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Fair Practices At UNC

If exams be with us, can elections be far behind? Political maneuvering never completely dies out on this campus, but the pace is quickening as potential candidates are now seeking and being sought.

The most constructive aspect of this yearly phenomenon is the Fair Election Practices Committee's meeting yesterday. Representatives from the University and Student parties met for a frank and productive discussion. Hopefully the atmosphere of cooperation which surrounded that meeting will last throughout the long campaigns before us.

Those campaigns are, in fact, too long. As a survivor of last year's spring election, we have since contended that the candidates are forced to appear at too many residence hall meetings which are too long and offer too little evidence of influencing any votes. Most candidates could use those hours spent in "discussions" much more effectively in door-to-door campaigning.

The committee suggested yesterday that those meetings be minimized and organized through residence colleges. We have advocated and still advocate this sort of arrangement.

Other useful suggestions were made yesterday, and we expect more in the future. The committee, organized after protests against the use of "questionable" campaign tactics in fall elections, is performing a service to the student body and student politics. Our commendation to co-chairmen Jim Little (SP) and Neil Thomas (UP), committee members Phil Kirstein, David Keil, Don Carson, Steve Hockfield, Bob Wilson and Bill Withrop and to Elections Board Chairman Alvin Tyndall.

Some Things Never Change

The life of the student has changed considerably since the turn of the century, but the same problems are still facing the University. With this in mind, we reprint the following news story from the first issue of *The Tar Heel*, February 23, 1893.

The following members of the legislature composing the visitation committee arrived at the University on a special train Friday morning, February 3rd.

Messrs. Battle, chairman; Cheek, Aycoke, James, Pott, of the senate; the Messrs. Holt (chairman) Euse, Parker, Starnes, Walker, Ward, of the house.

After breakfasting, the regular chapel exercises were attended, then visits were made to the reading room, libraries and various lecture rooms where classes were assembled. The numerous laboratories were inspected as well as some of the student's rooms. In the afternoon, meetings of both the societies were held and the gentlemen who were not alumni were made honorary members. Just after prayers the boys called repeatedly for speeches from our visitors, a majority of whom responded most felicitously and gave words of encouragement for the future outlook of the university, from a legislative appropriation standpoint. All saw the need of a sufficient appropriation to fully equip, this the most useful and important of all State property, and give to a university of whose past brilliant record and whose future prospects are such as would make any State in the union proud to be the possessor of such an heritage to hand to posterity, a sufficient appropriation to put the university on a financial basis equal to its rapid expansion and growth.

When some of the committee expressed their deep regret at not having had an opportunity of receiving an education, in their youth, we could not but feel that it was a duty that was owed to future generations, and which has been due to those that have passed away, that the supreme law making power in the State ought to make tuition at the university free to North Carolinians as is done at the University of Virginia to Virginians and the only way to do this is to appropriate a sufficient amount to keep the university up, until resources from outside States and the technical courses shall make itself sustaining, and too, we could not but think what a shame and loss it was to North Carolina, that it had failed to open the doors of the university, in the past to such sterling manhood as represented the legislature on the committee. The body of the students were well pleased with our friends if they are a fair sample of our legislators this year. North Carolina is in good hands. They know the needs of the University.

Students do not gather for prayer now, but on the whole not much has really changed. The University is still wheedling funds from a legislature that from time to time seems yet to be made up of men who did not have "an opportunity of receiving an education in their youth."

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"Seven A's And I'll Make It!"



Letters To The Editor

Fare Increase Needed

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Andy Myeres' tirade on "Rabid Unionism" (DTH, Jan. 8) deserves a rebuttal. His thesis was that Mike Quill is irresponsibly leading 33,000 transit workers in a massive attempt to blackmail the people of New York and the Transit Authority into making an absurdly expensive settlement.

As evidence, he cited the T.A.'s press releases concerning its and the T.W.U.'s bargaining offers. Quill, Myers contended, has refused to submit the dispute to mediation. The facts are as follows. Quill is following rather than leading his union membership. Because the settlements Quill is following rather than leading his union membership. Because the settlements Quill is following rather than leading his union membership. Because the settlements Quill is following rather than leading his union membership.

The union, T.A. and mediators met continuously for two months before the contract expired and the T.A. did not even make an offer until four hours before the deadline. But to fix the responsibility for this strike on either the T.W.U. or the T.A. is to misunderstand the complexities of this situation. Because the politicians are afraid and unwilling to raise the 15 cent transit fare (lowest in the country), the T.A. runs an annual deficit which is made up by various "under the table" payments from the city and state.

Both these governments are now deep in the red and thus the T.A. has nowhere to turn for the money necessary for an equitable settlement. It seems inevitable that the transit fare will eventually go up. Now is the time for Lindsay to show that he has courage, as well as looks and personality, by securing an immediate fare increase to lay the essential groundwork for a quick and satisfactory settlement.

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Peyote Brings Trouble

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Students, arise! Follow the careful outline provided by Chief Blake for the Associated Press and turn on. Go out and buy those thrilling sunflower seeds or, better, go to the carefully plugged company which sells morning glory seeds and consume the prescribed spoonful of "seeds, which contain... the same drug found in peyote" (sic).

You will quickly conclude that either the police department or the beatniks are pulling your leg about drugs—especially if you get sick from the chlordane insecticide, which the article neglected to warn the morning glory lovers about.

No, my curious scholars, being a beatnik and "turning on" isn't the easy, undisciplined thing which you have been led to believe. Those drugs, ostensibly simply for "kicks," seldom fail to test the weak and indecisive by nausea and revolting taste (as one officer can attest after impulsively munching on a peyote button allegedly belonging to a local former student).

Enduring these effects, one goes on to an awesome experience which, when properly misguided, may even reveal him to himself. Lastly, after this physically and mentally harrowing experience, one may find his discipline tested by the ultimate harassment, i.e., legal.

Don't feel too sorry for that beatnik, though. He obviously has a reason for facing all these trials and taking up a life

of perpetual paranoia in a own where "beatnik files" are kept on those who walk the streets at odd hours.

A lot of misinformation circulates about that beatnik and his "kicks," but he is not going to set the record straight, because the first guy who walks up to him on the street and asks him what it's really all about will get a suspicious stare followed by a speedy and guarded disappearance.

The "beatnik" has a rough time, and perhaps one of his few lighthearted moments is provided by a press release describing how to turn on with sunflower seeds or a spoonful of Pearly Gates and Blue Heaven.

John W. Brooks

He's Proud Of South

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In response to the Dec. 14 editorial "Dixie Must Go" by Peter N. Thomas, I can safely say that I have seldom seen a more prejudiced view of the South than he presents. He speaks of the nauseating harangues of George Wallace, Robert Shelton, etc., while he, himself, biases points to the South as being a land of "archaic ideas" and "lost causes."

Thomas' accusations, differing in intended victim only, sound like something one might hear at a Nazi rally. I was born in the South and I'm proud of her just as I am my nation as a whole. The "Stars 'n' Bars" and "Dixie" are as much a tradition of a modern South as the Liberty Bell and Bunker Bell are of our Twentieth Century America.

I agree with Mr. Thomas that to ban such Southern symbols as "Dixie" would be ludicrous. I disagree with the extreme absurdity of his statement in which he says that these symbols are themselves ludicrous. If "Dixie" is ludicrous, then "The Star Spangled Banner" is just as laughable. If the "Stars 'n' Bars" must be banned, the "Old Glory" must go also, for all are a part of a past we as a people of a democratic nation have inherited.

We Southerners display the "Stars 'n' Bars" and sing "Dixie" for the same reasons we fly the "Stars and Stripes" and sing "The Star Spangled Banner": Southern men and women have proudly died for both flags and just as proudly sing both songs.

We are Americans first, but we should never be banned by ignorant laws and frightened by biased, ignorant accusations into forgetting that we are Southerners also.

Ralph Cole

David Rothman

Dogpower Needs Rise, Army Resorts To Draft

The number of sentry dogs serving in the Armed Forces is being doubled from 1,000 to 2,000, says an Associated Press dispatch from Washington. Bigger U. S. Viet Nam commitments have supposedly caused the increase.

According to the AP story, the dogs are "recruited," but I have learned through well-informed sources high in the Johnson administration that this is not entirely true.

Already, hundreds of dogs across the country have been drafted. I can now reveal the inside facts:

Once the Army start-conscripting dogs, military officials soon discovered that many from West Virginia and Mississippi failed to meet the mental requirements for the service.

K-9 schools in these states were found lacking.

Over-stuffed French Poodles in New York couldn't pass the physical tests. Thus, the dog-walking companies, far from wasting money as first suspected, actually were fulfilling a vital national defense need by giving the dogs exercise.

As the Viet Nam situation worsened, Kansas draft boards decided to remove the 2-S classifications of dogs who had completed their preliminary kenneling and who were now prepared to continue their educations. "We have found no evidence that



graduate schooling is for the dogs," one draft board spokesman commented.

The Army carefully weeded out draftees with subversive political beliefs, although three Russian Wolf Hounds and ten Pekinese somehow slipped through the screening process.

Authorities in Illinois discovered a dog tag-forging operation going on at several kennels to help graduating seniors duck the draft.

Dogs favoring the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Viet Nam protested the use of metal tags, which, they felt, muzzled "the right to dissent" by being unburnable.

At times, problems of morale arose. Once, for instance, the Secretary of Defense unwisely declared: "I prefer bird dogs to kennel-fed dogs."

And there were frequent complaints about the "fat cats" back home who had not been drafted.

German Shepherds insisted they be given control over nuclear weapons. French Poodles refused to participate in NATO exercises.

Human soldiers asked the army to change their diets. "I prefer K9 rations to K rations," one serviceman declared.

"Lassie" and "Rin-Tin-Tin" helped Bob Hope entertain the troops in Viet Nam.

Dogs retired from the service complained they had not received a fair compensation for their patriotism. So they went to Washington to lobby for increased vet benefits.

The Student Speaks

Liberals Show Their Bigotry

By STANLEY GILLIAM

The last Carolina Forum, whose subject was the resurgence of the KKK, was quite revelatory in a way probably not foreseen by its planners:

The evening began in a jovial way with the showing of the hour-long CBS documentary on the Klan. It was quite a treat for the self-righteous "liberal intellectuals" among the audience whose convictions it upheld that the Klan is ignorant, hateful, and above all a big joke; the audience as a whole roared or giggled throughout the incriminating documentary.

With this as come-on, the audience expected verbal diatribes from the panel members which would boost their own puritan egos. Therefore the remarks by Rep. Weltner and Major McClendon were well received, having heavily indicted the Klan and explaining why it should be destroyed.

Then Peter B. Young spoke and upset the liberal apple-cart. He claimed the existence of "white ghettos" in which the "indigenous leaders" are usually Klansmen. (He observed these conditions first hand recently when he toured the state with Stewart Alsop in preparation for a story in the Saturday Evening Post.) And he laid partial blame for the resurgence of the Klan on governmental agencies who have not approached the poor whites as they have the Negroes.

It was refreshing to hear someone speak the undiluted truth for a change; but many individuals in the audience who probably consider themselves truth-seekers refused to admit that there was a particle of truth in what Young said. As a matter of fact, they thought that Young was impudent to have suggested such offensive things and to have stolen so much of hero Weltner's thunder.

Yet there were many in the audience who sided with Mr. Young; so many, in fact, that when Major McClendon flatly denied the existence of any "white ghettos" he was hissed very loudly.

Another ray of light shone forth when Floyd McKissick stated his opposition to the HUAC investigation of the Klan. To Mr. Weltner's chagrin, the audience loudly applauded.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the appearance of a respectable-looking gentleman who introduced himself as a clergyman and Klansman and requested permission to ask three questions of the panel members; they are paraphrased as follows:

- 1—Why is there not a Klansman on the panel?
- 2—How can the entire Klan be held responsible for the actions of a few of its members?
- 3—Why does Congress not investigate some of the shady dealings of its own members?

Regardless of the relevance or content of, or ideas behind, these questions, I could not help admiring the gumption of that gentleman. But not the indignant liberals in the audience. At his every word they gasped as if the air had been defiled by his presence or as if their own characters were being undermined by hearing his voice. They ogled widely at each other and whispered "Can you imagine that? Oh, how ignorant!"

It boils down to this: liberals tend to see conservatives as non-intellectual and insensitive; and they believe that liberalism has a monopoly on truth. But their behavior at the Forum certainly disproved such notions. One axiom we may safely accept, however, is that conservatives have no monopoly on bigotry.

