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Radicals Revere Symbols Of Past, Seek Revisions

"Major advances in civilization are processes which all but wreck the society in which they occur... The art of free society consists, first in the maintenance of the symbolic code; and secondly, in fearlessness of revision to secure that the code serves those purposes which satisfy an enlightened reason."

That quote, taken from Alfred North Whitehead, is what James Reston offered at the University Day ceremonies Saturday in explanation of the current troubles in American society.

Whitehead's statement is helpful in examining the radicals in present American society, in helping to determine who has fulfilled the requirements for advancing our civilization.

Few could doubt that America's radicals, black and white, seem to be wrecking the society they live in, whether that wreckage occurs at Columbia, Berkeley, in Oakland, Calif., or Lowndes County, Ala.

What most people don't realize is who is paying reverence to the symbols of the past; most people consider the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or the American Independent Party home of the super-demagogues as the groups who pay homage to the American ideal. They are wrong. That homage, or reverence is being paid by American radicals, who oppose the imposition of the American system on the Vietnamese, who oppose the draft, or who oppose the exclusion of Blacks and the poor from decisionmaking processes in America.

Most Americans don't realize it, but the radicals, the types who have burned their draft cards, protested in Chicago, marched at the Pentagon last fall, put a great deal of emphasis on the ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence, more so than the average person. As a matter of fact, their main hang-up, if it is to be considered a hang-up, is that they take the Declaration of Independence fairly literally.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed.—That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the

right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such forms, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

That statement from the Declaration of Independence, plus some from the Constitution, such as the prohibition of involuntary servitude, are symbols of the past to which radicals of America pay homage. And, it is important to emphasize here, they are symbols of the past, they have little to do with the present in America. They seem to be paid little attention by current American society.

Example: Americans are being forced involuntary servitude to serve in the Armed Forces, and to die, in a war they do not believe in, nor which directly, much less indirectly, threatens American society.

Example: Government is supposed to derive its just power from the consent of the governed, yet in Vietnam the U.S. is keeping alive a government which is unpopular with the people and whose concept of justice extends to imprisoning the opponents of the leaders.

Example: in Durham, as in many other cities in America, blacks are not members of the boards which decide what areas of the slums are to be torn down, where housing is to be, etc.

Example: Americans, on Nov. 5, will have to choose between two persons from the two major parties who were not the most popular persons before the primary, yet they are being forced on the people.

"Those societies which cannot combine reverence to their symbols with freedom of revision, must ultimately decay either from anarchy, or from the slow atrophy of a life stifled by useless shadow," Whitehead tells us.

Those words need to be heeded by those of us who fail to pay reverence to the symbols of our society, as postulated in the Declaration of Independence, and by those of us, who cannot tolerate the freedom of revision, as exemplified by the current treatment accorded America's radicals.

To fail to do so would be to inflict a defeat on America more humiliating than anything that could be suffered in Vietnam or that could be suffered over the Pueblo incident.

On Sandwich Issue

Student Legislature seems to have started off the year on the right foot. Thursday night, they placed the issue of UNC Sandwiches before those who should have the most say about it, the students.

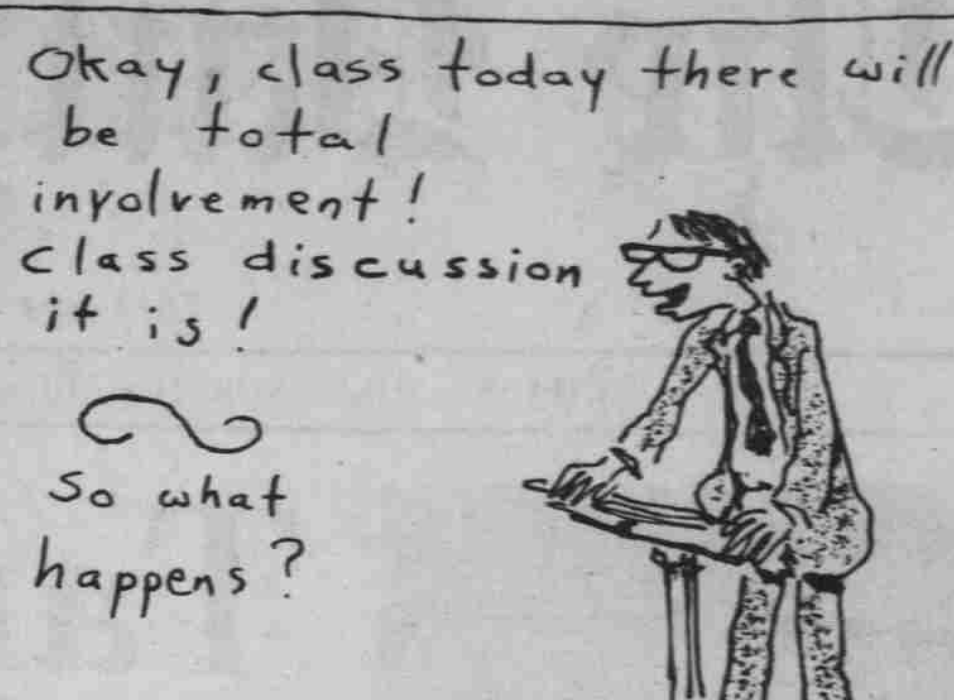
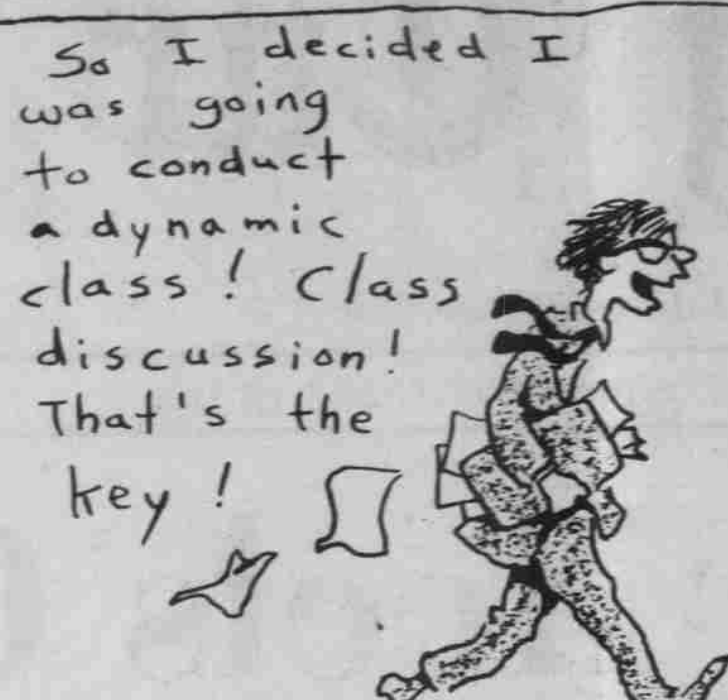
By calling for a boycott, legislature has asked the students to show their sentiment concerning the quality and price of the sandwiches. Furthermore, they have asked the students to voice their complaints to those who are directly connected with the sandwiches.

Since the bill is in committee, students will be able to question Tom Shetley and George Prillaman, in charge of the Student Stores and University Food Services respectively, about the quality and price of the sandwiches presented for sale. Committee meetings are open to the public, therefore each individual can air his gripe for the world to hear.

In the past, legislature has been looked on with apathy by most students at UNC. The feeling that the representatives seldom cause any change worthwhile is not uncommon. Therefore, it is most refreshing to see such prompt action on the matter of utmost concern. Such action, so early in the year, holds the promise of bigger and better things for the legislature.

In his address to the representatives Thursday night, Vice President Charlie Mercer noted the reputation that exists and expressed the importance that it be erased. Legislature, by their action on the sandwich resolution seems to have taken the advice to heart.

This issue is the first of many which the legislature will consider. If the speed and conviction with which the representatives acted is any indication of things to come, a lot of good things are yet to happen.



They either sit there & gape at me...

or one fool takes over & starts mouthing off about some completely unrelated topic!



Letters To The Editor

Showdown At Kessing

Editor:

Re the editorial on campus police (Oct. 11): Yes! Our campus cops do defend Kessing Pool with their guns.

Four of us, in summer school, went swimming. Two of us had Red Cross lifesaving. It was 2 a.m.

The heat stealthily parted the bushes and announced that it was a shame we decided to go swimming. He ran past this other guy and me, so we took off toward the gym. Of the two remaining one was laughing too hard (picture a baggy 50 year old cop running on slick pool tiles) to make his escape and the other was walking up the steps toward Teague.

From the gym we heard, "Don't you run! Don't you run! I told you not to run." Bang! We sort of took off and hid in the cemetery. The object of the warning shot ran on brio back to the dorm.

The fourth party was still laughing. Cop told him, "No, I probably wouldn't kill anyone for swimming in the pool, but, anyway..."

I think you hit on the reason for guns with that Freudian extension of manhood bit, especially when you consider D.P.'s who need them.

It really makes me mad to think of these guys having guns. If they must have something round and metallic, give them a whistle or a can of Mace.

I wonder where that bullet fell. It was headed in the general direction of the hospital and Odum Village.

Sincerely,
Name Withheld
Morrison

More Suggestions For Saving It

Editor:

Fixing leaks and preventing fires are excellent suggestions for water conservation, but it may be helpful to consider more mundane conditions also which increase water use.

Garden clubs should take up rock arrangement. Coeds, to reduce their laundry load, should wear disposable (paper) underwear. A centennial of something should be declared so that men can grow patriotic beards.

Even better would be measures to reduce the production of excess sweat. Instead of ten, fifteen minutes between classes would allow one to go from one end of campus to the other without running. A two-month recess from field practice would allow the football team to have psychological help for their conditioned losing reflex. Cutting out all intramural football would nip the "two-team only" debate in the bud. And

a moratorium on quizzes and exams... Oh well, I better go and take a cold shower to wake up.

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Water Shortage Just Speculation

Water shortage, Lake very low, Sitterson sits, Students don't know?

Test next week In the general college, Shall one study Or forget about knowledge?

Rumors galore, All over the place, But who can say, Since it's nature's race.

We're cutting down, The paper reveals, Only 3.5— Hooray! for the "Heels."

Then there's the draft, A worry to all, Everyone wonders, Who'll get the call?

So what can one do, Except speculate, About too little water And a closing date.

Ken Robbins
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Chicago Water? Lake Michigan

Editor:

I am writing in regard to the editorial by Dan Moss, Jr. entitled 'LAW AND ORDER' PLATFORMS SEVERELY DEVASTATED IN CHICAGO, that appeared in the September 27 DTH. Mr. Moss said: "One of Buckley's right-wing publications said that hippies planned to dump LSD into Chicago's reservoirs."

However, Chicago has no reservoirs, and indeed there are many narrow minds to be expanded there." So, let me expand some minds here.

Now, William F. Buckley, Jr., says in his October 8 NATIONAL REVIEW: "Take what happened a few days ago just before the convention opened in Chicago... The cops caught a couple of hippies pouring a fortune's worth of LSD into the city water supply. What they didn't know is what any freshman in chemistry would know, that chlorine neutralizes lysergic acid, so that the LSD didn't take." This story was related to Buckley by a "young visitor." Buckley checked the story out and found that it was true. In fact, there were three flower children doing it, and they had done it for a week before they were caught. Buckley reports that it was not noticed because Chicago has automatic chlorine regulators that pumped in more chlorine as soon as the old chlorine was neutralized.

Buckley also says that Chicago does have a "reservoir." This reservoir is called "Lake Michigan." (Needless to say, the hippies did not put the LSD there. They put it into a holding tank.) How could anyone miss a reservoir as large as Lake Michigan? Yes, Chicago does have a reservoir.

Sincerely,
William Durward Turner, Jr.
305 Grimes

SSOC Statement Misinterpreted

Editor,

I believe my ideas were misquoted and sentences were taken out of context in the SSOC article on students running their own lives, ideas which I would like to clarify. At no time did I say that, "SSOC does not care whether girls go in boy's rooms." The point that I was trying to make was simply that male students should be able to decide if they would like to invite girls to their rooms and women students should be able to decide if they would like to go.

The quotation referring to the size of Dean Cathey's window also needs to be clarified. The point implied here was simply that we hope Dean Cathey will not throw these petitions out of his

Rumors

The following are guaranteed to be Rumors, all of them unsubstantiated, many of them untrue. They are, however, accurately compiled.

—A memorandum has been spotted in South Building from the Chancellor that if school closes, it will be for an entire semester, since out-of-state students would be forced to spend considerably money going home.

—Mary Sitterson has left for Ocean Drive.

Notes

—Dean C.O. Cathey: "It's been this way for 179 years. Why do you want to change it now?"

—Secretary to Dean Raymond Dawson: "I'm sorry but Dean Dawson doesn't speak to students."

Letters

ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOMED. THEY SHOULD BE CONCISE, TYPED AND A DUPLICATE COPY MUST BE ENCLOSED.

Writer Mum On New Flower Price

Editor:

It saddens me to read that the officers of my senior class have decided to sell Mums for this year's Homecoming at a 50 cent increase over last year's cost—\$2.00 instead of \$1.50. Further, it perplexes me to see one part of our student leadership wallowing over the exploitative mark-ups of our downtown merchants while another part sets price-markups that surely cannot be wholly justified by or attributed to increased cost from suppliers.

My class, I understand, has big plans. We are to have a beer party that got rained out last spring; we are to have a big dance (which I hope will be formal); we are to present a class gift. With these goals it is easy to see that there is need for large revenue.

Yet my class in providing the Mum-selling service also has to meet a moral responsibility. It is a boy's delight to give a flower to his favorite girl; indeed, it is her delight to receive one. And it creates a sense of student community for students to buy their Mums from a student organization which is providing them for modest profits. These things are important.

So, I hope that those classmates of mine who are in charge of this function will make some adjustments in their price. If they don't, and all we impoverished Students will soon find out, then I think everyone would be interested in knowing—I've just called and verified this—that pretty corsages (Mums) can be purchased from downtown florists for \$1.50. For all you new students, and older ones who are not aware of this, you can be assured that Mums bought from the florists appear every bit as "official" as those that will be able to be bought in Y-court or dorm. Finally, I apologize for my class.

Sincerely,
Stan Starnes
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