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SG Needs Cooperation; The Slate Could Help

Those who gripe about the weakness and ineffectiveness of student government have a chance to do something about it today. Vote "yes" on the constitutional amendment. Article III, section 1 of the constitution merely says that the student government president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be elected by and from the entire student body. The amendment at issue today adds this requirement: "The president of the student body and the vice president of the student body shall have sought their respective positions together and shall be elected together as if they were one person." In other words, the president and vice president will hereafter be elected on a slate system as in national elections if the proposal is approved. The amendment is a matter of practicality. This campus has a student political party system which is probably unrivaled in the country for its strength. Candidates are nominated by the Student Party and University Party; then for a month of campaigning they fight one another with unrestrained enthusiasm. Three times within the past five years the president and vice president were elected from different parties and the results have been anything but outstanding. The two officers simply cannot work together when they have so little in common. The amendment will force the parties to be as painstaking in their selection of vice presidential candidates as they are in nominating presidents, and the ultimate result will be a more unified student government which has a greater chance of accomplishing its goals.

No One Writes

"Thus, you yourself, unworthy companion of my sad life, are like the public to whom one must never offer delicate perfumes, which only exasperate them. One must offer them garbage which has been carefully selected." (Translated from Beaudelaire, The Carolina Quarterly, 1965) The most recent issue of the Quarterly would not appeal to the public of which Beaudelaire is speaking. For, although a major portion of the magazine might well be described as garbage, there is no evidence that it has been carefully selected. It appears to be random garbage. It appears, in fact, to be a stumbling conglomeration of pathetic bluffs—a handful of fatuous little projects which might succeed at being controversial if they were the least bit coherent. It appears, in short, to have been compiled by the Sociology Department. But even this depressing fact is no reason to give up. Every reputable university should have a literary journal. It would be nice if we had one at Carolina. The dilemma of the Quarterly is simply indicative of the dilemma of the University: No one writes. For writing, as everyone knows, isn't very respectable. No one who is honestly concerned with his image on campus would ever dream of crawling out of comfortable anonymity into the social perilousness of creativity. "People from Harry's write—not regular people. Writing is for beatniks." And that's the trouble. A small coterie of disillusioned cynics has obtained a monopoly on the market. The result is sometimes dazzling, often tiresome, always lopsided. There is no one to blame but the legions of potentially promising writers who refuse to exercise a skill which, in the best of all possible worlds, acknowledges no social or political boundaries. The Muses, ideally, are public property. With this premise in mind, the Writer-in-Residence Committee of the YM-YWCA has initiated a new program at the University. Tonight in 107 Howell Hall Leon Rooke, UNC Writer-in-Residence and recipient of a 1965 O. Henry Award, will conduct the first in a series of Writer's Workshops in Chapel Hill. Betty Smith, author of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn and Joy in the Morning, will speak at the beginning of the evening. The Workshop will last from 8 to 10 p.m. and will be very informal. Typewriters and advice will be available when needed. Try it.

Armistead Maupin Jr.

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"Would You Believe That Tommy Jefferson Did It?"



The Student Speaks

Which Is The Smarter Sex?

By HUGH OWENS As I was ambling down Franklin Street a few days ago on my way to the N. C. my companion made a reasonable proposition: women are less intelligent than men. Preposterous you say? Perhaps. It all centers around what you define as intelligence. Men are more suited to routine menial mental tasks like adding up long columns of figures. But I have yet to see a girl who can approach a competent male in this field. Most women definitely do not possess the rigorous machine logic of what is recognized as masculine. Yet in their own way I sometimes wonder if women don't harbor a kind of supra-logic. Call it intuition or what you like. If women are logical in the general sense of the word, their form of logic is different from and often at variance with male logic. I then advanced a statement that women are the foremost realists of the race. Women can instantly spot hypocrisy in their sex. Then my friend asked how it is then that girls can be "snowed" by boys so easily. I disagreed and said that a girl when she put her mind to it could snow a boy more readily than vice versa. Yet it is interesting to note that women although they see weakness or deficiency in a man—they may not reject him. Whereas a man would eschew and condemn another man who displayed weakness or vacillation, a woman might stand by him.

One often hears of women (often beautiful) sticking by men who possess no recognizable value what ever. But a man would rarely act similarly toward a woman. This type of sentiment is made so poignantly ludicrous in Tom Lehrer's ditty on the subject: "... to Ed or Dick or Bob, she may be just a slob, but to me She's my girl ... And I LOVE her!" Ask a man about his love for a woman and he'll answer what it is about her that he loves. He loves her because she (a) is beautiful (b) compassionate (c) is a Serbo-Croat (d) has a wealthy father etc. But a woman will respond more like Elizabeth Browning: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways ... So it comes down to a what or WHY vs. HOW relationship. With later rumination I concluded that women are instead the Tragic Realists of the race. Women have to face the tedious tasks of the role that is theirs. It takes a woman to know the reality of childbirth. Women think in the actual and the concrete. Men think in the speculative and the abstract. For that reason I have never read a poem by a woman that has anywhere near the abstract depth of Shakespeare's sonnet XVIII, or Keat's "Ode on a Grecian Urn" or more particularly Eliot's "Waste Land." There are no great abstract women poets. In fact there has never been a great woman poet. I recall women's style of poetry as along the whimsical lines of a Phyllis McGinley or perhaps the sensuous imagery of Sara Teasdale. I can continue to prove my point by saying there has never been a great (or even good) woman philosopher. Maybe there never was one. Try to name a great woman mathematician, or artist, or musician, or composer. You can't do it. Women are not disposed to such abstractions. The metaphor belongs to man. Why is it then that women can't think in the abstract? Think about the niche in the world that the woman has always occupied. In primitive societies it is the woman who does the work of village and field while the males sit in council. The men lend an arm only when the tasks demands real physical strength. It is the women who bear

David Rothman

Striking Back With Trivia

Is trivia part of a protest movement? Does it reflect the confusion of youth? Are its fans mentally unstable? Students have long wailed about inconsequential questions on their quizzes. The multiple choice approach—some-times dubbed the "multiple guess" technique—has been looked upon with contempt because of its often emphasizing irrelevant details. And "fill in the blank" tests may be just as bad. Thus, I conclude that trivia, with its accent on the unimportant, is the student's answer to those who harass him in the classroom. The game's players are unconsciously protesting the meaningless questions of their professors by exaggerating the meaningless. Nobody really cares about what disease killed Emily Bronte's oldest sister (tuberculosis) or President Harding's middle name (Gamaliel); yet questions of this type often appear on exams given in the nation's schools—high schools and, to a lesser extent, colleges.



Other students here were probably just as dissatisfied with their high school quizzes. So, turning to pop culture, they do their best to erase the nightmares of the past by drowning them in a flood of vital information about comic books, radio programs and canceled TV series. Ed Freakley, my fellow columnist, typifies The New Wave. Only last week, he was concerning himself with the color of Jimmy Olsen's hair, the identity of radio's Abominable Snowman and the name of the dog on "The People's Choice" (see Friday's DTH for the answers). And the other day, somebody suavely asked me the name of Sen. Goldwater's yacht ("Sun-Dance")—causing me to moan and groan until I got him to admit he didn't know the call letters of the Senator's two radio stations (K7UGA and K3UIG). All of us were merely protesting against having to remember for school facts like Puerto Rico's population (2,349,344), the author of "Morgante maggiore" (Luigi Pulci) and the distinction of Pulaski, Tenn., (the Ku Klux Klan organized there in 1865). All of us, most likely, are as neurotic as the person who counts the bulbs in electric signs, the collector of antique waste baskets or the nut who trims his toe nails three time a day. But what are we to do? Trivia fans will probably just have to wait until some psychiatrist publicly declares us more deranged than the people who avoid stepping on the cracks in the sidewalk. Then we shall be eligible to enter an institution other than a university. Right now, I'll put you at ease for the moment—by admitting I used an encyclopedia to write this column.

I myself still have trouble recalling the population of Blackfoot, Idaho, (5,180) or the first person to treat sociology systematically (Auguste Comte). Throughout high school, I wondered why my teachers couldn't stick to more important matters—like William Shakespaere's birth date (1564), the color of Sinclair Lewis' hair (red) or the meaning of the word "Nemathelminthes (flat worms).

Graduate CFI

Letter To The Trustees

This letter was sent to each member of the Board of Trustees by the Graduate Committee for Free Inquiry.

To the Members of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina: As graduate students we have a deep concern about the specter of censorship that is facing the educational institutions in North Carolina today and an even more immediate concern over the possible actions that the Board of Trustees might take on Feb. 28.

We came to this University from 48 states and 39 foreign nations to pursue advanced studies in our respective fields for the reason that at the time of our decisions to come here, this was among the best universities in the United States in terms of faculty, facilities and professional esteem among educated men throughout the world. The tragic fact today, however, is that the University has already begun to fall in academic standing; professional societies have chosen not to meet here, scholars have on principle declined invitations to speak, and some departments are having difficulty in recruiting faculty. Although some officials in the government already realize this and have taken steps to keep the University from

losing accreditation, the actions have left unresolved the very heart of the controversy: censorship of ideas.

Any censorship is an absolute contradiction to the educational process, and indeed, to the functioning of a democratic society. To prohibit the sincere presentation of divergent opinion not only weakens the opportunity to exchange error for truth but also weakens the foundation of education itself by eradicating the clearer perception of truth that arises from its collision with error.

Moreover, the harmful effects of censorship do not depend upon the mechanism by which the censorship is carried out. A few days ago we learned that two Soviet writers had been imprisoned for criticizing their government, and we were saddened that well-educated Russians not only did not protest this action of their government (for indeed, is not the idea of protest anathema to tyranny?), but that they actually concurred with the judgment.

The denial of Constitutional rights by well-meaning men in America is no different from the denial of these same rights by agents of communism itself, and as citizens in a free society we must speak out for the preservation of freedom.

The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina should enact a speaker policy which restores to the University students and faculty in particular and the citizens in general the exercise of their right to hear whomever they see fit, free from the threat of censorship from any quarter.

To do less would not only strike a blow to freedom and guarantee the further decay of a great university, but would also dim the future of North Carolina as a state in which education, industry and the spirit of freedom could flourish.

We surely have a right to expect the Board of Trustees, a body of educated men devoted to the high principles of freedom and education and not to the caprice of political expediency, to display nothing short of statesmanship and moral courage in effecting a solution to this problem facing a free society.

Sincerely, Bill O'Brien for the Graduate Committee for Free Inquiry

The Collegiate World

Students Picket Blood Drive

By GIRMA NEGASH Daily Kansan Members of the KU Committee to End the War in Viet Nam picketed at noon today in front of the Kansas Union, emphasizing that blood would be saved by bringing the troops home. Four students carried posters reading, "USA the Warfare State," "Save Blood—Bring the Boys Home," "Stop the War Now" and "Stop the Blood Bath." Inside the Kansas Union the blood drive continued on its last day. The decision for the protest was made by the KU Committee to End the War in Viet Nam in its meeting yesterday. The committee prepared a statement which read: "We are protesting the war in Viet Nam and feel that a truly humanitarian approach causes that make it necessary. Save blood is needed in Viet Nam, but we question the

causes that make it necessary. Save blood by bringing the troops home now." "We are building up towards the international and national days of protest of March 25 and 26 against the Viet Nam war," said Richard Hill, junior, spokesman for the KU Committee to End the War in Viet Nam. Increasing interest among students was the focus of discussion last night at the committee's meeting. Suggestions were mentioned, ranging from raising blood donations for the Vietnamese people to preparing bibliography materials on Viet Nam for students. "The number of anti-war groups in the nation are proliferating. Most are not just sitting down to read anti-war literatures but are more active," Hill said. The Committee has received a letter of support from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

