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78 Years of Editorial Freedom



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April Fast For Peace: Hopelessness And Action

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee has called for a three-day Fast For Peace to be held April 13-15. They have asked student leaders and others to join them in the fast, with the hope that in some way this might move the Nixon administration to extricate the U.S. from the Southeast Asian mess.

The idea could have some effect, especially if enough people partake of the fast. It might be a lot more dramatic if the supporters of the idea prolonged their fasts until the war was ended, or until they were satisfied that it would be ended quickly. Gandhi could do it.

But then again, Gandhi is dead, and our problem is not really the same as his, because we have to deal, or try to deal, with a different kind of power.

It has been demonstrably difficult to try to deal with Nixon. The half-a-million or so people who showed up in Washington in November left little change in the Nixon war policy. Nixon himself fore-warned them he would "in no way be affected" by their massive demonstrations protesting the war.

So what did they all prove by protesting anyway? That is still difficult to discern, but a number of things are pretty clear.

First, the American people, the masses, have no real effective way of affecting the decisions that are made by the authoritative decision-makers in Washington. Those elite few have the power, and they are not likely to relinquish it just because millions of people disagree with them.

Second, there is still a great number of disaffected Americans who are willing to exert the energy to dissent. The reasons this is so are also rather unclear. One possibility is that the Woodstock kind of culture is enough to bring people together even if the expressed ends are political. In other words, political efforts can be made attractive by making them social events.

Another possible explanation is that there actually exist, even now, people who believe enough in a cause to express themselves, and express themselves peacefully.

We realize that the war is wrong, and that Nixon ought to be doing something right now about ending it. To prolong the war for mere tactical reasons (if, for a fact, that is what Nixon is doing) does not justify the fact that even one human being is going to have to die for a war which is wrong and should be over and done with.

But then again, those kind of statistics, the ones which Nixon could understand (if at all) only if he got into the swamps and watched humans dying, are not the kind of statistics that are valid when you are dealing with world diplomacy. Then you can only consider the value of keeping a large American working military force in Vietnam to make sure nothing goes wrong.

So one committee somewhere is going to fast for three days in an effort to do something about the war. It's worth a try simply because anything is worth a try when you're down and out-numbered with little chance of winning.

Perhaps Nixon will be moved. Or maybe he will be moved but not enough to change his mind. But it will be worth the effort just in case he is moved.

And if he is not, perhaps the fasters will be rewarded by having been part of it all, by reaping the social value of the demonstration, which is about what most people who participated in it got out of Washington.

And maybe, just maybe, fasting, yet failing, will be enough to show people that passivity and idealism does not move the wheels way down there in the center of everything.

In any event, an attempt to act in the face of hopelessness is the last, and really the only, thing we can do.



Ken Ripley

Gooding For Editor: Action, Not Promises

Wednesday was the first day of the new editorial race, it seems. When the dust of Tuesday night had settled, only Tom Gooding and the Schorr-Carter combination were left.



Tom Gooding

Personally, I was glad to see the larger election finally over. So much that was unfair, empty, bitter, and political blew a smoke screen around the candidates—and people still couldn't decide who is, indeed, the best person to be editor.

Now, with a much narrower run-off vote to be taken, it may be possible for a little, common sense and intelligent soul-searching to decide next year's DTH Editor.

Unfortunately, politics undoubtedly will heavily influence the race. Any election leaves defeated candidates and their supporters. Losing hurts, no question, and it's one of the reasons I have hated to see the campaign be so tough.

But the ultimate criteria for Editor on Tuesday must not be politics or promises.

Rick Allen

Sun-Worshippers Season Around The Corner

(Note: At this writing, the weather was warm.)

The yearly miracle has more or less officially started now—the oils, lotions and bikinis, the rows of supple bodies baking evenly in a mass outdoor rotisserie.

Soon the daily pilgrimage to Cobb's backyard will get into full swing, and cars full of eager young men will file by, surveying the field of darkening pulchritude.

In Polk Place, the disciples of the Sun, descendants of the worshippers of Ra, will grab desperately at a quick ten minutes under the ultra violet rays between classes.

The afternoon lectures will begin to atrophy, withering away from depopulation as the frantic thousands trek off to find poolsides unguarded by "no trespassing" signs.

Solarcaine sales will climb again as acres of painfully tender flesh appear from beneath the wraps of winter.

The electric bill will dwindle for a while until the air conditioning starts to hum.

Out will come the scissors, sacrificing pant legs for the display of knobby knees. Merchants will try to swell their cash registers, distributing the supply of colorful fabrics to celebrate the return of the warm sun.

Sprinters will rush madly to their convertibles, seconds too late to save their upholstery from a soaking under the pelting of a springtime rainstorm.

The Myrtle Beach police will return to their annual vigil, waiting patiently like fisherman for the migration of their prey, the Carolina students who wander instinctively to the beaches.

The extra pounds, accumulated during the period of hibernation, will come off for the bathing suit competition.

The basketball hoops at Woolen Gym will rest idle, while their devotees turn to other sports. Charlie Scott—jump shots will be traded in for Willy Mays—circus catches in center field.

More than ever, it is impossible to discover a thing about the candidates from the promises they make. I know Tom is honest, and I have no reason to doubt Schorr-Carter's honesty, but being in a race, they can't help but sound a lot alike in what they promise.

In this election, therefore, the Tar Heel's news bias, profanity, editorial coverage, and its funding are virtually irrelevant issues, because neither Tom nor Schorr-Carter significantly vary on the larger issues.

The big question that we voters must decide on Tuesday is which candidate can put his promises into action.

Slogans, promises, proposed changes are virtually meaningless without the necessary journalistic know-how to back them up.

Nobody can get a good editor with a hope of doing anything useful or significant unless he is well-trained and experienced in the art of news editing, familiar with the way the Tar Heel is printed, and knowledgeable and capable of handling the intricacies of putting out a daily newspaper—or any newspaper.

The question is not who has the flashiest smile and catchiest slogan. I am satisfied with the political philosophies of both candidates. Neither Tom Gooding nor Carter-Schorr are "continuations" of

Letter to the Editor

Jubilee Not Designed For Heads, Straights

Dear Sir,

"Something appealing.
Something appalling.
Something for everyone..."

Despite Jim Eldridge's equivocating to the contrary, he is decrying the lack of entertainment for the "straights" during Jubilee in his column in Tuesday's Tar Heel. He is off base on several counts:

1. He states that Jubilee is "no longer a 'something for everybody'". If he had gone beyond looking at the conventional labels applied to the music scene today he would have noticed that there is something that everyone will enjoy. Mr. Eldridge has conveniently left off the only performer who doesn't fit his labeling of this year's lineup—James Taylor. Mr. Eldridge called the lineup "blues, jazz-rock, white blues, bluesy hard rock." James Taylor is obviously none of these, so he was passed over. He and Sweetwater are on the soft side of music, and therefore easily enjoyed by those who like the quieter, more poetical style.

2. Mr. Eldridge further stated that Jubilee "could be a testing ground for young groups that aren't yet famous or terribly expensive." Here it's James Taylor and Sweetwater again and to a certain extent, Grand Funk. The only people who really have any kind of a reputation are Joe Cocker and B.B. King, and even they don't have the

"supergroup" or "superstar" following that the Association had when they were here in '67, or BS&T had last year.

3. (and final) Jubilee shouldn't become a Chapel Hill Woodstock, and really can't for the fact that there are still people who like to listen to the music. At Woodstock, the music was merely a background to the experience—but it was an integral part, contrary to Mr. Eldridge's ideas. (Yeah, I'll bet HE was there!) Here at Carolina we are not spread out over acres of farmland; we are in the few acres and concrete stands of Kenan Stadium, and so even though "a goodly number of the audience is either drunk or stoned" most people there are at least a little interested in what's going on on-stage. Even if they can't see the stage, they can hear.

What I really disagree with is the statement that "\$50,000 or whatever is laid out for a certain ideological group on campus which will reap the benefits of everyone's contribution." Maybe Mr. Eldridge doesn't like the groups this year, but that doesn't mean that they are for the entertainment of a few. Jubilee is for the students of Carolina, not for the "Heads" or "Straights." It's really too bad that too many people let themselves be carried along by subjective labels instead of giving the people who are labeled a chance.

Paul Wilson
309 Morrison

paper through his long hours at the Tar Heel printers. He knows exactly what the paper's capability is, and what his mechanical limitations are. Charlton Campbell, shop foreman, has said that Tom could do the job better than anyone else he knew.

Tom has overwhelming support from the Tar Heel staff—not the big, public policy makers, but the reporters and copy editors who daily struggle to put out a good paper. They like Tom as a person, respect him as an editor, and want to work for him. And he's had to earn their respect the hard way—by working for it. Tom can get a really capable staff of people to work for him, and he is capable enough to take an active, firm, capable leadership.

Tom knows how to put his promises into practice. He's worked his way up within the Tar Heel organization to jobs requiring extreme competence and intelligence. He has devoted his entire college career to doing his best to make the Tar Heel an excellent newspaper.

He's proven himself competent through what he's done. I believe Tom Gooding deserves the chance to show what he can do as Editor of the Daily Tar Heel.

We can't do any better.

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Letter to the Editor

'NuMo' Advertising Solicited

To the Editor:

I suppose that just about everyone in the University community has a certain "pet project" which they think deserves coverage in the DTH. My "pet project" happens to be the conversion of Morrison Dormitory into the University's first permanent coeducational residence hall. Since this transition could have a great impact on the role of the residence college and on the mass emigration from University housing, I do not think that my desire for adequate DTH coverage is a selfish one.

It is a fact that Morrison will be coed next year. Any girl on campus has the option of requesting it as her residence hall for fall semester 1970. As for educational innovation, may I remind Mr. Nowell that Morrison Residence College

currently sponsors sections of several courses within Morrison Dorm. In addition, last week the Morrison Fellow Program presented *Newsweek* columnist Stewart Alsop in a series of informal discussions on domestic and world affairs. All of this has been accomplished without the help of paid faculty fellows such as those found at Project Hinton. I see no reason why the activities at Morrison will not be continued and expanded next year with the addition of girls to the dorm. For the first time on this campus, students will have the opportunity to put the residence college idea into full operation and to utilize the living-learning concept on a full-scale, non-experimental basis.

In view of the importance of this project, I feel that it deserves thorough coverage in the DTH. If NuMo is to be

successful, students must be made aware of the advantages of involvement in the project. This can be accomplished effectively only through advertising in the campus newspaper. Personally, I feel that NuMo is a little more significant than cartoonist Bob Glenn's relentless search for tall girls at Carolina. Does he have to pay for his "advertisements"? Why, then, should Morrison Residence College be expected to pay \$15 a day for an ad in the DTH urging people to ask to be placed in Morrison next year?

If the DTH is unwilling to devote space to this topic of its own accord, the University should purchase advertising space for this purpose. I think it is apparent that it would be to its own advantage to do so.

Janet E. Opp
207 Nurses' Dorm

draft morning

sun warm on my face
i hear you
down below
moving slow
and its morning

take my time this morning
no hurry
to learn to kill
and take the will
from unknown faces

today was the day
for action
leave my bead
to kill instead
why should it happen?

-McGuinn, Hillman, Crosby