

The Daily Tar Heel

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ERNIE McCRARY, EDITOR

A Special Vets' Day

Today is Veterans' Day and the customary observance of the occasion will be held at 4 p.m. in Polk Place, behind South Building.

Usually, several hundred students — mostly those who just happen to be passing by — stop and watch the ceremonies at the flag pole.

This year, however, there will be a difference. Thanks to a very small group of students who had an idea and the willingness to work for it, the meaning of the gathering will be directed toward support of American fighting men in Viet Nam and United States policy there.

The school administration has given permission for the gathering, and the departments of Naval and Air Science heartily endorse it. All ROTC cadets, including drill teams and bands, will be present.

The ceremonies will be short and simple — the raising of the flag, the convocation and placing of a wreath at the flag pole. This is no "demonstration." The significance of the affair will be the simple act of attendance. It is not intended to be a rally of saber-rattling militarists.

It is meant to be a gathering of students and faculty who, no matter how much they abhor war of any sort, feel their first obligation is to support their nation.

A small minority of our students have had their "get out of Viet Nam" say-so here and at Fort Bragg. Now the large majority which we feel supports American policy can "speak" by appearing at Polk Place today.

Please do.

Check The Want Ads

One of the lushest, but most dependable, sources of entertainment in almost any newspaper or magazine is the classified advertising section.

The New Republic probably surpasses most with its interesting ads, and we would like to share these, from the latest issue, with you:

"Silence those aggressive hucksters! Minimize commercial brain-washing! Silence commercials with simple device. Illustrated 'do-it-yourself' instructions plus safety resistor, 25 cents; complete kit, including switch wire and safety resistor, \$1.50 . . . Berkeley 1, California.

"Will Forms." Two will forms and book on wills. \$1.00 complete.

"Hotel. Modern, informal, integrated hideaway for delightful, talented, creative guests.

"Maya ruins. Yucatan, Chiapas, Quintana Roo, Cozumel Island — with Anthropologist. December.

"If you're old enough to fight, you're old enough to vote. 'Age 18 Vote!' bumper banners now three for \$1.00.

"How and where to live in remote areas of the U. S. Pioneer Newsletter — monthly, \$2 year.

"Society for Humane Abortion. For information, send stamped self-addressed envelope to S.H.A. . . .

"Tired of being on the fringe? An unusual new diploma in your name certifies you a member of 'The Establishment.' Send 50 cents . . .

"Freedom Christmas cards. 'The Children of Birmingham,' 'This Year the Freedom Tree.' Ten cents apiece (regularly 15 cents). Do not send cash. Orders of less than ten cards not accepted.

"Make delicious wines, beers, ciders. Fifteen famous recipes \$1.

"Nut-of-the-Month Club (tm) special! Twelve kinds of nut meats in two 9-inch plastic Nibble Trays. \$3.95 plus 55 cents postage. Free nutty horoscope."

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'But I Have To Stamp Your ID Card!'



David Rothman

Smog Tax Boosts Economy

A tax on smog and junk cars? President Johnson's Science Advisory Committee recently suggested the government tax polluters of the air and water rather than ban pollution outright.

Corporations could continue filling the atmosphere with soot and dumping poisonous chemicals into lakes. They'd just have to contribute to the federal treasury.

I'm convinced the committee's proposal is so essential to our nation's economy that parts of Lake Erie can't support life because of all the industrial chemicals dumped into it. The committee members even

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Perhaps I support the proposal because I don't own a junk automobile (to be taxed as "personal property"). However, I know the Great Society badly needs money to finance worthy projects like the war on poverty, the space race, federal aid to education, the war in Viet Nam and press agents for Luci.

After the proposal becomes law, many public-spirited companies will patriotically continue jeopardizing the nation's health so they can pay their pollution taxes. But what about the miserly ones who'll use such unscrupulous loopholes as air filters and water purification equipment?

Here's what happened when the Internal Revenue Service began collecting pollution payments:

The year was 1970. A large automobile company had just announced plans to build a car without carbon dioxide fumes.

"But you can't do that to us," an Administration official pleaded. "President Johnson needs as much pollution tax money as possible to buy roller skates for Job Corpsmen."

"I'm sorry," said the auto company's representative. "I've got strict orders from my superiors to maintain our dividends—even if that means building non-polluting cars to lessen our taxes. Besides, I am totally carbon dioxide shortens human life."

"Nonsense. Certainly smog and carbon dioxide have minor side effects like lung cancer, but we need the money to enlarge the administration's medicare program."

"I still say our company has a constitutional right to produce smog-less cars. Tampering with that right would hurt private enterprise. Furthermore, did you know that by the year 2000 there will be 25 percent more carbon dioxide in our atmosphere than at the present time due to air pollution?"

"No, I didn't. But I don't care unless the air's so thick our rockets can't get through it."

"But excessive carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could melt polar icecaps, causing the ocean levels to rise and flood our coasts."

"Excellent. Then we won't have to build as many port facilities. Meanwhile, we'd like you to pollute the air so we'll have a big budget to fight the war in Viet Nam."

"My company absolutely refuses to pollute the atmosphere."

"Then I'm afraid the President will have to discipline you by releasing junk automobiles from government stockpiles. And he's already mad enough as it is—now that Congress says he must raise more money for that environmental health center."

Letters To The Editor

'Anemic' Infirmary And Campus Radio

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The purpose of the infirmary is to care for and attempt to cure the ailing student. But, should it not also be able to assist the student in a medical emergency? The infirmary is our "door" to the world of medical care and, as students, we are instructed to refer to it in all cases which fall under its calling. It, in turn, should be equipped, if not directly, at least in an advisory capacity, to cope with any medical problem of the student. In my experiences with our infirmary, it has failed to adequately meet this need.

I shall cite two specific examples: Last winter upon finding myself with a roommate in need of prompt medical attention, I proceeded to call the infirmary for assistance. The receptionist not only could not procure an ambulance for me, but she DID NOT KNOW how to go about getting one. (For your own personal reference, look under "ambulance service" in the yellow pages—for the nearest funeral home. I hope that receptionist is reading this so she'll know where to find an ambulance if she ever needs one.)

My second encounter with the infirmary's anemic emergency tactics occurred more recently — last week when a coed in our dorm burned herself very badly. I immediately called the infirmary that the girl was on her way over and for them to have someone on hand. Well, the intern on duty was there but he couldn't do anything until a doctor arrived. It was 30 minutes before someone with authority came even to administer her something for the pain.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one who has noticed this "I don't give a —" posture of much of our infirmary staff. Such a brazen lackadaisical attitude toward the well-being of the student (if merely as a human being) is not only inhuman, but in my opinion is a disgrace to the responsibilities of the medical profession.

Ann Cameron
 President, Smith Dorm

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

ONLY YOU CAN BRING ABOUT CAMPUS RADIO; so read the poster put out by our committee. Little did I know how prophetic those words would be. Actually, what I meant when I wrote them was that only strong popular support for Campus Radio could make the Student Legislature get off its laurels and pass the necessary legislation to create Campus Radio. But I could hardly say all that on a poster, and besides, John Stupak and I had been cautioned not to incur the wrath of that marvelous body, the Student Legislature. Little did we know that the few "big movers" in that body would ignore the referendum that they had demanded, and in so doing slap 3,301 students in the face for being so naive as to think that they had a real voice in their government. I realize that 1,099 students voted against Campus Radio, and perhaps it looks like they were represented in the legislative decision, but rather I should think that they just happened to be on the "right side." Given another issue they might find themselves in the majority and likewise cast aside like erring children.

What am I talking about here? Of course, I am attempting to create even greater support for Campus Radio, but at the same time I am discussing one of our most precious rights as students on this campus and that is our right to responsible representation in Student Legislature.

Everyone must be familiar with the theory that in the ideal democratic society, the citizenry has every right to express its views and that the government is responsible to uphold the wishes of the majority. We can't expect ideal democracy but we can and should expect that the Student Legislature would adhere to it as closely as possible. But there is clear evidence that, at present, the wishes of the majority and responsibility to the student body are being ignored by our legislature. All that is left to us is our voice, as anyone who has noticed the number of petitions circulated this year can plainly see. There is a growing discontent.

First, the Campus Radio Committee let the big movers in the Student Legislature know that we are now on a war footing and that we intend to bypass them by having the students who support Campus Radio vote it into existence directly.

The next article came from Jim Little, Speaker Pro Tem of the legislature, who stated, ". . . if legislators are not willing to see the leadership role and responsibility of Student Legislature, then the very existence of Legislature should be scrutinized." The next day, Sherry O'Donnell, Student Body Secretary, attacked the special session of Nov. 2 as a "disgusting example of legislative irresponsibility" and then accused them of a "general close-mindedness and willful disregard for the legislative responsibility."

But it need not be this way! Perhaps our legislators have forgotten their responsibility to the student body, but as a body we can remind them in no uncertain terms that they are in legislature to represent us, that our voice means a great deal more than they suppose. If we must, we can control Student Legislature. Fellow students, you have been called a sleeping giant, but the alarm has sounded. It's Time To Get up!

Richard B. Conely
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Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Regarding the Friday, Nov. 5, editorial about Joyner, we at Alexander realize that Joyner is backward in other ways besides physical appearance, such as organization and residents. We are not shocked to see Joyner built backward since such a state of confusion exists there all the time.

In a dynamic contrast, we see Winston dorm. In a recent letter to The Daily Tar Heel, they demonstrated how progressive thinking they are by advocating a change in the rules to allow more out-of-town girls to stay in their rooms. Since they have shown that they are thinking so much of the Carolina boys, we gentlemen of Alexander would like to express our continually fine thoughts about them.

To our northern neighbor Joyner, we only wish you could attain the heights that our Southern Belles in Winston have reached.

Ken Giles, President
 Alexander Residence Hall

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Thus far this year I have been in general agreement with the views expressed in the DTH editorials. I have, however, been sorely embarrassed by the utter ineptness with which these views have been defended.

Maupin managed to give the impression that the moral and political issues at stake in the controversy with the SDS were best evaluated with ones olfactory faculty. Now the "sniff test" may provide an adequate assessment of the merits of coffee or shave lotion, but most of us have a faculty more appropriate to ideas. I am convinced that our position in Viet Nam can be successfully defended without resort to such 'ad hominem' arguments.

McCrary invites "feedback" to legislators who voted against their constituents' wishes. I have some "feedback" for McCrary.

I voted for campus radio; my representative voted against it. But my disappointment at this setback pales beside my dismay at the view of representative government expressed in McCrary's editorial.

Under the political system obtaining in this country and on this campus, I have an inalienable right to representation. My views do not enjoy this same right. I abuse my right to vote if I vote for a legislator solely because he shares my views.

Deliberation is the essence of a legislature. Able legislators are men with the diligence to do the difficult and time-consuming job of determining the facts in the case, and the intelligence and sensitivity to decide the issue on the basis of these facts. It is unreasonable to expect of even the

most conscientious of constituents such expertise as his representative should have. In many areas it is impossible for the voter to secure the relevant information, e.g. military security, etc.

Is this not the salient difference between the demagogue and the statesman? Statesmen like the late Rep. Herbert Bonner, Sen. William Fulbright and Rep. Hale Boggs have had the foresight to vote against the wishes of their constituents, when in their considered judgment the situation demanded it; and often at some risk.

Perhaps the vote on campus radio was not a case of such foresight. But the bare fact that these representatives have opposed their constituents' interests.

Referenda and other appeals to the "wisdom of the masses," if taken as the final word, are prejudicial to the perpetuity of that limited democracy which has served this country so well.

Wade Marlette
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Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

As I was flipping through my latest radio catalogue, looking over special sales on cheap Japanese FM radios, a solution to the present campus radio controversy struck me, one which should make all parties happy. We have seen that only one-third of the campus students even had enough interest in the question of a carrier-current campus radio station to vote in the referendum, and only one-fourth of the campus students were in favor of such a costly endeavor (\$36,000 I find that Student Government could purchase an FM radio for each student who voted in favor of the referendum! This would allow these interested students to hear our university's present radio station, WUNC, whether they live in a dorm or anywhere off campus (where they would not have been reached by the proposed campus radio plan), and would also eliminate the need for spending an additional \$11,000 each succeeding year. And endeavor (\$36,000). I find that Student Government and The Daily Tar Heel could perhaps then devote their time to considering the relevant issues which concern students.

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