

The Daily Tar Heel

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ERNIE McCRARY, EDITOR

What's Right And Wrong?

LAST IN A SERIES

How important is honor to you? Throughout this series of editorials on the Honor System the emphasis has been on pointing out weaknesses in the rules under which we live as students and the manner in which they are enforced.

But we can re-organize our court system, we can change the women's rules and we can make pretty speeches forever without really correcting anything.

There is something wrong with the Honor System at UNC. Either the expectations are too high or our performance is too low. When this disparity exists some rules are going to be broken, and when some are ignored the respect for all others is pitifully damaged.

How important is honor? Undoubtedly there is nearly unanimous feeling that it is vital if we are to live as human beings, instead of animals.

Our job, then, is to decide just what "honor" is, and then stick to our beliefs. The Honor System today is in trouble because it is unrealistic. Just as the rules students lived under in 1900 are out of date, the standards of conduct accepted by students and University officials as ethical do not necessarily coincide with what the rules say in writing.

It has been too long since we stopped to ask ourselves just what is right and wrong.

Is it wrong to drink in residence halls?

Is it wrong to keep a girl out on a date after closing hours if she wants to stay out?

Is it right to lie to protect another student

hours if she wants to stay out?

Is it right to lie to protect another student?

Is it right to report someone suspected of cheating?

There are no simple answers to this kind of questions, but unless we make an honest attempt to evaluate them and set some sort of standard which can be upheld with consistency, the Honor System will never be anything more than a farce and we might just as well let the administration guide us through a University kindergarten.

Honor System Emphasis Week will be held later this semester. With enthusiastic student response it could provide a springboard for airing and resolving these problems.

Exit Editor, Unburdened

It's a little like giving up a child for adoption. For a year now, The Daily Tar Heel has been my baby. At one time or another, I've loved it, cursed it, been proud of it and been ashamed of it. But if nothing else—through some 170 issues and a couple hundred or more editorials—I've been devoted to it.

This year the DTH grew to its largest size in history, and it has had the largest, hardest-working staff ever. Those staff members are The Daily Tar Heel, and they are devoted to it too—or they all would have been driven to despair long ago by the demands made on them.

Aside from "When are you leaving," the question I've been asked most often recently is, "How do you feel about leaving?" Undoubtedly most DTH readers couldn't give less of a damn about how I feel, but since this is the last editorial I'll give myself permission to get personal.

I am relieved. No student knows the burden created by having the responsibility of producing a newspaper six days a week unless he has had the job. And not only must the newspaper be produced, but it must withstand the daily scrutiny of more than 12,000 intelligent, critical readers.

I am tired and ready to rest. The demands of the job are unceasing—60 hours a week in the office are not enough, because every waking moment has to be lived as Ernie McCrary, DTH Editor. For at least this last month and a half, I would like to live as Ernie McCrary, UNC student.

Yet I'm still not exactly running out the door. For all its headaches and inducements to ulcers, the job is fun and I would never deny that I haven't enjoyed it. Part of my reluctance comes from the fact that there is so much still undone—so many ideas that haven't been tried yet—so many goals yet to be reached—so many things left to be said.

It's a sorry excuse, but any DTH editor can trace most of his problems to a lack of time. The hasty proofreading of an editorial which failed to note a verb which gave a wrong implication . . . The hidden fact that wasn't included because there wasn't enough time to search deeper . . . The meeting that lasted almost until deadline, causing a thrown-together effort.

I look back on the year now, undoubtedly with a total lack of perspective, and see the mistakes more clearly than anything. I see where I have been arrogant, presumptuous, stupid, too forceful and not forceful enough. And again I'll be presumptuous enough to think I did some things right. And it doesn't really matter whether they all turned out to be right. The important thing is that every decision made during a year that has been controversial even by Chapel Hill standards was made only after open-minded examination indicated that decision to be right.

If readers expect any more from their editor, they better stop electing mortals.

Fred Thomas is the next mortal in whose charge the paper has been placed. He has my best wishes and my confidence in his ability to do a good job.

As my last editorial suggestion, let me urge you to give him the same.

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"I'm Gonna Finish That Term Paper When We Get Back Monday Night"

Barry Jacobs

Dixiecrats Get One Last Try



For Southerners who feel that both major parties are bent on oppressing them, a Presidential election thrown into the House of Representatives has been a kind of Holy Grail sought with more or less fervor for many years.

The plan as expressed by many Southern leaders is to throw enough Southern votes to a third candidate or to pledged electors to prevent either of the major candidates from getting a majority. The election would then go to the House of Representatives where each state has one vote. There, presumably, the Southern states would be able to trade their votes for concessions on such things as civil rights legislation.

The Southern mavericks reached their peak with the Dixiecrat movement of 1948. Strom Thurmond carried some Southern states but was unable to prevent Harry S. Truman from winning reelection. Lately, the bolters have concentrated on an independent elector movement, rather than a third candidate.

If President Johnson's electoral changes are adopted, independent electors will become a thing of the past. Dissatisfied Southerners will then have to return to the tactics of 1948. They will then have to campaign for a man as well as for an idea, and their task will be more difficult. The electoral changes and the increased Negro registration will make it impossible for any independent movement to succeed after 1968.

The next Presidential election will prob-

ably be the last one in which there will be even a remote chance of deadlocking the contest. The independent elector movement was blunted by circumstances in 1960 and 1964.

In 1960, the Democrats angered a large part of the South by nominating John F. Kennedy, a Catholic. However, the hatred for Kennedy was tempered by the nomination of Lyndon Johnson for Vice President. (At that time, most Southerners still considered Johnson to be one of them.) Southern opinions on Republican nominee Richard Nixon were mixed. Thus many unhappy Southerners could still find a reason to vote for one of the major parties.

Two years ago, Johnson had been read out of Dixie. Hubert Humphrey was no more popular. The Republicans, however, stole the thunder from a growing boom for George Wallace by nominating Barry Goldwater. The darling of the conservatives then almost swept the Deep South.

In 1968, circumstances may be more favorable for an independent movement than at any time since 1948. Johnson is not likely to be any more popular with Southerners than now. The Republicans, having tried and failed with a conservative, are certain to turn to a more liberal candidate in 1968. Many Southerners will feel alienated from both parties and may be ready to turn to an independent movement.

It is doubtful, however, that an independent elector movement can succeed. Time has dulled the effect of the segregationists' arguments. The increasing Negro vote can hardly help the independents. 1968 will be their last try, but they seem doomed to failure.

Letters To The Editor

Ludwig Missed Point

Editor: The Daily Tar Heel:

I feel prompted to strongly disagree with Myles Eric Ludwig, who reviewed the playmakers production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* in your columns last week.

My first thought is that he seems to have missed the essential point of the play. Certainly, the nine characters share 'no common humanity'; that was the last thing Wilde intended them to share. Rather, they live out their double standards with as little interaction as possible, and only circumstance is allowed finally to bring the characters together. The play was written as a parody of Victorian life and it survives as a classic of English satire, wit, and rhetoric.

The Playmakers staging may not have appealed to all, as it obviously did not to Mr. Ludwig, but judging from the response of a packed auditorium most people appeared to find considerable enjoyment in it. Indeed, intended or not, Mr. Ludwig's comment describing Tommy Rezzuto's direction as rivaling for sickness 'du Pont's invention of greasless cookery' can only be taken as a compliment when applied to 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. Even Wilde would have enjoyed such a turn of phrase!

P. C. Whybrow,
Dawes St.

Expert Direction

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Let me congratulate you on your wisdom in allowing your reporter, Mr. Ludwig, to cover "The Importance of Being Earnest" as he did in Saturday's paper, for I can only believe that in doing so you are inaugurating a new Department of Humor. The report (not criticism) is so abysmally bad and ignorant, it is funny. (see Camp.)

My husband was a dramatic critic in New York and Boston, and I know what I am talking about, and while there may be a few flaws, not many, in the performances and in Oscar Wilde—though the rest of the world for more than a half century would not agree with you in re the epigrams—there were no errors in the direction, which was as expert a job as I ever saw on an amateur stage—and I have seen plenty.

I am a devoted daily reader of the Tar Heel; but evidently it, too, has flaws, and this one I find hard to excuse.

Elsie U. Eaton

Not Protesters

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I wish to clarify an article in The Daily Tar Heel, March 27. The article, written by Andy Myers, headed "Latin Students Parade on Hill," stated that we put on a demonstration carrying signs and placards.

I am sorry that your reporter didn't come close enough to see what was on the signs nor to ask any of the Latin students what was going on. Therefore, the article left the impression that we were objecting to something. The students, from high schools all over the state met at our University of North Carolina for their Junior Classical League Annual State Convention. Those signs and placards your reporter mentioned were proclaiming the various candidates for North Carolina Junior Classical League officers for 1966-1967.

We would have appreciated an article about our meeting and will appreciate your clarifying the one on March 27.

Please send me a copy of the Tar Heel with correction of impression. You might see Miss Nancy Honeycutt, in the office of the Classics Department or Dr. Kenneth Reckford, our convention speaker on information for your article about the convention.

Thank you.

Mrs. Joe Rhinehart
State Chairman
North Carolina Junior
Classical League

'Factless, Tactless'

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Regarding the article in your March 27 issue on Latin students "demonstrating" in front of Memorial Auditorium, I am indeed shocked that a newspaper of such calibre as the DTH would print such a factless, tactless article.

The Latin students involved were attending their annual state Junior Classical League convention, which incidentally was dedicated to your own late Drs. Ullman and Suskin, and were minding their own business in enthusiastically but peacefully campaigning for state officers of the League.

If that article is any reflection of your standard brand of journalism, I cannot help but feel that this organization of high school students has more leadership ability and sense of dedication to a worthwhile cause than do the reporters of my own state's University newspaper.

Susan Severn
Randolph-Macon Women's College

Discussion Recommended

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Last month I wrote a letter (which you published) in which I expressed some of my opinions for the entertainment of one and all. Judging by the response I have gotten, from high and low alike, there must have been something in what I said; no one at all has bothered to deny my charges, much less tried to refute them.

I charged that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is mis-named, inasmuch as there is widespread agreement that the institution ought not to be a university at all. I charged that the curriculum is being managed (carefully and closely) according to political, rather than intellectual, decisions and demands.

And I charged that all of this has come about because of the deep-seated feeling that any disagreement in opinion is nothing less than madness.

This may account for the fact that there was as little response to my letter as there was; it may well be that we are all so well trained that we can dismiss any criticism as irrational. But I would not say this; it seems to me that a lot of people have been thinking about the issues and are simply not yet ready to express themselves. This possibility brings me joy.

I have long since recovered from the fiction that anyone who disagrees with me is either stupid or vicious or mad. Some of my best friends are very disagreeable people. And I would hope for everyone to adopt this attitude; because then we could all join in discussing the problems we face, and investigating the evidence, without the burning passion our parents often had for taking stands and assuming positions.

Hell's bells, my stomach is just like everyone else's; some things soothe it and some things upset it. But I lack the faith that my stomach is always right; and perhaps this, more than anything else, is what I am recommending. I recommend to anyone that he reconsider, the next time something (perhaps this letter; who knows?) turns his stomach, whether his stomach might not be right. Maybe it's right, and maybe it's wrong, but it certainly is not the final judge.

If I were convinced that discussion and discovery had become the primary aims of this institution I would then have an apology and an announcement to make; the apology would be to everyone connected with the University, and the announcement, of course, would be to everyone else. For discussion and discovery please my stomach, and, after a number of years of trying every alternative I could think of, I have decided that they ought to. I recommend them.

Yours sincerely,
James F. Perry
102 King St.

Figured Right

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Congratulations to Pat Stith and The Daily Tar Heel. You certainly had Sing Out '66 and Moral Re-Armament, Inc. evaluated correctly.

Galen Elliott, Jr.
432 Morrison

Indian Prime Minister

Ed. note: The following letter was written by the Prime Minister of India to the Indian students in the United States.

Dear young friends,

I am soon coming to the United States to meet President Johnson and other U. S. leaders. This will be a very brief visit—less than a week. Much as I should have liked to do, I shall not be able to meet Indian students studying in American institutions.

However, I should like to take this opportunity to tell you that you are all very much in my thoughts. India is passing through a critical phase, perhaps this is the most difficult year since the first year of Independence. But there is neither need nor room for discouragement. We make mistakes but we also have considerable achievements to our credit. Many of our problems are the problems of development. How can one wake a huge sleeping giant and get it to move ahead without creating disturbance?

May I also remind you that the country expects a great deal from the young men and women who have had the opportunity of studying at institutions of international repute and of acquainting themselves with the latest trends in human thought and modern technology. We can all in our own way contribute to the national good.

With greeting and good wishes.
Yours sincerely,
Indira Gandhi

LETTERS

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