

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

Keep Protesting The War But Don't Expect Results

Approximately 2,000 people were at Ehringhaus Field Saturday afternoon for an anti-war protest and possibly 10,000 more were expected to be in Carmichael Auditorium last night.

As a total, the number is impressive. But numbers are always impressive. Seven thousand students participated in the moratorium event on this campus in October, and 250,000 people marched against the war in Washington D.C. in November.

The President was able to dismiss a quarter of a million people in November and will surely be able to dismiss the protests this month.

Frankly, the only part of this

weekend's activities that have attracted large numbers is the music. The scene on Ehringhaus field Saturday afternoon could have easily been mistaken for an early Jubilee.

The mood of many in this country is rather futile.

People will continue to protest the war and politicians will continue to ignore them.

We were glad to see all the people on Saturday and we hope people will continue to protest the war. But we also hope that people aren't so naive that they believe sitting on a field listening to music will end the war while men like Richard Nixon are running the country.

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To determine exactly how students feel about the Merzbacher reforms to the General College curriculum, which were accepted and made retroactive by the Faculty Council last Friday, the staff conducted a spot interview around campus.

The Merzbacher reforms generally reduce the number of required courses General College students will take.

The major changes include the elimination of English 21, one natural science, both modern civilization courses and sophomore physical education as a required course.

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WAYNE RICHARDS, senior

"I'm really not too opinionated. I think it is a good thing for the school, but since it will not affect me too much, I'm not sure I am for the reforms it innovated, though. I don't really think it will make General College any easier, but it will give students a lot more choice."



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Soul Food Talks Freedom

"How do I define freedom?" she replied. "It's being able to make your own choices as long as you don't hurt anybody else."

"Freedom," said another, "is being able to be yourself."

Of the many criticisms and aspirations I've heard people tell, none has been so consistently and impassionately voiced as the desire of individual freedom.

In classes, on campus, in the media, wherever people discuss people, their rights and happiness, freedom is the dominant theme. People jealously guard their right to "do their own thing."

One popular song that has been going through my head recently affirms, "I've got to be free. I've got to be me. To be able to try, to do it or die, I've got to be me."

Who among us doesn't want to be truly free and able to be uniquely and wonderfully an individual?

While only in the last few years has individual freedom been so popularly publicized, it was interesting, revealing, and even exhilarating to be to discover that personal freedom is an underlying assumption in the Christian faith.

Within the many Biblical statements on freedom, several points begin to emerge on what it means to be truly free—points which strongly relate to our own modern-day quest for freedom. Later I would like to explore in depth what the Bible has to say about the origin, nature and consequences of personal freedom.

But there are several aspects of freedom I'd like to discuss now which are clearly important to a Christian's conception of freedom.

First, personal freedom as the Bible describes it is not necessarily political freedom. Paul continues to draw criticism today for telling slaves to remain

CHARLES JEFFRIES, freshman

"I think it is good to the extent that I won't have to do as much required work now; I've finished a lot of my required courses now. I think it will really help with the language requirement. It doesn't look any easier, just a little less tedious."

MARY BLEDSOE, junior

"I think they have done a good thing, but I think the reforms are too liberal. Old standards for an educated person include that a person have basic sciences, languages and other courses. I think this still holds true. I must say, though, they should have different levels in classrooms. In other words, botany majors should not have to be in class with general students taking the course to fulfill the requirement."

DR. THOMAS STEAHR, Sociology Department

"Other Universities using similar systems I have seen worked fairly well. Surprisingly, the overall outcome doesn't necessarily effect what courses students take that much."



CHRISTY RUSHING, a senior in a Charlotte high school here to participate in Project Uplift

"I'm really glad they did it. I was

dreading the Mod. Civ. courses. Such reforms are good because they don't make a student take courses he has no interest in. It sounds like the work will be easier now. A person comes to college of his own choice. If you can decide to come, you should be able to decide to choose your courses."

JACK ROSS, junior

"I think that previously there were too many requirements. I still do. For example, phys. ed. is ridiculous. Ostensibly, it is to get physical conditioning, but a person does not get it. Under the set-up, it is impossible."

"As for math, why should it be required for anyone who is not a math major? Why should anyone take a foreign language? Certainly, not everyone should. I took Spanish to fulfill the requirements and now I find out I have to take French for my major."

TIM HAUSER, freshman

"I think this will just make education at UNC a much more enjoyable experience. This will give students the chance to go into what they want and to bypass those courses that don't have anything to do with what they will do in the future."



VICKY DWANA, senior

"Of course this will not affect me at all, but I think it should have come a lot sooner. College should be more than just a continuation of high school. A student in college should be able to pursue his own interests, and not be so restricted."

"I can't say an education at UNC will be any easier, but it will be more educational."

CHRISTA PARKS, sophomore

"This is a thing that is good for some people, but will not affect others. I still think students need a good background in some fields. This will definitely give a wider choice, and allow students to concentrate in major fields or fields they enjoy."

ROBERT MUSSELWHITE, freshman

"The requirements were a little too much. This will definitely give students the chance to do other things. This will enable students to do more than build mental muscle."

CHRIS CAMPBELL, freshman

"I think it is good in that a student can now look at the whole University curriculum and decide what courses to take."

"Degree work at UNC will now be more enjoyable, since you don't need all this conditioning of subjects to get into major courses."



SUSAN PRICE, junior

"I think it should have been done a lot sooner. The curriculum is extensive enough to allow students to take those courses they are interested in and that are part of their degree work."

"Students will probably think this is easier, but it won't necessarily be. They might even end up taking the same courses since no new ones have been offered."

DOUG POTTS, sophomore

"I don't know whether this is giving in to a movement to just take what you want or if it's a sincere effort, but I think some of the courses are good. Such courses as math should have been covered in high school, though. They aren't always. Generally, I have to say, they might have gone too far in liberalizing."

MARIE HAYES, French Department Graduate student

"The Merzbacher reforms are a step in the right direction."

"There is a need to start language training for children in the earlier grades and even kindergarten."

'Freedom May Be Downfall'

Dear Editor:

I believe too much freedom is going to be the downfall of our nation. It has allowed many different protest groups to arise, ban together, and form powerful utilities, right before our eyes. It appears as if little is being done about it. Policemen are now afraid to arrest a protestor for slugging an innocent bystander. An example is a friend of mine from Chicago, who was belted as he exited a theater. He was arrested, instead, for returning the blow. The charge was inciting a riot.

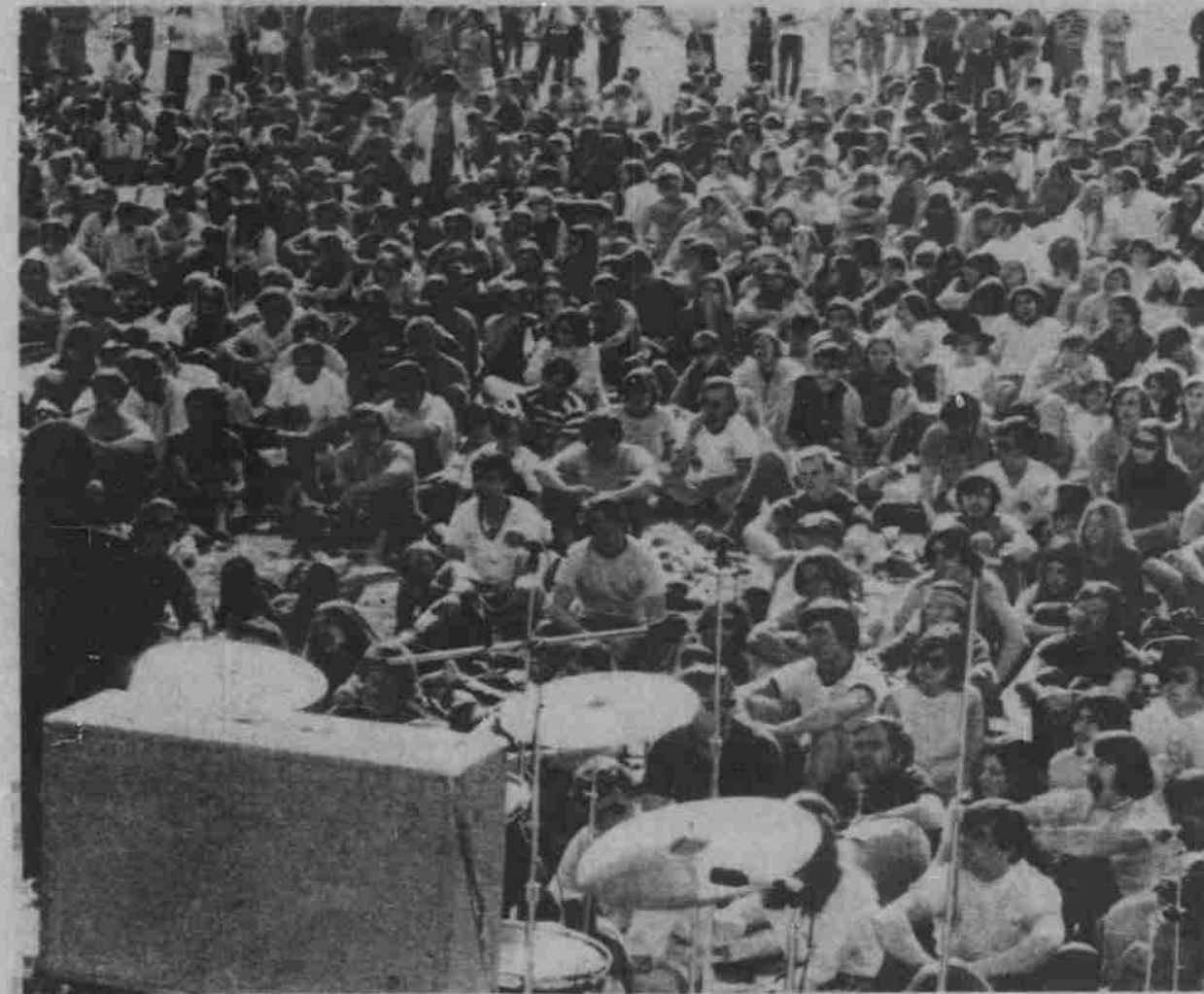
Capital punishment is being, or has been, abolished in most states. A killer is no longer afraid of being caught. While in prison, if his conduct is good, his lifetime sentence, the maximum penalty for murder in states with no capital punishment, can be reduced to ten years.

People are beginning to gripe about living conditions in prisons. Certainly, I think every cell should have wall-to-wall carpeting and every modern convenience available. Why not?

The illegal sale of drugs, within the United States today, is fantastically large. In many areas, infested with drug pushers and drugging teenagers, innocent children are being influenced to dope. Some are even deceived and given drugs through cokes, etc.

Many respectable citizens refuse to become involved in helping to eliminate problems, such as the ones I have listed, for fear of dirtying their name and position in this immoral society. I believe President Kennedy implied in several of his speeches that people should strive for the betterment of their country. If conditions today have resulted from maximum efforts toward this goal, one can be assured that our once impressive society is not growing wiser and better, but is instead rotting away in huge chunks.

Sincerely yours,
Frank Fleming
550 Ehringhaus



"But You Can't Sing Up Peace"

Awards Of The Week

GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK—The Committee on University Residential Life (CURL) for recommending to Chancellor Sitterson a visitation policy for next year based on self-determination.

THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT—To Richard Nixon and John Mitchell who had their second supreme court nominee rejected by the Senate.

SUCCESS OF THE WEEK—To the APO-SS sponsored campus chest auction which netted over \$2400.

TURN AROUND OF THE WEEK—To Project Hinton for holding "Faculty Rush". Fifteen faculty members showed up for a reception designed to chose three faculty advisors for next year.

SURPRISE OF THE WEEK—Duke President and former N.C. Governor Terry Sanford announcing his support for the anti-war festival.

MIGHTY WHITE OF YOU—To the UNC Disruptions hearing board which dropped charges against Alex Willingham after their only witness refused to testify.

BAD GUY OF THE WEEK—UNC Vice-Chancellor J.C. Eagles who told the 12 families evicted from Victory Village that their ONLY course of action is to move from the temporary University Housing.

LAW AND ORDER ACT OF THE WEEK—To Fla. Governor who tried to resist a federal desegregation order. Kirk said "We do not get pushed around by bullies, whoever they might be. Kirk also threatened to arrest the federal officers if they break a state law."

CIRCUS OF THE WEEK—To

Student Legislature for their one and a half hour point of order during the debate on the Student Courts bill.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE WEEK—Astronaut Thomas K. Mattingly who was removed from the flight of Apollo 13 because of some measley disease.

TEMPORARY MOVE OF THE WEEK—To UNC for tearing down twelve temporary houses in Victory Village, which had been there for over 20 years, to build a "temporary" parking lot.

CHEERS OF THE WEEK—To Publications Board Chairman Gunnar Froman for carrying the DTH contracts to the beach forcing the Tar Heel staff to starve this weekend.

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