

The Daily Tar Heel

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FRED THOMAS, EDITOR

Congratulations, Thanks

The Symposium is over, and eyes are now turning toward Jubilee.

The Daily Tar Heel has devoted a great deal of space to coverage of this event. We hope you feel it has been well-spent.

It would not be appropriate to let this week's activities pass without expressing a sincere note of congratulations and thanks on behalf of all the students here to those who spent so many hours making the Symposium a reality.

To name all the workers would be quite a task. But would like to personally recognize the members of the Symposium Executive Committee:

J. Carlyle Sitterton, honorary chairman; Dr. Daniel W. Patterson, advisor; George Butler, chairman; David Lane, vice chairman; Bill Graham, vice chairman; Mary King, secretary; and Eric Van Loon, treasurer.

And the committee chairmen:

Miles Foy, speaker-schedule co-ordinator; Jay Hanan, student escort co-ordinator. Bill Tomford, intercollegiate seminar; Lyons Gray, social and hospitality; Kathy Cauble, physical arrangements; Christopher Wright, publicity; Joan Woodworth, exhibits; Steve Hoar and Betsy Ross Morris, handbook; Peter Cowan, Symposium news bureau; Bill Taylor, related discussions.

Courses For Grades' Sake

This is the time of year that students begin thinking about what courses they want to undertake fall semester next year.

As always they will have to consider meeting the requirements for graduation in their respective fields. But this time there will be an extra pressure on them when they choose their subjects—the draft.

The University of California, Berkeley, has a program through which an undergraduate student with a grade point average higher than B may take one course each semester, outside his major field, for which he receives credit hours but no grade.

The idea for this pass-fail course was prompted to encourage students to take challenging courses without fear of sacrificing grade points which would lower their overall averages.

This is a good idea.

But it seems to be defeating its own purpose in one aspect. Students who have been able to maintain above a B average probably are not in any grade trouble and are thus not worried about "challenging" courses.

But what of the students who are sincerely interested in tackling a tough course for what they can get out of it, knowing that for all their efforts they will probably get a C or maybe even a D?

The *Western Herald*, Western Michigan University, made this comment:

"The Selective Service System should not be allowed to force students into narrow valleys of education by putting a premium on the taking of easy courses and limiting students to their fields of specialization. But since the draft system cannot be changed, to help the universities attain their goals, the universities should help themselves by initiating some form of non-graded classes."

And while we're on the subject of grades we might toss this out to be kicked around:

What about the plus-minus system at the University?

A student with reasonable ability in history might work hard for a semester. On three quizzes he gets 93 (A), 85 (B) and 85 (B). On his final examination he scores 88 (B+).

His professor gives him a B+, CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS GOOD WORK AND EXPLAINING HOW MUCH HE WISHES HE COULD HAVE GIVEN HIM AN A.

Another student in the same class compiles quiz grades of 78 (C+), 80 and 80 (B). On his final he makes a grade of 80. His professor issues a B-, telling him he just barely made it above the C line.

But compare the quality point averages of these two students. You will find each of them credited with a 3.0 for the course.

Clearly, the first student did better work than the second. His average for the quizzes was eight points higher as was his grade on the final examination.

This is a hypothetical case. But there are hundreds of real live, walking, talking cases just like it on this campus.

If the four-point system is going to be retained, and if professors are going to take the extra trouble to compute students' grades in terms of pluses and minuses, we would like to see a modification of the system whereby students may be rewarded for better than X.O work.

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A Fraternity Makes The Top Ten List

By MIKE KAY

By virtue of the seven parties which they threw at the house last Saturday night, the local chapter of Canya Spara Dime fraternity has moved into the coveted ninth position on the highly prestigious Top Ten Social Groups on Campus list.

CSD replaced Mu Nu Xi Floor of the Hell-raising Gamma House of Pettibone College. The wild ones of Mu Nu Xi were recently placed on social probation following a brawl which took place after their pledge weekend banquet at the Oh-Boy. Here's what happened:

Saturday night, 72 carloads of Mu Nu Xi's roared into the Oh-Boy parking lot where a sumptuous banquet of cheeseburgers awaited them. Following dinner, several pledges began shooting straw papers at one another. This seemingly-harmless incident later culminated in a vicious, face-slapping, hair-pulling free-for-all behind Grimy College, at which time the pledge trainer tried in vain to restore order. Heedless of the cries, the boys of Mu Nu Xi gagged him, tied his legs and arms, and stuffed him down the Grimy chimney. He was discovered Sunday morning, a little sooty, but none the worse for wear.

Mu Nu Xi will, if their case is satisfactorily appealed to the understanding Administration Review Board, be restored to their place of prominence on the top 10 list in six weeks' time. This column's sympathies go out to the boys, for their weekly Friday night Coke-tail and Ritz cracker parties have been among the best social affairs on campus.

The president of the Canya Sparas said of his group's recent honor, "We knew we would do it. And watch out, Boondock College of Mighty Mon, we're aiming for no less than number one."

John Greenbacker

The Columnist At Berkeley

"This coast crying out for tragedy like all beautiful places; and like the passionate spirit of humanity, Pain for its bread."—Robinson Jeffers

The article on the editorial page of The Daily Californian arrested the eye, and a torrent of memories suddenly rushed out of the subconscious. Like a host of suitors, each fell in line and strove in succession to woo the reader's thoughts and inmost emotions.

The headline was very cryptic, the reader wondered why the editors of the Daily Cal, one of the four or five top college dailies, had allowed such a head to be set in type. The thought was brushed aside, for the tabloid paper does serve the University of California



at Berkeley, and possibly the students there like cryptic headlines.

The overline said "nine thermidor," the date during the French Revolution that saw Robespierre's government was overthrown. It marked the beginning of the bloodiest radical rule of a black era.

Below this appeared the column's title: "Is you is, or is you ain't my baby."

The by-line said "Brian Turner."

Was it the same Brian Turner? An uncredited line from a poem followed: "All the stone cutters are waiting for spring weather to start work again. The tomb is all done except part of the lid."

The bulk of the column seemed totally unrelated to the words that preceded it. The subject was the draft, and it urged in uncomplicated phrases that all who disagreed with the United States involvement in Viet Nam should exhaust all methods to attain a conscientious objector's draft status. It was concise and well-documented, and it advised all aspiring CO's to get a good lawyer to help each fill out the forms.

After citing some of the difficulties one might face in following this procedure, the columnist urged as a final resort that his fellow youth renounce their American citizenship and take up Great Britain as a native land.

After citing "American war ideology," the columnist continued to recommend renunciation in spite of the consequences, for his readers "would have disassociated himself from this war and this foreign policy with clear conscience."

How many Brian Turners could be enrolled in Berkeley, that one reader, so many miles and years away, asked himself.

He recalled the tales of his high school classmates in Washington on a recent trip home. They were wild tales about how the friendly, intelligent athlete they had known had gone to the West Coast and joined the Free Speech Movement. He had been Mario Savio's roommate, others had said. He was one of the first five persons arrested there in the initial clash.

The stories kept coming back. The skeleton of an old image rattled its bones obscenely in the closet of the reader's mind and annoyed him wherever he went. It had to be the same guy. How many raidicals at Berkeley are named Brian Turner?

The old Brian was quite a guy. There was something about him that reminded one of a young, swift and gentle animal. Nervous energy radiated from him, and kept

"Twenty-nine days, minus three weekends, plus Jubilee, lemme see . . ."



Letters

Wrong Editor

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel.

I should like to bring to the attention of the student body a serious injustice. The Daily Tar Heel, today, reports that the Publications Board has chosen Michael Paul to be editor of The Carolina Quarterly for the coming year. Therein hangs a longer and rather sadder tale.

As a student and as a reader and supporter of the Quarterly, and only incidentally, as last year's editor, I am concerned with its welfare. The tragedy is not that Paul was chosen; he appears to be qualified but that he was chosen in preference to David Southern. Paul's qualifications seem similar to mine when I was chosen. I understand that he, too, is a graduate student who edited a literary magazine at his undergraduate school. I was, however, a member of the staff and was chosen in preference to no one (though that might be put more flatteringly). Southern, too, is qualified. He has worked very hard and very well at this university on this magazine for the past two years. He had, and continues to have, the wholehearted and unqualified support of both the editors under whom he has worked. The selection of Paul is not unthinkable; the rejection of Southern is.

It is, so far as I know, without precedent. In the nearly twenty years of the Quarterly's existence, I know of no case in which a staff member with his editor's endorsement has been turned down in favor of someone who, however much he may have done for some other school and its magazine, has done nothing for us and ours.

This precedent is no accident. Earlier and apparently wiser publications boards have realized that the editing of a literary magazine with a national circulation and national reputation (national pretensions perhaps, but we have won the national O-Henry Short Story Award for two years running—blush) is a difficult and specialized job, and one that perhaps required the advice of past editors to fill.

Nor is this all. It is not less wise than just to reward proven and longstanding excellence and diligence. Indeed such rewards often help to insure it, often the only help.

I know some members of the Publication Board, including the advisors, to be of sound judgment and integrity, and find it difficult to believe that Chairman Blackwell presented the choice in anything vaguely resembling these terms. But this is the context of this startling decision.

This decision badly needs review. If the board is to depart so radically from past practice, it should be fully cognizant that it is so doing and be willing to say why.

If Southern is to be penalized for superior accomplishment, a fraction of which was in the past sufficient to secure that reward which he had every reason and right to expect, he deserves to know why.

Wade Marlette
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Studies Indicate Student Demonstrations Are Increasing; Viet Nam Top Issue

WASHINGTON — (CFS) — Unrest among the nation's college students may not be as widespread as some believe, an official of the Education Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. told women deans and counselors in convention here last week.

Richard E. Peterson, an associate research psychologist, concluded from a nationwide study that despite the teach ins, marches, sit-ins, lie-ins, riots, and draft card burnings, the nation's college students are not a bunch of "red-eyed social reformers."

The fact is, he said, that campus food ranked second only to civil rights as a trigger to student protests in 1964-65. Demonstrations against US policy in Viet Nam barely beat out organized complaints against dress regulations as the third most frequent cause of student demonstrations.

PETERSON'S FINDINGS were based on a return of questionnaires from 850 deans

at the nation's 1,000 accredited four-year colleges and universities. The deans were asked to indicate the extent of organized student protest for each of 27 educational, social, and political issues.

Peterson said a majority of the deans did report some form of organized protest on their campus during 1964-65, but that students protesting a single issue represented a very small percentage of their student bodies. No school reported a protest that included more than eight per cent of the student population and that top figure involved dormitory or other living arrangements.

Among the colleges and universities surveyed, 38 per cent reported protests over civil rights. Yet these demonstrations involved only 6 per cent of the students. Next came the food protests (25 per cent), with only about 7 per cent of the students complaining.

Protest in the South over civil rights during the summer of 1964 tied for third with dormitory regulations at 28 per cent of the institutions. But Southern civil rights work attracted only half—about 4 per cent—of the students as did the protests over dorm rules and conditions.

VIET NAM DEMONSTRATIONS were reported at 21 per cent of the colleges—but less than 5 per cent of the students participated. Peterson predicted that in the immediate future Viet Nam will be the top protest issue.

In a related note, Peterson said the "organized student left" probably accounts for "less than 1 per cent of the total student population." He added that there was a correlation between the number of students involved in the student left and the size of certain protests, such as those directed against US policy in Viet Nam.

