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Sex Survey Is Beneficial

This will probably be the last column I will write for the DTH, as I am graduating in August. I hope that in the last two years I have managed to say some things of interest to at least a few people. I may break down and write some more next fall, but they tell me that a freshman law student doesn't even have time to wipe his nose.

Last week the School of Public Health and the Student Stress Committee gave questionnaires to the first group of people in the Campus Sex Survey. Only 25 per cent of the persons requested to participate showed up. I think that's a shame, because he results of this pioneer study will be of little use unless most of those whose names are selected do participate.

The study aims to discover attitudes toward sex, as well as facts concerning students and sex. All anonymously, of course. If enough students take part,

the study will constitute a significant addition to the psychological and scientific literature concerning college students, as well as offering a sounder and more rational aid for decision-making in colleges considering the addition of sex education courses to the curriculum.

So if you get a letter asking you to take part in this study, please go and help these people! You'll be glad you did.

Speaking of the Student Stress Committee, I hope they haven't sunk all their funds into this one Sex Survey. I understand that a special federal grant paid for most of it. They haven't had any regular meetings, they haven't made any news, and their chairman seems to be occupied with many other things.

The purpose of the Stress Committee, as funded by the NSA, was to attack the problem of stress in a campuswide

and multidimensional approach. Let's applaud their sex survey and ask them for more. The School of Public Health did much of the Sex Survey work. There's stress all over this campus, just waiting to be brought out in the open.

I'm glad to see those buses on campus but there's one thing that bothers me. Why do they have to use those big 100-passenger super-deluxe brand new air-conditioned buses I have no figures, but I bet they could get some old, used, open-the-window-to-get-cool, 60 passenger cracker box buses for half the price. I know that we have the image of the Carolina Gentleman to uphold, but it would be much more businesslike to hold expenses to a minimum. Also prices to a minimum.

With cheaper buses it would probably be easy to break even all the time, charging ten cents for one ride and selling books of twenty rides for \$1.40

or so. Let's don't soak the students any more than they are now.

What this college needs is a good coed dormitory. We talk so much about the social situation which makes interaction between men and women students on this campus difficult, yet we are unable to change the situation within the existing structure. So let's seek a better structure.

The South Campus dorms would be an ideal place to start an experiment in coed living, because the suite arrangement would provide some privacy for each sex. In a dorm like Craige or Ehrinhaus, the bottom three floors could be female and the top three male, or vice versa. Or two wings could be male, and two female such a situation would surely raise morale among students of both sexes, and would certainly be no more immoral than the present arrangement.

Men and women could come to know the opposite sex in situations other than the admittedly artificial dating relationship. And it might even increase dating for a lot of people. Learning to live with strangers of the opposite sex on a day-to-day basis should be a part of a student's education. When he gets out "into life" he will most likely live in an apartment building at some time in his life, or at least in a "neighborhood." (That word neighborhood must be anathema to college administrators) Dorm life presently leaves one totally prepared for that eventuality.

As a last point: why should college students segregate themselves when almost no other large group in the country does so except monks and nuns

I was reading an article in another newspaper the other day entitled "People NC needs are us: us to NY" The article discussed the great numbers of bright Negroes who are leaving our state for an uncertain future in a big city slum

There is not going to be much left of rural North Carolina, Black communities in particular, if everybody leaves. What we need are some programs aimed at making the state more attractive to young Blacks. We must realize that the standard of living in our State, for whites and Blacks both, is never going to rise far as long as our best men are leaving and those who are "resigned" to poverty make up a significant portion of our population

It's a hard thing for white men relinquish even a portion of their economic power to Blacks, but the way it is now the whites are practically supporting their poor brethren. If that isn't a drag on an economy, even a white man's economy, I don't know what is.

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Grad Involvement Could Change UNC

Ramifications of active campus involvement by graduate students could extend to every level of the university.

Superficially, the recently formed graduate council is concerned with parochial issues. It would become a government parallel to the under-graduate group now in existence. Possibly, in fact, it would amalgamate with the current student government.

Such a union would provide formal ties to the university power structure, plus funds to program with. And in the same manner that student government now produces positive changes—that is, by attrition—the grad council would promote the welfare of its constituents.

It would also miss a greater opportunity.

Many students complain that the issues that occupy the attention of this campus and the means used thoughtful among us. They point of this campus and the means used to redress them are beneath the to the often ludicrous political dalliances of the campus political parties questing for transient concessions.

The result is massive apathy which has made largely for a conservative campus. Worse, the crucial issues which have captured the focus of other campuses, including nearby Duke, have been contemplated here primarily in private.

Private discussion may provide intellectual satisfaction as the complex problems of the world are solved over coffee, but it provides little action and leaves the atmosphere here rather sterile.

Major blame for this must rest with our grad students.

Graduate students occupy a crucial strategic position in any university because they are situated between students and faculty and contain certain characteristics of each. And because they are sort of apprentice faculty, their manifested concern over features of the university must be taken seriously.

On many campuses graduate students are the leaders of activist movements and participate ardently in political groups of all orientation.

Here by contrast, they have abrogated totally. Most seem immersed only in professional pursuits while undergrads are left to do battle below. They allow the

world to pass them by with barely an audible murmur.

But should graduate students here begin to participate in campus debates and become interested in the issues facing us all, the results would be pervasive.

As a first and perhaps primary consequence, the undergraduate leadership now controlling the campus would have to alter its focus and its methods or run the risk of being usurped.

The result would likely be a shift toward a more radical program of change within the university. Graduate leadership would likely be strong enough to dominate campus organizations.

Issues on the campus would likely be more political and more basic than they are now. The questions of student rights and of university policies under which we have long chafed would be pursued with greater tenacity than at present.

Moreover, because they are generally disdainful of the conciliatory manner of negotiation now utilized, methods would be altered. The current Establishment partnership of student government and the administration would be jeopardized.

These are not prospects which should be feared by undergraduate students. Despite the great distances which seem to isolate the undergraduate and graduate student communities from one another, they are really rather close. Many of the issues that concern one, such as the quality of the education at Carolina, or the complicity between the university and the local draft boards, or the question of what rights students should have, also concern the other.

Already this spring the campus has seen evidence of growing liberal tendencies and impatience with current methods among undergraduate leaders. A useful alliance could be formed between this group and the grad students.

Of course, the graduate council has stated none of this in its constitution. But this vague, open-ended document affords great flexibility.

It is to be hoped that the formation of this group augurs entrance of graduate students into the general life of the campus.

The entire campus should watch with interest future developments of the graduate council.

It could mean a lot to us all.

A Brief Comment On The Mating Habits Of The American College Student

Well, we finally heard a legitimate reason why women should not be allowed in men's rooms.

No more pretending that such an environment would fester debauchery and other degradation.

Or that boys' rooms are always messy.

Or that it is unladylike to be in a room with a bed. (A nice girl

never sleeps.)

Or that fornication hinders the educational process. (Fornicators have a lower QP average, I reckon.)

No, the real reason is finally revealed. Since probably only one roommate would be dating at any given time, the situation would cause stress and anxiety in the other roommate.

Indeed.



Martin Eaton

Yack: Trivial Irritation

The world is relatively quiet as we stare down the barrel of the last week before finals. American and North Vietnamese negotiators, having settled on Paris as a mutually unacceptable conference site, are making progress toward an impasse. The siege of Khe Sanh has been lifted, as has the siege of Columbia. Despite last week's false alarms, Russia seems unlikely to invade Czechoslovakia any time soon. And, although Kennedy has decided that Nebraska, not Indiana, is this year's West Virginia, most observers are hedging their bet until Oregon or after. This hiatus seems to be as opportune a moment as any, then, for the consideration of a minor irritant: the current edition of the Yackety Yack.

The new Yack, in all fairness, contains a number of improvements over the 1966 model. It arrived on time; it does not editorialize; and it is heavier. Aside from that...

Those of you with good minds for

trivia may remember last fall's minor controversy over the treatment of the fraternity section. The Yack staff, pushing a new format for the fraternity pages, had to bribe the fraternities with extra pages of candid shots; to accommodate them, they discarded several pages of the faculty and medical school sections. The staffers got their new-look frat section, with results ranging from traditionally stolid group shots to medium-high camp. The frats got their nine pages of party pictures, although, to the uninitiated, partying KAs' look pretty much like partying Chi Psis — except for the boa constrictor. Was it really worth it?

Fortunately, some faculty material survived (the Yack has not always acknowledged the existence of the FACULTY). Its relevance is another matter. The choice of instructors was considerably better than the choice of interviewees. The dominant impression one gets from the profile of Professor Field, for

example, is not that Field is an effective, inspiring or even entertaining teacher, but that the interviewer does not understand economics.

The prologue, a 5-page illustrated chronicle of an identity crisis, is in keeping with the rest of the production. No one was expecting Thomas Wolfe, but last year's literary editor at least threw ragments of Swift and Ionesco to keep things interesting. And a sizeable number of People somehow got lost in the process and indexing.

In a display of self-criticism worthy of Lin Shiao-Chi the Yack editor admits toward the end that the latest version, despite the best of intentions, is still, as he puts it, "Yearbooky." Apparently any liberation from stereotyped procedures must be gradual; the public is not yet ready for revolution.

One thing, at least, must be said for the Yack. Like Mount Everest or the Warren Report, it is indisputably there.

Letters To The Editor

Advisor System Needs More Improvements

To the editor:

Your editorial of May 10 regarding the selection method of resident advisors was very welcome, at least to this dorm resident. It seems that the rehiring of the resident advisor was centered about his limited availability to the dorm residents. Yet when it was discovered that he was not rehired, the residents petitioned, unanimously I believe, for his rehiring. That he was not rehired proves to some extent that the resident advisor program is not wholly a student service. If he was not rehired, yet acceptable to the residents, who complained

I believe that this situation points to a serious drawback in the RA program. Every year the RA says that he is here to serve, counsel, and in any way possible help the student residents. Thus, I thought of the RA as an intermediary between — not from the Dean of Men's office and the students in dorms. The question now though seems to be whether the RA is an administration representative in the dorms, or a student representative to the administration? More and more it seems that the RA's are following the former course while claiming to be a student service. It seems that the RA is becoming a paid functionary of the administration, to uphold the rules, to enforce the Honor System, and to side with administration views.

In all fairness to the Dean of Men's Office, I must say that I view the RA program as much better idea than a proctor system or some other alternative. The system has great potential in being a student service I have applied for an RA position twice, once at the end of my sophomore year and again this year. I was refused both times.

I say this because I do not want this letter passed off as just the muddled words of a disgruntled office seeker. I am going to be living on this campus next year and I would like to know where my RA stands. Will he be in my dormitory to serve me or to oversee me

Your editorial was also correct in suggesting some new method of choosing RA's. When I evaluated this year's selection method I felt that it was a great improvement over the single interview technique used in my sophomore year. This year the applicant had an application, letters of recommendation, an interview with the Dean, and an interview with other house advisors. Thus the manner of selection was a great deal better this past year. But as your editorial points out, this in no way judges the applicant as he is viewed by his fellow students, to whom the program is supposedly directed. That the administration and its employees choose the new RA's is but another point proving

that the RA program is administration, not student, oriented.

I only hope that this fault can be remedied. The RA program integrated into the residence college system could mean a great deal to dormitory residents, but not in its present form.

Claude Starling
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Trailers Defended

To the Editor:

Please permit me to air a few thoughts concerning the controversial rezoning of Ridgewood Mobile Home Park.

We have a select few who are fanatically determined to eradicate Mobile Homes from Orange County, using most under-handed methods to do so.

The Mobile Home industry is too large to be halted by those who judge others only by the price of their homes, their social standing, and the number of degrees they hold. Mobile Home Parks are especially needed around this university town for those young married

couples who want to start married life in a modern, well equipped mobile home instead of some of the very high-priced, inferior rentals they might find around Chapel Hill.

After observing the dignity, integrity and honesty of the students who make up ninety-five per cent of our park tenants, I find the "mud-slinging" and false accusations of some of your faculty members who are supposed to have the dignity accredited to University professors nauseating and childish.

I believe Chapel Hill is in a declining state when some members of the University feel that no important decision can be trusted to the public officials who hold distinguished and responsible positions in this country. What town is going to progress with so much inner strife?

In closing, may I thank you for the much free advertising you have given our park, although the portrayal of the two men in your Wednesday cartoon (who-ever-they-were) left much to be desired in taste, honesty, and especially talent!

Very sincerely,
Mrs. Forrest Heath
Ridgewood Mobile Home Park

P. S. I would suggest that Mr. Sliken take his selected group of friends on a grand tour of a Mobile Home sales lot very soon. He will be shocked to find that the units do contain bathrooms!