

# The Daily Tar Heel

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# Think: Vice President Agnew

Some highly irresponsible and indiscreet sources are saying that Richard Nixon picked Spiro Agnew because no one would dare to take a shot at him. No one, of course, except Agnew. Nevertheless, there are some benefits from the election even for those of you who took it with all the ease of swallowing an artichoke. We can now step

divisive split in purpose, but that is not the case. The 43-43-14 per cent could be applied to different means of looking at lots of problems. Take busing, for example. 43 per cent of the public are for using three jets to get to school (named Pat, Julie and David), 43 per cent are for having a chauffeur who bounces around, smiling and all the time saying "Woopie" when the light changes to green, and 14 per cent are just against buses.

The computer in New York, you will note, choked on the North Carolina governorship race. It got so excited along about midnight that it spat out 50,000 votes (Scott free) and mumbled sweet nothings for nearly an hour.

Fred Steele pulled one of the more beautiful concession statements by telling Galifianakis that he was questioning 10,000 "irregular ballots" but didn't

The Electoral College has long been a game which would set three-dimensional parcheesi to shame. School children find it more frustrating than memorizing logarithm tables. Parents try to relearn it every four years. George Wallace lost the key to it, and Walte Cronkite interprets it for the country. Gallup and Harris pussyfoot around it.

But don't forget that if the Electoral College weren't around, we might still be glued to television trying to find out who won. Ah well.

With one great deep breath, take consolation in the fact that no such extravaganza as a national election will happen for four more years.

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forth with assurance and with a New Face into a New Deal without the expensive trappings from the Great Society—and give the American people what they want. Well, at worst, we could have four years of trusteeship.

Or you could juggle those figures in another way. If the 14 per cent are right in saying there's not a dime's worth of difference in the leadership of the two national parties, then the other 86 per cent really agree with each other and Cronkite should have called the election about 8 p.m.

Then again, as one columnist pointed out, you could say that 43 per cent of the country wanted government to change, 43 wanted it to stay still or maybe even backpeddle a bit, and 14 per cent are against government.

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expect it to faze the results. Steele lost by 4,000.

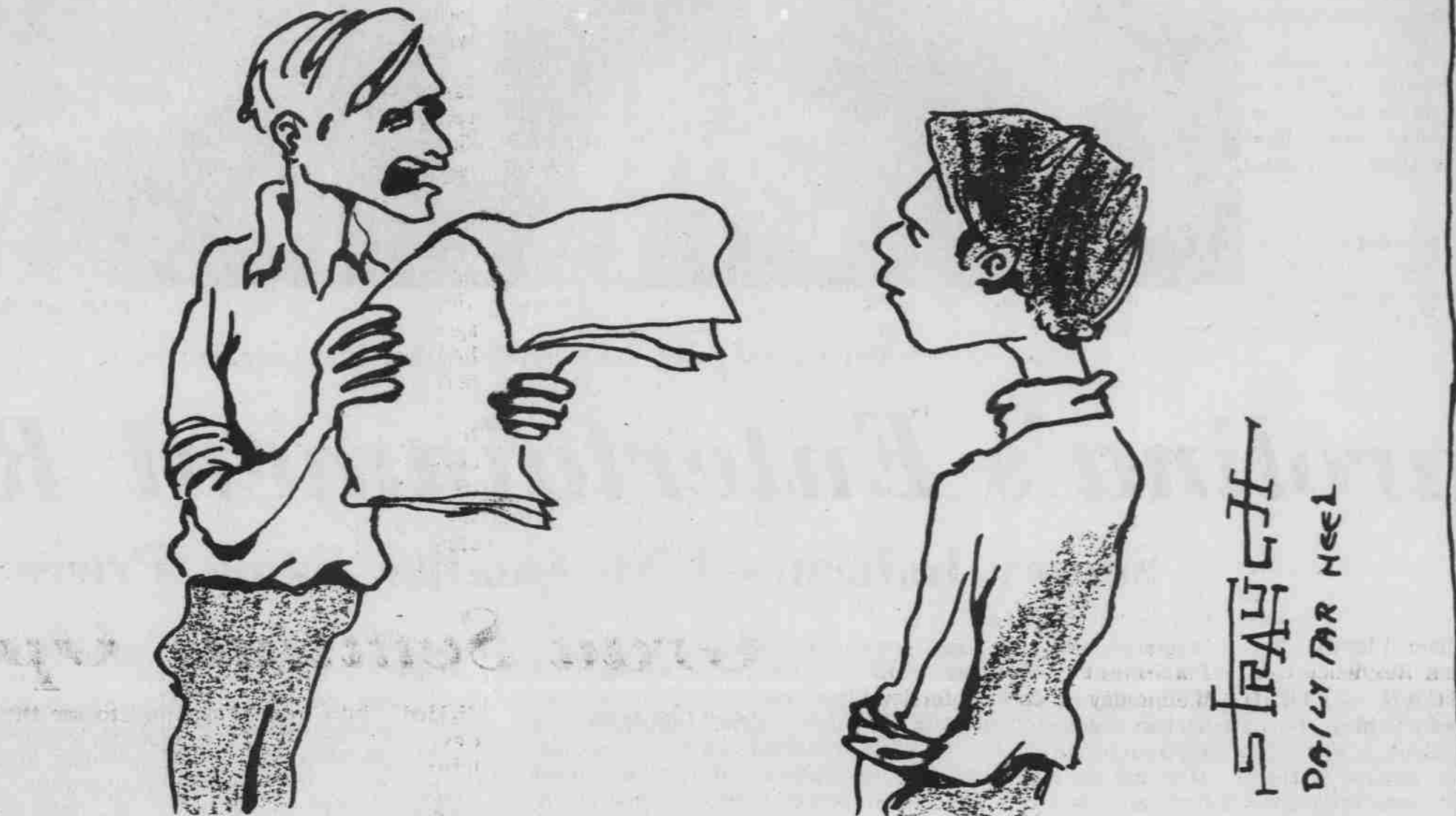
The eastern part of the state didn't like Hardee's secret sauce.

Nobody wanted to take the "I for Integrity" out of Nick. Or perhaps they figured out what Sikanaiilag spelled backwards is.

At any rate, the whole election, exhausting though it was, was fascinating. Perhaps an end result will be change in the Electoral College.

No Split  
State Level  
On the state level a number of interesting things have cropped up:

Democracy is the one form of govt. that gets what it deserves & not what it needs.



## Bryan Cumming

# Hours War Coed Challenge

Since night watchmen have been installed at women's dormitories, serious questions are being asked about whether closing hours are still useful. Many coeds have voiced approval of the idea of self-limiting hours, which would give each woman student the personal responsibility of deciding her own closing hours.

protect women's safety, they are not necessary. If closing hours are meant to preserve chastity, they simply don't work. The obligation to come in at 2:00 is also the obligation to stay out until 2:00. Social pressure makes a girl and her date stay out as long as possible, even though neither may want to do so. If self-limiting hours were instituted, coeds would be free to set their own hours. Coming in at midnight may become style rather than stigma.

### Whole Attitude

To make matters worse, closing hours are only one manifestation of an entire attitude. The University has the power to campus a coed for several trivial crimes in addition to tardiness, such as neglecting phone duty and missing a dormitory meeting. Even though these women are nineteen and twenty years old, the University still refuses to admit that they are mature enough to decide their own social hours. At best, the University still refuses to admit that they are mature enough to decide their own social hours. At best, the University interferes with their personal lives; at worst, the University insults the personal maturity of each coed. UNC coeds are treated with maximum suspicion and minimum respect. The allowance of self-limiting hours, or individual responsibility as it is sometimes known, would provide women students with the convenience they desire the responsibility they deserve.

Previously one of the main reasons for closing hours was to insure the safety of the coeds. The use of security guards at women's dorms invalidates this argument. Under the present system, coeds are required to be in their dormitory by a certain hour. If they come in late by as little as ten minutes, they may be subjected to campusment. The University takes an incredibly old-fashioned view of its coeds. The first assumption is mistrust. The second one is harsh discipline. In effect, the University is saying, "we don't trust your ability to make such decisions as how long you may stay out. And if you break our rule, you'll regret it."

## Rebel Good

# Senate—Name Jumbler's Paradise

The citizens of this great country have now completed their trips to the polls and a new Congress has been elected. Let's hope some much needed legislation will be passed out by them. Here are some suggestions: A bill reaffirming our support of Israel and its wartime acquisitions, sponsored by a senator from North Carolina and a representative from South Carolina—the Jordan-Rivers Bill. A bill appropriating money for more highway construction, sponsored by the

new Alaskan senator and a representative from Arizona—the Gravel-Rhodes bill. A bill calling for compulsory religious education in public schools, sponsored by a congressman from New York and Nevada's senior senator—the Reid-Bible bill. A bill calling for additional price support for the South's major crop, sponsored by a Californian congressman and New Hampshire's senior senator—the King-Cotton bill.

A bill establishing fowl and wildlife preserves in every state, sponsored by a senator from Virginia and the House majority whip—the Byrd-Boggs bill. A bill appropriating more money into the field of coronary diseases, sponsored by the senior senators from Vermont and Michigan—the Aiken-Hart bill. Finally we come to some legislation definitely needed on our own campus: A bill to make a national historic landmark of that spire in the center of campus, sponsored by a California

congressman and the junior senator from Texas—the Bell-Towers bill. A bill banning disturbances when company recruiters come on campus, sponsored by a New York congressman and a Massachusetts congresswoman—the Dow-Heckler bill. And if these should not come to pass, there's always a chance that three courageous senators will step forward with a proposal to change our national anthem. And this would be called the Spong-Fong-Long Song bill.

# Saigon 'Democracy'

SAIGON (UPI) The South Vietnamese Government closed one Saigon newspaper and suspended two others Saturday "for endangering national security." The newspaper shut down carried a story imputing that the government had caused the deadlock in the preliminary peace talks at Paris, a spokesman said. Those suspended carried misleading headlines which could be understood as propaganda favorable to the Communists, the spokesman said. A total of 10 Saigon newspapers have been either closed or suspended by the government in the past 15 days.

That's what the South Vietnamese government, a government that the United States is defending from the "tyranny" of the National Liberation Front, is doing to insure that democracy will survive in Asia.

For such a government the United States is spending approximately \$250,000 to kill a Viet Cong, for such a government 28,000 Americans have died and 180,000 have been wounded.

For such a government we are neglecting the problems of our urban areas and the problems of our rural poor.

Nor is the example of those papers being closed an isolated incident that has occurred in the South Vietnamese government.

The South Vietnamese government, which was controlled by strongmen Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky, prior to Sept. 13, 1967 held "elections" on that date and surprisingly enough the people selected Thieu and Ky as premier and president. officers, Thieu and Ky are just regular old public servants, no longer strongmen—and now subject to the opinions of the citizens.

That's the way it should be in democracy. However, if South

the NLF would gradually take over the government.

We say "rightful fear" that they would take over because it seems obvious to us that the NLF has done a better job of governing the country that have the South Vietnamese and would be able to get complete control of the country.

The reaction of most people is that the Viet Cong have managed to keep such tight control over their areas because they have resorted to terrorism. That isn't true, completely. While they have used terrorism it has usually been directed against local officials appointed by the highly unpopular Saigon government. In addition, they could never have been so successful in their killings without the majority of the people approving and keeping silent about their whereabouts.

Che Guevara's failure in Bolivia stands as proof that it takes the support of the local people to be successful. He didn't win the sympathies of the people and as a result found his forces being defeated. Finally, he was killed when someone revealed to the government the location of his camp.

That doesn't happen in South Vietnam because of the widespread support that the Viet Cong has.

If the Saigon government should persist in its present attitude toward the Paris talks and the formation of a coalition government the U.S. should let them know we don't think they are in much of a position to dawdle over such matters and should be prepared to withdraw completely from the country and leave the fight for the better party to win.

We would hope that Richard Nixon would do that. Unfortunately, judging from his past record of support of the John Foster Dulles philosophy we wouldn't expect him to take a hard line towards Saigon, but rather towards Hanoi, which, in our opinion, has about as much influence over the NLF as we have over the Saigon government.

Failure by Nixon to get tough towards the South Vietnamese would lead to a greater division within the U.S. over our involvement in Vietnam. After all his recent talk about uniting the country we hope he will see the need for taking these actions.

# Electoral College Antiquated

Americans are properly concerned about the evident faults in the electoral college system. These defects need attention. But it should not be forgotten that one great reform was made in the whole business of presidential succession under Franklin D. Roosevelt. That change puts a newly elected president in the White House on January 20 instead of March 4. Certainly the virtue of this change is evident now. In this swift pace world, it would be well nigh disastrous if a lame duck president remained in office for four months after a new president had been elected. The evident good sense in this change not only reflects swifter

communications since the Constitution was framed. It also indicates that changes in the size and character of the nation require changes in other aspects of presidential election and succession. Certainly it is absurd that presidential electors are not bound by national law to cast their votes for the candidates they were elected to support. It is a silly situation when a candidate with the most votes of the people might get a good deal less than the most votes in the electoral college. The electoral college may deserve some respect as an antique. But more and more it is clear that its proper place is in the museum of history, not in the democracy of a nation in a difficult world.

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