of the best on any American campus. Nowadays their productions are both good and bad, but neither the good ones or poor ones receive much publicity in The Daily Tar Heel.

There were a few articles previous to the recent "Mikado" production, but there was no review of the play. If the performance is good — and the "Mikado" was — then students should learn that it is, so they may be more motivated to see it. If the production is a bomb, the DTH should tell them, too. In any event, the Playmakers deserve more publicity and credit for their work.

The Ackland Art Gallery has within it some very fine works that students rarely see. In addition, it has occasional special exhibits, including works by students. Through more publicity of such cultural events, The Daily Tar Heel can perform the great service of increasing students' art appreciation.

Graham Memorial, like The Daily Tar Heel receives a great deal of money from students. And the GM Activities Board naturally must spend some of this money on publicity. GMAB's publicity budget could probably be economized if The Daily Tar Heel gave its sponsored events better coverage.

Recently, one of the best "real" folk singers in the country, Doc Watson, gave a great performance before a packed GM lounge audience. The GMAB publicity committee apparently had short notice to pub-

Letters To The Editor

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.

lize the event and felt compelled to purchase advertising space in the DTH. Why couldn't the DTH have saved them some money by running at least one story about the concert beforehand.

Now GM has scheduled a jazz festival for October 24 and has bought an ad in the DTH to publicize it. And singer Nancy Wilson will appear here in November. But neither event has received news lineage in The Daily Tar Heel.

May I suggest that the DTH look to the campus for more news rather than use the Associated Press copy so much.

The campus newspaper should inform the students about world and national news, but this can be read in the state's fine dailies.

You can't read about "The Mikado" or Nancy Wilson in The Charlotte Observer, though.

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SPU Represents Minority Opinion

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

While not denying the right of individual belief, we wholeheartedly condemn the false representation of majority opinion. Because of this, we speak in support of the article by Fred Harwell in Sunday's DTH. As a dissenting voice, the SPU has proclaimed its beliefs throughout the state, whereas the majority opinion of the student body has not been expressed.

A situation such as this often exists where a minority faction attempts to discredit the beliefs and actions of the majority. We are referring to the SPU implication that they represent the majority of student body opinion in their demonstrations by carrying signs that read "We're from the University of North Carolina." One has only to observe other students arguing with the SPU members in their Y-Court booths and scoffing at the SPU picketers to realize that this organization is hardly illustrative of popular student opinion.

If a poll were taken on our campus we believe that most students would come out in support of American military policy and in opposition to practices of the SPU which tend to undermine the reputation of the University of North Carolina.

Connie Roberts
Angel Flight Commander

Elaine Carlson
Legislator, WD II

Fascinating Heads

From PARADE

What newspaper headline would most compel a woman to read on? One hundred and fifty women editors were recently asked this question. Some of their answers: "Jacqueline Kennedy Remarries," "U. S. Declares Tax on Bachelors," "Instant Cure for Fatness," "Human Life Found on the Moon," "Woman Elected U. S. President," and "Widows Exempt from Property Tax."

