

# The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

## 'Faculty' Amnesty Must Be Improved To Student Choice

A state of confusion has erupted on this campus as to what the faculty resolution on grades actually meant.

The confusion, we believe, was intended by the faculty due to the needless ambiguity in their resolution. One faculty member privately admitted that the resolution was written as such to give the individual professors discretion over the way final grades are handled.

The resolution is a faculty amnesty.

Before the faculty meeting, individual faculty members could have signed a petition granting amnesty to the students. After the faculty meeting, they could do the same thing.

The resolution permits faculty members to require students to complete their work at a later time. The strike has been called for the remainder of the school year including the exam period.

Seniors and those students with a full schedule throughout the summer months could be forced

back to class if the instructor so desired. We remind students that the right of appeal is only for "departure from this policy."

And what about the numerous examples of faculty members who depart from the policy?

Students have the right to appeal to the chairman of the department and to the dean. Unfortunately, we feel that the time students spend out on strike should not be consumed in a bureaucratic process arguing for fair grading.

The faculty must produce a better policy.

Students should be permitted to have the option of 1) taking the grade they currently have, 2) taking the course grade on a pass-fail system, 3) taking an incomplete and finishing the work at a later date or 4) completing the normal course of study.

If the faculty refuses to guarantee amnesty to the striking students there is no choice but to close the school and carry on independent student education.

## Noted Without Comment

The following is the text of the statements issued to Governor Scott by Bill Glover from Shaw University and the governor's reply to the students.

We note the statements without comment except to question why the governor refused to face 8,000 people.

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To The Governor:

The War in Southeast Asia and the atrocity at Kent State is merely a manifestation of the suppression rampant in America today. Blacks have long been aware of this fact but it took the killings of whites at Kent State to arouse the whites. Orangeburg, S.C., A&T University, the Black Panthers and the use of blacks to fight a vainless war in Indochina is evidence of the crimes perpetuated against the black race by white dominated power structure which refuses to recognize such activities as oppressive. Blacks and whites join together today to protest this oppressive system.

Thus, we abhor your recent telegram to President Nixon endorsing his invasion of Cambodia. We do not feel your view in representative of that of all North Carolinians. We therefore strongly urge you to send a telegram to Nixon rescinding your earlier statement. We would be delighted to bear the expense of such a message.

We further enjoin you to wire Governor Rhodes of Ohio to indicate your dismay at the tragic events at Kent State University.

Bill Glover

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I appreciate your concern over the views you have expressed in your rally. I want to commend you for the orderly manner in which you have met and expressed yourselves.

Of course, I am aware of your deep concern over a number of problems facing us in our country, particularly the war in Southeast

Asia. I also know the recent tragedy at Kent State University is close to you.

You have expressed yourselves today just as I have on various issues—always openly and with the view that all of us can speak but the same time respect the rights and opinions of others.

On Monday, along with the governors of the other states, I will meet with the President to listen to his discussions of domestic and foreign issues. I will convey to him your deep and genuine concern over the matters you have spoken of today. Also, I will convey to Governor James Rhodes of Ohio the genuine and deep concern our students have over the death of the Kent State University students.

I will convey to the President the students belief that your decision to escalate the Indo-Chinese war has been disruptive to the normal academic processes of the institutions of higher learning in North Carolina.

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# 'Beautiful People' Are Only Human

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Every spring brings Jubilee nearer and nearer to the atmosphere of a genuine Rock Festival. And Kenan Stadium last weekend, by providing a microcosm of today's youth culture, offered glimpses into both sides of its lifestyle—the beauty and brotherhood rudely contrasting a streak of callousness and cruelty.

For anyone unfamiliar with their habits, the attendants at a Rock Festival are no too attractive. In their clothes, in the "natural" hair and whiskers, in their earthy language, the "beautiful people" apparently embrace a return to primitive forms. They sit cross-legged by the thousands, doped out, placid, until the music whips them up into a mass frenzy reminiscent of the Dionysian rites, in a strictly visceral experience.

This lifestyle, as most of its practitioners admit, accomplishes nothing at the intellectual or cultural level, but a great deal at the hedonistic animal level. It would be simple enough to dismiss this lifestyle on that basis, but beneath the chaos breathes a new innocence which cannot be ignored. Despite the obvious naivete in glib platitudes of "peace" and "love", a generation has come along which takes them seriously.

Suppose 400,000 of some other type of people had descended on Woodstock last summer, and found a shortage of food and shelter. The condition would have inevitably produced a frightening aura of agitation and violence. The amazing fact is that no one single fight broke out; the weekend was closer to "three days of peace, love, and music" than any realist though possible.

Much of the explanation lies in the effect of drugs. At Rock Festivals, and at Jubilee, most individuals find themselves suspended in a state of imperishable bliss; their minds turn inward, and all sounds and sights churn around in their subjective imagination. It is difficult to produce violence, or anything at all, in such a state. The only real violence occurs in an individual's mind when under the command of some overpowering drug.

Even if this account is valid, to explain the phenomenon is not to belittle its importance. The fact remains that "beautiful people" do more than repudiate violence on a verbal level; they actually demonstrate that peace is a feasible way of life.

Of course this needs to be qualified. Last fall at the Altamont Calif. Pop Festival, an 18-year old boy was murdered, as hundreds of thousands of rock fans stood by. The incident suggested the notorious apathy which New Yorkers have toward crime in the streets. Despite these hints of hypocrisy, the "beautiful people" produce a surprisingly low level of violence, and advocate none at all.

This lifestyle strains wildly against the traditional principles of Western thought, especially the assumption that man has an evil nature. The "beautiful people" have offered evidence which challenges that assumption. In doing so, they cast disturbing doubts on the validity of our social institutions. After all, our political system—oriented toward restraint—and our economic system—oriented toward competition—are both based on the assumption that man has an evil nature.

Is it possible that these institutions are useless, obsolete, misdirected—and based on an overly pessimistic view of human nature? The answer to this pivotal question was found at Jubilee last Friday night. The confusing end of the Pacific

Gas and Electric Show resembled an abortive mini-revolution. The lead singer played his part well; he did his best, through vulgar demagogery and emotional distortion of the facts, to inflame the crowd.

The predictable scene read like a script from countless other similar situations of the 60's. The crowd, or some of them, began to chant "pigs" and work themselves into a state of zealous indignation, although they weren't certain what the exact problem was.

As the band left the stage, Carolina Union director Howard Henry approached the microphone. The crowd gave him approximately six seconds of near-silence before they exploded. In that time, Mr. Henry explained that the situation was no drug bust of any type, which was a pretty tolerant comment for a grey-haired man to make under the circumstances. Before he could explain the legal entanglements which Pacific Gas and Electric was in, he was pelted with paper cups and angry outbursts. Being the indefatigable diplomat that he is, Mr. Henry simply smiled and repeated his explanation. The crowd was anything but polite.

Needless to say, less than one hour later, that same crowd was cheering enthusiastically and nodding to itself in a self-congratulatory manner as B.B. King spouted some mawkish cliches about universal brotherhood. The glaring inconsistency washed over them like water off a duck's back; it was convenient for them to forget that they were capable of intolerance and cruelty.

At the Atlanta Pop Festival last summer, a local underground paper sponsored a poll which asked, among other things, the correlation between Rock and the Revolution; and the most common response was "What Revolution?" It is to their credit that most Rock fanatics are basically apathetic about politics.

Those who sit around at Rock Festivals stoned (or tripping, or zonked, or whatever the latest word happens to be) offer little to society, but, it must be added, they do no harm. However, at that moment when they enter politics, the scene becomes infinitely repulsive. As the mob mentality takes over, aggravated by Revolutionary sentiment, all "love" is forgotten and the ideas of the gentle people becomes grossly twisted beyond recognition.

At that instant last Friday night when Howard Henry was hit by a crumpled paper cup, the entire stadium suddenly lost its euphoric charm. That instant symbolized an overt, vulgar, and obnoxious affront to all human sensitivity. And it did not prove that Mr. Henry is a pig, or that Rock fans are unusually depraved creatures. It simply showed the obvious, but easily forgotten fact—that people in that crowd, despite their verbal originality, are really no different; they are only human.

NOW FOR OUR DISCUSSION ON POLITICAL ISSUES AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE UNIVERSITY. . . .



## Letters To The Editor

### Faculty Chairman Protests Newspaper Rally Coverage

To the Editor:

I was invited to make a presentation at the outdoor meeting on May 7 by Tom Bello, President of Student Government, in my role as elected Chairman of the Faculty at UNC-CH. I was grateful for this opportunity and prepared a statement for presentation. It was disconcerting, therefore, to find in the reporting of the meeting in *The Daily Tar Heel* that no mention was made of the fact that the Chairman of the Faculty addressed the meeting. On the other hand, quotations were used of the remarks of Mr. Roman.

I have no objection to having all faculty views being represented, but I find it difficult to understand why it was newsworthy to indicate that only Mr. Roman represented the faculty and make no mention of the willing participation of the representative of the entire faculty.

Sincerely yours,  
Daniel A. Okun  
Chairman of the Faculty

The Orangeburg Three have long been in their graves. Did they die in vain?

Mary Mebane

### Faculty Member Withdraws Support Of UNC Strikers

To the Editor:

I have always been a firm believer in the rights of the individual. Thus I support the right of a student to boycott classes and demonstrate against the war. I also support the right of a student to further his education and decide to attend classes.

I was appalled by the hoards of protestors walking through buildings where classes were being held and screaming. I do not believe the right to dissent includes the right to prevent others from their right to an education.

Therefore, I will no longer sympathize with the protestors nor associate myself with any anti-war activity on the UNC campus.

Sincerely,  
Tomlinson G. Rauscher  
Department of Computer Science

### Faculty Again Surrenders Principles To Expediency

To the Editor:

I weep for myself and for my colleagues. A second time in two years we have chosen compromise: a surrender of principle to rationalization and expediency.

Last year we were called to lead students in demanding redress of our non-academic "brothers' grievances. It proved attractive to believe strongly worded resolutions would produce justice. Over the summer, through this year, the hollowess of that victory has echoed few cries of moral revision. On 27 May the workers will have no jobs.

Students have learned the lesson: this time we have not been expected to lead. But they had the largesse to make a place for us beside them to express our horror at the blood streaming from the pierced side of society.

We have not cleansed ourselves at that wound; we have wrapped it in the bandage of rhetoric. We have felt justified.

Let us pray that at society's ascension mercy will prove greater than the sword of righteousness.

Sincerely,

### Deaths In Orangeburg Likened To Kent State

To the Editor:

Four are killed at Kent. But what about the three that were killed at Orangeburg, S.C., on February 8, 1968?

Those at Kent were protesting a war thousands of miles away—on foreign soil. Those at Orangeburg were killed protesting a vicious racist policy that has been imposed on them for years—not thousands of miles away, but at home. Were their deaths in vain?

The guns fired at Orangeburg and three lay dead or dying with nearly thirty wounded. Already the hand was writing, but the script was legible to only a few. It took two years and three months for everyone to be able to read the print. Even the rhetoric is the same—"sniper fire," "self defense," "provocation."

So when you mourn Kent, mourn Orangeburg. If you tell President Nixon about Kent, remind him of Orangeburg. Perhaps he might mention it to one of his friends, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

Peter L. McNamara  
Assistant Professor of English

## We Are Angry Too

Editor's Note: The following is the text of Dr. Daniel A. Okun's remarks at Wednesday afternoon's Student Body meeting. Dr. Okun is Chairman of the Faculty.

On behalf of the UNC Faculty, I am very grateful to be invited to address this most impressive gathering of students and faculty. I congratulate the Student Legislature for its foresight in calling for this strike today, as witness against our continuing and expanding involvement first in Vietnam, and now in Laos and Cambodia.

The indefensible nature of our foreign policy—a policy which has alienated a large segment of our population, and the younger element of that population particularly—(such a policy) leads inexorably to the tragedies at Santa Barbara and Kent State.

These unwarranted shootings excite us because they are in settings that are familiar to us and settings that are singularly inappropriate to violence. However, I know you understand that these unnecessary deaths are but a small, a very small, sample of the unnecessary deaths being visited daily on youngsters your age in Indochina. When we finally leave Southeast Asia, as we must, we will have as difficult a time justifying the sacrifice of these lives, as we now have in justifying the killing of boys and girls on our campuses.

You are angry, and most of the faculty is angry with you. You feel frustrated, and most of the faculty feels frustrated with you, at our seeming inability to bring an end to the senseless waste of our country's resources, resources of men and money that could much better be devoted to ending hunger and poverty, to providing respectable housing for our people, to providing financial help for students to attend the University. The federal support of student aid at UNC has steadily been reduced over the last three years by \$129,000 to balance the federal budget, a budget out of balance because of our exorbitant investments in Southeast Asia.

The faculty's frustrations are of much longer standing than yours. Many of us have been involved in the anti-war movement in one form or another for more years than you have been in Chapel Hill. We even worked within the system, sending one of our faculty colleagues as the only McCarthy delegate from North

Carolina to the Democratic National Convention. This was, as you know, to no avail, and led to even greater frustration, because the system turned out to be rotten.

However, I do not believe that this is the time to abandon the system. Even the system can no longer tolerate the Nixon policies. We learn that the Secretaries of State and Defense were against going into Cambodia, but Nixon was persuaded by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Martha Mitchell's husband. Congress is beginning, at long last to be alive to its responsibilities. Even our N.C. Senator, B. Everett Jordan, has begun to express doubts about our war policy publicly. Congress is the one instrument that has the power to stop this headlong drive to national suicide. And Congress today is the element today in our government most responsive to the people. This is an election year.

I would urge that you bend your efforts to reach your Congressmen and—perhaps in addition to direct confrontation with them in Washington and at home—involve your parents. We have seen a growing political awareness on the part of parents—an awareness brought on by their concern for you.

Let me repeat, we are with you in our sense of anguish and in our determination to see to the end of our insane adventure abroad. Our dedication must not end with the conclusion of the activities of these few days. This must mark the beginning of the change in our national direction, a change which leads us to peace at home and abroad.

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