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Many Questions Arise Concerning Drug Policy

Student Government is planning a hearing for next Tuesday to discuss the drug policy worked out between Student Government and the Administration last spring and which expired at the start of the fall semester.

It is good that Alan Albright, as assistant to Ken Day, and Johnny Williford, a student legislator, are calling for this hearing so that all the issues can be brought out in the open before legislature meets and has to consider whether to endorse once more the policy or demand a new one.

A hearing was held last year to discuss the policy but there are still many questions yet to be answered.

One of the first questions that has yet to be answered clearly is why a Faculty-Administration-Student Board has to try the drug users or possessors.

The University points with pride in its catalogues to the student judiciary system at UNC as an example of how students can control the behavior of their peers but when it comes to a crucial matter like drug use the University suddenly decided that Administrators and Faculty members should have a hand in trying the students. Why is this?

A second question that has to be raised concerns the role of the resident advisors. Are they to be policemen or advisors to students who may need counsel?

The first three cases tried under the policy over the summer concerned some students who were discovered because one of the students went to his RA to talk to him about drug usage. The RA consequently turned the student

over to the Dean of Men and Civil authorities.

While the role the RA's are to play in handling drug cases has been more clearly defined this year, there are still several problems.

First, there is the question of whether RA's are really obligated under the law to turn over to civil authorities the names of persons whom they know to possess illegal drugs.

Secondly, there is the problem of whether the RA's, despite the clearer delineation of their roles, will be able to straddle the narrow fence they occupy, on one side their role as advisors, on the other side their role as policemen.

Placed in such a role as half-policemen, it is possible that some RA's, in an effort to be conscientious or feeling a disgust towards drug users, might become super-sleuths, trying to dig up all drug users and turn them in. It would take just a few of these to ruin the whole resident advisor program by making students suspicious of all resident advisors.

Any interested students and all legislators ought to attend the meeting to find out from drug policy advocates their answers to these questions and others they might have.

Student Government should not accept the drug policy for another year just because it is the system we have or because it is better than the system that was used two years ago, when no students were on the board that tried drug users. Legislators should force the drug policy advocates to justify the program and leave no doubts in the students minds about the wisdom of it.

Columbia University

Disruption Has A Place Where Discourse Blocked

From The Columbia Spectator

As much through the historical insensitivity of the men who ruled Columbia as through the current revolutionary zeal of the radical movement, disruption has become the main method of initiating change on campus. It is not a "nice" tactic. It is rude, unpleasant, and discomforting. But in an environment in which "rational discourse" has often been transformed into little more than a public-relations device to protect an extensive array of poor decisions, disruption has its place.

More than rational discourse is needed when such an "acceptable" procedure results only in perfunctory and vapid four-minute appearances by the president of the University, or in committee reports that are shelved and then forgotten.

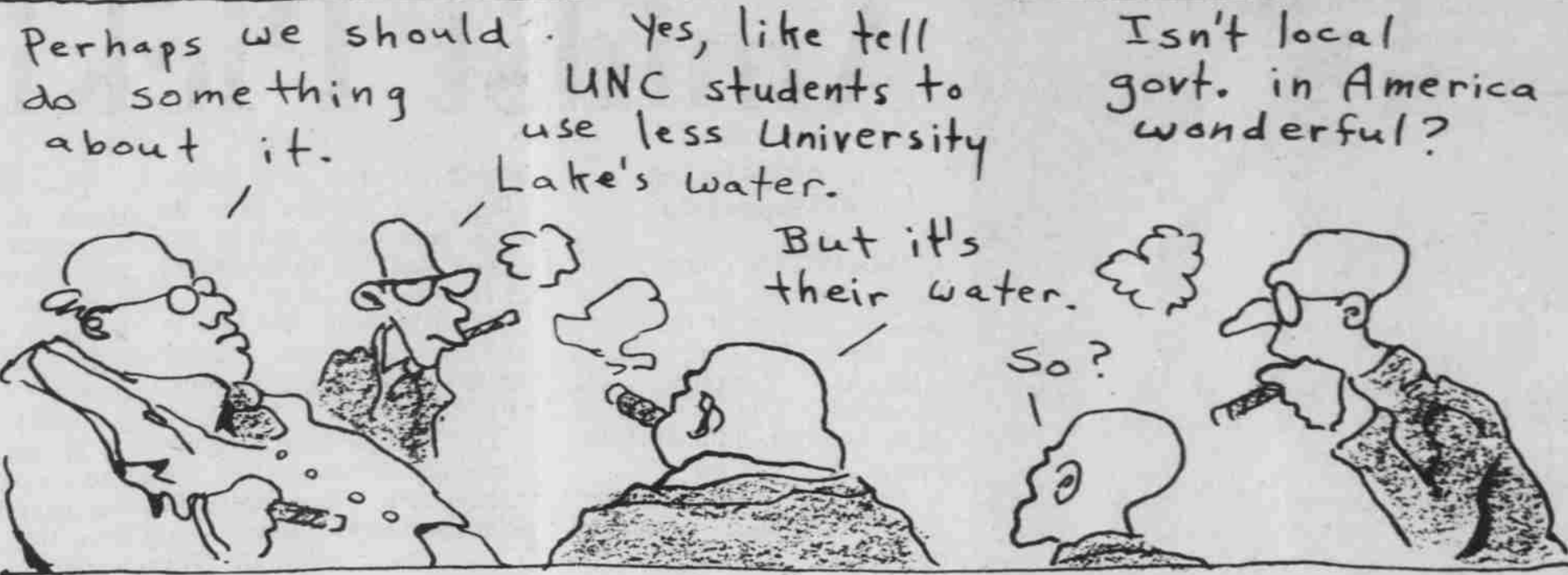
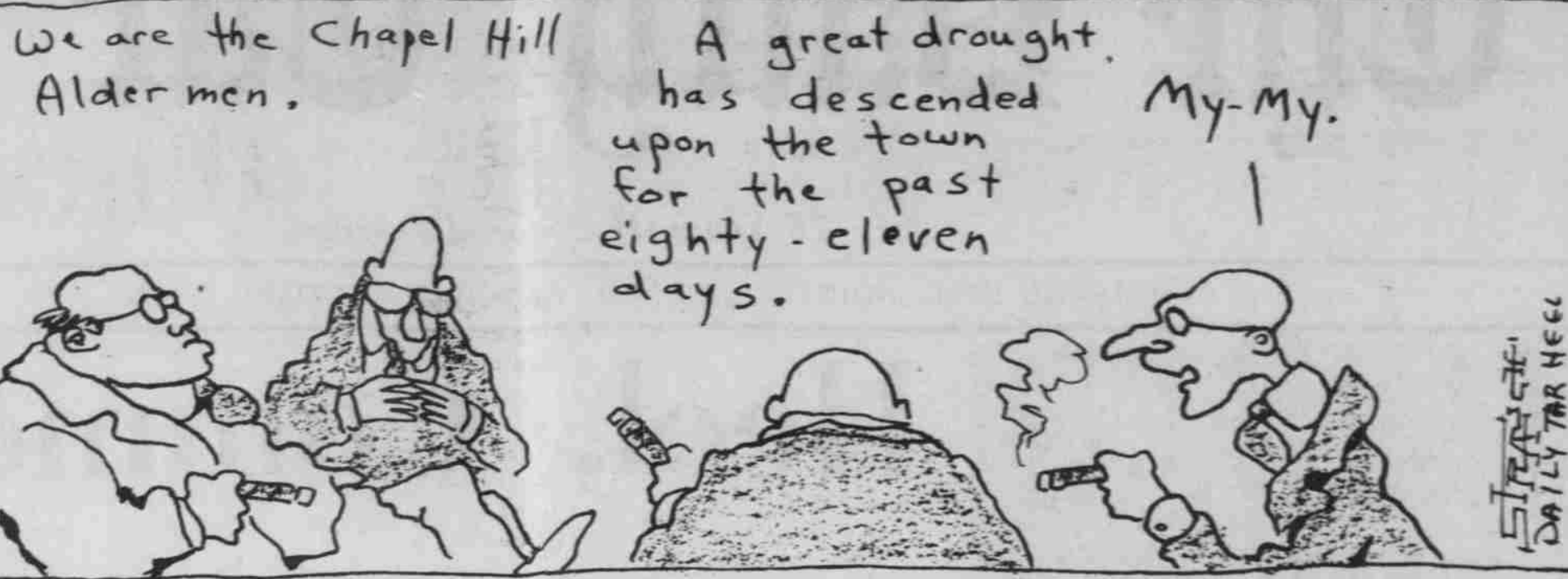
But there are serious dangers in the kind of disruption that has come to be the modus operandi of the Left on campus. Hints of anti-intellectualism have begun to appear in the rhetoric of some SDS leaders. Once the process of change has begun, free and open inquiry can be a valuable procedure if balanced power relationships prevent such discussion from becoming a sham, and if all sides are concerned more with solving problems than with reinforcing their own positions.

Allied to this danger is the spectre of Stalinist tactics which

have begun to tinge the activities of some campus radicals. Disruption as a device for politicization need not and should not preclude dialogue relevant to the subject of the disruption; indeed, the initiation of such discussion is a primary goal of the disruption. Further, if disruption is seen—as it is by at least one prominent SDS theoretician—toward creating an academic community in which a controlling Left would grant speech only to those with "acceptable" ideas, it constitutes a threat to the very nature of the University. Nor is it helpful to use disruption to draw attention to false issues.

There are enough things seriously wrong with Columbia so that it should not be necessary to level unsubstantiated charges of murder against the president. If SDS has specific facts to substantiate its charges, these should be presented to the University community as forcefully as they were on Thursday night in Wollman Auditorium. If not, the radicals would serve their goals better by continuing in more specific research on the nature and functions of the University.

Unfortunately, the tactic of disruption will remain necessary in this community until those who hold power are willing to use rational discourse itself as a vehicle of change, and not as a subterfuge to impede it.



Bland Simpson

The New Rational Man

Zwitterion:

the positive as well as the negative:

thinker, critic, seeker of truth; believer, appraising his own beliefs; wonderer, considering his own wonderment, amazed at his restless, homeless thoughts; dreamer of dreams— chasing after wisps of rising smoke, reaching out and grasping at what he knows is not there; hard-living philosopher, who fills his being with the sweet bitterness of Life.

The negative as well as the positive—this is Zwitterion: this is the whole man.

Zwitterion is the new rational man.

He is the appraiser, as well as the appraised; he is the critic, as well as the criticized.

He is the believer, as well as the questioner of beliefs. He is the standard bearer of rationality in thought and action, yet he is also the staunch defender of irrationality and romanticism.

He is, in the Hegelian sense, a historical figure, for he is at once thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. He is, within himself, a trinity.

He adheres to what he feels is right and true, yet he is ready and willing to change and/or revise his positions should he be convinced that such a course is necessary in order to stay on the path of the right and the true.

He is both religious and irreligious, but never without religious passion and zeal. He is both moral and immoral, but never amoral.

He is highly polarized, but with both poles represented. He serves himself as his own system of checks and balances.

He is both radical and conservative, ever extending radical ideals and principles upon the conservative heart-wood of his best heritage.

So what is new about this "new rational man"? Nothing, nothing at all.

He is full of self-confidence because he has learned that he has the strength to continually watch the mirror for signs of weakness, and that he has the sense—both common and idealistic—to always be about the arduous task of self-improvement.

He will be the best of the future, for he represents the best of the past and present.

He is Zwitterion, the new rational man.

Letters To The Editor

Campus Police Lax On Job

Editor:

An incident occurred this morning which provides me with the occasion to voice my discontent with the campus police force.

An elderly gentleman had a seizure in front of the Y Building, at the side of which are your offices, this morning at about 11:30.

Now I have been told that the campus police provide transportation to the hospital in case of illness or emergency, and this was surely both.

A phone call and a personal check to your office, however, found no answer to the phone and no one in the office. I was told there are only certain hours when someone is in that office.

Luckily for the gentleman above, several bystanders cared for him until an ambulance was summoned via the telephone company operator.

My item two is an incident which occurred early Tuesday morning in Morrison Residence College where I am a resident advisor.

Shortly after midnight one of the men on the sixth floor pushed the emergency stop and alarm button in the elevator and left it. The doors closed.

Since we were having trouble with the elevator key and weren't sure the elevator was empty I phoned the campus police and asked for assistance. It took me approximately 10 minutes to make contact, since the line was busy.

One of the advisors finally opened the doors on the seventh floor and slumped through the hatch on the top of the elevator.

Twenty minutes after my first call, I contacted your office again, again with some difficulty, to say we no longer needed assistance. The gentleman at the other end of the line informed me he was "just about" to call a car to come out to us.

Everything worked out alright this time.

Since I want to keep this letter short and avoid becoming sarcastic, I'll save several of my other unhappineses for later.

Sincerely,
Dennis A. Falck
843 Morrison

Simpson Pegged As A Sophist

Editor:

Bland Simpson's "eclectic" proclamation of "The Necessity of Atheism" might more accurately be characterized as sophistry. Atheism, he maintains, serves a useful

function because it provides one with a base level from which "anything is possible." This is patently ridiculous because implicit in atheism is the immediate refusal to consider the existence of an external, omnipotent God as being philosophically significant.

Mr. Simpson then attempts to defend his theological philanderings with the typical relativist prattle about "the fact that... many varying doctrines... have much more to offer than the straight and narrow single philosophy." Unfortunately Simpson fails to inform the ignorant how his "fact" was established or how his brewing the various doctrines together somehow midwives a life-sustaining creed for man that is more valuable than for example, Christianity.

It is obvious that Mr. Simpson understands Christianity only as an anthropological phenomenon. Christians ought to explain to him that he has missed the essence of their religion and

consequently ought not to display his ignorance in public.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey B. Gayner
1031 James

Vlasits Tragedy Of Whole Society

Editor:

Phi Beta Kappa. Dean's List five times. His professors say, "Definitely Ph.D. materials."

A society that sends such men as George Vlasits to prison for five years because he refuses to kill is truly diseased.

Sincerely,
Scott Bradley
Chapel Hill

No Change For Raw Steak Here

—Great School, No doubt. A lovely town, No joke. Nice People. Yes, the students. Most liberal campus in the South... no comment.

—So many policemen. Security. No, rising crime. Criminals? Students. Every building has one. Well... close to it. I mean one policeman. Every book store. Every block. Top security. TV cameras... to help YOU... the owner. I suppose it's necessary. Third year student.

By S. James

—The bank. Polite people... and it will cost you FOUR DOLLARS for every overdrawn check. Four dollars! Yes. We have to teach the student... This is not a KINDERGARDEN LADY. No, but... keep an account of more than 100 dollars and no SC (IBM). Must be the whole of the rich.

—Excuse me. I asked for a raw steak. This can hardly be cut. Could you change it. Price \$2.00. Ask the manager? No! It's not his fault. Let's see, a whole chicken is .95 cents... I'll have chicken. Dollar fifty-seven, please. How Come? Well, the chicken leg and the scoop of rice is 95 cents, the...

—Do you have a mobile home for rent? You don't?

... Yes? Could you repeat, I can't hear you. A question? Yes!... Are you white? No ma'am, with checks... Yes, like a chess board. Really? Yes, ma'am. Well, I have to ask my husband. See we don't like to have Negroes. Thank you... Conservative people: they even have the Cuban Immigration Agency men, you know, to check on liberals.

—Do you have a car? Yes X o... Where do you live? Durham. Local address?... Durham! I couldn't find a place in Chapel Hill. Sorry... Go to Tin Can Tiltin Tin Tin: C sticker! \$7.50 (no please). For what? For the sticker of course. Do you have enough places to park? Well... What do you do with the money? Are you implying... No Sir, I'm new, when I was at... Next! Ten dollars (please)... Ha! Ha!... You can park anywhere 'til Monday... Yes, no ticket! Efficiency: to give tickets. No C places anyway. 54 East to Durham, at night. Engine trouble. Not a single efficient patrolman. Not their job probably.

—Laundry, yes, where the buttons and the pockets are compressed. 34 cents for a shirt. 34 cents times ten: a new shirt! Where can you buy a \$3.40 shirt (plus tax)? Well would you believe 5.40?, 6.40? ... 7.40? Population approximately 35000? Realtors, 15 or more, see the Yellow Pages. —Have a car (a luxury) so that your fellow student can ride a Suzuki.

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