

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Confusion Abounds

The Durham Morning Herald

The National Student Association sent its own fact-finding delegation to South Viet Nam to back up its criticisms (moderate to bitter) of American policies there.

The report on what the NSA delegates learned from student leaders in Viet Nam exposes nothing so much as the confusion that clouds virtually all conclusions about Viet Nam. Predictably enough, the delegates discovered ample evidence that official American policy makers have helped foul up the situation in Viet Nam through blunders and misconceptions.

But unpredictably, the delegates discovered at least one serious misconception shared by their organization and some of the more self-assured oracles on how to straighten out Vietnamese affairs. Contrary to the advice of the NSA and an assorted group of U. S. senators, it turned out that Vietnamese students weren't interested in a coalition government with the Viet Cong or National Liberation Front.

The Vietnamese student leaders specifically rejected the idea (advocated by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy) of inviting the National Liberation Front into a coalition government that would presumably work out South Viet Nam's political future. Other objections and aspirations passed along to the NSA delegates do not, unfortunately, point a clear way out of the imbroglio in Viet Nam.

If they clarified any misconceptions about their view of the Viet Cong as an expression of legitimate political expression by and for South Viet Nam, they indulged in a few of their own. Judging from the preliminary report of the NSA delegates, the South Vietnamese students want the kind of active help they are getting to establish an independent South Viet Nam, but they want none of the unfortunate side effects that massive military, economic or even technical aid produces almost as a matter of course.

For their part, the Vietnamese students put their faith for the future in a strong, unified, nationalistic government. But since the absence of just such a regime is one clear source of continuing chaos in Viet Nam, one must wonder if the South Vietnamese students don't labor under serious misconceptions of their own about what are ends and what are means in South Viet Nam.

## That Special Day

Sunday is Mother's Day. When this was first brought to our attention we had some hesitation about it. Our first reaction was that this is nothing but a capitalistic concoction, suitable for promotion of the sale of fancy cards and corsages.

However, we noted that Christmas might also be attacked on these same grounds, and rather than jeopardize our interests in this time of giving we abandoned this argument lest it result in the abolishment of Santa Claus as well as Mother.

Next we considered the possibility of Mother's Day as a communist front. After all, it heralds the word of love and mutual concession, and pink and red designs flourish on cards for the occasion. Then we discovered that members of the same legislative body that enacted the Speaker Ban Law are married to mothers and do, themselves, observe this day. We were also informed that various mothers have spoken on this campus in the past several years. We doubted that a subversive movement could pass this test.

We listened to charges that the whole affair is nothing but a front for the integration movement. This was based on the fact that white and black children stand side by side, hailing the founders of their families. This, supposedly, creates the impression in their minds that all families are the same, and, therefore, they should have no hesitations about interracial marriage.

This argument, however, was counter-balanced by protests that Mother's Day is, in fact, a segregationist's delight since it imbeds the idea that "My mother is the greatest in the whole world. My children must have a mother just like her." Followers of this belief say this means, above all, a mother of the same race.

Therefore, after lengthy deliberation and consultation with some of the world's most renowned sociologists, economists, psychologists, political scientists, legislators and marriage counselors we have reached our decision.

The Daily Tar Heel firmly endorses Mother's Day. We hope our findings will be helpful to all our readers in making their decision on this matter. And if any decide to join us in our observance, we remind them that the day is not long off.

Mother's Day cards must be in the Post Office today if they are to get home before the deadline.

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## The Student Speaks

# Wilson Claims Hays Was Wrong About SL Session

(Editor's note - This article was written by the floor leader of the University party in response to charges made recently in an article by Elections Board Chairman Arthur Hays.)

By ED WILSON

Like many others who were present for last Thursday night's session of the Legislature, I was confused and bemused as the self-righteous, holier-than-thou blast which former Rep. William A. "Art" Hays leveled at myself and the University Party Caucus in Monday's DTH (intimate associates are allowed to address Hays, the Franklin Flash, as "Art"). Lo, I was accused of distortions and misrepresentation of facts.

Actually Artie Hays' column proved only one thing - that he is indeed the master of distortion and misrepresentation of facts. Therefore, inadequate as I feel attempting to match my feeble capabilities against the prowess of a second year law student (Artie is a second year law student you know) permit me to offer a few facts about Artie's barrage of distortions.

1. In the Ehringhaus re-election suit Hays appeared in behalf of the Elections Board as he has in every other case, not in behalf of the University Party. Hays is a very impartial chairman and has not appeared in behalf of partisan groups while holding that position.

2. The U. P.'s opposition to Doug McKeown was not ambiguous in the slightest. McKeown is an Student Party hack, and

we felt that it would not be in the best interest of the student body to have an S.P. hack as chairman of the Elections Board.

3. Hays neglected to point out that a substantial part of the Student Party caucus, led by Rep. Ben White of Ehringhaus who lives one floor below McKeown, also opposed the appointment. Obviously they also felt that they were acting in the best interest of the student body.

4. Hays stated that no one was permitted to speak in McKeown's defense. He neglected to point out that the Student Party Floorleader, who sat with Hays during the debate, had full access to the floor at all times. He also failed to point out that an SP legislator, Jan Wuerhmann, did speak in favor of the appointment, and that the speaker continually called for debate in the affirmative. When the motion to close debate was made it was necessary for the SP to vote with the UP in order to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The SP says that President Powell is now in a dilemma about whom to nominate as chairman of the Elections Board. I suggest that he nominate Arthur Hays who has been one of the fairest and certainly the most proficient Elections Board chairmen in many years. We would vote to confirm him without hesitation.

If Hays does not want the job again (and I certainly could not blame him for that), perhaps he might try his hand at going to law school. He certainly has the potential to become a fine attorney.

"Oh my gosh! Mother's Day is Sunday."



## Letter To The Editor

# Dale Strikes Back At Band, Critics

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Who the hell is James Dale? James Dale is an average (which many may question) student, and he is majoring in physics and journalism. His attempts to express himself may not always be very clear, or in some cases not very agreeable to the elite of this university.

He is not a professed music critic, nor is he of any special talent as a musician. But he does like music and he has heard fine sounds come from the students in the University Music Department.

He is 21, definitely not completely "grown up" (nor does he consider himself less mature than others in this class) and enjoys listening to good music of all types, even military type music (not meaning that the music in the last concert was of a military type).

He believes Major Yesulaitis to be a very competent conductor and instructor for the band, if he desires to be so. He did not quit the band because he disliked the director, but because he worked during the hours of rehearsal. However, he did find

that the rehearsals held earlier this year were in general very lax and often he was very irritated (along with many others in the band) by the attitude of the rest of the band members, their lack of attention to the conductor and the conductor's seemingly permissive attitude toward those constantly cracking jokes at every interval when they were not playing, even when the conductor had stopped to explain the correct interpretation of the music. The conductor did not do anything to alter the situation and the rehearsals became more and more a waste of time (in comparison to what the band had been able to accomplish in a similar period of time).

He also noticed that none of the members (or really relatively few besides those few that practice every day whether the band is there or not) attempted to improve their parts between rehearsals and each rehearsal was spent going over the same parts for the same people. A band doesn't improve that way!

A band must be inspired by someone, and that important responsibility falls on the shoulders of the conductor, in this case Major Yesulaitis. The Major may have tried and been defeated by the apathy created after Dr. Fred left. This cannot be held against him if he really tried, and is trying to challenge now the band in a way that will produce a quality organization.

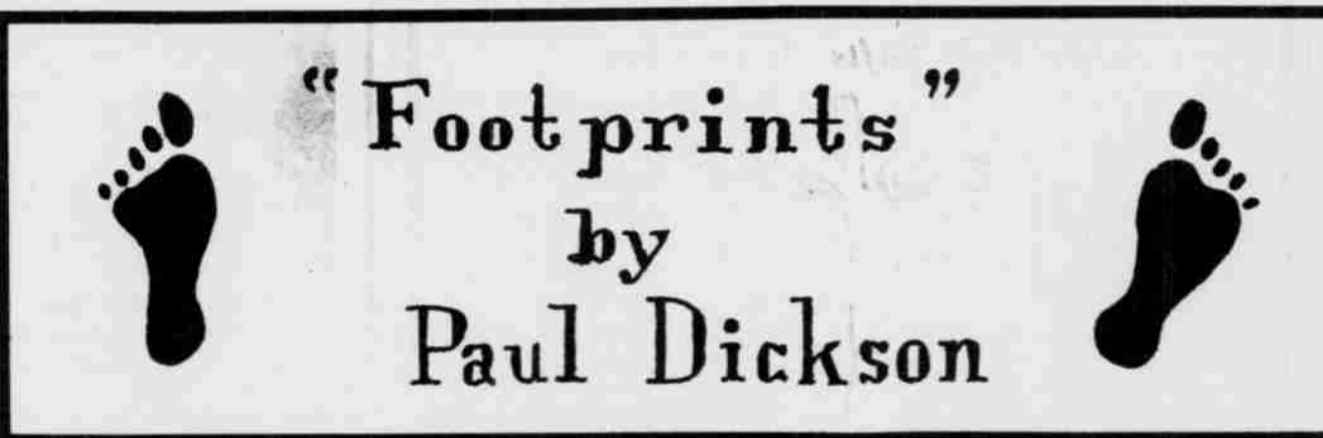
Many past members of the band and wind ensemble were very disappointed that the wind ensemble was discontinued (allegedly through lack of support by the administration of the Music Department) last year, but they were led to believe that it would be eventually organized. But nothing has happened and the band has developed into a rather obscure outfit unable to attract the quality musicians and the required public demanded by an accomplished group.

The marching band made a valiant effort under the leadership of Major "Y" to become something the students and public would want to see and hear, and new uniforms were even obtained, helping to produce a sense of drive and pride in the band, regardless of the attacks made on it. But when the concert band began to practice no sense of pride was felt throughout the band. The administration did not seem to recognize that the concert band was there. The planned tour of the concert band devolved from a very ambitious program at first, into a mediocre trip, the reason being either mismanagement of the tour preparations or lack of support of the Music Department administration.

The concert last Tuesday could be considered only as an example of what the band has become. The Tar Heel missed the scene by giving the date of the concert as the previous Sunday instead of Tuesday. The students missed the scene by not coming (about 150 people were there and of that probably 70 per cent were directly associated with the band) and not producing a concert of the quality it would have been with a little more effort. Most of the members of the band would probably admit that they did not practice as they should have and that if they had, the quality of the performance would have been improved considerably.

Dale was very pleased to find that many persons seemed to be interested in the welfare of the band, many more than he had anticipated. He sincerely hopes the band will improve (though he does not see how under the present system) and he hopes to play again in the band when his schedule will allow it and his ability enough to warrant it.

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It is hoped that this column will be informative and on occasion entertaining. Its scope will be anything from campus items to the war in Vietnam. The opinions expressed there may be more opinion than fact, will be my own or in some cases the opinions of those whom I hold in high regard.

This past week was Honor System Week. Many students in the judiciary put long hours into preparing a program for communication and emphasis on the judicial system.

One of the articles appearing in the DTH this past week as a part of the honor system presentation discussed student autonomy and the right of students to set and maintain their own standards of conduct. The article was written by Jim Applin, former assistant attorney general. Two of his comments merit considerable discussion.

"First," he said, "there is no such thing as 'student autonomy.'" "Our student government," he later continued, "is a 'gift' from the Trustees and the administration, not an inalienable right." Both of these arguments are in many ways incorrect in light of the past 160 years of student government history.

They brought full force to me a serious failing on the part of students in and out of student government, i.e., a serious lack of knowledge and understanding of the history and traditions of the University and Student Government.

The administrative code written by former Dean of Students Fred Weaver does state that the responsibility for student discipline was delegated by the trustees to the faculty and from the faculty to the students. However, the force of history and common law developed over the past 160 years puts this matter of autonomy in an entirely different perspective which Dean Weaver also expressed in a booklet he wrote in 1953 describing the development of student history and traditions. Albert Coates, law professor and founder of the Institute of Government, in a speech to the Di-Phi Senate in 1951 also explains the meaning of student autonomy. This speech, "Out of a Classroom in Chapel Hill," has become a well known and much used historical do-

document for student leaders.

The Board of Trustees in the Medford Committee Report on a serious Honor Code case several years ago made some very strong statements in support of the "established student institutions at Chapel Hill" and students' rights with regard to minding their own affairs in the area of student discipline.

This matter of student rights and responsibilities is an important one. It is much discussed and debated especially during times of conflict between the administration and students. Students should understand their rights as well as their responsibilities in maintaining conduct.

For the next several days there will be reprinted in this space parts of "Tradition in Chapel Hill" by Fred Weaver and "Out of a Classroom in Chapel Hill" by Albert Coates. These should be useful to students, faculty, and administration in understanding the concepts of student government developed since the University opened its doors in 1795.

## Letters

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