

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

A Few Words On Ivey And News Interpretation

Printed below is the full text of what is, as far as we know, the first UNC News Bureau release on the strike. It is dated May 11.

There are two omissions. One was three lines stating when and where graduation ceremonies will be held. The other was seven lines quoting from the editorial which appeared in this space last Friday.

"Classes have not (repeat not) been suspended," Mr. Pete Ivey, news bureau director, said.

No, they have not been suspended, except in the department of city and regional planning where the staff and students voted to strike indefinitely.

"Students are learning," the former star boxer for UNC said.

Yes, Mr. Ivey, students are learning. About 400 of them will be learning how Congress operates first hand today when the 10 buses of students and faculty begin meetings with congressman about Cambodia.

By the fourth paragraph of the release below, Mr. Ivey had said that students have not gone home, or to the beach or to Washington and faculty members have not gone fishing.

One of our professors spends every free moment fishing whenever the sun shines. We ourselves went home to talk to people there about the strike over the weekend. We've talked to at least 20 people who went to the beach after getting amnesty from their professors.

And there were about 100,000

students in Washington Saturday, 1,000 of them from Chapel Hill.

"The work of the University goes on as usual," Mr. Ivey continues.

It does, if it is usual for a Spanish literature class to spend an hour talking about Cambodia, if six faculty members do not go to the faculty awards ceremonies and spend the time discussing the implications of Nixon's decision on Cambodia, if Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson comes out of his office to discuss the disruptions policy with 75 students who are sitting down in South Building.

If all of those things are normal, then the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill did indeed function normally Monday.

"It is still not clear how many students are regularly attending classes and how many not," Mr. Ivey says.

We agree. Our managing editor tried to take a poll Monday at noon. He found only 125 of a class of 800 in Memorial Hall. Dey Hall, he said, was nearly empty.

BA cancelled several classes last Thursday. Of course, the Medical and Law Schools continue to function.

We would like to have a reliable estimate of class attendance, but we are not about to trust what Mr. Ivey says.

"... all classes are meeting," Mr. Ivey says.

We guess Mr. Ivey forgot to call Dick Roman and some of the English teaching assistants to ask about their classes.

A 'News' Bureau?

By PETE IVEY

CHAPEL HILL—Contrary to rumor, the University of North Carolina is still in business at the same old stand.

Classes have not (repeat not) been suspended. Faculty members are teaching.

Concerned parents and citizens of the state have been calling to ask if it's so that Carolina has "let out"—that students have gone home, or to the beach or to Washington, and that faculty members have gone fishing.

The answer, in all cases, is "no." One exception: Faculty members of the Marine Sciences Institute at Morehead City have indeed gone fishing. But that is a part of their scholarly and research duties. But, otherwise, the work of the University goes on as usual.

What happened last week when the faculty voted to recognize student concern about Cambodia and the Kent State tragedy is not altogether understood by many who are asking questions about the status of classes and what's expected at UNC.

The action taken by the faculty last week gives options: A professor may grade his students on work accomplished thus far in the semester. Or he may require the usual attendance, completion of papers and examinations.

Some faculty members are giving students grades on what they have done—up to last week. Others are requiring strict class attendance, and make-up of lost work.

Student glee over what many thought was a "school-is-out" resolution in the Faculty Council last week turned into disappointment and anger when they found that the faculty action was not what they had first believed.

It is still not clear how many students are regularly attending classes and how many not. In the Law School, the Dean's Office reports attendance seems "about normal." The same is true for Medical School. In Business School, few are absent.

In the Undergraduate College and Arts and Sciences and in the General College, attendance ranges from about 90 percent down to about 15 per cent, the latter in some of the social science classes. Overall attendance is about 60 to 75 per cent.

So far as can be ascertained, no faculty member has called off any class or refused to give instruction or examination to any students wishing to complete the course on schedule, and despite absences in some classes, all classes are meeting.

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Lobby—If You Really Want Peace

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Today, a delegation of UNC students and faculty members are in Washington, D.C. meeting with members of Congress and other legislative and administrative officials to discuss the war in Indochina. This is the beginning of what could become the most effective means of getting results to our months and years of

petition and protest by those who are in the position to act.

This form of protest, called a lobby, has been around as long as Congress has existed, and is the most effective antiwar idea yet.

But one day with Congress won't be enough.

American colleges and universities should organize in Washington—perhaps with one representative from each institution—and register as a legitimate lobbying organization. The National Rifle Association and the Corps of Engineers are highly successful in the processes of government because they're there in the

system working closely with the lawmakers. If these interest groups can lobby effectively, then the youth of this country, those whose blood is being spilt on the battlefield, can lobby against the illegitimate and immoral war that is spilling that blood and diverting energies and funds from more pressing matters at home.

When the members of Congress see thousands of people in the streets, they are alienated immediately. They are very afraid, and when a man is full of fear, he isn't inclined to treat the object of that fear with very much trust or credibility.

So meet them on their own grounds. They are the ones who can end this mess—so by dealing with them in a manner with which they are familiar, progress can be made.

That this lobby action would be expensive goes almost without saying. But a donation of \$1 from every student in this country would raise a sizeable sum to finance such a venture.

However, one point must be made here. This lobby action is not designed to take the steam out of such measures as the strike in which we as students are now engaged.

The campus-wide strike which began here one week ago today is important and necessary. But, as the leaders of this movement have realized, a mass strike, even spread across the length and breadth of this nation, is ineffective alone. Alone, it amounts to a bunch of kids getting out of class early without the least amount of work and responsibility.

But this strike, in its real purpose, is made of responsibility. This strike here appears mild and almost boring when compared to some activity on other campuses across the nation. Remember Kent. But the strike here will be more fruitful than the more violent protests elsewhere. Here, hopefully, those now freed from academic pressures will now focus their energies into constructive channels—such as the lobby afore mentioned and a community canvassing program such as that of the Reach All People Committee up in Suite A.

The strikes elsewhere in this nation should yield similar progress and just plain hard work. That's the only way to beat this thing—from within.

To be effective, both here and in Washington, we must concentrate on the central issue at hand—the Indochina War. Other issues, domestic in nature and equally important, must come later.

To be effective, we must not take on more than we can handle and clearly approach. We must solve our own domestic problems. But until our needless foreign interests and expenditures are ended, these problems will continue to go unattended.

This is undesirable—but unfortunately the way it must be.

To fight on two fronts, at home and abroad, is to lose both fights tragically.

We've already lost one fight; let's not lose the one at home too.



bill blue

Make A Commitment

This week I received a letter from a citizen of this state condemning the action of Student Legislature last Thursday night.

Vehemently he decried the passage of the resolution condemning the expansion of the war into Cambodia and accused us of acting hastily and without sufficient information. He stated that his last visit to Chapel Hill disgusted him—"too many long haired queers." He said a child of his had graduated from here and left, vowing never to return as long as such radical elements were on campus. He closed his letter by declaring that if you were "horse whipped you might have an appreciation for America."

I am both saddened and enraged at his letter. I am saddened because of the rift in communications that so plainly exists. This man has no comprehension of what we are trying to accomplish. He sees our efforts only as a threat to the stability of this nation, denying any possibility that we can achieve any substantial and constructive reform.

At the same time, I am enraged by an almost blind refusal of the part of so many people to face the horrid realities of the world around us. We are hopelessly mired in a war we cannot win, yet we refuse to withdraw because of blind patriotism and an insane belief that this country cannot lose any fight it enters. Our generation is being torn to shreds by a selective service system that robs us of ambition and reduces brilliant minds to military cannon fodder. The blacks of this country are crying out for their rightful role in society and we have closed the door in their faces. We have people starving and we deny their existence; we are poisoning our environment and we refuse to face reality.

And yet, some say we should be "horse whipped" to appreciate America, beaten to appreciate a nation that is wracked by ills that it refuses to face.

Somehow we must resolve the ills that confront us and cure the sicknesses that plague America. It cannot be done if the generations are divided beyond the point of meaningful communication. We have to be realistic—we cannot run this country yet. We lack the capital, the modes of communication and the sheer numbers that it would require.

Instead, we must work through the

channels already available and create more to spread the tenets of youth and our ideas for progress. Each of us has to work for the election of public officials who are in tune with these demanding times. We have to devote ourselves to communicating in a peaceful and reasoned manner and passing on the beliefs that we hold dear. We have to assemble and march and show the depth of our concern. And most of all, we have to be peaceful.

Nixon, Agnew, and Mitchell find it easy to discount violent protests as the works of "communists" or "radicals" dedicated to the overthrow of our

government." They cannot, however, ignore faculty members who vote to suspend classes; they cannot ignore thousands of people on the White House lawn Saturday afternoon.

I honestly believe, my friends, that we are the "last, best hope of mankind." We must turn the tide of this nation following or we shall watch it crumble in the dust of factionalism and internal dissent. We, as students, as concerned young people, even as Americans who cannot bear to see our country fall, must act to right the wrongs that wrack us. Your Student Government has made a firm commitment to this movement—join us.

Letters To The Editor

Tell Me, Is It Too Late?

To the Editor:

Someone, please, tell me that there is a purpose. Tell me why my friends have to die. Tell me why they have to compromise. Tell us how we can live with ourselves after we decide. I know they probably told me in Sunday School; but I was drawing pictures on the quarterly and didn't hear.

Someone, please, tell me why no one is listening. Tell me why no one watches when we march quietly down their streets. Tell me why our prayers are never heard as clearly as our obscenities. Tell me why they are blind to our tears and see only our explosions.

I know someone in the crowd tried to tell me once; but I was too busy pushing my way to the front to stop and listen.

Someone, please, tell me that there is hope. Tell me everyone won't be satisfied with token gestures. Tell me someone will keep trying after the shouting stops. Tell me someone believes.

I've stopped playing, and pushing, and now I'm finally listening. Tell me, please, is it too late?

Janice Stafford

Le Stylo Extraordinaire or The Finer Things in Life

To the Editor:

Last week I found eight Bic ball-point pens littering our beautiful campus. This, I think, is indicative of students' lack of reverence for the finer things in life. In my opinion, the quality of work has gone down because people perform their tasks with cheap ball-point pens.

Now, people may think that they are getting a real bargain by buying a cheap ball-point pen. I have studied the situation closely over the years, and I have found that this is not the case. People lose those sleazy, inexpensive pens (Bics, for example) at an ever increasing rate, and, in the end, wind up spending more on writing utensils than had they gone out and purchased a fine fountain pen. In addition, many of those which

aren't lost are chewed upon in moments of pressure. Consequently, they are rendered worthless before their ink supply runs out due to their shrunken size.

There are many advantages in favor of procuring a fountain pen. First of all, a bottle of ink costing only thirty-nine cents will usually last a year. Furthermore, a fine fountain pen with a gold point will eventually become an extension of your personality as your point breaks in to your particular style of writing and the pen mellows with age. In short, your superior pen becomes an intimate friend.

Being a collector of fine fountain pens for over twelve years, I speak from experience as I have learned to appreciate the aesthetic worth of a graceful writing instrument in my hand. Our cultural values need refinement in an age of mediocrity and throw-away consumer goods. Precision writing instruments reflect a higher sense of values and taste in this world dominated by cheap ball-point pens. Will you rise above this worsening trend of the ordinary?

Respectfully,

Stephen Worthington Fuller
Corner Club

Cansler Should Bring More Police On Campus

To the Editor:

In reference to Dean James O. Cansler's reported remarks in the Daily Tar Heel of April 28, 1970, we wish to congratulate this refreshingly stern administrator for the general tenor of his thoughts concerning the frightfully increasing level of violence and disruption on this campus. (We strongly suspect that this increase is due to a precipitous liberalization of rules and to an increased enrollment of unqualified and ill-prepared "students.")

Most regretfully, however, we feel compelled to take exception to one salient shortcoming in an otherwise sound analysis. Dean Cansler states, "I think it is fair to say, and eminently defensible to say, in an academic institution, where the purpose of the institution is to study and

articulate knowledge, the one unforgivable transgression is the use of physical force, either to make a point or to keep someone else from having his say."

We must conclude that Dean Cansler, perhaps unwittingly, implies that the lawfully constituted police authorities should not perform their traditional role—a role, incidentally, so clearly understood by our Governor—of maintaining, by force and violence if necessary, a responsible atmosphere on campus.

This role is as it should be, for as Dean Cansler argues, "the larger part of this state doesn't share the values of the subculture that is this University." That is, free speech and assembly, personal privacy, due process and other demands made by unrepresentative dissidents are certainly not what North Carolinians have sent their children to Chapel Hill to learn. We urge Dean Cansler to reconsider his statement, in light of our critique, and to summon immediate police force for the protection of his majority.

Respectfully,
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