

The Daily Tar Heel

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Let's Take The 25th

Gov. Dan K. Moore has called another special session of the General Assembly for Jan. 10. This time the session is being held to comply with a federal court order for reapportionment and redistricting on the "one-man, one-vote" basis.

Moore, Lt. Gov. Robert Scott and House Speaker Pat Taylor said, "Our feeling is that the activities of the General Assembly should be confined to complying with the court order."

Heaven forbid the possibility of overworking our legislators, but before they plunge into the traumatic experience of reapportionment, there is one bit of housekeeping they ought to get out of the way.

They ought to ratify the 25th amendment to the United States Constitution, sometimes called the presidential succession amendment.

It provides that should the President become so incapacitated that he could not perform his duties, the Vice President would officially take on his job. If the President died, a new Vice President would be elected to fill the vacancy created when the original VP took over the presidency.

Twelve states, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, have already approved the amendment. Twenty-six more states must ratify it before the amendment is law.

Just 16 states, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, have regular legislative sessions during 1966.

Five other states, besides North Carolina, have at least talked about special sessions.

If these states ratify the amendment, just four more will be needed. Some might call sessions to deal with state problems or even specifically to approve this amendment, especially when the required number is neared.

The country needs a President and Vice President at all times. A chance to provide that security should not be ignored just because our legislature has more personally important things to do.

Asking the General Assembly to do this now will probably be about as well-received as a request to outlaw Christmas, but we are really just trying to do the legislators a favor by providing a non-controversial means of achieving a sense of accomplishment.

When they leave Raleigh after trying to do the job the court has ordered them to do, and they return home shaken and with a few sweaty brows, they can look back with some comfort on the session and say, "Well, at least we ratified the amendment."

Such A Shocking Display

Everybody knows how much money those long-tressed British singers are raking in, but few realize the risks that go along with such an occupation.

Consider Keith Richards, one of the Rolling Stones. The group was singing in Sacramento, Calif., Saturday night when Richards' electric guitar touched the microphone before him. This Rolling Stone really lived up to his name.

In a shower of blue sparks Richards was knocked cold before 4,400 screaming teenagers, and was hauled off to City Emergency Hospital. Doctors pronounced him in "good" condition.

The Rolling Stones have been called many things, but until now "electrifying" has not been one of the adjectives.

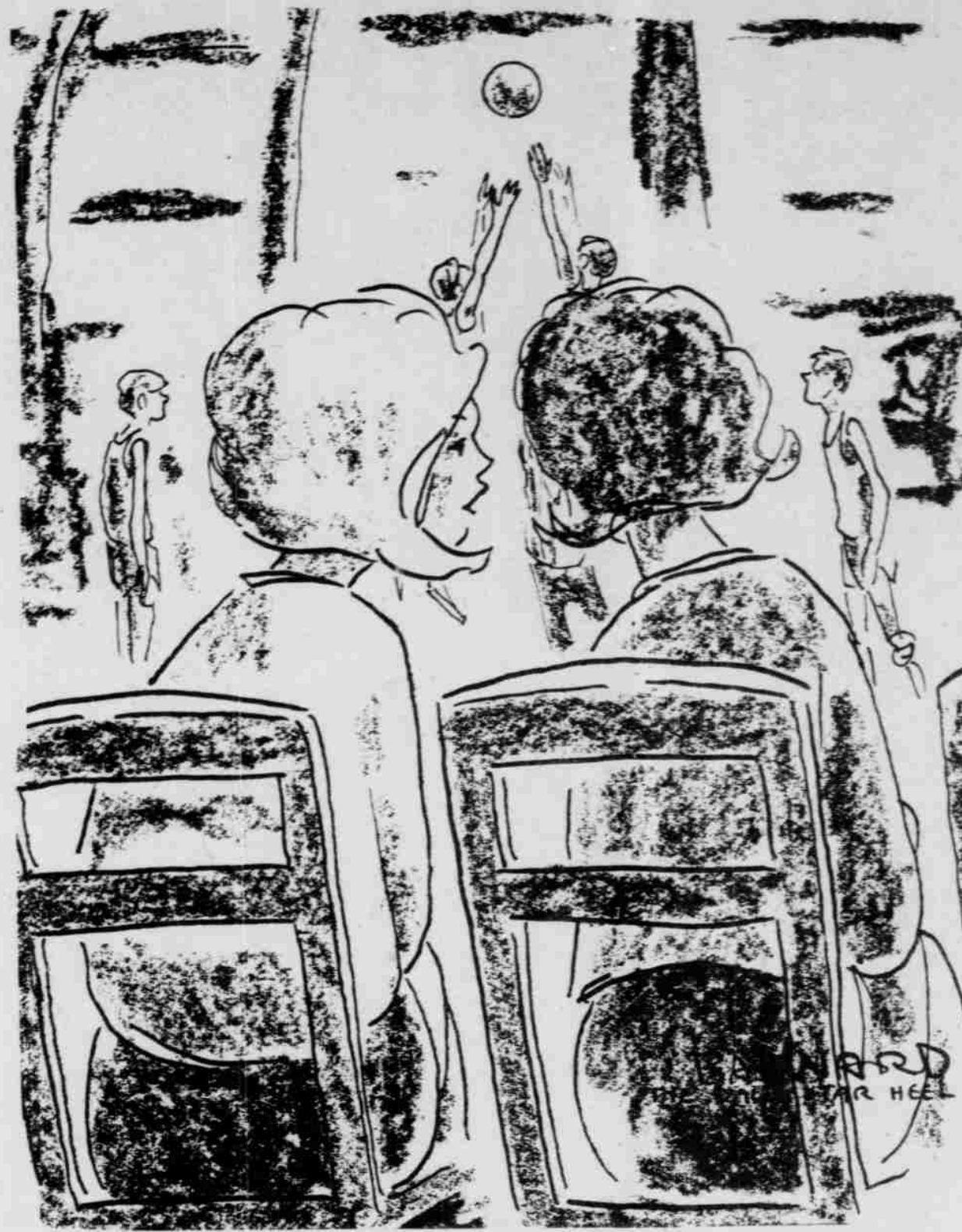
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"Still Want To Date Him?"



David Rothman

Kissing And Cavities

A University of Miami researcher recently suggested that kissing could transmit the bacteria supposed to cause tooth decay.

Dr. Doran D. Zinner said the decay is actually a contagious disease that has hardly anything to do with heredity or eating candy.

If Zinner's findings are correct, they'll undoubtedly make life easier for morals squads, who could call on professionals if they ever had a hard case to crack: dentists.

This is what might happen several years from now:

Upon definitely learning that kissing spreads cavities, the Chapel Hill Police Department hired several dentists.

They were stationed at strategic spots throughout the Arboretum.

Burly policemen hauled suspected offenders to the Dental School. Then, the dentists X-rayed them.

Students with an excessive number of cavities found themselves judged "morally undesirable."

A big scandal occurred when the president of the student body was discovered to have false teeth, but he was let off lightly. The Honor Council determined that his own bacteria had been responsible for the decay.

Later that year, perverted films were shown inside a University residence hall. The obscene flicks featured the insides of a heavy kisser's mouth.

And movies which revealed the positioning of Elizabeth Taylor's dentures couldn't be seen by persons under 21.

But students continued hanging around a nearby news stand, where they eagerly bought copies of "Playboy." They cut out

pictures from the magazine of girls with well developed molars.

All the women in "Playboy," of course, had slim wisdom teeth, and no strip-teaser could ever hope to attract attention if she lacked a proper wisdom-to-molar ratio.

Churches urged students to brush their teeth regularly; local preachers said yellowed smiles indicated lack of virtue.

All the ministers bought electric brushes. Oral Roberts blessed people by putting his hands in their mouths.

The Daughters of the American Revolution refused to accept the new explanation of the cavities' cause. "After all," they insisted, "George Washington had wooden teeth."

The kids in the TV commercial who used the wrong toothpaste were promptly packed off to reform school.

The battle to fluoridate the water supplies of many small towns took on new overtones when the John Birch Society members charged the fluoridation, besides being communistic, was "a blatant insult to the morality of this God-fearing nation."

Comely girls throughout the United States were arrested at beaches for indecent exposure after police agreed their smiles were too revealing.

Manufacturers of false teeth did a thriving business in the decay-ridden red light districts of America's cities.

Commenting on the growth of pornography, one house wife said: "I am alarmed by this. Our sons and daughters can now see what used to be included only in dental journals."

Persons seeking employment with the CIA and similar federal agencies did not get hired unless they stood up in front of security officers and declared: "Look Ma, no cavities!"

Letters To The Editor

Exchange Problem

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

As the majority of students here at Carolina realize, the UNC Book Exchange transacts business with thousands of students and buys just as many books. Perhaps it's too much to ask that a single student be rendered the simple service of ordering a book necessary for that student's required reading.

Their flimsy excuse for not ordering the book was that the UNC Book Exchange did not, under ordinary circumstances, order single copies of books. So with gritted teeth and determination to get this book — somewhere — I paid a visit to a well known bookstore uptown. They agreed pleasantly to order the book.

The point of the whole incident is that the UNC Book Exchange, set up for the aid and benefit of the student, wouldn't give service to a student when it was most needed. Whereas, a Chapel Hill book store offers this assistance which is often so important to the student.

Those responsible for the operation of the Book Exchange should take a long, close look at their policies along these lines. Maybe other students have faced a problem similar to this one. It's a shame that the campus book store can't orient itself to the demands of the student.

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Otelia's Defender

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Opinions are quickly formed impressions which all too easily are made and which all too easily become our die-hard convictions. Who needs to be reminded that, as much as we cherish truth, so our opinions need always to be tested and checked out? For these reasons I oppose the opinions on Otelia Connor expressed by Mr. Clark in his letter to the DTH (Dec. 2).

I look forward to any mention of Otelia in his letter to the DTH (Dec. 2). The DTH because it's fun to laugh at her latest solutions to our problems. I joke because I know these solutions are not the answers. The problems have been brought to my attention in an interesting way. It is now for me and you to find the right solutions. To take Otelia's remarks and turn them back at her in "ridicule and disrespect" is ever to retain our problems and to suppress one who tries to make us, occasionally, think.

Mr. Clark said, "one of the worst breaches of etiquette is to correct someone in public," and where he said it was on the second page of The Daily Tar Heel in the "Letters to the Editor" section. Being just about as "public" as one can get, Mr. Ford "corrected" Otelia for correcting others.

The problem here is that most of us never favorably receive criticism for our benefit, whether or not others are present. I don't believe resentment would be any less if Otelia took names and addresses and made private house calls. We do not know how to receive beneficial criticism. We ourselves have made such criticism a crime and a "breach of etiquette."

A graduate student in Library Science told me not long ago that the "time to correct someone is when he can do something about it." How simple and right! Where is the crime in this?

Jane Marotte in her letter to the DTH (Nov. 2) said, "Discipline comes from the inside of man..." If this is so, cannot Otelia help to build up, spur on, or awaken that discipline?

A good measure of a person's character, I have heard, is to see what that person esteems in others. I suggest that those excellent articles by Otelia on past University presidents be reread. From among the merits of these men shine out "dedication to the University," "discipline," and "character!" George T. Winston (DTH, Sept. 24) successfully saved our University by "zeal to correct any situation he didn't like," and David Lowery Swain (Sept. 21) believed, "the chief concern of the University is to make character and not to break people." I believe that Otelia, in her way, is contributing to make our character.

Charles K. Barwick
Censor Morum
Dialectic Literary Society

Why Reapportion?

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I hope you're happy with the reapportionment of the General Assembly. Talk about discrimination, you couldn't be satisfied with 75% of the power, you had to have 99 of it.

I want you to go out and look around this state. The Piedmont has got more and better roads, schools, and businesses than the East.

It's about time an era ended? Well, buster you can take your "end of an era" ...

Bryan Salter
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LETTERS

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