

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Like Stung Rabbits

Fraternity men far and near have been hopping like stung rabbits since the DTH ran an interview with Dean of Men William G. Long last Friday about the status and future of fraternities.

"What he said was unfair and distorted," they are crying.

Well, maybe. It is true that Long said some things that were not especially what the fraternity men want to hear.

"I don't know if the Greeks will make it . . . If fraternities keep up their black-balling and Brooks Brothers 'I don't know if the Greeks will make it . . . If fraternities bigotry I don't care if they don't succeed . . . Many on the faculty wonder if such a selective group is in place at an institution of public education," Long said.

But he also said, "I believe the end result (of the effects of the Residence College System) will be that fraternities will be strengthened in what they offer and in what they stand for . . . I very much want to see fraternities make it, because they have very great potential to contribute positively to this campus — more than any other group. It is impossible to get so close a grouping working in the Residence College System."

One out of five UNC students belongs to a fraternity today. Less than 10 years ago, when the student body was half as large, one in five belonged. This by no means indicates that the existing fraternities are not thriving and healthy, but it ought to raise the question of why new chapters cannot be organized. When the University becomes saturated, it has to expand. The same fact applies to the fraternity system.

The matter of fraternity academics has been raised. Last year the average for all active brothers and pledges was 2.241. The all-men's average was 2.288. If fraternity men maintain this position, we see 2.200. The all-student (including women) average was no need for that "faculty concern" which has been expressed to Long.

The residence Colleges may not be a threat to fraternities, but their impact is going to be inescapable. As a Men's Residence Council official said recently, "Right now the residence colleges can out-party the fraternities." Those houses which have in the past relied heavily on a "party atmosphere" to attract pledges will have to make the most adjustment.

A strong fraternity system is an asset which this University is not about to give up or undermine. Fraternities are strong now, but this is not to say they cannot be stronger nor that they will not have to change with the times. They are strong enough to bear criticism without panic.

Fraternity member Long said Monday, "I think fraternities are something everybody should look in to carefully. They offer valuable and constructive experiences."

Obviously not everybody needs a fraternity, but many people do and we agree with Long's statement: "I don't see how we could get along without 'em."

## A Demand For Justice

UP Legislator Jim Smith, representative from Men's District V (Carr, Old East, Old West, Battle-Vance-Pettigrew) has demanded justice from the DTH.

We're happy to oblige. His name was the one which inadvertently got left out of the Tuesday editorial which listed responsive legislators who voted against campus radio, and their constituents. The vote in his district was just 136 for, 56 against.

Sorry, Jim. It won't happen again. But it's at least partly your fault — for being so wishy-washy. You changed your vote from yes to no in the midst of the meeting and your name didn't get on the list of negativists.

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## "What The Hell Do You Mean, Munch Is The Word?"



Letters To The Editor

### Greek Rebuttal

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Perhaps Dean Long would like to retract some of his statements in Fred Thomas's DTH article (the decline of fraternities, Nov. 5th) before somebody mentions the fact that every year the committee on admissions "blackballs" thousands of applicants to Carolina; or that Craig Dormitory "balls" hundreds who have named Maverick House as their preference; and that the University-supported Toronto Exchange Program "screens" (backballs) many applicants before selecting the few who will represent the University.

Perhaps Dean Long would also like to clarify his position that "if fraternity men consistently performed higher than the rest of the men on campus" there wouldn't be the problem with the faculty. The fact stands on record that fraternity averages have consistently been higher than those of the remaining men on campus. Is there a "problem with the faculty?"

Also, maybe Fred Thomas would like to rephrase his example of "the decline of the strength of the fraternity system." In 1957, as Thomas said, 25% of the campus males were fraternity members; the campus enrollment was near the 6,000 mark. There were 1500 members in 24 houses. In 1965, the figure is only 19, but the campus population is up another 6,000. There are now 2,280 Greeks, an increase of 780. This is a decline?

Fraternity members hold positions in eight out of ten political offices of the Student Government. All four of the male student body officers are Greeks, the University Party is controlled by the major fraternities, and UNC's only Rhodes Scholar (and former student body president) was a member of a Carolina fraternity. If this is decline, we want more!

These are just but a few of the startling blunders in Thomas' article. If this is any indication of the caliber of the remainder of the series, they should be "blackballed" from the DTH as they serve no purpose.

William J. Gordon  
Beta Theta Pi

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In response to your recent interview with Dean Long on the future of the fraternity system at the University of North Carolina I feel it would be appropriate to quote part of a recent letter from Henry A. Federa, National President of Delta Upsilon Fraternity:

"After the Berkeley riots at the University of California, it would seem that university administrators should take another look at fraternities. Maybe they are not as bad as previously thought. Perhaps they are a positive need.

"With isolated exceptions, it was not fraternities men who caused the excesses which so stunned college officials and America. Indeed the group which has often been the whipping boy for administrators turned out, in the main, to be the stable citizens of the campus and it was from the ranks of the independents that the anarchists came.

"Of course, fraternities have been frustrating to the Deans and faculty. Admitted that they have committed puerile acts, but generally these acts have been thoughtless or exuberant. Occasionally a serious result comes from a fraternal prank and all fraternity officers deplore this. But these are the unintentional result, not like the calculated rioting and lawlessness which flamed in California. Universities and fraternities both need law and order to exist.

"If universities will look beyond their frustrations and recognize the positive values of fraternities and if fraternities would recognize that some of their acts have not made friends, a solid beginning would be accomplished with should be helpful to university and fraternity alike."

Charles E. Downton  
Delta Upsilon House

### Roger Davis

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The loss that Carolina students feel in Roger Davis is felt most deeply by those who knew him at Stanford University. Although I only knew him for two weeks in the NSA Congress at Wisconsin this summer, I found him the most wonderfully human person I've ever known.

He gave me a wonderful feeling about Carolina, and someday I'd like to see that grand old place. Although his living strength, I can no longer draw from, and am weaker for it: I shall try to build my own strength in emulating his humanness.

Lars Gantzel  
Stanford University

### Critical Review

Editor, Daily Tar Heel:

It seems that the staff member who reviewed Fred Chappell's novel, *The Inking*, in the October 31 edition of *The Daily Tar Heel* went to unnecessary lengths to put across her point. I firmly believe in the right of a critic to express himself on the work in question, but he oversteps his right when he includes a slam at the writer's private background and abilities, as did the reviewer in the last part of that article.

Carol Wonsavage  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

## Cheerleader's Performance

### Was Model Of Poor Taste

By JOHN H. JENNRICH  
Associate Editor

Head cheerleader Jerry Houle is a disgrace to the University.

The Atlanta junior's performance Saturday, while not dissimilar from previous performances, was notable for one thing. It was his last (we hope) before a Chapel Hill football crowd.

Criticism of Houle is not a question of enthusiasm or lack of it. Houle has a seemingly bottomless jug of school spirit with which to sustain him throughout the game.

This is a case of Houle's disgusting lack of good taste.

It was not necessary to ridicule Clemson players as they were being introduced. Or attempt to make fun of the Clemson fight song.

It was not necessary to call the Clemson players "stupid."

And it was not necessary to bellow "shut up" over the microphone to the Boy Scouts at half time.

Perhaps Houle's greatest display of poor taste came near the end of the first half. Clemson had the ball deep in Carolina territory. And there was an officials' time out

to measure for a first down. About the same time that an official signaled a first down, the game announcer said the University had as its guests that day many of the National Merit Scholars.

And at that point the head cheerleader simply said, "They cheated."

The braying jackass in the striped jacket was apparently oblivious to anyone's feelings but his own, or to the fact that his continuous drivel was being forced on several thousand Carolina students, alumni and guests.

On the other hand, maybe he thrives on a captive audience, captive in the sense that they wanted to see the ball game despite Houle's obnoxious behavior. It's obvious Houle would never make it on his own without such an audience.

Presumably Houle will make his appearance at the Duke game and at home basketball games. Hopefully someone, maybe even one of his fellow cheerleaders, will suggest to him before his next performance that he stick to Give 'Em Hell, Heels.

Being enthusiastically pro - Carolina in good taste is much better than being anti-everything else in poor taste.

Mike Jennings

## Let Fraternities 'Ship Out'

### Gracefully To Dorm Society

Dean Long says that fraternities can either shape up or ship out.

Let 'em ship out. Who needs them? And for what?

Looking for action? Is it possible to match the thrills of a tag football game played to the hilt in a four-by-six frat yard? Is there anything quite so ripping as a picnic in the mountains with your Hi Phi chummies?

Check out Morrison Residence College. For the past couple of months, Big Mo and Maverick House have been at it tooth and nail over everything from gong warfare to total number of women-within-the-walls on Saturday night. A strained hush now hangs over the Morrison-Craige battleground. But this will last only till the cloud cover lifts and reveals the new five-inch guns on the Morrison penthouse roof.

Old men have huddled around coal

stoves and talked about it. Some say they've seen it. Others scoff and say it's a myth.

But in our day we may see it come to pass.

The perfect panty raid.

The Lower Quad has organization now, and leadership. Lord help McIver.

Do you want to get into Student Government? Go right ahead. Being a residence hall man won't hold you back.

What do the brothers have left that the dorm rats don't have better? Not much, unless you count the big yellow bibs.

Residence colleges don't need chummies; they need troops. They take from everybody in gross quantities, but they give back the same way.

Maybe a residence college isn't a group of buddies all pulling together in harmony. But neither is a democracy.

So take your pick.

David Rothman

## Viet Nam Is Becoming

### A War Of Fruit Cakes

What happened after U.S. servicemen in Viet Nam were drowned in a sea of fruit cakes, beer, books, magazines and other gifts from supporters of President Johnson's foreign policy?

The soldiers soon found their superiors were forcing them to eat the fruit cakes, drink the beer, read the books and magazines, and use whatever else came their way.

"But I hate fruit cakes," Private Koob Egdelwonk protested.

"Eat it anyway," his sergeant replied.

"Why?"

"If you don't eat your fruit cake, the folks back home will think we've forgotten them."

"How about dumping the cakes into the ocean?"

"Transporting them to the coast would create too much of a logistics problem."

"Why couldn't we feed the cakes to the Viet Cong?"

"They're not hungry anymore. Their stomachs are stuffed with food the Student Peace Union forwarded them through CARE. Besides, having them eat home made fruit cake would be contrary to the Geneva Convention's rules for humane warfare."

Private Egdelwonk at this point became so enraged that he grew a beard and burned his PX card.

"Well," the sergeant said, "if you won't eat these fruit cakes, maybe you'll drink the beer — unless you want to get locked up in the stockade."

"I'm a teetotaler."

"Makes no difference. If you don't drink the beer, people will think you're not supporting the President's foreign policy."

Egdelwonk got so mad he donned a dirty sweatshirt and a pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals.

Then the sergeant told him to read the books and magazines sent from the United States.

"But I don't want to read 'Candy' and 'Playboy,'" Koob insisted.

"Do as I say, Private Egdelwonk. If you don't, I'll assign you to that work detail in charge of writing letters home to college kids and school girls who must be convinced we think Johnson's doing the right thing."

"I'd rather go to the stockade," Koob declared.

"I might just make you write the letters anyway. The kids at Berkeley and the University of Wisconsin say they're heavily outnumbered by the enemy. Those ROTC units can't survive much longer, I'm afraid, without military assistance."

"Say, sergeant, maybe we could send the kids beer, cigarettes and the other nice things of life now that we've got so much of the stuff over here."

"An excellent idea, private, except they've got their logistics problems too. Nevertheless, if the parking lots get too overcrowded, we could always fly the supplies in by air."

