

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor



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Grind Machine To A Halt

Faculty Passed Worthless Act

The general faculty of this University failed to take any absolute action in their meeting Thursday.

The faculty refused to commit themselves to any stand against the invasion of Cambodian territory or denouncing the murders at Kent State.

A resolution was introduced requesting the chairman of the faculty to appoint a committee to work with a student committee to plan, propose and organize effective political action bringing pressure on the national government to end the U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia.

Immediate negative response came from many faculty members who were afraid the resolution would make the University "political." One faculty member, who persisted in insisting that the University was apolitical, raised the specter that passage of the resolution would "invite the State Legislature to purge professors and put faculty members on this campus that will say what they want to hear."

We find it inconceivable that any individual could feel the university isn't political and so blatantly flaunt the threat of political reprisal from the state.

This University is essentially a political organization intended to maintain the standards of the state of North Carolina.

Dr. Dickson, who introduced the resolution, characterized the opposing faculty members well when he said, "They were brought up in a world that once existed. The University cannot remain isolated from the forces that are present in our society."

However, when a vote was called the resolution was defeated 270-240.

Following the defeat of that resolution, Fred Bode proposed that the faculty "express our opposition to American intervention in Southeast Asia."

The faculty proceeded to defeat Bode's proposal.

Faculty members, clinging to a dream of an ivory tower, acquiesced to the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. We wish to point out that the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte passed a resolution the other day condemning the president's action in Cambodia.

Are we to assume that the faculty in Charlotte will be struck with a state purge?

Are we to assume that our faculty supports President Nixon in his quasi-genocidal imperialistic war throughout Southeast Asia.

Or are we to assume that our faculty members do not have enough courage to come out from behind the coattails of this University in the face of atrocity?

We bitterly denounce the faculty

By United Press International

GREENVILLE, S.C.—The four students killed at Kent State University "got exactly what they were entitled to," the president of Bob Jones University told students at a Chapel Thursday.

Jones said, "If the reports that have come to me are accurate, and the pictures of that thing are true, those young people should have been shot."

"And the country's better off without that many more of that kind of young person," he said.

"It is contemptible for student to come in and attack a building and not expect to be killed."

for their failure to take a stand. We cannot help but remember that "the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who remain neutral in time of crisis."

Then the faculty was presented with 4,446 student signatures on a petition requesting that they "give those students who participate in the strike final grades on the basis of work so far done in this semester, i.e. students will not be penalized academically for participation in the strike, for missing classes or for missing exams."

The faculty had predetermined not to accept the original wording of the petition and a substitute resolution was introduced by two faculty members.

The substitute resolution read in part, "This includes giving students final grades on the basis of work completed thus far this semester or of permitting delay in the completion of course requirements. Students are assured of the right of appeal in cases of departure from this policy."

The faculty failed to give the strikers any guarantees that their academic futures would be protected. The faculty resolution consists of a conditional clause that gives professors the discretion of how they wish to handle student's grades.

The strike has been called for the remainder of the year including the exam period. Thus if a professor chooses to follow the second option he can force a student to complete course work and take a final exam during the summer months.

Thus, seniors can be forced back into their classrooms if they want to graduate on schedule. Faculty members will be able to severely inconvenience or intimidate students without "departing from this policy."

We find the faculty action worthless.

The faculty refused to condemn the invasion of Cambodia or the murders at Kent State, passed an empty resolution and failed to act on half the proposals listed in their agenda.

The students outside Hill Hall Thursday should have forced the faculty to remain in session until they produced a meaningful stand on the issues.

The plea from many faculty members was for students to trust them. Unfortunately, we find it impossible to trust a group that displayed as little moral commitment as the UNC faculty.

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78 Years of Editorial Freedom

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By the time this column gets in print, there may not be anybody left on campus to read it.

This column is written in the hope that today's issue of The Daily Tar Heel does not find its way into a single classroom on this campus.

We hope there is not a single class being held in a single university in this nation.

This is the only way that we, as students, have left to show the political beasts in Washington that democracy in this country is not dead.

Closing down the normal operation of this University and every other college and university in the nation is the only way left for students to bring the machine grinding to a halt.

This past week has been a significant point for the peace movement among the youth of America.

Not only has blood been shed in the past week, just as it was in Chicago, but lives have been given, or rather lives have been taken.

From reading about the four students who died at Kent State during another in a long series of National Guard riots, we would conclude that their commitments to the peace movement, if indeed these four had made commitments was no more than that of the students who sat on the sidelines and watched last fall.

These four are now the martyrs of the peace movement. By giving their lives, they have given life to the movement, a life that was quickly being sapped away by the rhetoric of polarization which has spewed forth from Washington and by the apathy and disillusion that grew out of the failure of any of the tactics tried to bring us peace.

Now Nixon has blundered. He has attacked a neutral nation, after having its legitimate government deposed by the CIA.

He has shown that the lives of students and GIs do not matter. He took the four deaths Monday at Kent State and tried to make them a symbol of his idea of what America should be.

But the youth of this nation, and the others who are willing to fight with us, will not allow Nixon to pervert Monday's events at Kent State.

Every movement throughout history has had a martyr. They have also had an oppressor.

Our oppressor has been with us for a long time now. Our martyrs were provided by our oppressor.

Our martyrs must not have died without purpose.

Before their deaths they were not the kind of people one would expect to become martyrs.

Sandra Scheuer, a graduate student who knew her said, "was not the kind of person to get involved in something like this."

Allison Krause liked to carry her pet kitten around campus with her. "Flowers are better than bullets," she said Sunday as she put a flower in the barrel of a guardsman's rifle.

Jeffrey Miller's high school guidance counselor said of him, "The outstanding thing about him was his personality. Jeff was never a political activist."

"He was concerned about the state of the world but was never what you would consider an activist."

William Schroeder was curious about campus violence, a Knight newspapers report said. He had a personal interest in what was going on at Kent State. The Army ROTC building was burned Saturday, and he was a member of the

cadet corp.

These four are dead. They weren't even in the demonstration, but the Guard shot them anyway.

This is what it has come to now. This is what we have to face.

We now live in a country where it is no longer a right to disagree with the government.

We live in a country where the truth of what we are told by Big Brother is to be accepted on faith.

We are being asked by Nixon and his puppets in both Washington and Southeast Asia to trust them, to march blindly into the future to which they point.

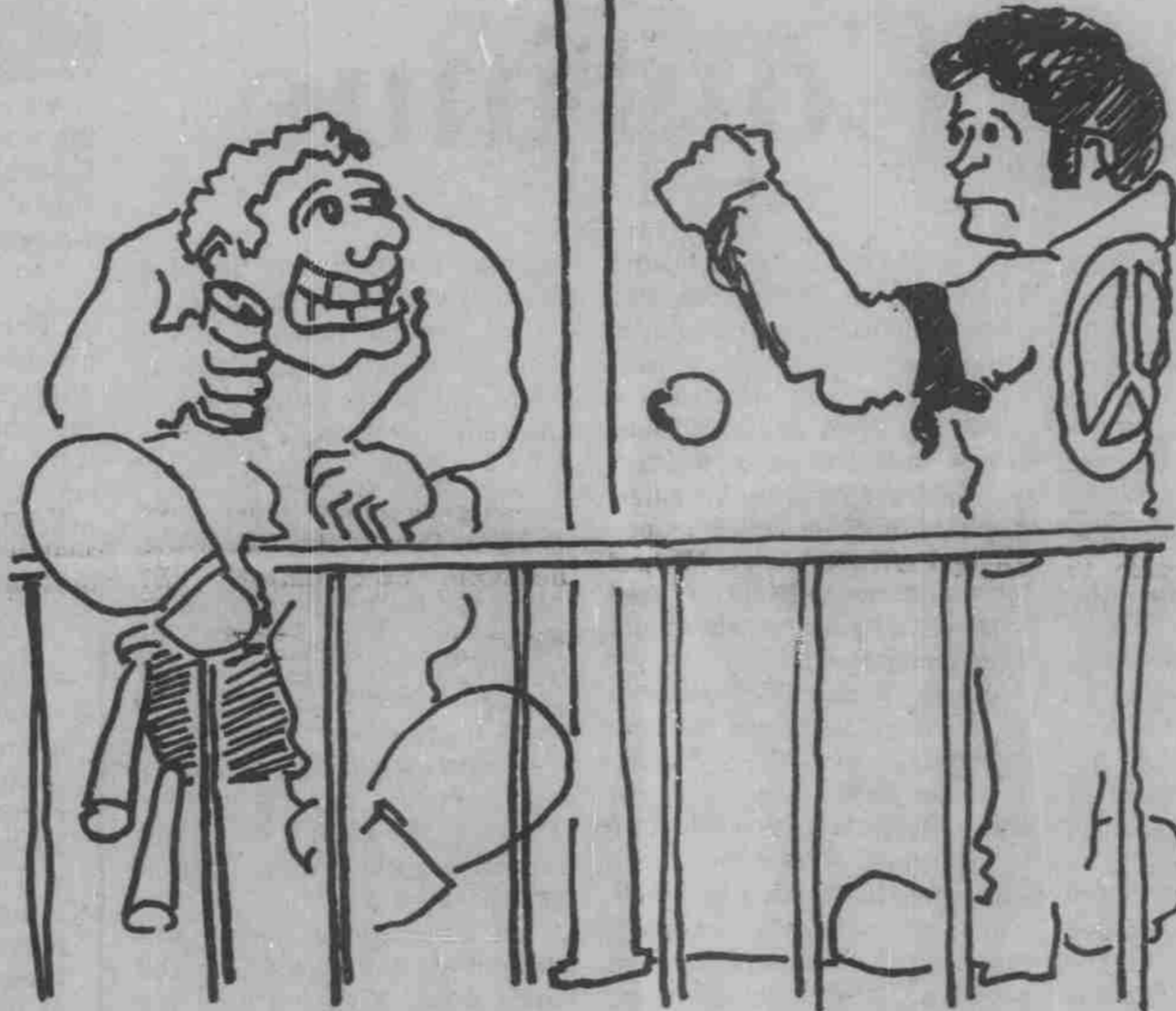
The strike here is a refusal by many of our number to accept on pure faith what Nixon says.

This strike is a declaration that we hold our own beliefs, that we can no longer sit by and do nothing while our brothers and sisters, both here and in Asia, are slaughtered by the bullets bought with our money and our parents' money.

The war must be stopped. The machine which continues this war must be stopped.

Make a commitment. Put something on the line. Four people who had not made commitments were murdered Monday. That is more than enough reason to grind the machine to a halt. DO IT.

THIS AMNESTY DEAL IS OK— YOU GUYS GOT ANYTHING PLANNED FOR SUMMER SCHOOL?



Ken Ripley

Strike Brings Confusion But Needs Thinking Out

The Kent State murders blew the top off campus life this week, and nothing seems normal, much less "business as usual." Except, perhaps, for putting out a newspaper.

The huge crowds Tuesday in the Pit, the sea of faces Wednesday in Polk Place, the long line of marchers on Tuesday and Wednesday all seem kind of scary to those accustomed to the calm academia of Chapel Hill. And the atmosphere, so free and loose over Jubilee Weekend, is unbearably tense.

And doubts continue to plague many of us, as well as sheer fear. An innate fear of possible, very possible, repression on this campus. A fear of the strike itself and its implications. And a gnawing, undefinable fear that something is terribly, terribly wrong somewhere.

There is nothing like an immediate political crisis to create a personal crisis in the minds of many. I'm no exception. Too much uncertainty about the usefulness of the strike, too much horror at the Kent State incident, too many pressures—as a Christian, journalist, and student—have descended upon me to even attempt to persuade anyone else either way about the strike swirling around us. About the only thing I am sure of is that—protests to the contrary—there are no black-or-white alternatives, no easy answers.

While I was still uncertain about my own position on the strike Wednesday morning, I had to go to an unavoidable class. As I entered the building, an incredibly naive girl bitterly spat at me, "If you enter those doors, you've got blood on your hands."

My response, were I not shocked by the unfairness and ridiculousness of such a charge, could very well have been "militantly rude."

But the incident brought home to me my greatest fear and most urgent plea—that despite signs saying "think," we aren't doing enough thinking.

It is easy, particularly easy in a sudden movement in which only one side is basically presented, to take rhetoric for fact and impassioned pleas for intelligent argument. It is easy to follow the crest of public opinion and just join the strike, accept the slogans, and agitate for shutting the place down. And it is easy to condemn somebody else in the heat of a cause without justification or compassion.

The last speaker in Wednesday's rally, citing how we have all been taught to say "Yes" all our lives, urged us to "think" and be able to say "No." I agree with him, but—just as importantly—we've got to think even harder and be able, honestly and with reason, be able to say either "Yes" or "No."

Freedom to think goes both ways, and along with the need for each of us to think out our own positions goes the responsibility each of us has to accept someone else's decision. It is his right, and his conscience.

It would be easy for me to take the evidently popular way out and support the strike. I, too, am uneasy about Cambodia and detest the Kent State massacre.

But I frankly don't know how I feel about the strike. It's got to be an intelligent personal decision.

But I do know one thing. In a very real sense, I'm thinking about it.

Letters To The Editor

Student Questions Power Of Mickey Mouse Club

To the Editor:

In Saturday's Daily Tar Heel it was reported that the Student Legislature had passed a resolution condemning the President of the United States, and that Tom Bello, the Head Mouseketeer of the Mickey Mouse Club that resides in the student union complex, has called a meeting of the Student Body to protest the presence of American troops in Cambodia.

My initial reaction was a question: by what authority did either of these two events take place? The answer is clearly that Tom Bello, the president with a Kennedy complex, and that anonymous band of misguided fools who play at politics at Student Legislature have overstepped what little authority they do have and infringed upon the rights of those who do not share their political views.

First of all, by no stretch of the imagination can the election of Student Legislature be considered a mandate by the Student Body to represent them in any and all facets of life. Members of Student Legislature are elected, not to voice opinions on foreign policy, but to decide much simpler issues, such as how much money should go to the Yack each year. (And by their performance at the last budget session, I am not sure that they are qualified to do even that.) I, for one, bitterly resent the assumption by a majority of the Legislature that they have any authority, expressed or implied, to voice a political opinion for me.

As individuals, members of Student Legislature may voice any idea of opinion that they wish. But I protest their attempt to use as a forum for those personal views a student government organization which has no right to voice such an opinion in the first place.

And President Bello has called a meeting of the Student Body to protest U.S. involvement in Cambodia. He suffers from delusions of grandeur. His shallow office has no inherent power to decide that the Student Body will meet to protest anything. The only meeting that

he may call is one consisting of those students who wish to protest: the war for the simple reason that the "Student Body of U.N.C.-CH" refers to a group of people who hold differing views on virtually every subject under the sun, especially Viet Nam.

Bello assumes not only that there is a consensus on Viet Nam, but also that he, as President of the Student Body, has the authority to represent that consensus. I would suggest that Mr. Bello, in his less hurried moments, read the Student Constitution for the first time to discover that he speaks only for himself when he reflects on national policy.

Carolina for political leverage. Such an attempt can only bring harm to the University itself and a loss of freedom of expression to its individual members, who find, too late, that someone else has already claimed the right to speak for all.

Sincerely,
Don Bumgardner
Law School

Student Expresses Fear Of National Guard Here

To the Editor:

I was most upset by the reported comment (DTH, May 6) of campus security officer Arthur J. Beaumont to the effect that "We'll bring in the National Guard. They have the solution." Coming only 24 hours after Guard members shot and killed four Ohio students, the statement expresses a callousness in personal attitude that I find unbelievable in any man. Coming further from an officer of this University, the statement is intemperate beyond countenance.

A public statement of this sort on the part of any administrative official is so indefensible as to indicate a lacking in the professional and personal qualifications necessary to retain his position. Such conduct ought not be tolerated by Beaumont's superior.

Sincerely,
James N. Stirewalt

Protest Voices Need Clarity

To the Editor:

I cannot agree with those complacent Americans who contend that a student boycott is politically ineffectual. But in this grave hour your protesting voices could be made more clear. The business of the silent majority is money. The business of the student is school. Why not boycott them? Boycott Pepsi Cola. Boycott beer. Boycott gas and oil for your car.

Live for a week, for two weeks, as lean as a Vietnamese peasant, and you could raise a cry that would soon echo painfully in Nixon's ears.

Sincerely
Isabella Davis

Not Heros. Not Martyrs.

Not Anything.

To the Editor:

The Cambodian Love Song

The green machine muddles on,
Ordered to fulfill his destiny.
A few weeks you say,
Before the monsoons. But,
One bleeds just like another

This morning four students
lay at attention,
As the alma mater played on.
Not heros. Not martyrs.
Not anything.
Just dead.
Oh say how they saw those,
Last seconds of excreting
horror.

The anarchists are everywhere,
Says the fulfiller of his destiny.
A purge? I think not.
But What?
We could sit and wait.

Sincerely,
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