

# The Daily Tar Heel

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ERNIE McCRARY, EDITOR

## Happiness Is A Motorcycle

Happiness, to many students, is a motorcycle. The initial cost of a small cycle is low, they get fantastic gas mileage, they can be parked in little places, they move as fast as the law allows (some of them much faster) and they do not now require a 2.0 grade average or upperclass standing for ownership.

Today there are 450 motorcycles on campus, double the number registered at the end of last year. Undoubtedly a number of Christmas stockings will contain Hondas this year, so the motorcycle population will continue to increase.

Because they are so new, most people have not yet adjusted to the motorcycles emotionally. They are still toys and novelties to far too many owners and automobile-driving spectators.

Dr. Ed Hedgpath, head of the student infirmary, said the number of accidents involving motorcycles has been averaging one a day for more than a month. "Surprisingly enough, most of the injuries aren't head injuries," he said.

This tends to indicate that a cycle ride should not consider a crash helmet to be a security blanket.

"Most of the serious injuries have been bad fractures and abrasions about the face. I just don't know what we can do to cut down the number of accidents," Hedgpath said.

Perhaps it is a matter of attitude. Car drivers tend to ignore the little two-wheeled buzzers in traffic, often turning in front of cycles and taking chances they would not take against a truck. Many cycle riders are hardly better because they use the versatile vehicles irresponsibly, riding on sidewalks and taking shortcuts where only pedestrians belong.

Until both users and watchers realize that the two-wheelers are indeed motor vehicles, and respect them as such, they accident rate will continue to be high and our record of no motorcycle fatalities on campus will inevitably be broken.

## DTH Awards Of The Week

**Loser of the Week:** James Robert Jones, stripped of his driver's license because he was nabbed speeding twice within less than a year. Grand Dragon Jones says he still lacks a little more than half the trading stamps needed to get an airplane, so he will have to find a chauffeur. "I drive about 200,000 miles a year, so maybe it had to happen," Jones said.

**Best Protest of the Week:** Anti-slacks rule protest at the University of California at Berkeley. Coeds wore slacks — under skirts and dresses — to dinner in protest of the rule against female slacks in the dining hall.

**Legal Break-through of the Week:** County prosecutor's ruling that prostitutes cannot be arrested for walking Atlanta's streets. Chief Prosecutor Louis Slaton decided that arrests made under an old statute prohibiting "prostitutes, or women of lewd character from walking streets, alleys or other public thoroughfares" might be unconstitutional and should be stopped.

**Driver of the Week:** Roanoke Rapids woman who failed her test for a driver's permit. She did fine until she tried to park. The car jumped the curb, knocked down a parking meter, damaged the car \$100 and sprained the wrist of the license examiner riding with her.

**Quote of the Week:** UNC sophomore who got his 18-year-old sister's name on his list of "perfect dates" from Operation Match. "I asked for a girl with sexual experience — she must have lied on her questionnaire."

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## "Why Don'tcha Watch Where I'm Going?"



Barry Jacobs  
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## Don't Do Away With 'Dixie'

Shall the familiar strains of "Dixie" be heard no more? The North Carolina State Technician would like to see Dan Emmett's famous tune follow the dodo bird and the New York Mets into oblivion. I believe that the Technician is carrying a desire to atone for past sins too far.

That the South has sinned against the Negro is indisputable. I know no one who would defend slavery. But nothing we do or fail to do today can change what has happened. We cannot forget the past, even if we want to.

Not should we. The Technician said "Dixie" is a "remnant of the 19th century which has no place in the 20th." The writers of that editorial are correct when they say the song is a remnant of the 19th century. They are dead wrong when they say it has no place in the 20th.

Like trees, people need roots to grow. A tree has its roots in the ground; a man has his in the past. We can only grow and improve on the basis of what has gone before. The danger comes when we live entirely in the past and refuse to grow or change at all.

"Dixie" is a reminder of the Southern past. And what of that past? Is it something to be hidden, to be remembered only with guilt? I don't think so. The Southern past was not all slavery. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were slaveholders, but I don't believe the Technician would advocate consigning the Father of our Country and the author of the Declaration of Independence to obscurity.

Washington and Jefferson are part of the past that is represented by "Dixie." So are James Madison, Patrick Henry, and Robert E. Lee. Should their memories "die a welcome, and none too swift, death," too? Before telling the South to forget its past, the Technician should consider these men, among others.

"Dixie" represents the fighting spirit of the South, and perhaps this is what the editorial objects to. Should this spirit then be quenched? The South has fought some tragic battles some it perhaps should not have fought. Little Rock and Oxford deserve no cheers.

Yet that same fighting spirit has been at Yorktown, New Orleans, Belleau Wood, Normandy, and Viet Nam. Yes, and at Gettysburg, too. The South has no reason to feel ashamed for the Civil War. The men in gray fought for what they believed in. Before one condemns them on the moral basis of slavery, he should check into Northern attitudes toward Negroes in 1860.

The cry for the abolition of "Dixie" is another manifestation of hypersensitivity on the subject of offending Negroes. This feeling has also shown itself in attempts to remove "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from library shelves. "Almost n Andy" from the airwaves. Even the Federal government felt the sting of resentment when the Moynihan Report on Negro problems received a cold reception from Negro civil rights leaders. It is hard to avoid offending someone who is looking to be offended.

The South has much to be ashamed of in its treatment of the Negro. This fact cannot be ignored or denied. But the past cannot be wiped away by wiping away one of its products, and a harmless one at that.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE ROAD — Classes resume after the Christmas vacation on Jan. 3. This is the standard date for the return to the books. Has he Administration of UNC — or of many other schools, for that matter — considered the logistics involved in being back at school at 8 a.m. on Jan. 3?

Students who live within one day's drive

of Chapel Hill have no problem. Students who live farther away do have one. If they drive home and back, they face three alternatives for the return trip. They can start back on New Year's Day; they can start back on Jan. 2 and drive all night, or they can start on Jan. 2 and cut classes on Jan. 3.

None of these are particularly attractive choices. The first is the one most students will probably choose. This means driving on New Year's Day, probably after a long night out. The hazards of a hungover driver with little or no sleep driving on frozen roads are obvious.

Why not delay the start of classes to Jan. 4? One day more or less can't hurt the academic program very much, and an extra day would give all students a day to rest and recover before beginning the long trip back.

Mike Jennings

## Quarterly Has Bad Fiction

The new Carolina Quarterly is out. If you want to lose all your enthusiasm for modern fiction, try reading it.

The two short stories in the Quarterly are masterpieces of dyncism and depression. They all achieve the highest ideal of pop art: they violate every rule in the book.

Fiction is supposed to move and talk about something interesting. Each of the Quarterly stories just sits still and talks about itself — a dull, dull subject.

Good fiction is supposed to weave many threads into an intricate pattern. Neither of the Quarterly authors took the trouble to be coherent, much less to create a work of art. One of the stories establishes a situation, proceeds to weep about it for a few pages and then quits.

The other story is totally incomprehensible, save to the Initiate Few. Try this paragraph from Robert Brown's "Coming Home Baby":

"I don't know how to tell this on her because this one KNOWS way beyond hipness and flies her own kind of flag. Flapping now it seems more challenging than the banner McCarthy once hung out for all of us . . . It's knowing what's to be done just like in those old war movies when the submerged U-boat is discovered and automatically the Destroyer executed that wild maneuver which nearly capsize her as she lays over on her side . . . But the truth is I'm just here and she's in. That's the scene, not because I failed but because she is strong, strong."

Well, I guess that's what we get for abandoning the art of writing to the beatniks.

Maybe the Quarterly editors and authors will insist that the new style of fiction reflects our unsettled times — that it must be confused and depressing if it is to be a mirror of our culture.

Armistead Maupin Jr.

## A View from The Hill



A high-placed University official announced yesterday that the singing of Dixie and the display of Confederate flags would no longer be permitted on the UNC campus.

The new policy was prompted by a similar decision at the University of West Virginia, an editorial in the N. C. State Technician, and a warning from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A spokesman from the Southern Association stated there was a move afoot to withdraw accreditation from the University if such practices were not banned from the Chapel Hill campus.

"There is no place at a free university — the very citadel of enlightened discussion and dissent — for the proliferation of such distasteful philosophies," declared Dr. Millard S. Farquar for the Southern Association. "College students are basically naive and cannot be expected to resist the emotional appeal of inflammatory songs such as 'Dixie.'"

"We are, furthermore, distressed that certain elements on the Carolina campus have been known to grow beards in commemoration of the Southern Rebellion," Dr. Farquar said. "We do not object to beards, PROVIDED they are grown as part of a legitimate protest. We cannot, however, condone these underhanded tributes to the past."

Dean of Men, Elmer Longtry, voiced his concurrence with the opinion of the Southern Association.

"If certain fraternities do not finalize their fearsome and flagrant flagwaving," he said, "we shall be forced to formulate a fierce finish for their fanatic fiction."

Dean Longtry's declaration brought an immediate response from members of the Student Non-Coordinated Violence Committee.

Miss Rachel Horstblankitt, secretary of the group, released a statement to the press at a meeting late yesterday. The Committee expressed delight that "the ene-

mies of Free Speech have, at long last, been silenced forever. Our right to dissent will no longer be obstructed by people who disagree with us."

Also present at the meeting was Dr. Loomis Lipslip of the Political Science Department who read a paper entitled, "An Enlightened Critique of the Dialogue of Hominy Grits in the context of the Consensus Society."

After the meeting, the group marched down Franklin Street and staged a vigorous protest at the home of Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken.

At about 9 o'clock the throng converged on a local fraternity house which flies the Confederate flag.

"Down with the traitors! Down with the traitors!" chanted the students.

The demonstrators were promptly dispersed at 9:07 when several empty bottles of Southern Comfort apparently fell from a window ledge on the third floor.

Fraternity president, Jordan Darker, was unavailable for comment.

## LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, particularly on matters of local or University interest. Letters must be typed, double-spaced and must include the name and address of the author or authors. Names will not be omitted in publication. Letters should be limited to about 250-300 words. The DTH reserves the right to edit for length or libel. Longer letters will be considered for "The Student Speaks" if they are of sufficient interest. However, the DTH reserves the right to use contributed materials as it sees fit.

## The Student Speaks

# Viet War Is Necessary

By JOHN E. HARRISON  
President, Di-Phi Senate

It has come to my attention that a number of students here at Carolina have taken my remarks at the last Di & Phi meeting amiss. I would therefore like to clarify my personal position on the war now in progress in Viet Nam.

I am categorically in favor of the President's policies in South East Asia at this time. I also feel that the ports of North Viet Nam should be blockaded and any other offensive action necessary to win this war

should be undertaken by this country in concert with her allies, until North Viet Nam ceases her aggression to the South.

Next let me state that I did not say that the students here at Carolina were apathetic. I said that many students are reluctant to voice and explain their positions on this war; except for a few stock phrases and rhetorical questions with which they answer every attack on the present course of the war in Viet Nam.

We sent a telegram, which I signed, to General Westmoreland, expressing our thanks for the sacrifices being made by our troops in Viet Nam. But this emasculated epistle neglected to mention whether or not we thought these sacrifices were necessary or even whether the goal of freedom was worth the price. I think that it is!

In a democracy, or rather as ours is in a republic, the government is subject to the wishes of the people like no other. We must exercise our right and responsibility as citizens to make absolutely clear our position, not only to our own government but also to that of the enemy. We must disabuse Ho Chi Minh of his country's delusions of infallibility in guerrilla warfare.

The United States has never in its history lost a war, guerrilla or otherwise. If you want examples of our winning a guerrilla war, check the first phase of the Seminole Indian War of 1836, or more recently the United States victory over the Communist Huks in the Philippines. Our history is replete with such examples, and it is my fervent hope that the war in Viet Nam will soon be added to the positive side of this ledger.

As has been said repeatedly by the leaders of our country, the communists' only hope lies in the possibility of a deterioration of our country's will to resist their aggression. We must emphasize our commitment to the fight for freedom now being waged in our name by the American Armed Forces in Viet Nam.

This is a war that we must win for an almost infinite number of reasons, two of the most important of which are: (1) We had our Munich in Laos, and if we are to stop the communist advance it must be here, for if we wait any longer it will be too late. (2) We cannot justify in any other way the sacrifices of our troops, unless freedom is secured for the people that America has promised it to.

I propose that a drive be started here at Carolina, as has been done at other universities, to give the blood necessary to partially replace the blood which our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen are now shedding in defense of our way of life.

This is the answer to the question of what we can do for our country. We can support her; we can defend her; and we can show, not just say our love of this land that is ours and Freedom's home.

## Letter

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:  
Re: Confederate flag.  
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