

# The Daily Tar Heel

77 Years of Editorial Freedom

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## Some Observations: DTH And Power At UNC

This is the last issue of the Daily Tar Heel published by editor Wayne Hurder. It marks the end of a term begun last April 30 and extending through a time period marked by demands by members of the University community, for visitation, for improvements in the lives of black students, for alleviation of the conditions of non-academic employees, and for reformation of the curriculum.

Throughout this period this editor has tried to run a newspaper that would tell you what is happening on the front page and what is needed on the editorial page. Very often you might not have liked what was written on the editorial page. Occasionally you did not like what was written on the front page. That's unfortunate.

This editor (who writes about 98 per cent of the editorials) has tried to tell you what he feels needs to be done, what is wrong, or what is right, even if he thought the readers might disagree. He has admittedly made mistakes, for which he is not proud. Many of these were made in the haste of publication. This editor will not deny that often editorials have not been as closely researched as possible, leading occasionally to errors. However, the demands of the job are such that it is often, and unfortunately, impossible to do more than just skim the surface in researching editorials. Rather than just not writing anything at all we feel obliged to comment editorially even though we don't have as many facts as would prefer.

Likewise, our news coverage has not been perfect. We have tried to keep our readers aware of what is happening on campus that is of importance to them. Because of limitations of space the Tar Heel has been unable to give the type coverage to some small organizations that they deserve. Instead it has tried to use its limited space to cover those happenings which have a major effect on a wide spectrum of the campus community.

One of the more controversial aspects of the coverage this year has been the amount of space given to radical organizations such as the Souther Student Organizing Committee. We do not doubt that the coverage given them has been out of proportion to their size. However, it is not out of proportion to the potential effect they might have on the campus and for this reason we have covered them closely in print. This has been a year of student unrest across the country and we wanted to give a lot of coverage to these radical organizations so that students will know what is happening among this small group that has often been the core of student disruptions at other schools. For us to have done otherwise would have been shoddy journalism.

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As this school has increased in size as the student body has become increasingly heterogeneous there has been an increase in the number of organizations developed to serve these students. These organizations deserve coverage in the paper. It is right for students to demand that they be informed of the activities of these organizations. Unfortunately it is extremely difficult to do this with the limitations put on the paper by student legislature. The Tar Heel is limited to five 6-page papers and one 8-page paper per week by the SL budget. The Tar Heel could begin to do a fair job of covering

the various minor activities, from residence college seminars to campus choirs, if it was given the funds by Student Legislature to go eight pages daily, a size not inconsistent with other college dailies across the country.

A second handicap that cannot be alleviated is the problem of time. Tar Heel staff members are students (a fact which their professors relentlessly and unmercifully remind them of) and they must occasionally go to class, must occasionally study, and must always be graded. Most reporters work 20 to 30 hours a week. The various editors, depending on their positions, work from 30 to 60 hours a week. Caught in the middle ground between work and study the staff reporters have to let both suffer a little bit.

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That explains briefly the newspaper which this editor has worked on for the last four years. Now for the University which he has attended for the last four years and learned to love despite its numerous imperfections.

When this editor arrived on campus four years ago, a typical product of the middle class in a Southern town, he found himself in the middle of the speaker ban controversy. One of the highlights of that controversy came when over 1,000 students marched in protest of the speaker ban law on President William Friday's house. At that time this editor was opposed to the idea of a march. It ran against his Southern middle class grain that is oriented to the idea that everything can be worked out by politicians. That idea has changed tremendously in the past four years and the editor has come to be a strong advocate of utilizing the right to demonstrate.

This is because power is very unequally distributed throughout American society, from the campuses of the Universities to the Congress of the United States. The effect of this is that the powerless people of the nation have had to rely on extraordinary tactics to bring about needed change being rebuffed in their attempts to work in the system.

It is very bad that in a democracy that segments of the Population should have to use methods outside the political system to draw attention of the political system to their very legitimate problems. What is even worse, however, is that when the powerless do use these extraordinary means they often are still ignored, or even utilized to advance selfish politicians. This is evidenced by the recent performances of Governor Bob Scott and East Carolina University President Leo Jenkins.

All of this is apparent at UNC's level, which can easily be considered a microcosm of the society.

### Letters

The Daily Tar Heel accepts all letters for publication provided they are typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for libelous statements.

## Campus Administrators' Role Emphasized

# 250 Faculty Bend Governor's Ear

Dear Governor Scott:

We, the undersigned members of the Faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, would like to reassert our faith in the University and the continuing principles on which it stands. We would restate our belief in the liberal and honorable processes by which it has for many decades sought for the discovery of truth and knowledge in whatever fields they might lie. We acclaim the undergirding sense of fairness, and justice for all, that has long been a basic tradition of Chapel Hill.

We would, therefore, decry injustices in pay and working conditions among the cafeteria employees of the University, and approve the careful efforts of the Administration to right these injustices. On the other hand, to all those persons—be they members of the faculty, students, or visitors from the outside—who would use this sad situation as an instrument for the disruption of the University's functions as a center of learning, we offer our unyielding opposition.

We would give our support to the President of the Consolidated University and to the Chancellor of the University at Chapel Hill in their intelligent and dedicated efforts to maintain this University as a fountain of knowledge where, without disturbance or prejudice, the children of all races may drink. We would respect the actions of the Governor of North Carolina in his efforts to curb violence in Chapel Hill, though in the future we would hope that any necessary action could be initiated through administrative chain of command.

We would, finally, reaffirm our responsibilities as professors and scholars, and our desire as free men to continue to seek for the truth in our chosen areas of investigation. We would hope thereby, to the great legacy that has been handed us from the past, to add our contribution to the integrity of the University of the future.

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### That (hic!) Darn Breathalyzer

This afternoon, if all goes well, the state's infamous Breathalyzer will get a second chance at proving that it can spot a double-martini drinker with twice the ease of spotting a single. You'll recall that the test was cancelled two weeks ago after red-faced officials (from embarrassment) found the blood tester was malfunctioning and couldn't provide a check on the Breathalyzer.

The whole situation would never have come up if it hadn't been shown that someone who had just downed a swig of Listerine will register on the machine as being so bombed that he should have died 10 minutes earlier.

The test two weeks ago proved to be a very sore point among the officials running it—especially so since several state legislators and newsmen were present. I talked with one of the persons who had been involved in setting up the experiment:

"It was terribly embarrassing," he said, reaching nervously for a Singapore Sling leftover from the pre-experiment festivities. "We went to an awful lot of trouble so that nothing like this would happen."

"A lot of trouble?" I asked. "It would seem very simple to have gotten these people tanked and then conducted the test."

"Oh no. It's much harder than that. First we had to get permission to have the liquor on campus. So we went down to the ABC store to ask if we could get it. That turned out to be the wrong place to go, but before we could escape, they'd plastered my wife's handbag with gummed cash register receipts and popped it into a brown bag."

"Finally we got permission, but then we had to face the problem of how to get the liquor into the School of Public Health for the test. You see, they don't have a brown-bagging license. We solved the problem by sneaking it in inside

a Koretizing clothes bag—one of the black ones they made up so you can't see your clothes.

"Then we had to face the problem of reconciling with the purist drinkers who wanted the liquor drunk only out of fine crystal. What a hassle! Snifters for the brandy, shot glasses for the tequila, cocktail glasses for the Manhattans, mugs for the beer—what confusion!

"As if that problem didn't top it all, once we decided on Dixie cups, we had to convince the purists that if they put an olive in the martini, they would be feeding the person and thus alter the result of the test. Same thing with the cherry in the Manhattan.

"Then, after all the preliminaries were over, we got all the subjects good and soused. There they were, bleary-eyed and high—and then the blood tester broke down. I just don't know where we'll get up enough energy to go through with it all over again." He began crying.

"Why don't you throw it all to the wind," I suggested. "Just go buy a couple bottles of Ripple wine... and forget about the test."

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