

The Daily Tar Heel

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License Cycle Drivers

A UNC coed died Saturday night. She was the second student of the school year to die from injuries received in a motorcycle accident. Many students have been involved in two-wheeled mishaps, sustaining injuries ranging from scratched faces to broken legs.

A study conducted last November showed that 28 students were involved in motorcycle accidents in that month alone!

There is no need to speculate on the causes of these accidents, because the damage is already done. But if this one-a-day accident rate still prevails, something has to be done.

A simple way to cut down the number of accidents is to cut down the number of motorcycles.

There are now no restrictions on the ownership of these vehicles. Anyone who can afford one, including freshmen, can have it.

Part of the problem seems to be an attitude on the part of riders and non-riders alike that the cycles are toys. They are not toys. They are motor vehicles and should be treated as such.

So, as a start, the University administration should make ownership of motorcycles subject to the same rules governing the ownership of cars. This would eliminate the single largest group of cycle owners—freshmen.

The state could also help by changing its licensing requirements. Merely because a person has a license to drive a car does not mean he is qualified to operate a motorcycle. It is now possible to rent or buy a motorcycle, hop on it and take off, with little or no instruction on its operation — depending on the thoughtfulness of the dealer.

It should be made an offense to ride a motorcycle without a special license and to lend it to anyone who does not have such a license.

Until these and other similar steps are taken, motorcycles will continue to be thought of and used as toys.

And more accidents will happen.

Be Wary Of Hypocrites

On Feb. 22, 1,283 students voted in favor of an amendment to the constitution which would have required the president and vice-president of Student Government to be elected as a team. Only 657 students voted against this "slate amendment."

That election has been declared invalid, because many polls were unmanned and it is possible that many students who wanted to vote were unable to do so.

A new election on the same question is being held today.

But the issues are not the same as they were three weeks ago.

Today the fate of one of the candidates for the presidency — Sonny Pepper — rests to a great extent on the fate of this amendment.

It will greatly simplify his candidacy if the amendment is defeated since he is running as an independent and has no vice-presidential candidate on the independent "slate."

Some of those who howled loudest last month in favor of the amendment are now working hard to have it defeated — because it is suddenly politically expedient.

A month ago they said it would be impossible to expect a president and vice-president from different parties to work together effectively if elected.

Now they say it ain't so. Anybody can bury the hatchet, they say.

In turn, some who were silent before, now clamor for passage of the amendment. It is no accident that most of the people in this group would like to see Pepper defeated.

Not being partial to hypocrites, the DTH contends such people are being less than honest with themselves and their fellow students.

The reasons for approval were strong enough three weeks ago to give the amendment a 2-to-1 favorable vote.

The DTH supported the amendment then and does not withdraw that support now — for the sake of a candidate or anybody else.

Vote however you wish, but at least be sure you know why you vote and what a "yes" or "no" vote means.

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"I Didn't Know He'd Be That Upset About It!"



Those Loyal Defenders of Freedom

The Chapel Hill Weekly

"Journalism Week," a series of workshops, seminars, speeches, banquets, luncheons and whatnot for North Carolina's newspapers, began in Chapel Hill this weekend, and the choice of the University as host is remarkably fitting for a reason other than that the State's only School of Journalism is located here.

The reason is that the University of North Carolina has never had a more loyal and unrelenting champion than the press of this State, and this has never been truer than during the last three years of the Gag Law travail.

In these three years, the University has found itself caught between a concept of freedom on the one side and on the other side many of the Trustees who control the University, many of the legislators who have the power of financing it, and many of the people who own it. In such a position, the University has in large part been powerless to defend itself. Without readily accepting the direst possible consequences, you don't in any circumstances try to destroy those who control finance and own you. And more often than not, whether realistically or not, the Gag Law controversy has been framed as a win-or-lose-all issue.

As they have many times before, the

newspapers of the State, particularly many of the major dailies, took up the cudgel for the University that it couldn't possibly lay hand to itself.

Such newspapers as *The Charlotte Observer*, *The Winston-Salem Journal*, *The Greensboro Daily News*, *The Durham Morning Herald*, *The Raleigh News & Observer* and *The Raleigh Times* laid about with eloquence, with hard-won facts, with ingenuity and enterprise in the University's behalf — spending their influence liberally and often at the cost of reader popularity.

Some of the non-dailies, such as *The Smithfield Herald* (whose editor is a Duke man), *The Roxboro Courier-Times*, *The Raeford News-Journal* (most of whose Hoke County readers must still be incensed), and *The Ahoskie Herald* (deep in the heart of Gag Law country) also planted themselves firmly at the University's side.

Nobody can say with any certainty whether such newspapers saved the University, or whether they will save it yet. At the same time, no one can deny that they have tried.

The University's position is such that it cannot even afford to express its gratitude publicly to these loyal defenders. But someone should, and we are most happy to do so.

Letters To The Editor

Why This Cause?

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: In today's (March 10) paper I noted with interest two articles. One told of the heroic fight a small group of United States Special Forces soldiers waged against overwhelming numbers of communistic Viet Cong when their outpost was overrun. It seems as though this small number of our own have given their all in this effort against our enemy.

The other article reported an incident on your campus when your president of the student body, Paul Dickson, took the side of an admitted Marxist, Herbert Aptheker, and in what Dickson evidently would call "freedom of express or speech" tried to make an issue in favor of one who is against our way of life.

My question is that... Don't our students have more to do on college campuses than to champion the causes of this type of character?... Some such acts are done in the name of crusading for a cause. We hear this from many campuses and streets. I have no qualm regarding crusading for a cause but I wonder if Mr. Dickson has selected a worthwhile cause for which to crusade.

Those of the Marxist opinion are of the same crusade as those Viet Cong who killed the small group of Special Forces troops mentioned in today's paper mentioned above. Why champion the cause of the enemy when there is much to be done in other areas?

May I suggest some good causes on every campus throughout our country that Mr. Dickson and the others there at Chapel Hill may consider... Immorality, dishonesty in classes, drunkenness, patriotism, respect for authority, appreciation for others and love of God.

Why select a cause that is without a doubt aimed at cutting our own throat... I do appreciate Mr. Dickson's right to speak or do what he feels he would like to do. I spent 31 months in Europe in 1943-45 preserving this right as the Special Forces group was doing when they died. I ask why this cause? It will bury us so the Marxist followers say.

I challenge the real, red-blooded students on yours and other campuses to get on the crusade of that which many of us gave years to preserve and many gave their lives.

Respectfully suggested, Nick F. Senter 215 Watauga Lane Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 37350

Government And Schools

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: The current speaker ban controversy is an excellent example of what can happen when government gets involved in such things as education. Some people argue that, however undesirable, the State of North Carolina has the right to ban speakers here since North Carolina finances this school. Even if this is not true, surely most will agree that this government's involvement in education has caused a lot of trouble and social unrest.

It is no secret that the Federal government is expanding more and more into all levels of education, and this means, of course, more and more control. Is it possible that the Federal government could pass a speaker ban or some similar law once it has a strangle-hold on education in the United States? Of course.

It is amusing to me that the Left, who on this campus have been the most vociferous and radical in protesting the speaker ban, is also involved in efforts to expand federal aid and therefore control to all levels of education, grade school through college.

On second thought, maybe it is not amusing.

Sincerely, Douglas R. Stanton 313 Joyner

Bad Food At Lenoir

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: Mrs. Connor's recent letter on the manners of UNC students in Lenoir Hall was very interesting. I am inclined to agree with her that manners in that place are not nearly as good as they might be, but I don't think she is getting at the cause of them.

Perhaps she has forgotten that responsibility inspires responsibility. I believe that if Lenoir Hall were operated more responsibly, the students would behave more responsibly there. And although there have been a few improvements in the past year in Lenoir, and regardless of a few revolting articles in the Tar Heel in the past few weeks praising the place, Lenoir Hall is still very much a cause for shame at this university.

The main lack of responsibility lies in the preparation of the food. The low quality of food most students can bear in the interests of economy, but not the preparation of it. A more bland and greasier type of food anywhere is very difficult to imagine. It is very hard for me to believe that with just a little more care in preparation the palatability of the food put on the student's plate could not be vastly improved...

There are a good many other ways in which the management of Lenoir shows a lack of responsibility. Just one of them is that vast pile of bent silverware, which one person with a pair of pliers should be able to straighten in a few hours.

Mrs. Connor loves to talk about the discipline many UNC students will face in the armed forces. Well, I am a veteran of the U. S. Army, and discipline there is not nearly as difficult to take as Mrs. Connor is inclined to think. The main reason is that in the service people are treated like what they are expected to be. Men are

treated like soldiers because they are expected to act like soldiers, and in response most of them do act like soldiers.

But in Lenoir Hall, UNC students are treated like hogs, but are expected to act like ladies and gentlemen. I might remind both Mrs. Connor and the Lenoir Hall management that: (1) in the service I never ate any food as bad as Lenoir's best, even the C rations eaten in the field were better than Lenoir food (I might add here that I served as an enlisted man); and (2) that a lot of former slobos who used to eat in Lenoir Hall and peeve Mrs. Connor with their bad manners are doing a very fine job for us in Viet Nam now.

In conclusion, I would like to suggest to Mrs. Connor that her battle for manners in Lenoir Hall would be much more meaningful and effective if she would also battle for greater responsibility in the management of Lenoir Hall.

Respectfully, James F. Hamburg 204A Pritchard Ave.

Beauty Mourned

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: Once again beauty has given way to expediency! The lovely maple trees on Cameron Avenue are gone and even the little rise on which they stood has been leveled. A new building may be well on the way to completion before autumn, but it will be many a long year before there are maples in glorious color to frame it.

Who makes these decisions?

Sincerely, Maryellen Bowers 714 E. Franklin St.

Political Football

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: The most tragic thing about Tuesday's rerun of the slate system referendum is that it has become the political football of the pro and anti-Pepper partisans. The amendment goes beyond the personalities in this election; it is a fundamental improvement in the structure of Student Government itself.

The amendment should be passed or rejected on its merits, with no regard as to

the effect it will have on Mr. Pepper's candidacy. I personally hope that the student body will once again vote to institute this needed reform in Student Government.

Steve Kemic 527 Morrison

Vote For Amendment

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: It is unfortunate that the Constitutional Council saw fit to invalidate the slate system amendment which was supported by a two-to-one majority of students. Let us hope, despite the partisan pressures which are generated at election time, that this measure, which has been supported by all the past student body president and vice-presidents, will be reaffirmed by the students on Tuesday.

The slate system will provide for a more efficient student government and virtually eliminate partisan politics in the executive branch. Considering the problems that student government had in 1965 under the present system, it becomes obvious that, to meet the needs of a dynamic university in 1966, we must, once again, affirm the need for a unified, rather than a divided executive in Graham Memorial.

Sincerely, Bob Alexander 240 Finley Golf Course Rd.

LETTERS

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