

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

Lenoir Closing Shows Personality Of SAGA

The Sage of Lenoir Hall may be over.

The hall, which has seen a good deal of action in the past two years, was closed by SAGA food service Monday morning, and there exist no plans for reopening the building.

SAGA, who is contracted to provide a food service, claims they are doing that in the Pine Room. With Lenoir closed there are only two snack bars and one South Campus cafeteria open. We do not feel that the facilities being provided meet the contract SAGA signed, at least in spirit.

The closing was termed "an economy move" by SAGA manager Ted Young. The "economy" comes in firing 12 full-time workers.

SAGA blames "poor student patronage" for the lay-offs. We believe the lousy food they have been serving is the reason for the small number of students who have been eating on campus.

The quality of food served dropped noticeably during this winter and was immediately

followed by a decrease in patronage.

Thus we feel that the most regrettable aspect of SAGA action was the complete absence of notice given to those affected.

Students have been inconvenienced, workers have become unemployed as a result of the closing of Lenoir Hall and SAGA didn't even feel it was necessary to give any forewarning of the event.

We feel this is indicative of SAGA's indifferent attitude to everyone but themselves.

We find it appalling that even "rumors" that the University may try and retain SAGA would be present at this time. SAGA has failed to meet their obligation in providing a food service to students and have consistently caused students as much inconvenience as possible.

We feel that the sooner SAGA leaves this campus the better the situation will be. We hope the University will be more selective before they contract with another food service.

Black's Need Committee To Fight Discrimination

The parents of many UNC Black students have decided to form a committee to fight discrimination in this school.

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, a former candidate for Governor whose son is a senior here, said, "We feel as parents that it is necessary to challenge the racist and repressive actions on college campuses that are being used against our children."

One of the first objectives of this committee will be to challenge the University's Disruption Policy.

This policy, and administrative boards last year, have served the purpose of intimidating Black students at this University. Recognizing that most Black students need financial aid to attend this institution, the administration tried last year to

remove Jack McLean's scholarship. This year they are trying to force McLean and Glenn Williamson out of school through the Disruption Policy.

We agree with Dr. Hawkins that the Disruption Policy is "aimed at those undesirable Black students who expose corruption and inequality on campuses against Black students."

The committee is going to request the assistance of the North Carolina Commission of Racial Equality headed by Leon White of Wake Forest.

We hope Mr. White will promptly look into the actions of the University administration and that the committee will pursue a course of action that will lead to the elimination of discrimination at this University.

Newsletter: A Good Idea

Student Government has begun to distribute a weekly newsletter to students on Monday mornings.

One of the immediate benefits of this newsletter is that students will finally have something to read in their Monday morning classes.

The Daily Tar Heel currently does not publish on Mondays and we are glad that there is a publication to fill this void.

However, we also hope the newsletter will fill more important roles than a crutch for Monday morning classes.

The President of the Student Body needs a way to communicate with the students. This can in part be accomplished through policy statements released to the DTH and through the editorial column that he currently writes in the paper.

However, neither the President nor the other officials in Student Government should be forced to totally depend on the DTH to get their point across to the students.

The newsletter will provide students with a method of judging the actions of student government. If Student Government begins to slack off, it should become readily apparent in the ensuing lack of information in the newsletter.

Thus we feel the newsletter will serve as an effective method of

checking on student government as well as being an effective method of communication.

We can't say if the newsletter will bring a greater level of participation among students but we hope it will be maintained as a regular fixture.

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78 Years of Editorial Freedom

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Greek mythology tells of the centaurs that burst in upon the civilized festivities being held in the Temple of Zeus. Stern guardian of an orthodox culture, Apollo did all he could to withstand the brash, uncivilized centaurs threatening to disrupt his festivities.

As Theodore Roszak maintains, this depiction of the clash of irreconcilable cultures and the encounter of two radically different conceptions of life has its parallels in the 1970's. Among the current generation of youth, he senses the beginnings of a counter culture, a movement so basically opposed to the mainstream assumptions of American society that it scarcely appears to be anything more than a barbaric intrusion, like the centaurs into the festivities in the Temple.

I address this article to those centaurs working to create a counter culture, and maybe this article is not the best way to initiate a dialogue between us. Yet I know of no other way.

I will start by admitting a lack of understanding. I do not know where you are going. I realize that you are totally turned off by the traditional bureaucratic patterns of power and authority and are very skeptical of anyone's being able to do anything within that structure.

I sense a need on your part to replace the unloving, depersonalized, and lonely technocracy we all see around us. I too fear that this society is unable to convey what is good, true, and beautiful.

Nevertheless, we must admit differences. I still feel committed to values and concepts that you shed long ago. I have opted into a situation you have decided to totally opt out of.

I have committed myself to working within the structure, trying to act as a mediator between students and administrators. I realize that such a commitment admits the possibility of my becoming a sell-out to the establishment—whatever that is. Yet for the sake of increased understanding and needed interchange, I have taken this chance.

You should be skeptical of what I can do; I certainly am. Yet I do not believe that a total opting out of the situation is the best answer. I am growing increasingly fearful of the people in whose hands you are entrusting society. They lack the imagination, flexibility, and tolerance that is needed to face the turmoil of the times. And opting out only allows Big Brother to become Bigger.

I hope that you are doing something. Please do not become infected by what

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Making A Counter-Culture

Paul Goodman describes as "the nothing can be done disease." Befuddled docility will get us nowhere.

I hope that your counter culture is a positive one. I do not think you will accomplish anything if all your action is against everything and for nothing.

I also hope that the ultimate end of your culture is not solely dependent on drugs. Drugs are but one mode of expression, one mode of self-discovery. I do not feel that personal salvation or social change can be found in a capsule. Very doubtful of the present course of this country, I would also be hesitant to accept a culture dictating that all roads lead to psychedelia.

Your revolution should be one of the spirit. We may well be in a post-Christian era, but I hope your counter culture is not post-religious.

I hope you are fomenting a religious revolution, not necessarily one that would appeal to Billy Graham, but one that will meet a growing need for spiritual expression, self-realization, and inner fulfillment.

Not all the power and material wealth of the Greco-Roman tradition was enough to withstand the Christian revolt, for that tradition had stagnated. It failed to stimulate the spirit or provide any credible standard of ethics. I think the same is true today: we are suffering from an ethical and spiritual deprivation that the current culture cannot satisfy.

Hopefully, your counter culture will appeal to the spirit and be directed

toward the uniqueness and dignity of each individual.

I think our ends are the same: the creation of a society built on the tenets of human communion and mutual understanding. Obviously, our means are not the same, nor should they be. Each of us should work in the areas where he feels he can do the most good. I do not have the artistic expression or visionary imagination to be in your place, but I am trying to understand and work in positive, creative directions.

To you centaurs sincerely committed to making a counter culture, I have simply been trying to make known my agreement with your ends and a lack of knowledge of your means.

I am trying to bring change from my end, which might not be the right one. The political world has seldom been a breeding ground of idealism.

Rebuilding society is both a social and a psychic task. As I am attempting to negotiate with institutions, your counter culture should be searching for succor for the individual consciousness.

To those of you wondering what the devil I have been writing about, I apologize. This article has not been a specific policy statement.

If you would like to know the specifics on what I am doing rather than merely thinking, please read the Student Government Newsletter that is going out for the first time this week. Unlike this article, it is tied to factuality.

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TW3 Would Love Last Week's News

TW3 was sorely needed last week. That was the Week That Was, a sharp-hitting satirical television show, ever blown off the air six years ago. If ever there were a reason to revive the short-lived hit starring David Frost and Nancy Ames, it was last week's string of news events.

One of the news stories concerned George Jessel; two spotlighted the Indochina War; and the fourth, while it would have been overlooked by TW3, nonetheless deserves attention.

Crank up the imagination (because that's all that can be down now) and picture what TW3 would have done with the following:

Superpatriot

George Jessel, who has received more American Legion awards than anyone could ever hope for, started the week by showing why he is such a "great" toastmaster, television personality, and patriot.

It seems George was on a flight from New York to the West Coast when all of a sudden the movie "Viva Max" flashed onto the screen.

As any true American would have done, George popped out of his seat and began running down the airplane aisle, hollering that the movie should be stopped immediately.

The captain of the plane finally talked with George, but refused to turn off the projector.

With anger stirring throughout his red-blooded body, George went back to his seat, folded his arms, and squeezed his eyes closed during the entire movie.

Sidenote: "Viva Max," the movie which George's notion of patriotism couldn't stomach, was about the Mexicans recapturing the Alamo. It was a comedy, and had a "G" rating.

The Weird War

The Vietnam War and Laos mini-war broadened to include the Cambodian War last week. The intermingling was threw together some unlikely allies, particularly after a not-too-friendly beginning.

The week started with the Cambodians, our allies, allegedly mass-murdering hundreds of Vietnamese civilians, who were living in Cambodia,

and floating the bodies down a river.

The Cambodians, according to news reports, also rounded up a group of Vietnamese women and children from a church and used them as decoys in a battle with the Viet Cong. The reports said the women and children were eventually thrown between the crossfire of the two warring groups, with many of the women and children slain while desperately clutching rosaries and prayer books.

While the United States began sending arms to the Cambodians, evidently as a reward for the Cambodian's brave activities, the South Vietnamese government sent troops to fight WITH the Cambodians.

Evidently people don't mean nearly as much to the South Vietnamese army as protecting Thieu's notion of democracy.

Again, the War

Officials in our government were indignant over reports that the North Vietnamese were planning to remove their top-level negotiators from the Paris Peace talks.

Of course, no one mentioned that our government had done that very thing one year ago with the removal of Henry Cabot Lodge.

Finally, there's Jesse

As a final note, or even postscript to the news events of last week, an editorial by North Carolina's own Jesse Helms praised that all-American woman, Martha Mitchell.

Martha, famous for her stylish, sexy mid-cover-ups, has become something of a joke to much of the news media for her antics. She termed liberals "more dangerous than communists" after Nov. 15's Vietnam War moratorium and then followed with a 2 a.m. call to an Arkansas newspaper after Sen. William Fulbright voted against the Supreme Court nomination of Harold Carswell.

Martha demanded that the newspaper "blast" Fulbright and get him out of the Senate.

Before the vote, Martha had broken all protocol by calling senators' wives in an effort to get the senators to vote for Carswell.

It wouldn't have been so bad for her to do these things in private life, but she is the wife of the Attorney General of the United States, John Mitchell.

To Jesse, however, Martha is not only not a joke, but is "a great American lady."

Undoubtedly, with most of these events buried in the news, Martha, George, Thieu and whoever is running Cambodia should sign with relief that the once-watchful eyes of TW3 are as shut as Jessel's were on the airplane flight.

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Child Care Necessary

When it became evident that the Faculty Club was empty this spring, a group of women and men, who had been investigating the problem of child-care for some months, submitted a letter requesting use of the building for a child-care center. It is brick, has room for a play area, and contains kitchen facilities. In short, it qualifies for licensing which would make Federal funds available, particularly if it served children from all economic levels.

As this is being written, there is every indication that AFROTC will get the old Faculty Club. Morehead Residence College has also asked for the building as a recreation center, and there is a possibility that a day-care center could have shared its resources with Morehead. But, no—despite 850 signatures supporting Morehead and about 1500 so far supporting the child-care center, ROTC is the probably winner.

It is a mad world. That an institution set up for learning and creating a better life should prefer to aid a group that specifically trains men to kill and inflict pain (irregardless of their other activities) rather than supporting a group that would help non-academic employees, graduate students, faculty, and the college students of the future to a more fulfilling life seems the height of ridiculousness.

Child-care should be the right of every person—of the parent, so that wanted births do not stunt his or her ability to fully develop capabilities; of the child, in order that he or she will receive an equal opportunity to achieve and will have the added pleasures of companionship; and of the society, the true beneficiary of healthy, educated, and happy citizens who have not been crippled by lack of opportunity.

Many things are assumed in our culture. It is assumed that half the human race (women), with the same innate potential as the other half (men), should bear primary responsibility for the children they bear, that in fact, each biological mother is the best and only satisfactory person to rear her offspring. Despite many instances of adopted children and of different types of child-rearing around the world, people persist in citing factors such as hormones and subjective observations to support the confinement of mothers and children in the home. In addition, it is assumed that children are best reared in isolation with their own mothers.

Like apple pie and the flag, the relationship between mother and child has been deified beyond all belief: most

homes do not look like tv situation-comedy sets. Even the middle class child may lack sisters and brothers, a mother who is truly happy to be nothing else, and the variety of experiences which she or he can obtain in a good child-care center.

Hopefully, someday, people will realize that women should be able to be mothers and something else concurrently, just as men now have the privilege to be fathers and also develop their abilities. In a society where everyone produces, each person could work fewer hours, and fathers would have more time to share with children. This type of cooperation is now in practice where parents have flexible working schedules and where several families have banded together for community benefits. Obviously, this works in very few occupations and is impractical for the single parent.

In addition, it has already been pointed out that most children are short-changed by the lack of good child-care centers. One thing has been proven again and again by scientific studies and by everyday experience—the happy, satisfied person creates a good environment for others.

The best parents are those using their abilities to the fullest: their children have the best potential for a better life.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Dr. Ida Simpson, Duke professor of sociology, was quite kind to tell me what I am. She stated that evidence shows that most women want to be known as "Mrs." She added that women tend to a void demanding, activities which require self-discipline.

She does neglect to mention that there is "evidence" and "data" and "studies" to show almost anything you wish to show. Most of all, she neglected to mention that these things that prevent women from using their abilities and talents are cultural and not innate within the women themselves. Large doses of discrimination cause women and minority groups of both sexes to react in two ways: 1) to become passive and content; or 2) to become militant and decide to do something about a wretched situation.

Any women or man who can withstand any doctoral program in the

country is certainly not avoiding hard work. When the man gets his Ph.D. or Ed.D., he gets job offers as well, but when a woman gets her doctorate, the job offers, if any, are poor. Is it because I am lazy that I cannot get a job when the UNC College of Education frankly told me that some members of our faculty screening committee are hostile to women? Am I more interested in "Mrs." when the UNC Psychology Department told me that most women go into clinical psychology and work at the mental hospitals instead of seeking academic careers which pay more, of course?

Dr. Simpson qualified for one title, that of "Auntie Tom." Perhaps I am different, but at least I see sex discrimination and am determined to do something about it.

Dr. Joan Joesting