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University Can't Ignore Society's Problems

Former President of the University of California, Clark Kerr, warned Friday that the University "cannot turn its back on the problems of today." He criticized those persons who have said that the University should withdraw from the problems of society and concentrate on teaching.

Such people, he said, do not recognize that in the past the University has become involved in the society in serving the aristocracy. Now it is merely trying to extend that service to other sections of the society.

"When it meant service to middle class persons no one objected," he explained. "Now that it is service to the cities they object."

Kerr's analysis is extremely accurate, especially coming this year when politicians and non-academics are protesting the appointments of the Eldridge Cleavers, or the John Hatcher to faculty positions.

What characterizes all these controversial persons is that they were familiar with the problems of the ghettos, America's biggest headache, and they had definite ideas about how that problem could be solved. In hiring these persons to teach at the University the administrators were seeing to it that the educational system got involved in the problems of society. In criticizing these hirings the politicians don't realize that the University has been overtly providing a service to the society since the Land Grant colleges were started in 1862.

What makes the big difference, the reason the Universities are drawing fire now when they weren't in the past, was that the original service the University performed was concerned either with destroying boll weevils, corn weevils, and erosion or with providing American industry with the technicians it needed.

Saigon 'Democracy'

SAIGON (UPI)—The government Thursday suspended publication rights of the Saigon Daily News for three months, charging it with failing "to defend the national cause" in reporting the dispute between South Vietnam and the United States over peace talks with the communists.

It was the seventh newspaper suspension ordered by the government in recent weeks. Four newspapers have been closed permanently for violating the ban on publishing reports "detrimental" to national security.

The action against the Saigon Daily News involved its treatment of a news agency dispatch on statements in Washington Tuesday by U. S. defense secretary, Clark M. Clifford, and replies to them by the South Vietnamese government.

Nguyen Ngoc Huyen, director of the National Press Center, said the government took issue with Clifford's statement that South Vietnamese officials reneged at virtually the last minute on an agreement to join in expanded Paris peace talks, and had no right to veto the talks. Huyen said the Clifford statements "not only distorted the truth but offended the national sovereignty" of South Vietnam.

Bigger Headlines

The Saigon Daily News gave bigger headlines to Clifford's denunciation of the South Vietnamese position on peace talks

Boll weevils and corn weevils are no longer a problem. The Universities are providing industry with the engineers they need. The result is that the University is going on to tackle one of the deepest problem of the society: racism and urban blight.

This is being attacked because no longer is the University just working for the middle class farmer and businessmen, who together hold the bulk of the political power in the country; on the contrary, the University is beginning to delve into a problem for which these people are primarily responsible. These people have to be one of the primary target areas of any attempt to improve the black man's lot or the cities we live in. It has been the politically powerful realtor who have ignored building codes, the employers who discriminate, the merchants who exploit the consumers, and, in the South, the wealthy farmers who have exploited their tenant farmers, who have created the problem.

They are attacking the current direction of the University, not because of any pure desire to see the University stay out of the public arena, but because they know that when the problems of the cities are discussed they will come out as one of the prime causes of the problems; and, they know that one of the recommendations for improvement would be to diminish their economic and political influence within the black communities and entire political system.

This is what the progressive university is up against if it tries to serve the whole society. It's only other choice is to withdraw into its ivory tower in cowardice, mumbling excuses of preserving "academic integrity" while the society goes to rot for its failure to offer society the university's service.

than to Saigon's rebuttal, Huyen said.

"The big headline for Mr. Clifford was like this," Huyen said, stretching out his arms to emphasize his point. The Clifford headline was three columns wide.

"And we have only one column like this," Huyen said, bringing his hands together to demonstrate the size of the one-column headline given to the government rebuttal as stated by the South Vietnamese information minister Ton That Thien.

Newsmen asked information ministry officials if the action against the Saigon Daily News constituted a new policy.

"We'd like to emphasize that the press is free completely, absolutely free to criticize the government," one spokesman said. "But we consider that they have to defend—as a duty—the national cause," one spokesman said. "If any newspaper fails to do so the government will close down such a newspaper."

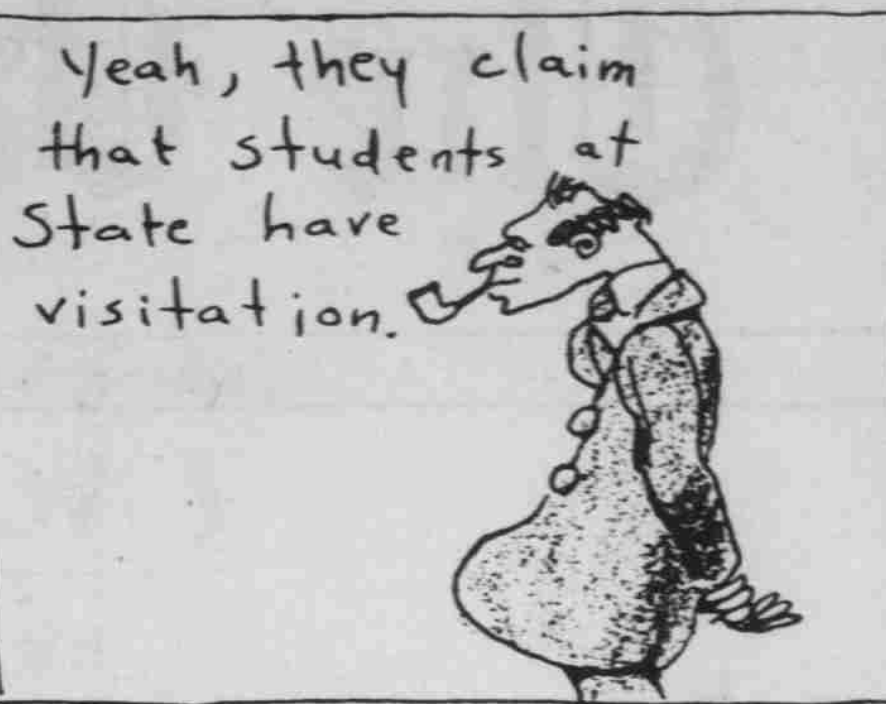
The spokesman said there was now a total of 35 daily newspapers publishing in Saigon.

Am. Death Total As of Oct. 26—28,925

Wounded—182,145
 Missing—1,205
 Ave. Cost Per VC Killed—\$250,000



Actually, it's true. But then it isn't as though UNC is part of the University.



Rules don't need to be uniform.



Letters To The Editor

Strauch Gets Shot In The Arm

To the Editor:

The satiric and artistic talents of Bruce Strauch have brought a high water mark to The Daily Tar Heel in the past several years, and it is difficult to fully appreciate the freshness of the material which has been exhibited in each day's cartoons during this period.

Mr. Strauch's uncanny ability to pick apart and tear down isolated phases of contemporary campus life in four small panels, and with such biting effectiveness, is deeply admired by this writer, and I am not in the least offended if the factual background of a particular cartoon should be exaggerated for effect (In fact, in all probability it would be argued by any cartoonist worth his salt that on the contrary this is indeed a vital characteristic.)

As a result, I get a gnawing sickness in my stomach whenever I read letters such as that which appeared in The Daily Tar Heel on Nov. 14. I'm sure that many of us would agree that the RTVMP graduate program at UNC is one of the finest in the nation, but even that lofty position should not constitute such a high horse that students in this field are incapable of enjoying a little good-natured ribbing poked in their direction.

I would contend that an inability to do so actually underscores the points which Mr. Strauch consistently makes in his editorial cartoons; and instead of placing the labels of "ineffectual, laughable, and pathetic" on him, such invectives are more properly applicable to the humorless individual who wrote the letter in question.

As a second year law student, I lend full support to Mr. Strauch's efforts, which would in no way be weakened should he decide tomorrow to launch a massive put-down of our beloved law school at UNC.

Sincerely,
 Phil Lambeth
 1909 Granville Towers

Shower Singer Gets Top Fees

To the Editor:

Recently there has been a questionnaire in the DTH concerning student's preferences for entertainers on this campus. We here in suite 151-154 Morrison think we have found the answer in one Brent McCarroll. For nearly two months we have been fortunate enough to hear him sing in the shower, in his sleep, in his classes, and elsewhere. We have been so impressed by his magnificent voice that we urge anyone who may have heard him to join our movement to have him perform here. Although we realize that an admission ticket to hear this dynamic personality would have to be very expensive, we feel sure that the students would disregard price for such high quality entertainment.

Sincerely,
 Louie Latham
 Joe Bray

Nixon's Jowls Shaped Up

To the Editor:

I offer the following solution to the problem of Richard Nixon's flabby, fleshy jowls. Since the public image of the New Nixon is about to be thrust upon us with sickening frequency during the interim of his tenure in office, it is necessary for aesthetic and stylistic reasons that the flapping flesh draped over abundantly upon his cheekbones be placed under some form of control. The fleshiness could be removed by having the President-to-be appear in public only with

his cheeks puffed-up with air.

Although this would remove the flapping, it is less certain as to whether this would significantly improve his public image. Rather, it would seem to suggest that he is stuffed to surfeit; hardly the public posture to ingratiate itself to the rebellious, impoverished masses whom he must appease with expressions of compassion (in absence of bread and shelter).

It is herewith suggested that those in the media entrusted with the projection of the image of the New Nixon, be they television or journalistic cameramen, employ some technological means—a jowls-reducing lens—which would narrow and elongate the face of the old Nixon, thereby decreasing the excessive fleshiness of his jowls as they now appear to us. Since it is indeed my intention to do President Nixon well, it is obvious that this solution will best project the President's image while resulting in the least discomfort to his person.

Sincerely,
 Pere Ubu

Tough Rolls Fly 10 Feet

To the Editor:

I know it's hard to believe, but I saw it! On Tuesday, November 12, 1968, at 12:45 p.m., a young man dropped a Lenoir Hall corn muffin into a muskrat trap. The trap closed with a vicious snap; the corn muffin landed ten feet away, completely unharmed!

Another Tar Heel record to add to Homecoming.

Sincerely,
 David Labelle
 724 Morrison

Cadets March Blindly Ahead

To the Editor:

November 11, Veterans Day, was commemorated as usual in Chapel Hill by a flag lowering in Polk Place and a twenty-one gun salute. The Air Force and Navy ROTC cadets, as usual, were represented in magnificent fashion, and their snappy, precision marching was well applauded by the small but enthusiastic audience. Everything seemed to come off smoothly and in a grand manner. But, again as usual, this depended upon the perspective in which the ceremony was viewed.

Back at Morrison one Air Force 2Lt, with swelling pride in this voice let several of us in on an obscure, irrelevant event, that had escaped public notice. It seems that before the program began the cadets were warned that possibly there would be demonstrators protesting the obscure, irrelevant Vietnam War. And consequently all cadets were summarily and officially given two commands.

First, they were to pay absolutely no attention to the demonstrators. And second, if any demonstrator touched them they were to "knock the hell out of him." So it precipitated that when one long-haired boy and one sad-eyed girl refused to step into the mud, out of the way of the marching juggernaut, they were irresistibly marched over. The boy, when the colossus had passed on, was left lying on the ground, and his glasses (in two pieces) were in the gutter beside him. My friend proudly remarked that he had attempted to knock the girl's pocketbook from her arm, but unfortunately he missed.—And you know—The Cadets never missed a step.

But all in all it makes you wonder whether it was the boy or the cadets who ultimately lost sight of the future.

Sincerely,
 Robert Ponder
 227 Morrison

Sarcasm Drips Through Letter

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor (DTH, November 13, '68), Stephen McLean said, "Killing, however unfortunate, unnecessary, and seemingly useless as it might be, is an incidental aspect of military service."

I find this statement unique in that it is untainted by intelligence and uncorrupted by independent moral judgment. The application of "seemingly" before "useless" rivals the best of Hemingway for ironic understatement. Its beauty is only exceeded by its (if I may adapt a word) "incidentalness."

Sincerely,
 David S. Dunkle
 145 Craige

Anti-War Soldier Hit By Writer

To the Editor:

The appearance Monday in Y-Court of a young soldier from Fort Bragg who handed out anti-war leaflets under the auspices of the United Anti-War Mobilization Front (UAWMF) violates a long-established principle of democratic societies—the prohibition of political activity on the part of military personnel.

President Truman justly deserves the thanks of the American people for his dismissal of General McArthur for violating the principle, and President Eisenhower, himself a former general, reaffirmed the principle.

Now, however, the UAWMF has brought a private to campus to engage in policy discussions and political activity. One must assume that this same group, which inveighs against the "military-industrial" complex, would bring a general here if it could find one who supports their views.

In enlisting military personnel in uniform in their cause, the UAWMF seems to be saying that the principle does not apply if the cause is "right." Listen! Listen closely. In the distance—to the left—you can hear the faint sounds of jack boots in the streets and a knock at the door at midnight.

Yours truly,
 M. Johnson
 717 East Franklin
 Chapel Hill

Death Letter Complimented

To the Editor:

May I, thank, at this time, all those students and personnel who comforted us in our loss of Robert Orville. His death was such a sudden blow and still seems a dream. To me, it seems he is still just away at school. I might add here, that my heart really aches for the parents of Katherine Bowman, Kevin Henke, and Harry Liner, all students who died from injuries from recent automobile accidents. I know their grief and their loss!

Too, I want to comment on a letter you printed from one Rick Oppenheimer, 113B Todd St. concerning the death of Miss Bowman. I think her parents should be mailed a copy of same. I am sure they would feel as I do—what a wonderful letter, and what a fine thing for Rick to do! Thank God for the Rick Oppenheimer's of the world—they help make life the richer for their thoughtfulness!

The floral offerings from The Daily Tar Heel and Graham Dormitory were

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beautiful and were a comfort, also. I'm sure that in my future in thinking of Robert Orville and UNC I will always really think first of The Daily Tar Heel and Graham for they meant much to Robert Orville.

I wonder if I might ask a favor of your readers—if anyone, in the time Robert Orville was at UNC took any snapshots that might include him, would they be willing to share same with us? Any expense involved will be paid gladly. Please check, and if there are any prints I may have or can obtain, please let me know.

I'd like also to say this concerning youth—I cringe when people ask, "What's wrong with youth today?" I can't understand their reasoning for I see nothing wrong with them. God bless all of you!

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Robert K. Wertz
 P.O. Box 162
 Sanford, N.C. 27330

Draft Refusal Letter Mailed

(Ed: Following is a copy of a letter sent Nov. 4.)
 Selective Service System
 Local Board No. 69
 Hillsborough, N.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to inform you that I can no longer cooperate in any way with the Selective Service System. I will not carry a draft card, I will not accept classification, I will not be inducted into the military. I realize that I am violating a law and that I will be liable to trial and imprisonment for this action.

Nonetheless, the power of the American military is the greatest threat to freedom all over the world, and it is the duty of every Christian and every free man to resist that power. The cost of such resistance varies: in Southeast Asia one may be tortured and killed; in America one may be sent to prison for five years. Unless more Americans accept this relatively slight risk there will be no hope for the millions of people who have no recourse to civilian courts—whose only view of America is down the barrel of a gun.

I have no wish to go to prison, but I must indicate in whatever way I can that the brutal exercise of the ability to burn, to maim, and to kill in Vietnam does indeed affect us here in our comfortable homes in America.

You gentlemen are not killing people in Vietnam; most of the men in our army will never kill anybody. But it is your acceptance, their acceptance, and my acceptance of the army's right to kill that makes the war in Vietnam possible. I am withdrawing my acceptance of that right, and I urge you to do the same.

George A. Rose, Jr.
 54 Oak Terrace

Concert-Goer Highly Pleased

To the Editor:

Without intending in any way to stimulate a controversy concerning the merits or lack of them in last Monday's concert in Chapel Hill by the Oistrakhs, I wish to publicly state that I received much pleasure. Such a breath-taking display of virtuosity will not doubt become increasingly rare as values change and I considered it a privilege to have heard this concert. My thanks go to the Chapel Hill Concert Series.

Sincerely,
 Dorothy Alden
 422 Whitehead Circle