

The Daily Tar Heel

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Trying To Stay Healthy

The scene in Richmond was probably somewhat like a doctor's office. The examination was performed there by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the patient was North Carolina's higher education system.

In 1963 the public colleges and university came down with a unique virus, unknown in any other state, which caused considerable discomfort to the schools. The suffering centered around the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill because the germ apparently entered the state's educational system at that point.

The bug hit so fast — in just a few minutes — that nobody had a chance to prepare for it. Few diseases are legislated, but this one was. Many of the men who caused it did not expect it to have any bad side effects, but they just failed to take time to consider the possibilities.

They were concerned about a big ugly germ called communism and they thought their action would serve as a sort of vaccination for young people.

But the immunization backfired, and those who disliked the attempt called it the "gag."

The gag was not fatal, although some said it might kill "academic freedom." That bothered only the few who could define academic freedom. But then the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools made it a little plainer by saying the gag could create the necessity of an amputation. Accreditation might be cut off, and with it money, prestige, recognition and professors.

Friends of the ailing system rallied 'round and stirred such a ruckus that the gag became just too irritating for those legislators to scratch.

The governor appointed a commission to find an antidote and then instructed the lawmakers to use it. That antidote — amendment — is at least showing signs of working because the Southern Association has just finished its checkup of our school system and found it passable.

Let this be a lesson to those fellow in the General Assembly.

Quit practicing medicine without a license.

Lighting The Way

People scoff at those pacifists who make such a to-do over burning their draft cards because they are opposed to war, or at least personal involvement in it. Hold that laugh, though, because this may yet prove to be the most useful and versatile form of protest ever devised.

The possibilities are unlimited. The man who hates to pay his taxes can burn his Form 1040. When a cop gives you a ticket you obviously did not deserve, burn it, along with your automobile registration.

To protest poor athletic performances, burn your student ID pass. And the only sensible thing to do with those low-grade quizzes is to put them to the torch.

The fellow who draws a dud for a blind date can best express dissatisfaction by destroying his telephone book. If you cannot register for the courses you want, burn the class cards you are stuck with. To rid the campus of immorality, we suggest the burning of every smutty paperback sex thriller in town.

Obviously almost any problem can be solved by burning whatever object symbolizes it. There must be a limit to the game, however, and those who have taken to self-emulation have gone far beyond the extremity.

If you feel you really must withdraw from the human race, please just burn your birth certificate.

If you have no complaints, join us in investing money in some match company stock.

"Slump. Hell, Depression!"

A Little Fire Never Hurt

By RUSSELL BAKER
 The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Governmental hysteria is not the answer to the nation's young draft-card burners. By ostentatiously clapping these men into prison, the Government can only martyr them and thereby create more draft-card burners.

There is a sensible way to deal with the matter. Let Selective Service assemble a large group of discontented young men, call in the press and television to assure national publicity, give each man a draft card and a box of matches and tell him to burn away.

What these young men will discover is that a draft card is one of the most unsatisfying things in the world to burn. It creates a contemptibly small flame and goes out in less than sixty seconds. From thirty feet away it is scarcely noticeable. It provides no spectacle and affords virtually no emotional release. The game simply isn't worth the match.

People have always burned things, of course. When man is in high dudgeon, a good fire seems to soothe him. Normally, however, he reaches out for something that will burn more satisfyingly than a draft card. In 99 of a hundred cases the man who tries to satisfy his emotions by burning a draft card will have to go on and burn fifty pounds of old newspapers before he can experience any release at all.

People who really know how to burn right these days burn big. When such people are upset about race relations, for example, they burn churches, crosses or supermarkets. If the burning is done on the grand scale, as in Los Angeles this summer, the authorities will quit talking about prison and start listening to the burners' complaints.

There was a time when people could burn people, but that isn't tolerated any longer. Nowadays governments can burn people, but people without government-burning authority are confined to burning effigies.

People have always burned cities, of course. The Germans burned Conventry, the Americans burned Dresden, the Russians burned Moscow and the Yankees burned Atlanta. That was burning on the grand scale.

A few years back people burned books that disagreed with them. Unfortunately, the custom became stigmatized as Hitlerian and nowadays nobody can do it without feeling like a Nazi. As a result, people sit around becoming increasingly depressed as Congressional Records and books by and about Hubert Humphrey spread inexorably through their houses.

Burning libraries is something else. In the highly developed nations, people don't seem interested in library burning, but in less fortunate countries in recent months firing up a good library has become a perfectly acceptable expression of student idealism.

There is another class of burning that goes on around the home. This is a form of petty burning in which the fire is used not in support of great public principles but to vent the burner's personal hostilities.

A wife angry at her husband may, for example, make a dramatic show of burning the love letters he wrote her when they were courting. In more subtle refinements she may subtly burn the pot-toes.

Husbands who resent being saddled with such feminine chores as cooking will light the charcoal grill and burn up \$15 worth of prime beef. If husband and wife have acquired an enviable new rug, an envious neighbor will drop by long enough to drop a cigarette coal and burn a hole in it.

From all this it should be obvious that the draft-card burners are no menace to the established order. In the best human tradition they are following the principle that human affairs can be settled with fire. There are undoubtedly many young men prepared to believe this, and if the Government will only let them see for themselves what an unsatisfying blaze a draft card makes, they will surely be willing to go on to bigger fires in a more orthodox cause.

The honorable course for the dedicated pacifist is to go quietly to jail without any flames. When he touches a match to his draft card, he acknowledges his own agreement in the very principle he professes to despise. When he lights the match, he says, with 5,000 years of governments and his own generation of church burners, "There are some issues important enough to burn for."

Letters To The Editor

Legislature Slows Down Efforts To Get Counsel

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In the first session of summer school for 1965 I introduced in legislature three bills regarding a lawyer for Student Government. The first of these was to establish the position of such a lawyer, the second to establish the position of such a lawyer, and the third to establish an amount for further legal services.

These three bills have as yet not been passed out of legislature, having gone through its first session. This dilatory action has slowed the progress promised by Student Government in the last election — namely the lowering of prices within the University and in the Chapel Hill Community. There are two Student Government organizations vitally affected by the passage of these three bills, Student Discount Commission and the Student Co-op Committee. The Discount Commission is working in the Chapel Hill area to gain lower prices in the several areas for the students, while the Co-op Commission is working within the University to gain lower prices in the Book Exchange. Bob Travis, Chairman of the Discount Commission, has stated that his work has come to an impasse unless he can obtain the legal advice necessary to go on with the project.

There are other areas also in which this lawyer would be of necessity especially regarding the judicial system and whether certain parts of it may be unconstitutional. Publications would also be aided by his advice as to libelous statements.

The fact that the University itself has a lawyer is of no avail to Student Government, since Student Government would often come into conflict with the University in certain areas — as the Book Exchange. Thus, an unbiased counsel would be of necessity for certain areas of Student Government to continue efficient operation.

Paul Dickson, III
 President of the Student Body

far outweighs the loss of one year. Any one majoring in foreign languages, political science, or history will benefit greatly from the year. More indirectly but equally importantly, any student will benefit from the experience of living in a different culture.

If you like nice weather, Medellin is the place. Average temperatures are in the 70's, and in "cold" weather only a sweater is necessary.

An important part of Colombian life is the fiesta. And so, anyone who enjoys a good time — whether dancing, drinking beer at a dime a bottle or going to bull fights — will enjoy himself. This is not to say, however, that such pastimes are necessary for being a successful or happy exchange student.

Financial difficulties should not hinder a person's foing on this exchange. The university life is less hectic than here, and there is a large demand for English teachers (no previous experience necessary) in private schools and church-supported and, to a lesser degree, state-supported high schools. The university scholarship covers all living expenses and includes a liberal amount for other expenses. With the scholarship one can live well and do travelling in Colombia. With a relatively small supplement to this, whether from home or from well-paid teaching, one can live extremely well, have a good time, and do a good bit of travelling.

In case the preceding paragraphs make it sound only like a year of fun, let me stress again that this is not completely true. It is very enjoyable, but most of all I recommend the year in Colombia because it is a challenging and rewarding experience.

There will be a question session in GM on Wednesday, December 8. At that time I will try to answer any questions about the university, the life, the advantages of going, etc. Watch in the DTH for announcements about this session about the procedure for applying and having an interview.

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David Rothman

UNC And Knowledge Pills

What happened after the "instant knowledge" pill mentioned recently in The Daily Tar Heel finally reached UNC?

Well, the situation wasn't as rosy as it first seemed. True, the pills indeed imparted on-the-spot learning, but first they had to be digested.

After swallowing Modern European Civilization and English Composition, in fact, many freshmen left school because of upset stomachs.

Among the upper classmen, pills like Political Science and Business Administration induced vomiting.

Even the seniors at times said they had indigestion.

Beset by low grades, many students scurried about to find sugar-coated courses.

Problems especially arose immediately prior to exams. Busy with extracurricular activities, students disregarded professional advice and failed to take the pills regularly before attending classes.

"Stay awake" tablets, of course, were not very helpful, but Bromo Selzer proved to be salvation of students preparing for big tests.

Competition for Phi Beta Kappa keys was keen; however, not everybody felt they were worth bloated stomachs.

Nevertheless, all agreed that the best jobs after graduation went to the people with the most over-stuffed abdominal cavities. And everybody knew that if they flunked out of school, they'd have to enter the outside world, where knowledge was obtained the painful way — by needles.

As always, professors insisted the students did their worst work around mid-semester, when they couldn't swallow pills after filling their stomachs with Thanksgiving turkey.

Leaders of the Free Speech Movement charged that the country's universities

didn't prepare students for life's realities. "Not everything's covered with chocolate," they warned. (The FSM also denounced the way the pills were distributed by computer.)

But the head of campus clinic thought the rigors of academic life were perfectly sufficient. "Already, the pills are giving the students ulcers," he said.

Meanwhile, fraternities came under attack for helping their members cheat on exams by studying the contents of previous tests carefully stashed away in medicine cabinets.

Viet Nam demonstrators believed that ROTC pills were bad for people's health.

ROTC cadets said radical peace groups were filling students' stomachs with pills of their own to encourage the students to duck the draft.

Right-wing Republicans commented that the campus ferment was a direct result of the Democrats' federal scholarship program, which, they felt, interfered with private enterprise. "The whole matter should be left to the pharmacists," the Goldwaterites declared.

Legislators in Raleigh, eager to check Communist subversion, reintroduced the Speaker Ban after parents complained their children were getting food poisoning.

Ultimately, however, a special commission appointed by the Governor discovered the trouble came from the inferior offerings of Lenoir Hall.

Controversy also developed when the Catholic church objected to the pills' being used by students taking Marriage and the Family.

In both cases, the state legislators ruled in favor of academic freedom after state-supported colleges and universities were threatened with loss of accreditation by the Food and Drug Administration.

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Foreign Exchange

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The last week before Christmas vacation selections will be made for the 1966 exchange program with the Universidad de Antioquia, in Medellin, Colombia. Because I was one of the original exchange students in this program and because I am the only US student currently on campus who has been part of this program, the International Students Board has asked me to write this letter telling of the advantages for which two UNC students will be eligible for the coming year.

It is amazing and disappointing that each of the last two years only about a dozen students have applied for this exchange. I feel that this is an invaluable educational experience, which one can obtain at less than the cost of one semester here (at the very most.)

The primary advantage is an educational one. It is true that very few credits are transferable, but the educational experience

