

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

SL Should End Women's Rules

A bill will be introduced in Student Legislature tonight calling for the elimination of rules that discriminate against women.

Student Legislature should enact the bill into law.

The bill states that "No law, rule, regulation, custom and usage which is discriminatory as to sex or which applies only to one sex, shall be enforceable in any student court or other University body."

This would mean that student courts would no longer be able to try women students for violating their rules.

The bill also states that "All laws, rules, regulations, customs and usages under the jurisdiction of this legislature which are discriminatory as to sex, such as so-called 'women's rules' are hereby repealed by this legislature in exercise of its supreme legislative power outlined in the student constitution."

The bill leaves little doubt as to its intent: the complete and final

abolition of all women's rules.

We wholeheartedly support this bill. Student Legislature as a representative group of the students can do nothing else but approve the bill.

This legislation will, of course, have repercussions in the Dean of Women's Office. This office is the staid force behind the protection of the virginity of our "precious, delicate and fragile" Carolina coeds.

The Dean of Women will oppose this legislation. The dean feels it is her obligation to tell mature women how to run their lives and she will try to maintain her repressive system.

However, we feel that students can no longer be part of a system of laws that discriminates against and restricts other students on the basis of sex.

If the Dean of Women wishes to try to enforce all women's rules we cannot stop her. But at least we won't be giving her any assistance.

Attend The Carnival

The Campus Chest Carnival will be held today from 4-10 p.m. on Ehringhaus Field.

We encourage all students to attend the carnival and participate in the events.

The carnival, co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma service colony, is the grand finale of UNC's annual student drive to raise money for charities.

A parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Chapel Hill and end at Ehringhaus Field. In order to facilitate transportation to and from the field the campus bus system will be running free after 4 p.m.

The carnival will feature more than 45 game booths, including water dunking, dart and pie throwing.

Cost of the games and contests are from 10 to 25 cents. Prizes, mostly beer and money, will be offered at the booths.

A fraternity pledge class chariot race will climax the carnival.

When the trial heats begin for the race there will be a drawing for door prizes which include a sailboat, color television set, Sony 500 tape recorder and autographed Carolina Cougar basketballs.

The carnival is designed to provide entertainment and fun for the participants. However, while everyone is having fun we think they should realize that the purpose for the carnival is serious.

Therefore, we hope all members of the University community will attend the events, have fun and contribute money to a worthwhile cause.

Teach-In Was Victimized

Earth Day is over and all reports tend to show that it wasn't a huge success.

The activities for the most part were worthwhile and we feel sure that those who attended learned something. However, a very small number of students participated in the events.

Following the huge participation for the October Moratorium and the surprisingly large voter turnout in this spring's campus elections, many people felt that the events planned for the remainder of the year would be quite successful.

Unfortunately, something got in the way—student apathy.

The recent anti-war festival attracted only about half of the expected number despite the big name performers and speakers present.

The environmental Teach-In, while it didn't have big name musicians to aid its cause, did have an impressive list of workshops and projects which should have interested students.

Ecology was supposed to be the next big issue on the college campus. National newspapers spoke of the "new environmental activists" that were spreading throughout the student populace.

The low turnout for Earth Day could be attributed to overestimation by the press and blatant overcoverage by all media.

However, we feel Earth Day was more likely the victim of an annual social disease—spring fever.



What was really reassuring about my fake arrest last week was the large number of people who actually believed that I had been selling obscene books to a 14 year old kid.

That kind of confidence is truly heart-warming... So for those readers who missed the real story: it was the Law School's mock trial, and I was found innocent anyway.

But somehow the whole experience was more than a mere joke. Our system of justice, while it may be the best existing form, does have a number of serious flaws.

The most striking judicial injustice is the effectiveness of emotionalism upon a jury's reasoning. It is said that justice is blind, weighing evidence solely by the means of an impartial scales.

Unfortunately, this is not true. The twelve jurors are human beings, susceptible to their human ignorances, prejudices and emotions. Had mine been a real trial, the prosecutor would have largely ignored the facts involved, and relied instead on harranguing the jury:

"Ladies and gentlemen, how can we allow men to run loose in our fine state, corrupting the minds of our children,

tempting them with the sins of the flesh, titillating their young imaginations with thoughts of lust and communism...?"

This kind of bogus rhetoric will arouse a jury to a far greater wrath of vengeance than any substantial list of factual evidence.

The defense attorney, on the other hand, would have spoken emotionally of the consequences of an obscenity conviction on the future of a young man.

Percy Foreman, a tall Texan who takes on mostly murder cases, has developed a famous technique of making the murder victim sound like such a rotten bum that he deserved to die.

The jury almost invariably sympathizes with the defendant and finds him innocent despite the fact that Foreman admits that his client had committed the crime.

But even such dramatic tactics are often unnecessary. Clarence Darrow used to distract the jury during his opponent's summation by secretly sticking an unravelled paper clip in his cigar. As he smoked, the ash would get longer and longer, held on by the wire. Soon the entire jury would be engrossed by the length of the ash, and the words of the

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Justice Is Not Blindfolded

other attorney would fall on deaf ears.

In recent years this showboat tendency has evolved into actual disruption. Had the Chicago Seven relied purely on evidence in their defense, they might well have been acquitted.

Instead, they turned the courtroom into a circus, screaming at the judge and fighting with the guards.

The Seven were protesting the injustice of their trial—the fact that no police had been found guilty in what had been primarily a police riot.

The court had been used as a forum for political persecution. Were our system of justice as fair as it purports to be, these men would have had no excuse for their behavior.

As it is, however, these men deserve (and have got) a great deal of sympathy from the American public.

So long as the courts themselves are not impartial and fair, those who are

involved will continue to use emotionalism and drama to conduct their trials.

As it stands now, it is the wealthy and the white who derive the benefits of skilled lawyers, and who are saved from prison by the articulate arguments that only money can buy.

As with most of our country's problems, there is no easy solution to the courts, but one hopeful sign is the American Civil Liberties Union which contains some of the brightest and least selfish attorneys in our country today.

The ACLU must still rely on the tactics of drama and emotionalism, but at least it brings these tactics within the reach of those who cannot pay for them.

A far more difficult task will be to put the blindfold back over the eyes of justice, and to return to the scales as the sole determinant of guilt or innocence.

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The Real Story Behind Chapel Hill Drug Busts

RRRRRRRing.

"Police Department."
"Hello, this is the Daily Tar Heel. Anything happening today?"

"No, I don't think so."
"Okay, thanks. Oh, we heard a rumor about a drug bust. Nothing to that is there?"

"Uh... well, I don't think so. I haven't heard anything about it."
"Is the chief in?"

"No, he went home early today."

RRRRRRRing.

"Hello."
"Hello, chief. This is Snedley. I'm sorry to have to call you at home but something's come up. Some kid from the DTH just called about a drug bust."

"Yeah? You didn't tell him anything did you?"

"Tell him what?"
"You mean you don't know about a drug bust?"

"No! I thought you would know about it."
"I'm coming down to the station. Bring in all our off-duty men."

RRRRRRRing.

"Hullo. Campus cops."
"Arthur, this is Bill. What's going on over there?"

"Well, nuthin' really."
"Are you sure?"

"Well sure I'm sure. What's the matter?"

"Arthur, I hope you're not holding out on me. One of my men called me at home and told me something was going on."

"What?"
"Let's be frank, Arthur. You've been looking at my town job for a long time. Go ahead and admit it."

"What?"

"Everybody knows that the town police have handled every drug bust in Chapel Hill. It would look good for a campus force to pull off an important one wouldn't it?"

"What?"
"Don't try to talk your way out of it Arthur. We've already figured it out!" (CLICK!)

"... a drug bust?... Hey you guys!!!"

RRRRRRRing.

"Hello, Governor's Mansion."
"Bob, this is Phil. I thought you might like to know we picked up a very interesting phone conversation on our Chapel Hill wiretap."

"Yeah?"

"It seems the local boys may have their hands on a big drug bust, and they're trying to keep it to themselves."

"Hmhmhmhm."
"And with local elections coming..."

"You're right. This looks like case for the SBI. Get my helicopter warmed up. This may need my personal attention."

RRRRRRRing.

"Daily Tar Heel."
"DTH, you better get out here to Morrison right away."

"What's going on?"

"We're not sure yet. This guy was sitting in the snack bar. He popped a lifesaver in his mouth. Suddenly, cops started climbing in the windows, out of the coke machines, and from under the floor. It was terrible! There were German shepherds biting people and tear gas everywhere and Gov. Scott was making a speech about 'law and order'—and..."



AHH, THEM ECOS FREAKS—WHO'D THEY THINK THEY ARE ANYHOW...

Letters To The Editor

The 'Amazing Establishment' Throws Students To Wolves

To the Editor:

I never cease to be amazed at the Establishment. A year ago the cafeteria workers had a grievance. They needed support which they received only from the students and the union. Instead of helping them, the University threw the workers to the wolves. It was a three-ring circus between the workers, the students, and the Union. When it was all over, the University tried to pick up whatever pieces there were left to make the administration come out smelling like a rose.

I have never pretended to be a

prophet, but from the recent articles regarding the towing incident which took place over at the law school involving Mr. Stout, the policeman, and the wrecker service, it seems quite evident that our good old administration is getting ready to throw the students to the wolves again, let someone else carry the ball for them, and in the end try to profit from whatever sacrifice is incurred by Mr. Stout.

In the first article Mr. William D. Locke, Administration Head of the Police, was quoted as giving the University's position. However, in the second article, statements by Mr. Locke are conspicuous by their absence. Instead the wrecking company is swearing out the warrant against Mr. Stout for obstructing "I believe the word is justice".

Is it any wonder that students have to violently protest? More especially when there is no one to whom they can turn. Year after year students feed the traffic fund by purchasing permits, by paying towing fees, late registration fees, and by feeding the parking meters. A few years ago approximately eighteen thousand dollars of our money was paid to an expert Wilbur Smith and Associates, to find out how to solve the traffic dilemma, but up to now I can find no one who knows anything about what they offered by way of a solution, if, in fact, they did offer one. O, well, I guess they were just hungry and needed the money, and in this way we students could channel our money to the needy without the aid of the campus chest.

I wonder when Mr. Locke will ever make a report on what Wilbur Smith ever did, or will he just sit back and continue to tow cars to raise more money to give to more experts to give more secret solutions to the traffic problems? Good luck, Mr. Stout, I hope you win against the wrecking service, but I doubt you ever will against Mr. Locke.

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A Birthday Celebration

who have birthdays between June and September. That's a lot of kids to ignore, simply because their birthdays aren't conveniently arranged. We can't help it.

Fortunately, though, I have a suggestion that may give us a solution to the problem.

It would really be great if the campus would collectively throw a mass birthday party for all students born between June 2 and September 15. This way, all the students could be remembered at once.

The best time to throw such a party would be the first weekend in May, at the height of spring.

Invite B.B. King, James Taylor, Sweetwater, Joe Cocker, and the Grand Funk Railroad, with help from Pacific Gas and Electric and the Baby Boy Clover Resurrected Jug Band for entertainment. Let Dewy Jackson (whom everyone knows is the National Hollerin' Champion) holler "Happy Birthday" to all the birthday celebrators.

Because the party could get rather big, hold the whole blast in Kenan Stadium. Then, not only could there be musical entertainment, but there would also be room enough for a carnival.

Local eateries in Chapel Hill could cater the party. Hector's, Pizza-To-Go, for example, and Alpha Phi Omega could

give some help. Food needn't be expensive, nor any big logistical problem—soft drinks, ice (tons), popcorn, hot dogs and hamburgers, and potato chips would serve nicely. Even if they spoil teeth and ruin stomachs, what's a birthday party for if it can't be enjoyed?

Fireworks could light up the sky Saturday night in one big display of affection for the many birthday boys and girls. Later in the evening, lest the excitement keep many people awake, cartoon festivals could give them something to do during the wee morning hours.

They could sleep, if they needed to, during the late morning while the stadium ground crew is picking up the pieces from the night before.

The whole party could end Sunday afternoon. Three days is enough for the campus to celebrate a birthday party. We could call it all sorts of things, and finance it through student fees.

But we really ought to have some sort of campus party for the unfortunates with summer birthdays. And then not only would a "Jubilee" make some people feel good, it would be as good a reason as any for all of us to celebrate.

And to get outside.

Letters

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