

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Letters To The Editor

# Lenoir Gets Roger Blough Prize

### ROTC Receives Military Salute

To The Editor:

In the article ROTC Here Should Go, Tom Gooding maintains that the University should remove credit from the ROTC program. He said that ROTC programs are not obtaining an expert to lecture in the military courses. This is a lie. All instructors are trained by the military to teach. I can say without reserve that my ROTC instructors are as good or better than the grad students and boring professors of my other courses. Gooding said that ROTC instructor is restricted in his ability to express beliefs in conflict with Defense Department policy. This statement is another of Gooding's fantasies. Outside the classroom the instructors are happy to discuss their opinions on any Defense Department policy. In the classroom he doesn't express his beliefs on official policy because it doesn't fit in with the curriculum. I don't get opinions in my Math or Physics classes and I don't expect them in ROTC.

As Gooding stated, the ROTC program is controlled externally. But before he damns the ROTC he should look at UNC which is indirectly controlled by a bigoted conservative N.C. Congress. Gooding is under the delusion that "ROTC denies the right of individuals to openly seek knowledge and to employ such knowledge as his conscience dictates." I sought out knowledge. I joined NROTC.

Mr. Gooding is guilty of that which he accuses ROTC of. By having his fantasy-laden article published as the truth he is denying the readers of the DTH the knowledge by which they can make an intelligent decision.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Trop NROTC

questions of a certain Erica Meyer, who had been bold enough to question the necessity of the foreign language requirement. In response, Mr. Stevens proves that he can use language quite skillfully—to say absolutely nothing (except that he objects to Miss Meyer's taking an hour away from language study to write an article for the DTH).

A girl asks quite rationally "why" it is necessary for an undergraduate to study language at this university and is answered with knavish mimicry. Disheartening, even depressing. A simple explanation of the relevance of foreign languages to the life of the typical college graduate will do quite well (and, I might add, will be quite edifying to the present writer).

The second letter I mention serves to identify the issue at stake here. A Junior English major, Mr. Jim Wann, writes to complain that too many of the instructors in the English department simply miss the humanity in their subject and are, moreover, intolerably picaresque in the general conduct of their courses. Obviously, as Mr. Wann indicates, this institution may rightfully boast of a significant number of instructors who not only have the vitality of mind to present their subject matter in an enjoyable and relevant manner, but have the imagination to be relevant in their

marking policies.

Unfortunately, however, our classrooms are also loaded with a group who seems to have lost sight of the fact that their ultimate goal of all our knowledge is simply a better adaptation to our own human experience. The result of this blindness, which I shall label the "academic mentality," is at best a fascination with mechanisms of analysis and a disregard of the essential non-rational element of understanding in its lower forms, however, this attitude manifests itself in servile respect for meaningless course requirements and insistence on such dead traditions as rote memorization of facts and the development of a rigid, austere writing style.

So this letter becomes just another plea to professors to continually examine their assumptions on teaching goals. They must be ever aware, particularly in respect to undergraduates, of the relevance of their subject matter to the average social "and" personal lives of their students. In particular, I would suggest to them that it is every bit as much their function to instill a rich emotional appreciation of life as it is to inculcate a keen intellectual discernment.

Sincerely,  
Alfred E. Hicks  
Graduate Student  
Craigie 618

## Is It Too Idealistic To Expect Administrative Action On Grievances?

The disgruntled employees of the University Food Service, who have now stayed away from their jobs for five days, are in great need of your help in winning their fight against the University, which seems to be ignoring their plight as employees.

Wednesday a group of professors, including political scientist James Prothro, sociologist Gerhard Lenski, environmental scientist Daniel Okin, and historian Herbert Bodman, among others, wrote a statement in support of the workers in which they stated that

"We feel certain that once higher level authorities in the University become fully aware of the extent of the problem, they will act: working out equitable policies in conjunction with the employees, making provision for the periodic mutual review of these policies and of specific cases arising under them."

That has been our opinion for the past few days. However, that faith in the Administration was a little shaken yesterday by a statement published by the Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance.

He stated that if a person takes into account all the benefits that an employee receives, such as days off, retirement fund donation, etc. an employee making \$1.60 an hour actually makes \$1.86 an hour. With the workers demanding \$1.80 an hour, the implication of the Vice-Chancellor's statement is that

the workers are getting over \$1.80 an hour.

His argument is callous and faulty, however. He fails to say practically every employee in both industry or government receives additional benefits over the straight salary that is normally paid him. However, it is unusual practice to go around adding the fringe benefits one receives to the base salary to tell what he is making. What counts is the relationship of one persons base pay to the base pay of other persons. What matters is that the persons involved make around \$2,800 take-home pay per year, far below the poverty line.

In addition, there is little or no chance for a person to advance, or even to make more than \$1.60 an hour if he is skilled or semi-skilled.

Some employees have been used repeatedly to train the new white supervisors but have been given no chance to become supervisors themselves.

Other employees are hired as busboys, a position paying \$1.60 an hour, but are put to work cooking, a position for which they should be getting over \$2.00 an hour.

We hope that the Administration will quickly come to realize the intolerable conditions of their non-academic employees. We hope that you will continue to boycott the University Food Service and contribute money to support the workers who are "taking the day off" until the management comes to their senses.

To The Editor:

Although all the returns are probably not as yet in, if half the allegations made by the Pine Room workers against one Mr. Prillaman are true, then I think we have ourselves a prime candidate for the Roger Blough Award in Labor Relations. Surely, Mr. Prillaman's boss, one Mr. Branch, was unaware of his underling's early-British-Industrial-Revolution labor policies. Or was he?

In fact, just what is the University's real (as opposed to "official") policy with respect to job security, payment of fringe benefits required by state law, payment of merit and long-evily increases and all the rest? How is it that University managers continually violate accepted business practice (such as keeping promises with respect to book prices and to salary increases), and no heads roll? It's almost enough to make an SSOC'er out of a tired old graduate student.

Sincerely,  
L. V. Asch  
Beautiful Carboro

### On The Other Side Of It All

To The Editor:

By the way, where did Bruce Strauch go? I heard you fired him, and, if you did, good show. Now get rid of the other monkeys.

Such as, Scott Goodfellow with his sick humor, Owen Davis and his trips to such ridiculously scenic spots as Winston-Salem, as well as Rebel Good, who does nothing but promote his fraternity, the notorious Fu Magga Crud.

Since I like to eat at Lenoir Hall (as well as the fact that I despise BSM and SSOC), I am forming The Rightist Society, so that cruelty to the pets who eat Lenoir slop can be prevented.

Also, take the load off Fanny (Belle), and I wish Evie Stevenson would cut her pigtails. All interested in The Rightist Society, please contact me. I eat patriots, thanks to Al Capp. And, by the way, John Wesley Hardin was not a friend to the poor and he spent half his life in prison. So there!

Once more in disgust,  
Jim Blamer  
Hiltonhead Court

(NOTE: Mr. Blamer, a Vietnam veteran and former missionary, is a frequent contributor to the DTH; because of the controversial nature of his message, personal attacks on Mr. Blamer will not be received by this paper.)

### CRAP Steps Forth Meekly

To The Editor:

With the advent of numerous political and social societies springing up on this campus, we feel it our duty to announce the establishment of an important and representative new voice for the majority of the students at U.N.C.

The name of this powerful force is the Committee for the Representation of Apathetic Persons (CRAP). We have found a definite need for an organization that the overwhelming majority of students can successfully identify with, and through a minimum of effort (none), can advance the tenets we hold so dear.

These tenets are the total lack of concern for: any sort of problem facing this campus or the nation; any demand for any minority or majority group; any policy set forth by the guiding fathers of the administration. To sum it up in the words of many of our supporters, "Who gives a damn."

We remain

Apathetically yours,  
Bryan Smithwick and  
Walter Kirkland  
Executive committee  
in charge of policy.

P.S. In keeping with our stated aims, there will be no meetings, participation, or active support of any kind.

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## Let Undergrads Stay In Craige Next Year

The revelation yesterday that Craige Residence Hall will also be coed next year is welcome news. The change should greatly improve the living situation for residents of the area.

However, there is one disturbing aspect of the announcement that Craige will be coed—that is the indication that the dormitory will be all graduate students next year and that undergraduates currently living there will be forced to move out.

### Snack Bar Coming Finally

The University announced Thursday that studies of the possibilities of a snack bar in the Carolina Union had been completed and the results indicate that a snack bar would be a success.

The Administration said that equipment for the facility would be installed June 1.

In addition, they announced that the facilities would be contracted out and not run by a University agency such as the Book Ex or University Food Service.

We hope that the University will move with as much speed as possible to get the snack bar operating on schedule by June 1, and that there will be no delays, as have occurred repeatedly up to now with the Carolina Union.

We hope that this is not so. It would be a very unfortunate move on the part of the Administration if they required the undergrads to move out by next fall.

The logic behind the desire to make the dorm all graduate is fairly sound. The Administration wants to fix up a living area that is strictly for graduate students and can be geared to their interest.

However, the Administration needs to show a little more compassion towards the undergraduate residents in their desire to supply the grad students with a dormitory. There are three reasons why they should get to keep their rooms next year.

First, there is no pressing need for room space that would justify removal of the undergrads. There are currently about 300 empty rooms in Craige and they could easily handle the influx of coeds next year.

Secondly, only about 50 undergrads are involved and many of these will be seniors next year so it would be their last year in the dorm; graduate students could have an all-graduate student dorm by fall, 1970.

Thirdly, the undergrads that are living there have been there for two or three years and have developed strong attachments to the dorm and fellow residents. To bust the group up now and force them to scatter across campus would be heartless.

We hope the Administration will take stock of their inclination to move all undergraduates from Craige by next fall and will allow them to stay for another year. To do so would exercise no hardship on the Administration. To force the undergrads to move would exercise great hardship on them.



### Scott Goodfellow

## C'mon Coach, Be A Sport

I've often wondered why the University doesn't give out more scholarships to minor sports. Consequently, I thought an interview with the athletic director might be in order.

It took some time to find his office in that vast sports conglomeration. I felt like someone could pick up a paper and exclaim, "Good heavens, it says here in the paper that the East Wing burned down last night."

I finally found the office and got straight to the point. "Why is it that so few good scholarships are available to minor sports here?"

"What do you mean, minor sports?"

"Oh, wrestling, track, swimming, things like that."

"Those aren't minor, they're major."

"Then what are football and basketball?"

"They're ticket sports."

"How do you decide which is a ticket sport and which is a major sport, then?"

"It depends on whether we give full scholarships."

"That's truly a marvelous distinction. But why don't you give out full scholarships in all sports?"

"Our basic reason is that we don't have enough money. It takes a great deal to operate the military-industrial-sports complex that we have here at UNC."

"What are your sources for money?"

"Ordinarily we make a good deal of money from football. This year we didn't anticipate packing the stadium, so we doubled the cost of

date tickets."

"Then you could give more scholarships?"

"No, but we could print more tickets for basketball."

"Incidentally, aren't you the one who said he'd like to have more participation in minor, err, major sports?"

"Yes. And I feel it is good that wrestling, track and swimming aren't ticket sports. Who would want to ask their parents to fight those incredible ticket lines for a few minutes of wrestling? And furthermore, we couldn't ask anyone to pay to see a pole vaulter dodge around hurdles, basketball players and other trash in the Tin Can."

The director paused momentarily, then continued.

"Actually, we're thinking of going into a couple new areas. We've considered, for example, taking over Chase Cafeteria—nobody cats there anyhow, especially right now, heh, heh. The Rams Head Club needs a new cocktail area."

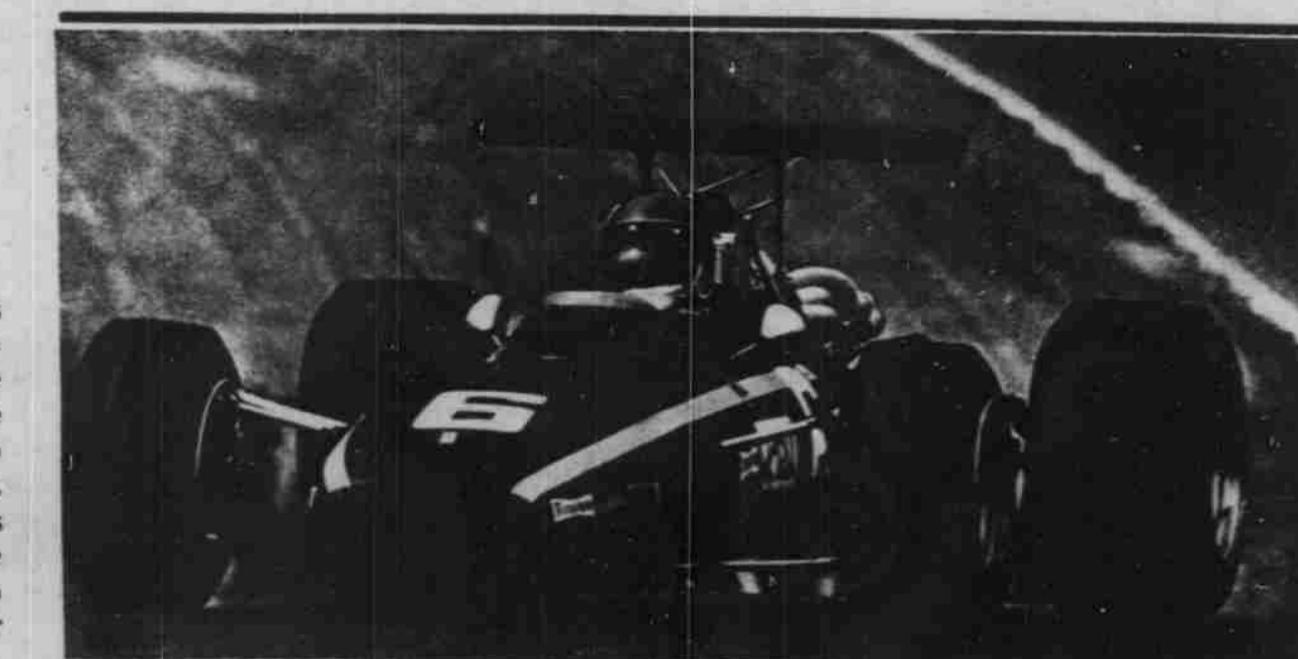
"That would be a brilliant idea," I said.

"Of course, I understand the City of Long Beach is trying to buy it. The Queen Mary needs a dockside warehouse," he said.

"If the Athletic Dept. could get it for the Rams Head people, though, you might be able to give more scholarships."

"Well, no. I've been thinking of renovating the old . . ."

I thanked him and left, knowing the track, swimming and wrestling teams are happily secure from the ravages of major money problems.



Oh motion sweet,  
Falling wine-still monotonous  
At our feet:  
What it is, we know,  
Masters of retreat, with you,  
Wouldst sooner go.

(This delta-winged beauty is the purest poetry yet set in motion on our nation's race-tracks. It features taped cams, with excessive dually injected Frestrail exhaust systems.)

Poem and comment by Absalom Ho

### Teachers Should Recall Teaching

To The Editor:

Every so often, especially if Spring is approaching, the strain becomes too much. Of course, by now we should all be well conditioned to the fact that the world "is" mad and that there is little to be done about it. The apparent irrationality of everything about us is surely beyond repair. But, as I say, there are still occasions when I can't help myself, when I must strike back, however meekly.

I have just finished reading, with that familiar feeling of utter despair, two rather striking letters to you, esteemed editor, and feel constrained to comment. The first was an affair by someone who is apparently a member of the language faculty here. He addressed himself to the