

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Dapper Dick Rarely Trips Up

Dick Nixon's skill as a politician lies not so much in what he has done as in what he hasn't done—he hasn't made any mistakes.

To win the nomination, Mr. Nixon had only to remind the Republican faithful that he had stood by the party through Eisenhower thick and Goldwater thin. Noting that the country was unhappy

involvement of private enterprise in programs to relieve social distress, Dirksen's document could be mistaken for a blueprint of the Johnsonian "Great Society." Even on Vietnam, after deploring "the mistakes of the past," the GOP platform in effect endorses the Administration's present approach.

Had he invented them himself, Mr. Nixon couldn't have improved on Nelson Rockefeller and Ronald Reagan as his two principal challengers. With the governor of New York on his left and the governor of California on his right, Nixon's chosen position as a centrist was nicely bracketed. He alone was acceptable both to conservative Southerners, who couldn't forget Rockefeller had refused to support Barry Goldwater in 1964, and to urban Northerners, who couldn't stomach Reagan's conservatism which seemed a little like Goldwaterism reincarnated.

a clumsy white-backlash candidate and immediately made good on his campaign promise to give his border state open housing. But he reacted so sternly to Negro riots that he alienated many of his supporters, particularly Negroes. He threatened to shoot looters, closed a troublesome Negro college and lectured moderate Negroes for their failure to help

fairmindedness and impeccable record on civil rights spill over into Wallace purifying him a little. And also Wallace's air of disreputability spills over and contaminates Nixon.

To prevent turning his campaign into a lecture tour and boring everybody, Nixon has accordingly drafted a standard speech that is less a statement of program than an accretion of tested applause lines on Vietnam ("We will bring the war to an honorable conclusion"), law and order ("The first civil right of every American is to be free from domestic violence"), social justice ("Order without progress is tyranny") and the forgotten American that pays taxes, educates his kids, attends church and does not shout, heckle or demonstrate.

As a result, the GOP nominee comes out sounding a bit bland, blurry and homogenized, and even some of those who most devoutly believe that Nixon's the one are not entirely sure which one he is. He may be any one, two or three of that broad spectrum of American life he's trying to represent—restive blacks, recalcitrant whites, Northern moderates, Southern segregationists and Western Goldwaterites.

Remarkable too is that Nixon refuses to join a debate on anything. "Political figures should not make partisan comments from the sidelines," he maintains. "I'm not going to get into it." Indeed, he just might not get in the White House either.

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control disorderly extremists.

Through all of this, the little man who wasn't there was quite as important as the men who were. Nixon strategists never forgot that the third party candidacy of George Wallace might be their undoing in November. That was the most compelling reason for Agnew's nomination—if there is one.

Dangerous Strategy

In his attempt to appeal to the same people that Wallace appeals to, Nixon has an extremely interesting strategy—though perhaps an extremely dangerous one, too. By likening Wallace and Nixon, the potential voter is likely to uplift Wallace and lower Nixon. Couple their names frequently enough, and inevitably the listener sees some of Nixon's alleged

Agnew Surprise

But Nixon's surprise designation of Spiro Agnew as his running mate may prove to be his first 1968 error—for the possibility that someone as unqualified in experience and education as Maryland's governor might become President of the United States has struck fear in many. Intended as a compromise to appease Dixie conservatives without too much offending Yankee liberals, it did neither. Agnew was elected two years ago over

Catalogues Ills

Drawing on studies conducted by various Republican agencies, Dirksen and his associates catalogued the ills of unemployment and underemployment, of city ghettos and rural slums, of discrimination and unequal opportunity, and conceded that these ills could not be ignored away. Except for emphasis on

## Cleaver's Message Complex, Revealing

Students at UNC are missing out on a great opportunity to learn with the canceling of Eldridge Cleaver's appearance here.

Cleaver would have been beneficial to students for what he has to relate about the problems of our society, and as an example of the characteristics of the New Left and the militant Blacks.

The Cleaver that people most commonly hear of, and the one that probably draws the most persons to hear him speak, is the inflammatory one, the one that recently at Columbia, called for Blacks to "burn this m...f...g town all the way everywhere if we can't get the programs to reconstruct it."

The other Cleaver is the one, who in his first lecture in the Social Analyses 138X course at Berkeley gave a lecture on the roots of racism that sounded like any other professor's lecture might, only the listener knew it was coming from someone who had experienced all the oppressive tactics of a racist society.

Which Cleaver UNC would have been able to hear is an unanswerable question; the most important thing to recognize, however, is that they are not different people, that the two messages they deliver, the shock message, and the professorial, are tightly intertwined so as to present a picture of what is wrong with our society and what some alienated and oppressed elements within that society are doing to change it.

Cleaver believes that no change is going to be accomplished in America unless there is a polarization of sentiment. As long as the majority of people stay in the middle, perplexed by the events on the right and the left, the society will continue on its present course.

Thus Cleaver told the Columbia students last Monday that "We've come to the point where everybody has to take a stand one way or the other. There is no more middle ground. Either you're part of the problem or you're part of the solution."

As part of this desire to force a polarization, many speakers, such as Cleaver, use shock tactics on their audience. This usually forces some of the middle of the road

elements to take a strong position one way or the other. Obviously, when someone tells you he wants to burn the town down if he doesn't get his way, you will react rather strongly to that statement, pro or con it. It's hard to sit on a

fence when someone talks about burning down a city. That doesn't mean he is advocating burning; it means he is holding it out as an option. If you cannot stick with him throughout, then he wants you on the other side.

In a similar manner, Cleaver wasn't hesitant about shouting "F... Ronald F... All the pigs," etc. A lot of people don't enjoy hearing this said publicly and so turn against him, considering it a sign of crudity, and somehow tying that in with the validity of his arguments. Cleaver and others would figure, rightly, that if a person won't support their program because of some of the words they use, then it is best not to have them around, because they cannot be counted on when the going gets rough.

Another characteristic is his contempt for public officials. Former Columbia University President Grayson Kirk is a "buffoon," Ronald Reagan is a "sissy," and Lyndon Johnson is an "alcoholic." The police and other public officials are the "pigs."

"In California," he explained at Columbia, "We have wall to wall pigs, oinking in the face of the people." His solution to the problems of America is to "barbecue the pigs," Cleaver explains.

For the blacks, who have been frightened into submission for the past 350 years by public officials and police, the contempt that Cleaver shows is psychologically boosting. It helps give them the courage to drive for the changes they seek from the system.

Eldridge Cleaver is a complicated man, just like the movement that he is in the vanguard of. To dismiss him as a demagogue who should be imprisoned or as someone whose mind reflects a penal environment is to miss out on much of the essence of what blacks and the New Left are seeking. Likewise, to accept his curses and threats as the program of his group is to miss what he is saying; it is showing a dangerous ignorance of the truth.

## Space, War Program Show Odd Emphasis On Life

From the Michigan State News

The astronauts are aloft. Hail. We hope they have a safe trip.

They are doing more for us than just getting us ahead in the race with the Russians. They are our proxies on one of the last frontiers left to the human imagination. For a world that has been probed and explored and inhabited, sometimes to the point of boredom, outer space holds out mystery and challenge.

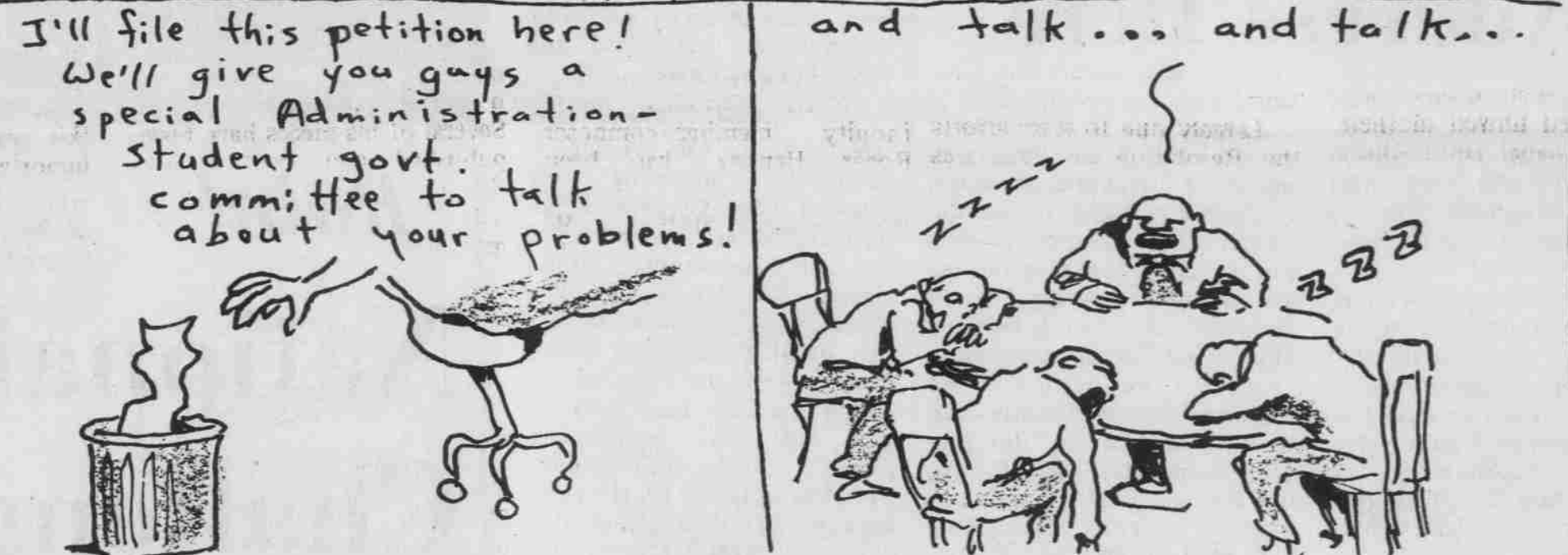
This is why the "race with the Russians" is absurd. We need to explore the universe for its own sake. But dull or timid congressmen, and schedule-ridden bureaucrats, and a lot of other people with no imaginations will

leap only while cringing. They act only out of fear, rather than out of faith or excitement.

Two years ago, three astronauts were killed because the people who ran the space program cared more about hurry than they did about human lives. And this when the only sensible purpose of the space program is to enhance human life,

not destroy it. More recently, Congress cut the space budget in order to appropriate funds to continue the war in Vietnam and (2) to salt away enough weapons to fight World War III twice or thrice. Someone lacks a sense of proportion.

Now, however, Apollo 7 is in the sky. Good things happen, too.



### Letters To The Editor

## Swish—The Dumpster Is Clean!

Editor:

The University has apparently struck it rich again, at least now that they don't have to clean the tables in Lenoir Hall. They can now hire someone to wash and rinse the dumpsters outside Morrison Dorm. For fifteen minutes and at the cost of an untold amount of precious urinal water, a maintenance company washed and rinsed, with a disturbing and deafening roar all four of the dumpsters outside Morrison on Oct. 14, 1968. Whatever the cost we here at Morrison would like to congratulate the administration for their foresightedness in firing the sanitation employees at the dining hall so that we could enjoy the luxury of sparkling clean dumpsters.

Sincerely,  
Bob Yount  
Ernie Hargett  
John Gross  
Morrison

### New Angle Seen In Admissions

Editor:

I am responding to Peter Blackburn's letter in the DTH of Oct. 10. Mr. Blackburn said that disadvantaged students could always write to the UNC admissions office to get entrance information and hence have no real need of having UNC representatives come to their schools. I would like to point out that a person's being disadvantaged means that none of his close friends or relations has ever been to college, and therefore he is not likely to have had college held up to him as a real opportunity. Therefore, if no one stimulates him to college, he might not even know that he has to apply, thinking that college admission is automatic. Even if it were not that drastic, almost no one he knows would be

able to tell him where and to whom to write.

In addition, it seems that if UNC doesn't need to send representatives to public schools which don't teach their pupils well enough to do well in college boards, it certainly doesn't need to send them to any school.

Sincerely,  
James Gulick  
1029 Highland Woods

### Chemical Thief Reprimanded

Editor:

Now that I have settled down enough to write, I will attempt to tell what happened to me last Saturday morning. Upon going to G.M. to work in the darkroom there, I enter the darkroom and find that someone, let's call this person "the lowest of the low", has used almost all of my photo chemicals! To say the least, this upset me. It is understandable for a person to use someone else's chemicals once in an emergency, but to systematically use someone's chemicals and reduce them to nothing is an outrage. The bottles were full and marked with my name and the chemical name. It was rather costly for me to set up the chemicals. It was rather dumb for me to leave them out like I did, but, you see, the lockers in the darkroom all have locks on them and no one knows the combinations. So, I had to leave the chemicals out.

I thought that there was some type of honor among photographers, but this myth has been rudely shattered for me by some leech who does his work by using someone else's materials. I'm sorry this had to be. I can only hope the hopeless hope that this person will call me at 968-9129 or come to 305 Teague and make payment for what he has used. This is only right. I'm not a rich person so

another set up in the darkroom will add an extra expense on me. I'm not mad now, just badly depressed. The day is ruined for me because I can't go to the darkroom and do my pictures and negatives.

To whom it may concern: My name is Mike Love. I am here at UNC now. My name will be on my chemicals in the darkroom in the future. Don't use them please.

Sincerely,  
Mike Love  
305 Teague

### Cheap Diapers May Be Answer

Editor:

In order to help conserve our decreasing water supply I would like to suggest that all housewives use paper plates and cups and that those with babies use disposable diapers. This obviously will place an added expense on the weekly budget.

Perhaps the merchants of Chapel Hill could be persuaded to sell these items at cost; after all, it is to their benefit as well as ours that our previous water is preserved.

Sincerely,  
Nancy C. Friel  
605-D Hibbard Drive  
Odom Village

### SNCC Labeled Communist

Editor:

According to the co-chairman of the symposium on "The Black Revolt: Impact on You" is designed to "educate

### Notes

—Jim Gardner says, "I haven't disagreed with anything George Wallace has said." George Wallace says, "The University of North Carolina is going to get run over so big..."

—The Athletic Department says it got water to sprinkle the football field from Morgan Creek so as not to use city water. Morgan Creek feeds University Lake.

—Overheard:  
Person A: "Every girl I date nowadays is for Wallace."  
Person B: "Where do you find them?"  
Person A: "At Wallace rallies."

—The Alcoholic Beverage Committee of the WRC is holding its first meeting this week. It'll be in Harry's.

### Letters

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