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Town Can Be Proud Of New Housing Ordinance

Chapel Hill is doing itself proud with the town government's newly adopted stance on open housing.

The open housing law—which narrowly missed first reading passage Monday night—will be the first of its kind adopted by any government in the South, either state or municipal.

As such it represents a tremendous break-through for the South: it is the first time that race is being disregarded and a man's right to decent housing, regardless of the color of his skin, is being buttressed by other than Federal law in the South.

And it is only fit that Chapel Hill traditionally the strongest bastion of humanism and the Enlightenment in the South, should be the town in the vanguard of the progress towards greater racial equality.

Indeed, the Chapel Hill open housing proposal contains even stronger provisions than does the one recently passed by Congress in the wake of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

The Chapel Hill law would

outlaw racial discrimination in any housing transaction. The federal law only prohibits discrimination in housing dealings involving real estate brokers.

By being even stricter than the federal law, the proposed Chapel Hill ordinance would more fully eradicate racism as a factor in a man's search for decent housing.

When passed—and it seems sure to be on second reading next week—the Chapel Hill ordinance will put teeth into the good-race-relations platitudes that are in such abundance here.

It will, in short, do what ought to have been done a long time ago.

But now is not the time to speak of what should have been done—but instead it is the time to speak of what must be done at present.

And it is with a sense of pride in the Town of Chapel Hill that we compliment the Board of Aldermen on recognizing that both black and white peoples must be given equal protection under the law, and on their steps to insure that protection is granted.

Cut Classes To Learn

The Vietnam War, the draft, urban poverty and racism.

Certainly these are the most burning issues of our time.

And it is precisely because these issues are so important that the proposed student-faculty moratorium on classes Friday is so welcome as a chance to study and debate these issues.

There is, however, room for criticism of the moratorium, especially if one considers it as a strike against the University and a disruption of the normal academic procedures here by opponents of the Vietnam War. One of its opponents even condemned it as a breach of academic freedom, because it calls on the University and the faculty to close classroom doors so that students

could be exposed to a protest of the war—whether the students want to be or not.

Although the critic sees it as such, it would seem rather to be a chance to expand—and not to stifle—the academic freedom and procedures of this University by providing students and faculty a chance to gather together and discuss these issues amongst themselves, and with certain non-University people who have been working in these fields.

Instead of being merely a protest of the war—and, by its nature the sort of protest which could be construed as infringing upon academic freedom—the moratorium seems rather to be the sort of a poor man's Carolina Symposium concerned with four highly important issues.

Although many of the speakers are rather left of center politically, the agenda for the moratorium program—as we understand it—provides for open forums and free discussion of the issues, discussions during which opposing points of view may be aired.

As Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson has said, the day's activities are a demonstration of "an intellectual community examining matters of national concern."

He further said that "dignity, thought and serious consideration of the issues can have a constructive effect."

Although Chancellor Sitterson has chosen not to suspend classes—since that would thereby deny the opportunity to attend classes to any students who might want to—he noted that Carolina doesn't have rigid attendance regulations anyway.

Hopefully a great many students and faculty will take advantage of this laxity of attendance rules and will decide that these subjects are more deserving of consideration—for the moment, at least—than are the subtleties of Chaucerian verse, the mysteries of science and so forth.

Should they do so, their education will probably be better served than if they decide to cut the teaching and go to class.



Looks just like home!

From The Michigan State News

Letters To The Editor

Farris Quits SP

To the Editor:

As of today, I hereby resign my position as Chairman of the Student Party. These are simple words over which I have pondered many hours. Only the fear that they might further divide our party and lead to defeat for many able candidates has held me back thus far. The Party, as it stands, is ineffective. I think certain revisions to our bylaws have contributed to that; the candidate is one not many. I now ask all students and friends of the University to do as that candidate once asked in a Party Convention: put aside your party labels, loyalties and prejudices and elect the man who will further the best interests of this University—Our University. That man is Ken Day.

This next academic year provides us with another of those biennial phenomena, the North Carolina General Assembly. We all know how volatile this group of burghers can be especially in regard to this institution. We know

how their whims effect those projects near to us; to me, the Residence College; to many of you, the Experimental College; to all of us our education and that of our descendants. A clear mind and a persuasive and tactful tongue are needed to protect and advance our interests. Ken Day is the embodiment of these qualities.

As far as I am concerned this is the essence of the job facing our next Student Body President. Both candidates have made the usual imaginative efforts to arouse interest in their pet "issues." I urge all to choose the man capable of accomplishment, not promise. For me the choice is clear: To Flame or not to Flame. I'd druther not. A final note to those members of the Party who may feel disillusioned: don't. The Student Party is sick, yes but with your help we can overcome this disease. I hope I will be around to see and aid this recovery.

Robert A. Farris

Scott A Little Late On Education Stand

Bob Scott is at least a year late in deciding that the State's system of higher education "should not be seriously tampered with." It was just about a year ago that he was a leading participant in tampering with North Carolina's higher education by setting up a completely new version of education called regional universities.

Yesterday in Charlotte, Scott held an informal news conference. At that meeting, he came out against "seriously" tampering with the system of higher education during the 1968 General Assembly. He noted that in recent years the legislature has enacted both a speaker ban law and a regional university law. Now, he said, it is "time to let the dust settle for a little while."

He was wise in his use of the word "tamper." For, the legislature surely did some "tampering" with higher education in the two examples. Scott didn't have anything to do with the speaker ban law and later opposed it. But, he had a major role in rushing North Carolina into this unknown territory of regional universities. That was educational meddling of the highest degree, and it was done against the advice of the vast majority of educators of North Carolina, and against the advice of Governor Moore.

It is strange that Bob Scott should be so solicitous of higher education now when just a year ago he was so willing to tamper with it by backing the regional university deal.

As a candidate for Governor, Bob Scott has received the public blessing of President Leo Jenkins of East Carolina Regional University. Dr. Jenkins blessed Scott's candidacy by appearing as master of ceremonies at a Scott rally recently. At that time, Scott said he liked to be associated with a winner. Apparently, Dr. Jenkins also wanted to associate himself and his campus with what he hopes will be a winner.

Such linking of higher education and higher politics is tampering with education in all, no matter how much it may be designed to help both Bob Scott and East Carolina Regional University. In the long run, it most surely will hurt higher education.

Friday Boycott Doesn't Impose Anti-War Views

To the Editor:

We would like to reply to Mr. McCreed's letter of April 24 about the Student-Faculty Moratorium on Classes. Though we suspect that the real difference between Mr. McCreed and ourselves is over the substantive issue of the war, we find even his procedural arguments unconvincing.

He persistently tried to label a forum of the University community on Vietnam, the selective service system, and racism in our society as the forceful imposition of faculty views upon the students. The concerned faculty group has not asked Mr. McCreed or any other faculty member to "impose his own opinions and views on the students, not allowing them to have their own." What they have called for is an open discussion of these issues, in the classroom and out. Certainly there is a difference between imposing a particular point of view on the students and an open discussion in which participants try to persuade others of the validity of their positions.

Mr. McCreed would also consider it a violation of a "code of ethics" for faculty to suspend classes for any activity, no matter how important and meaningful it is to the students. Perhaps he feels that President Friday's cancellation of classes on Monday, April 8 during the memorial service for Rev. Martin Luther King was also a violation of his code of ethics. At times there are overriding moral issues which justify the interruption of normal academic activities.

Finally, Mr. McCreed proposed that the Moratorium on Classes be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This suggestion, of course, is a contradiction in terms, and besides it misses the point. The call to convene a forum during class time represents the feeling of many faculty and students that these issues are so vital to all of us that they must receive immediate attention and not be shunted aside to go on with "business as usual."

We agree with Chancellor Sitterson that the Moratorium will be a demonstration of "an intellectual community examining matters of national concern," and we urge all faculty and students to participate.

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Boycott's OK

To the Editor:

Mr. McCreed's egregious concern for the responsibility of academics does not appear to be reflected in his own responsibility as an academic. As I see it, the primary responsibility of a disciplined scholar is to ascertain the validity status of the existential facts about which one expresses normative feelings before the dissemination of the 'contents' of one's limbic system. As a matter of existential fact, the flyer in question did not enjoin the faculty member to force students out of their classrooms to attend any activity—attendance is voluntary. Secondly, there was nothing in that flyer to

suggest that only students who support a given position should attend—at these activities students and faculty may express whatever opinions they wish. McCreed has obviously not read the flyer or simply misinterpreted its contents. For example, an examination of the structure of the activities—"debates," "forums" and open "seminars" suggests a multifaceted dialogue rather than a McCreed's model of a monologue. Given the errors of fact, spurious analogy which stems from one sided exaggeration, a better title for McCreed's letter would have been "Malice in Blunderland."

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Club Isn't

To the Editor:

As the director of a folk dance group which has put on dance exhibitions for various organizations both on and off campus, I was contacted recently by the Cosmopolitan Club to do a show for their annual dinner on May 4. Our group did a show of Greek dances for their last year, and performed a group of middle-European dances for the International Student Center (same people) two months ago.

For this show, I propose a group of Israeli dances, wanting to do such a show, and having dancers who perform such dances well. After an initial acceptance, I have just been informed that my exhibition is not welcomed by the Arab members of the Cosmopolitan Club, and that any other exhibition would be greatly appreciated. As a result, there will be no dance exhibition this year in the Cosmopolitan Club.

This gross provincialism on the part of an organization with the name connoting worldliness, and with the expressed purpose of fostering brotherhood and understanding among men of different nations and cultures is unforgivable, and destroys on the spot any meaning to the existence of the club. I suggest that the Cosmopolitans have a long chat with their Arab members, and perhaps decide to change the name of the organization. They may also wish to exclude Jews, Blacks, or maybe even Americans, when they fully get around to expressing what they would and will not permit in the name of international understanding.

In conclusion, a boycott of the Cosmopolitan Club dinner might be in order to show disapproval. I leave the matter here.

James P. Kahan

Carnival

Maybe the nicest thing about the Campus Chest Carnival is that it's a rather painless way of giving to charity.

For the spectators, anyway, anyway.

For the fraternity and sorority pledgi who get egged, dunked and otherwise maligned, there are probably less strenuous moments than this afternoon will be.

But pledgi comfort has never been a thing to really concern us before, and we see no reason whatsoever why it should concern anyone at the Campus Chest Carnival today—especially in view of the fact that this time it's even for a good cause.

Which gets us back to the original point: that even though the Campus Chest Carnival is for a good cause, it's still fun, and nobody comes away from it feeling all like they've just been through a soul-and-pocket-searching ordeal for charity's sake.

Instead, most people just leave thinking they've had a helluva good time.



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