

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

Disruptions Policy Should Be Ended

The University has announced that the trial of John Wheeler that his trial of violating the disruption policy will be postponed.

The University waited until Monday to inform Wheeler that his trial would not be held.

We feel the University should have notified Wheeler that his trial would not be held earlier than one day in advance. It does appear to us that the University is trying to "string" Wheeler along. The four students who were charged with violating the disruption policy last Dec. 4 were not informed of their violation or even that they were being investigated until April.

The University then was forced to drop the case against Alex Willingham for insufficient evidence when their only witness refused to testify. We would think that the University could have discovered the witness wouldn't testify in a four-month investigation.

Now the University postpones Wheeler's trial and only informs him of the event one day in advance.

The disruption policy is being used by the administration to

intimidate and inconvenience certain members of the student body.

The trial has been postponed until after the case is completed in Orange County Superior Court. The decision to postpone was made by the administration, not the defendant. By postponing the case the University will be able to hold the trial and announce its verdict after the student body has left campus for the summer.

Because of the University's actions a rally will be held at Y-Court today at 1:30 p.m. to "try the University on the disruption policy." We hope students will attend this rally and protest the disruption policy.

The administration, which defends and prosecutes the policy, should come to the rally and present its case in support of the policy. However, we seriously doubt the administration will take the time to talk to the students about the policy.

But we feel it is important that students express their opposition to the disruption policy and work to have it abolished.

President Nixon is no fool. In choosing his lines, "We will not be humiliated; we will not become a second rate power," he made his appeal to the Great American Spirit of Victory, our never-say-die striving to be number one, our will to win, whether it be in the class room, on the football field, in the stock market, or out on the Cambodian borders. Such pride and drive built America and we shall not fail. We must win, even if we have to keep the bombers flying, even if we have to stay in Viet Nam forever, even if we have to go to Cambodia. Nothing

matters except victory. We must not be humiliated. We must triumph over the aggressor.

As the President reminded us, such triumph was seen in Woodrow Wilson's World War I, in Roosevelt's World War II, in Eisenhower's Korean War, and in Kennedy's "finest hour."

Now Nixon has chosen to include himself in that tradition. Without surprise, this decision has been received in some parts of the country as "courageous" and "honorable."

Yet I for one do not agree. If the entry

tom bello

Why Are We In Cambodia?

of American troops into Cambodia is this country's finest hour, then we might as well hang American up on a coat rack.

Are we ever going to outgrow this win-win-win drive? Instead of victory at any cost, when will peace no matter what be termed "courageous" and "honorable?"

Norman Mailer once said that any war was bad if it required an inability to reason for one to stay patriotic. I think I understand why the War in Indochina is such a bad war for this country. Just stop and think how strong the opposing sentiments are that could pull this country apart: the one urging an end to the war and the other exposing America even in war.

And yet we must protest; we must ask, why are we in Cambodia? First, we have to swallow that everything to that point was irreversible. America had to send in advisors to Viet Nam, then troops to support the advisors, then troops to support the troops, and now troops in Cambodia to support the troops in Viet Nam.

And of course we cannot be so naive as to assume that Cambodia is the last line. Eventually we will have to support the troops in Cambodia, for as Mailer and others maintain, the American mind will not tolerate humiliation or accept defeat.

The idealisms of the New Left and the tirades of Norman Mailer are rapidly becoming old rhetoric. Thus their repetition would be tedious. Yet when are we going to learn? Apparently, this country has learned nothing from the horrors of World War I, World War II, Korea, The Bay of Pigs, and Viet Nam. And how about ourselves? Here we are a part of the noble American educational process and what are we learning?

One thing we are learning is the ability to compartmentalize, that greatest gift of the American educational system: a pigeon-hole consciousness. Such a consciousness permits separation of one's existence into easily controllable sections. It allows us to go to Jubilee, have a good time, and somehow set aside the terrifying thought that the War is expanding. It allows us to sublimate our emotions to our apathy upon realizing that certain things like war and peace are not to be emotionalized, and if they cannot be justified logically and rationally, then they should not be faced head-on. If you don't love it and won't leave it, don't fight it. Just place it in

another compartment.

In an America where the ultimate ideal is the Machine because of its ability to effectively get the job done, to never break down, to never do anything wrong, and in an educational system serving to prepare one for his integral place in American society, it is hard to justify one's "confused idealism" or one's protest of American actions.

Yet someday we must face facts. Someday we must achieve a total awareness of what America is up to; for one day we are going to inherit this disaster and then, what are we going to do?

Well, if we must compartmentalize our lives, which admittedly most of us have been trained to do and which is consequently the most efficient, practical way to handle situations, then I think that we have to reach into that dusty compartment entitled Protest.

Indeed, the time for jubilation is past. It was a beautiful week-end of love and fun. The time for studying is yet to come: exams are always the worst of times. The time for national concern and protest is now: it is time to express our opinions and give voice to this country's moral pangs.

Please, we cannot sit back in our selfish, academic worlds while this country is unable to even express the values of peace and human community without the smirk that such are the foolish fantasies of youth.

If we do not assert our ideals and stress that they become realities, no one else will. Since we cannot find example among those who dominate this country, we must generate our own example. We must begin among ourselves to construct something better than what we see around us.

The college student is the unique creature who could save this country, but not merely by getting all those good grades and finding your assigned slot in the great American Technocracy.

This nation is foundering for direction, and surely we could come up with a suitable alternative to Cambodia.

So Wednesday, if you could, take some time off to pray and think about this country. Come to the emergency meeting of the student body to voice our common protest against extension of the war and our common desire for peace and human communion.



I WONDER WHAT GEORGE WASHINGTON WOULD DO IF HE WERE HERE. (1)

A Reflection



On Food Quality?

Speak-Out Offers Issues Discussion

A group of UNC students have organized a Speak-out in Gerrard Hall for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The topics to be discussed are relevant to college students at this campus. We feel it would be well worth a student's time to attend the speeches and participate in the program.

Among the topics to be discussed are: Dissent, Student Courts, University Food Service and the grading system.

The speakers, students in a Speech 44 class, will deliver a 10-minute talk. Following the speech, students will be permitted to question the speaker.

This program provides students with an opportunity to listen to informed speakers and question their conclusions. We hope students will take advantage of the program.

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To the Editor:

I am grateful for the interest of several writers who have written suggestions for making Jubilee a better event. However, I must point out that the "rules" concerning the use of the playing field were not arbitrarily imposed by the Athletic Department but represent a joint attempt by the Union and the Athletic Department to solve the all-important problem of reducing hazards to the football players and damage to the field.

The Athletic Department and the Department of Physical Education have always been extremely cooperative with the Union in the use of their facilities for Union events and should be the recipients of thanks and commendation for their efforts. Negative criticism is entirely unjustified.

Very sincerely,
Howard Henry
Director,
Carolina Union

'Spaghetti Of Revolution' Disgusts Lasagne Eater

To the Editor:

Having no overt opinions on social or political matters or manners, I must confess that I am not the type of person who is given to writing letters to newspapers or to "committing" himself in a public fashion.

However, one day during the past week—never mind when—while consuming my evening fare at a local Italian eatery—never mind where—I was accosted by a button-bedecked, hirsute young "gentleman"—I use the word loosely and not without a touch of irony—who, sitting opposite my table, addressed me rather rudely.

"What's eating you?" he exclaimed, or that at any rate was the gist of what he

Letters

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said. Needless to say I was taken aback, not least of all because of his verbal confusion over the active and passive cases: I was eating, not being eaten.

My disgust with this unpalatable young man, I have come to realize, is gastronomical as well as rhetorical. And I would like to reply to him now—as I was unable to reply to him then—that my reticence on that occasion was entirely deliberate. I have no desire at all to digest his spaghetti of revolution with my lasagne of settled convictions.

Sincerely,
Charles Kinbote

MASH Fans Question The Meaning Of Agar

We would like to commend Mr. John Agar on his supreme efforts to further literary incompetence. Take, for example, his statements concerning the movie M*A*S*H. He tries unsuccessfully to hide his lack of thought with an avalanche of bull.

His article strutted across the page with "relevance" written all over it and came up meaning a clear, uncomplicated nothing. We would like to point out to Mr. Agar that critics generally should not jump into the plot and sympathize with the characters.

In attempting to exonerate Major Burns, by calling fanaticism "just a little hokey", and by ignoring hypocrisy, Mr. Agar has led us to the conclusion that either he (Mr. Agar) is a religious fanatic himself and is trying to rationalize his own behavior, or he is incapable of thinking.

How can Agar waste four columns explaining why a movie means nothing and, in his conclusion, hail the movie as a "meaningful statement on a controversial subject"? one positive thing can be said of Agar's writing: "it caters to a coarsened taste, but it's funny". We would suggest that John Agar extract his head from his anal sphincter muscles and join the army.

TOMMY ROBERSON
JEFF MORRISON

Ripley's 'Soul Food' Shows Unusual Insight

To the Editor:

This article is my answer to a letter to the editor printed on Saturday, May 2, concerning Ken Ripley's Sunday editorials, "Soul Food." I think that the seven young men who sent in this article have an irresponsible conception of the purpose of Soul Food.

Ken Ripley is a dedicated Christian

who is trying to fulfill the message of Christ to go out into the world and teach the Word. This is not an attempt to "purge his soul." I don't agree that "once is enough." Being human, we need to be constantly reminded of the aspects of Christian life. This renewal of faith and conviction is evidenced by our weekly services in church.

The Daily Tar Heel proposes to have a page for editorial freedom. This can include all types of literary, political, and social philosophies which have ranged from criticism of the administration—both Federal and University—to news of student affairs in Tom Bello's column, to progressive ideas on change within the University community, to articles like Mr. Ripley's. I believe that each has a right to express his view because undoubtedly each has a group of people on campus who support his views.

I support Ken Ripley's articles on Sunday mornings, and I know that I'm not alone in this conviction. I have something special added to my Sunday mornings when I read Soul Food. I think that Ken Ripley has a depth of perception in his writing that is seldom found in a university atmosphere, especially for a so-called "degenerate" newspaper.

This is a trait to be applauded, not condemned.

Sincerely,
Herbert M. Uthlaut
108 Mangum

Students Pay Lip Service To American Social Ills

Dear Sir:

Being a visitor to Chapel Hill, what I am going to say may seem very inconsiderate and out of place. For those who feel this way, I can only respond with an apology. However, to those who may be in agreement, I would certainly urge them to take effective action.

My concern is with the proposed Food-co-operative. I will not argue against the underlying principle—of which I am in accord—but with the proposed notion of a "student" Food co-operative, which I find totally offensive.

Students in our society are a very privileged group, one which it is not surprising—arouses the anger of many people who never had the "opportunity" of attending college and who look upon students as a sort of ruling elite. Just from my brief tour of Fraternity Row, I can see where that idea springs.

While hitch-hiking through the state, I have been appalled by the living standards of many people. It should be apparent that not only students suffer from the

spiraling inflation. It should also be apparent that students seem to be the least likely to need assistance of this kind—at least until the poor are nourished and well housed. I feel it is time for students to demonstrate conclusively that they not only pay lip service to the cause of America's needy, but are willing to forego their privileges until every human being receives just treatment. Until that time arrives, students should not expect others to relinquish their privileges to secure a quality of life for all people.

In conclusion, I would hope that those who believe in life's dignity will reflect on their position as "students" and take action appropriate to the advancement of all men.

Thank you for your time,
Peace,
Allen Schulman

'Baby-In' Good Example Of University Communication

To the Editor:

For weeks the ad hoc committee on child care has been attempting to engage in productive dialogue with the administration on the matter of a child care center. Finally, it appears, this was accomplished during the "Baby-In" at South Building when several of the toddlers were granted an audience with the chancellor's assistant.

The lesson here: if one wants to accomplish anything with the University administration, it is wise to send an ambassador who can communicate on the administration's level.

John R. Archer

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