

The Daily Tar Heel

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ERNIE McCrARY, EDITOR

Out, Damned Splinter

Students have already been to the polls a seemingly inordinate number of times this semester, but no voting day can be more important than next Monday.

On that day, the Men's Residence Council has scheduled a referendum which could make or break the residence college system.

The issue is whether or not residence hall men will approve fee increases of \$3.20 per semester to finance the proposed residence college and hall social programs. They all pay a social fee of \$1.80 now, so if the referendum is approved, each man will be paying \$10 per year (50 cents of it for the intramural manager's fund), or \$6.40 more than he is paying now.

Three residence colleges are now operating — very successfully. They needed more money than the present \$1.80 fee provides, however, so Student Legislature recently made a one-time-only appropriation to these colleges which totaled more than \$4,000.

We wholeheartedly support the idea of a referendum because we feel that those who benefit directly from the residence college programs should pay for them. Some have suggested that the entire system be financed by Student Government with student activity fees, but we find it impossible to justify taxing everyone for the benefit of 40 per cent of the students.

Time is a key factor in this vote Monday. If the fee increase — which would affect only those living in residence halls — is approved then, there will be time to make the necessary changes in bookkeeping and billing so that the increase would go into effect next semester and the residence colleges would have their operating funds.

Certain questions remain unanswered, however. With more than 5,000 men in residence halls, the colleges will be operating on a total budget of more than \$50,000 — which should pay for a lot of socializing. We think a detailed explanation of how this figure was picked as the needed amount and exactly how it will be spent should be made.

Specifics of organizational plans for the five other colleges, which now do not even legally exist, are also in order.

The residence college system has no stronger supporter than the DTH. For that reason we want it to be flawlessly planned, to insure its success.

Perhaps the plans are now flawless — but we would like to be sure.

A Lot Of Loot

It was like a deeply embedded splinter. Its presence was always felt. At times it almost faded from awareness; at other times it caused a throbbing pain. But it was always felt.

Wednesday, after two and a half fretful years of universal discomfort, the North Carolina General Assembly yanked that splinter out of the hide of the University. It was only fitting that the assembly should do the job because it inserted that irritating sliver one day in 1963 in less time than it takes to slide down a banister.

The action in Raleigh this week was smooth, with the script written by Gov. Dan Moore and Rep. David Britt closely followed. It was a competent performance; the future should bear out its wisdom.

There are men who will find that their days seem noticeably less busy now that ban-bred problems should begin to fade away. But no lull was ever more welcome.

The amendment removed the splinter. Repeal would have healed the sore now, but time is also an effective salve.

And, if only from sheer exhaustion, the "for's" and "against's" ought to join in thanks for settlement at last.

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Ha. Ha. Ha. The Ban Is Dead!



Swedish Student Gives 'Neutral' Viet Nam View

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I am taking keen interest in the letters to the editor on the Viet Nam issue and as a citizen of a traditionally neutral country (Sweden) it may perhaps be of interest for the readers to know something about the most common opinions in Sweden about American politics in Viet Nam as reflected in the leading papers, in radio and TV.

Perhaps the following best could aim at illustrating the lines of thought: Suppose Chinese Polaris submarines were patrolling outside the American coast, Chinese troops were fighting in northern Canada, and Chinese planes bombing southern Canada near the American-Canadian borderline, and, furthermore, the Chinese were threatening that the Americans were to encounter a heavy blow should they try to help the Canadians. What would happen? Would not U. S. utilize all her resources to develop the atom bomb, if we assume the Chinese had it, to meet that deadly threat? Of course! Well, isn't that just what happens in the world today, only the other way around? The Chinese may have the same reason to feel a deadly threat and we could not blame them for being hostile towards the U.S.A. and doing their best to equalize themselves technically with the U.S.A.

This kind of arguing may seem fantastic and irrelevant to some of my fellow-students but I hope others should see the point and feel the relevance. If so, there may be some hope for avoiding the extreme horrors of another world war. This is too serious a matter to gain but superficial interest. There seems to be little justification and an awful lot of danger in arguing like this: Communism is bad. Therefore, let's fight communism wherever and whenever it occurs and even if there is but suspicion of its occurrence, should it be on campuses

in North Carolina or among the suffering people of Viet Nam, or in the Dominican Republic. To most enlightened people back in Sweden this kind of irrational, prejudiced values seem to be hysterical and constituting a really strong threat to world peace. After all, we are bound to have different political systems peacefully co-existing in the world today. To deny that fact would be unrealistic. Therefore, instead of condemning and fighting communism an approach which really brings no solutions to any question of differing values and beliefs — the only fertile approach would be to try and understand communism as a political alternative for some peoples of the world living culturally, socially, economically and politically in quite another context than the western democracies. In so reasoning there seems to be little if any justification for the Americans to interfere in Viet Nam as also there seems to be serious doubt as to whether the South Vietnamese government (if there at all is one) or the Viet Cong movement are most truly meeting the hopes and expectations of the suffering South Vietnamese people.

As one of the super-powers U.S.A. will have a tremendous contribution to make and responsibility to share in the pursuit of world peace. So many peoples of the world look at U.S.A. in their hopes for high moral and ethic standards in international politics. It is not just, in the case of Viet Nam, hopefully to look forward to U.S.A. to be the one to take the first step towards a state of normality by ending her bomb-raids and withdrawing her troops without setting ultimatum to the other parties. Such action would not be weakness, would not imply loss of prestige, but quite the opposite.

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So, Why Have Editorial Pages?

By MILES H. WOLFF
 In the Newspaper Public Information Bulletin

Why have editorial pages?

As simple as the question sounds, I have had a great deal of difficulty answering it.

The first reason is that we have editorials in order to let people know what the newspaper itself thinks about current affairs. Back in the good old days when the news pages were full of editorial expression and news was written to present the newspaper's policies, there really wasn't a very good reason for letting the public know from editorials how it stood on the issues. The reader could find out from the news columns.

But just to let the reader know how the newspaper feels is not enough. It is the duty of the newspaper to instruct the reader and to help him make up his mind. If the editor can convince the reader along the lines of what the editor conceives as right and just, that is fine. On the other hand, if the editor causes his reader to reason for himself, to come to a conclusion of his own, to discover the path he should take, that is better, even if the reader does not agree with the editor. In a democracy, each person ought to decide for himself what is best, and the editor can help him in this decision.

Taking a broad viewpoint, newspaper editorial pages that are alert, that do their job as it should be done, can keep their city or town from becoming self-centered, self-righteous, and self-satisfied.

In other words, the community will act as it should in a democracy such as ours.

Letters To The Editor

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, particularly on matters of local or University interest. Letters must be typed (preferably double or triple 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.

Joyner Speaks

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In reply to the letter from Ken Giles, the president of Alexander Dorm, who commented on the alleged backwardness of Joyner, we would like to make it clear that any existing confusion is caused by covetous Alexander residents lounging in our luxurious social room, watching our color TV, listening to our stereo and using our telephones, bathrooms and study facilities at all hours of the day and night. However, Joyner Men do not complain, because we are only too happy to let the underprivileged boys from Alexander enjoy themselves for a change.

Giles also made a comment about the "thoughts" of Alexanders for the ladies in Winston. Of course, everybody knows that Joyner Men do more than "think" about girls.

Pat Rhodes, Rick Kramer, Rick Draper, George Plonk, Paul Thompson, Alan B. Simpson, J. Cameron Hunt, Mike Fells, Tom Watson, Larry A. Ingram, Barry W. Corbett, David Boyle, Samuel Haddock, Neil Koonce, Wayland Townsend, Bill Yelverton, Bill Cochran, Jim Bergeron, Ed Sessoms, Rob Schell, George Lamont, and Ronald L. Tanner.

Joyner Dorm

Campus Manners

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Many students ask me "You haven't been writing on manners lately, what's the trouble?"

I answer that I haven't felt very well recently, have had no appetite, and have been eating at home, trying to entice my appetite, with little success. Therefore, I have not been on the campus much.

Usually, I have the upper-classes pretty well trained, but I have to start all over with the freshmen every year. If this state of affairs keeps up, there won't be anybody around to crack heads, and the freshmen won't know Otelia Connor exists.

However, there are a few things to note. The freshmen walk all over the side-walks, and if I didn't stop and hold my ground, I would be walked right over. Remember, keep to the right when walking, just as you do when driving, and respect the other person's right-of-way.

I met a professor downtown the other day. He said he wished I would get on the manners of the students — that he was in line at Lenoir when two students cut in the line in front of him. I said I was surprised that he "didn't knock 'em cold," that I usually took them by the ear and pulled them out of line. He said he did let them know that he didn't like it.

Today, I met a half-dozen professors on the campus at an intersection. I waited to see what would happen. They kept moving. I whacked one of them with a newspaper and said "I just wanted to know if you gentlemen would wait for me to pass!" They laughed, and one of them very politely said, "Thank you for letting us pass!"

Last night as I was approaching the doorway at Spencer Hall, a student came through the door and let it close. I said to him, "You go back and open that door for me!" He said, "Yes, Madam," and promptly opened the door for me. I thanked him, of course.

By-the-way, I hear the girls complain about the boys at UNC not holding the door for them. Well, I see boys hold doors for girls everyday. They don't say thank you. They go through the door and don't even look at the boy. I tell the girls if they want to be treated like ladies, they will have to behave like ladies.

I asked a boy who held the door for a girl the other day at Lenoir, "Did that girl thank you?" He answered, "No," his companion chimed in with — "If I ever held the door for a girl and she didn't thank me, I would slam the door on her nose!" Evidently, boys have cause to be sensitive at Carolina, too. I wish the students would take the trouble to put a chair back in place, and not block the aisles at Lenoir so that it is almost impossible to

pass through with your tray. I am sure if one of them ever put a chair back where he got it, he would drop dead from shock, and so would everyone else.

Bless their hearts! I love them all. Most of them are mighty sweet to me. I have run counter to only a very few at Carolina who have been rude to me.

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McIver Clocks

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Although I write this on behalf of my girl and myself, I know that I speak for at least nine other couples who were in the same situation on Saturday night, Nov. 13.

I was bringing my date into McIver dorm about five or six minutes to one o'clock. On our way up the walk, a guy told us that the doors were already being closed. We rushed to the dorm and Cathy knocked to be let in. The housemother appeared and let her in. We told the lady that both our watches had only five minutes to one. "I'm sorry but we go by the clock here," came the terse reply.

The next day Cathy and I talked the situation over. Far from a situation peculiar to us, it seems to be a common occurrence. Cathy knew that she had been in on time because she had even been upstairs before the lights and phones in the halls were off. But the clock in the lobby said five minutes after one! I feel I must ask why? Was this negligence on someone's part?

I'll admit, it is a minor item to be a few minutes late getting in from a date. However, with the system of late minutes and "campusments" we have here, a few minutes become very important to the girls. I object to having arbitrary, often rude, decisions thrust upon the girls here, and would advocate the liberalizing of rules to allow them some leeway in late minutes, accounting for the frequent discrepancies in clocks. But, having observed the "Carolina way," I realize this would take years. I instead ask if the clocks in the dorms could not all be standardized. As things stand now it would at least save a few tears and frustrations for our coeds.

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Hoover On Reds

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

What are you trying to prove by soliciting J. Edgar Hoover's opinion on communism and the speaker ban when we just finished reading about it in a local paper (was it the DTH or the Durham Herald?) not too long ago? His letter merely repeated that a university's standards should be geared for the protection of those who cannot think for themselves. Are you campaigning to reduce this university to that level?

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Quick Draw

From ROLL CALL

Two girls boarded a crowded bus, and one of them whispered to the other: "Watch me embarrass a man into giving me his seat."

Pushing her way through the crowd, she turned all of her charms upon a gentleman who looked embarrassed. "My dear Mr. Brown," she gushed, "fancy meeting you on the streetcar. Am I glad to see you! Why, you're almost a stranger. My, but I'm tired."

The sedate gentleman looked up at the girl. He had never seen her before but he rose and said pleasantly, "Sit down, Bertha, my girl. It isn't often I see you on washday. No wonder you're tired. By the way, don't deliver the washing until Wednesday. My wife is going to the District Attorney's office to see whether she can get your husband out of jail."

