

The Daily Tar Heel

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FRED THOMAS, EDITOR

Brown Bag Blues

The 1923 Turlington Act, which states that the home is the only place a person may legally consume liquor, should not be overlooked any longer.

This is a prime example of antiquated North Carolina legislation that should be invalidated. The practices of brown-bagging, locker clubs, and open bars in private clubs have long gone unnoticed.

Law enforcement officials have talked first one way, then the other since State Attorney General Wade Bruton's recent ruling that the old law must be strictly enforced, most of them indicating they will follow the set policy of "What we don't know won't hurt us."

Strict obedience to the law, of course, would mean an end to cocktail parties at restaurants around Chapel Hill, to the occasional nipping done in Kenan Stadium and, possibly to the practice of fraternity men who do not live in their houses bringing bottles there.

It would also certainly mean a significant increase in the number of men paid to enforce the law.

But ignoring the law is no solution. This encourages citizens of the state to violate the statute which remains on the books, subject to being enforced at any time.

Token raids on a club or an American Legion Post from time to time to show that the law still means business are not fair to the individuals chosen to be examples for equally-guilty parties who go completely untouched.

Some people have speculated that the strict interpretation of the law has as its goal the eventual legalizing of the sale of liquor by the drink. If this is the case, more power to them.

Of course, nothing can be done to change the law until the General Assembly meets, and there is no guarantee that any modification will be made then.

But it is not too early to begin considering what can and should be done.

Meanwhile, let the hit dogs bark. Maybe if they bark loudly enough, the 40-year-old liquor law will be updated.

Worthy Projects

Springtime weather has a way of making it almost impossible for a student to do any really serious studying. But this is not due to a loss of energy.

On the contrary, this vital sparks seems to get more plentiful by the day as the school year draws to an end.

At a time when the image of the UNC student is being tossed around by people all over the state, this energy could be well-used.

Two student groups have set a good example—the Interfraternity Council and House "A" Morrison.

The IFC has launched a crusade to beautify Chapel Hill by planting grass in various unsightly spots around town, and house "A" Morrison is holding a drive for clothes to be given to the American Red Cross and the Inter-church Council.

The latter project offers an opportunity for every student on campus to be a real part in a most worthy project. Boxes in residence halls, fraternities and sororities will be collected Friday afternoon and presented to the organizations.

We hope every student will contribute at least one article of clothing in this drive.

To House "A" Morrison and to the IFC, a hearty "Well done."

A Short Subject

It's no longer what's up front that counts. According to Eileen Ford, director of one of New York's largest modeling agencies, good development from the waist up is not sufficient to get a girl where she wants to go today.

The hemlines are on the rise, and Miss Ford says, "When you have bad legs there is nothing you can do."

In the modeling industry this new trend is discriminating against nationalities, favoring the German and Scandinavian lasses who are "lucky enough to be leggie," Miss Ford claims.

But we feel our Carolina coed—the typical and non-typical—can hold their own against any of these foreign beauties.

And as we see it—or would like to see it—what better way is there for a young lady to make her leg-beauty known than in a pair of Bermuda shorts.

What about it Dean Carmichael?

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John Greenbacker

The Editorial Page — A Policy Statement

Up until last fall, the DTH editorial page had always been the subject of some controversy, depending upon the nature of the news and the calibre of the columnists, but in the past academic year the campus has shown very little interest in this vital section of the newspaper. This might be attributed to any number of reasons, but it would be relatively pointless to examine them all.



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It should be made clear, however, that with the coming of a new order to power, there will be a few changes made. Certainly no newspaper is worthy of publication if it exists solely to form dissention for the sake among its readership, but

it does have an obligation to point out those things which it feels are wrong and provide the readers with some form of intellectual stimulation. If it fails to attain these objectives, its newsprint is only suitable for use as emergency toilet paper or for wrapping fish.

Chuck Neely, who graduated from this University last June, frequently cursed what he termed "the blandness" of last spring's edit page, and often said, "When I get up in the morning, I want to read an editorial page that will either make me tear it up in anger or make me howl with delight." There is a lot of merit in this statement.

The DTH is the only official student newspaper on this campus. The student body foots the bill for its publication, and justly demands its money's worth. In this sense the newspaper has a franchise with

the students. It is obligated to present the news and the issues in an engaging manner, and its editorial page must be open at all times for the publication of opposing viewpoints.

This last point is very important, and it cannot be stressed enough. There is no more disgusting a situation than when the editorial page editor of a newspaper such as the DTH takes the stand that he is under no obligation to print articles which contain opinions which he is personally opposed to.

Pete Wales, who was the DTH Associate Editor last year, was an intelligent and able columnist, but there were times when he did the campus extreme disservice by failing to present the readers with all sides of campus controversy during times of crisis. The most notable case in point was last year's National Student Association crisis.

Wales, an ardent supporter of NSA affiliation, marshalled the editorial page and filled it with pro-NSA material. A pitiful few anti-NSA letters to the editor were published, but there appeared not one concise column summarizing the case against NSA in the newspaper. Consequently the students had to base their judgment of NSA on incomplete information when a campus-wide referendum on the issue was held.

Largely for this reason, a very good student editorial page was prevented from being an excellent one.

Former DTH editor Ernie McCrary was also prone at times to take rather one-sided and uncompromising attitudes on certain issues, such as last fall's Dickson scandal. His attitudes caused dissent among staff members, and there was a strong undercurrent of repression which stifled dissenting commentary.

Hopefully this situation will never arise again.

In an attempt to achieve better readability, the editorial page should constantly strive to publish columns which are concise and coherent. There were many columns published regularly within the last year which no one bothered to read, simply because the writer couldn't write worth a damn, or because the writer was out of his medium.

All in all, it's a simple matter of getting the men and making sure they keep their minds open.

Open access for all points of view and intelligent, creative writing, therefore, are the essential ingredients for an effective editorial page.

This is what we are striving to present.



David Rothman

Vietnamese Friends Needed

If there was any question whether the war in Viet Nam can be won without the support of the South Vietnamese, it was laid to rest this week when the U. S. air force found itself sharply curtailing air raids on North Viet Nam because of a temporary shortage of bombs.

The shortage had been caused by disorders in the vicinity of the Da Nang air base. Because of the civil strife, shipping problems developed, apparently since not enough South Vietnamese hired to unload the bombs showed up for work.

Fortunately, the solution to the problem was comparatively simple: send U. S. troops to load the un-load the ammunition ships. But the entire experience illustrated the dependence — at least temporary — of our air force on these primitive natives of Southeast Asia.

Much more serious than the shortage of bombs is the large number of desertions from the central government's army. The policies by which we and our Vietnamese allies are fighting the war are made in Saigon and Washington, but here, again, it is the peasants of Viet Nam who must shoulder the rifles, throw the hand grenades and aim the artillery pieces. Fortunately, the desertion rate for our side has been decreasing, but, should political instability continue in Saigon, even the soundest personnel retention programs would be rendered worthless.

The Da Nang trouble and the war the government has been waging with the Montagnards are but two examples of how rivalries between the many interest groups in Vietnamese politics have hurt the war effort. And in the foreground is the traditional Catholic Buddhist friction, which somehow also seems at times to involve special factions among members of these religions. The energy of the South Vietnamese population, rather than being used to fight the Viet Cong, is being wasted on Saigon street corners, where rival groups regularly clash and demonstrate.

But even if United States troops could unload all the bombs and fire all the mortars, there might remain the problem of terrorism — which, judging by its frequency, is practiced by more than a few Viet Cong extremists. Certainly, the typical villager isn't going to become a terrorist overnight should we lose his support, but, as indicated by recent events in Saigon, even a neutral or barely unfriendly view of Americans among the general population can encourage the Viet Cong to commit violent acts against the GIs.

Small wonder it is that, during the height of the religious turmoil, American soldiers were harassed more than at other times — the Viet Cong perhaps hoping observers might mistake the explosions for a spontaneous part of the general strife.

And more significant than any other argument justifying attempts to win South Vietnamese support is the reason we are in Viet Nam: to preserve a government which we hope will ultimately be more responsive to the people's demands than the Communists would be, were they rulers of all of Viet Nam.

American forces, then, must cultivate the friendship and respect of the rice farmers for, sooner or later, our soldiers will tire of lugging those heavy bombs under the tropical sun.

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.

McCrary Refuted

By MC Official On Courts Issue

(Editor's note — This is the first in a series of six editorials by Bill Miller, the vice chairman of the Men's Honor Council. They are in rebuttal to a recent series on the student judiciary written by former DTH editor Ernie McCrary.)

By BILL MILLER

The Daily Tar Heel and former editor Ernie McCrary published a series of eight editorials concerning the UNC Honor System. While no one intimately connected with the judiciary would hesitate to encourage constructive criticism of the system, at the same time we will not idly sit by as many unqualified and incorrect statements are aimed at what we consider to be a vital cornerstone of the University.

The editorials, in the first place, were written without a thorough investigation of the Honor System on the part of McCrary. There were no interviews of consequence with present Men's and Women's Council members, with the Attorney General, or with the Honor System Commission Chairman. The past records of the various student courts were ignored. There is also little evidence of a critical valuation of the proposals for judicial reform.

Secondly, what substantive criticisms that were aired seem to be based on two things: a disgust of women's rules and a few misleading, misrepresentative examples of Honor and Campus Code violations (indeed, some examples cited do not necessarily fall under the jurisdiction of either of these codes — e.g., drinking in residence halls, violating women's closing hours, a petty poker game). Surely our system as a whole is not to be torn asunder due to the shortcomings of several of its parts.

And lastly, there are definite fallacies in the Honor System which must be voiced and corrected by students, such as orientation of new council members, council discipline, recording council proceedings, a new system of sentences. Yet the eight articles failed to deal with these relevant points of criticism.

Notwithstanding the above, Mr. McCrary concluded that "the Honor System is just a farce," that we have "honor by convenience," that "confusion is caused by the court system."

It will be the purpose of future commentaries to clarify certain misrepresentations as they appeared in the editorials, to present a positive view of the judiciary and some of its members and to set forth explicitly the pertinent and demanding aspects of judicial reform.

The Student Speaks

Benjamin Franklin's Advice Can Be Applied To UNC

(Editor's note — The author claims this column follows closely in theme the first draft of Benjamin Franklin's "Rules By Which a Great Empire May Be Reduced to a Small One.")

By SAADIA GREENBERG

In order for established interests to free themselves from the discomfort resulting from such criticism of the existing order of things as necessarily emanates from a great university I have formulated the following rules which, if carefully put into practice are certain to bring about the elimination of this evil.

1. Begin with a campaign led by the most ignorant and intolerant elements of society to convince the general population that the university is a sanctuary for seditions and sinful persons.

2. Once this notion comes to be generally held, propagate the idea that innocent youth are being morally corrupted by the university.

3. Without debate or deliberation, have the supreme law-making body arbitrarily prohibit certain unpopular classes of persons from speaking at the university. It is essential that the criteria for exclusion be vague and capricious, based on opinions held or constitutional rights previously invoked, and clearly have no relation to

the possibility of the perpetration of any overt criminal acts.

4. If later some retreat becomes necessary, make certain that the essentials of prior censorship remain in force.

5. Since a great university cannot exist without diversity of opinion, (i.e. "controversy"), have the chief public official proclaim to the populace that controversy must be suppressed because it leads to discord and strife.

6. If the serious, intellectually-oriented elements continue to protest, have the campus newspaper begin to ridicule them. The leaders of the protest should be misquoted, their motives impugned, their character disparaged and the protestors generally portrayed as high-strung, unreasonable, disorderly, and unconventional.

7. When some of the most capable faculty members resign or threaten to resign, have the newspaper describe them as dull-witted, incompetent assistant graders in obscure and unimportant areas of study. A hint of disloyalty will also help.

By this time the proper atmosphere will have been created, serious and probing minds will begin to depart and the formerly great university will soon be one of no more consequence than the tobacco fields from whose midst it arose.



ANDY CAPP