

Letters From Daily Tar Heel Readers

Adcock's Views Are 19th Century

To the Editor:
The following is in disagreement with David Adcock's views on student rights:
I am afraid that Mr. Adcock's views would be more relevant to the 19th century. No, David, slavery no longer exists. All individuals, blacks, whites, welfare recipients, and even students, are human beings, not objects. Almost without exception, UNC students are fairly mature, and have in fact passed puberty. In case you hadn't heard, most students can vote, and believe it or not, many students pay their own tuition with loans that they must pay back, and by working. Students even pay TAXES.

You offer the old argument that 1) N.C. taxpayers own UNC, 2) they own it because they paid for it, 3) so therefore they (or their elected representatives) and not students, should run it. First of all, students are also taxpayers, so by your logic, they should have a voice in running it. Second, UNC receives quite a bit of money from the federal government, so N.C. taxpayers are not the only ones who "own" UNC. Actually, you are closer to the truth in saying that UNC is "collective" property. It was paid for with the taxes from the poor, who had no real chance to attend, and built by them. UNC belongs to society and students are part of society. It is unfortunate that the rich have benefited most from UNC, and that a group of archaic, racist old men who are rich because they figuratively, if not literally, stole money from the rest of the people of N.C., run it.

If the collective experience of 16,000 students, many with degrees in sociology, education, mathematics, etc., is insufficient to run UNC, what makes you think that a bunch of old men, whose greatest tie with the university is parking in Ram's Head and getting loaded at football games, have the expertise to deal with the university's problems? I submit that the students and faculty, those most intimately involved with, knowledgeable about, and committed to the university, are the ones who should determine

educational policy. Most students would agree.

However, students, not faculty or trustees, pay for dormitories. Students, not faculty or trustees, have to live in them. And students, not faculty or trustees, should determine social regulations in dorms. If students are as you say, "social inferiors," it is only because they are stunted emotionally, sexually, and physically by a matrix of stupid and repressive social regulations.

Of course, you are almost right when you say that students are "wards of the state," for some of us obviously should be.

Therefore I propose that, in order to satisfy those who feel socially inferior, or that they are still in puberty, of that they should be wards of the state, we set aside one dorm, and name it the "David Adcock home for socially inferior, pre-puberty, junior authoritarians in need of strict discipline."

It's a program of compulsory study (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), compulsory bedtime stories, compulsory spankings, and compulsory teddybears. And I propose that you, and all your little friends be permitted to live there, forever. But please David, don't make the rest of us live there too.

John Steiger
Poplar Ave.
Carrboro

Writer To Adcock:

'Go Home, Child'

To the Editor:
David Adcock's column on student's rights had one interesting thought which could more correctly be directed to the author; "Go home child and play with something other than words."

Mark C. Malmgren
1320-7 King's Arms

Janis Will Live

In Many Hearts

To the Editor:
The death of Janis Joplin is a tragic blow to many of us. She had a voice that

was incomparable to any other singer. She had a sound all her own.

She put all her heart and soul into her music, in spite of the fact that her doctors warned her of the possibility of the loss of her voice. Music was her life and she expressed her many moods in song.

Janis Joplin will be missed but her songs will live for a very long time in the hearts of many.

Doug Foy 11 West Dorm

Rick Gray's Column Ornamental Garbage

Rick Gray's column on the "Spiro Agnew record deal" was just another ornamental piece of garbage thrown on the editorial junk pile of the DTH.

His childish attempts at trying to discredit Mr. Agnew have been used over and over by so-called liberals to attack the so-called Establishment.

But far more, his column reflects the attitudes of those who refuse to listen to people who have different ideas from their own, refuse to read about them (as Mr. Gray did in not finishing the letter accompanying the record offer) and try to shout down these people when they speak in public.

This fault of not listening to the other side falls on the conservatives too, but they don't attack liberals openly—they just keep a deaf ear. However, this silent majority is being pushed by the liberal elements in this country to speak out "or to forever hold their peace."

The editorial page of the DTH has been moved from the second page to the back page and this is fairly indicative of the direction in which the content of its editorials has moved—backward. It must be hard to think of opinions to express everyday but spare the readers the fairy tales and the repetitive drivel of liberal attacks—just turn it into a page of cartoons and hardly anyone will notice.

I didn't even consider giving two cents for Mr. Gray's column as he considered giving for Mr. Agnew's record and I doubt anyone will give two cents for what I have written. I just wanted the Silent Majority to be heard from. Spiro can't speak for us all.

Eddie Southards
130 Bagley Drive

Forsake Sen. Gore; Give To Bill Brock

To the Editor:
No doubt many Americans will experience deep chagrin this fall if Senator Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) is defeated by Congressman Bill Brock (R-Tenn.).

Gore has been a unique senator. Unique in the sense that he has totally failed to represent the beliefs of a vast majority of his constituency, namely the people of Tennessee.

Of course even Mr. Gore's detractors can't help but admire his strict adherence to liberal principles in the face of overwhelming opposition and criticism. He was especially impressive this summer when he delivered a keynote address at the state convention of George Wallace's American Independent Party.

I would like to invite all concerned Americans to send their contributions to Brock for Senate, State Headquarters, P. O. Box 1970, Nashville, Tennessee (37202).

Mike O'Neal
325 Avery

Information Needed To Cut Down Busts

To the Editor:
Today, Oct. 7, the Tar Heel ran a bit about somebody getting busted for possessing a "small quantity" of grass. This emphasizes the need for local heads to get it together and do constructive things about protection. If steps are not taken, we all remain vulnerable and exposed, and an ever-increasing number will be subjected to needless expense and hassle. (This letter in no way advocates the use of any drug, incidentally.)

The best protective device is a common body of knowledge, but since meetings for open discussion are impossible, the next best thing is an open forum in local newspapers, a "grapevine." In it could go such news as general information about drugs (some, for instance, may not know of the danger in heroin or the relative harmlessness of pot); recent or proposed busts (the police have stopped publicizing

raids, you know); the uncovering of undercover agents such as those trained at the Institute of Government this summer; legal advice such as prevailing penalties, defense procedures, rights, precedents, proposed changes in laws, etc.; plus bits like prevailing prices (how not to get stung) and warnings about adulterated dope that may be going around.

The desired result of this free exchange of information, besides peace of mind, would be to make it extremely difficult and expensive for the police to enforce anti-marijuana laws; at the same time causing a reduction in the use of heroin and other addictive and dangerous drugs. People should be able to contribute anonymously and important items should be published quickly. There's a lot of heavy shit coming down, so let's send it back where it came from.

(name withheld by request)

Police Not Helping Parking Problems

To the Editor:
Everyone who drives a car to class later than 7:30 in the morning from off-campus cannot help but be a victim of the parking shortage.

We also are victims of the benevolent concern the University self-righteously has expressed for our plight. It seems as if the Chapel Hill police force, in its continuing search for new fields in which to assuage its paranoic fear of being forgotten in our "changing society," has found a new niche by fining everyone resting on Park Place.

Apparently the "heavy traffic" on this little known street precludes anyone from parking here. After all, you need a road three cars wide so that you can pass (if necessary) around Park Place's 90-degree turn.

Good logic.
At least 30 parking spots are wasted between Park Place and S. Boundary St. because of the police tickling, so I'm not very likely to believe anyone who says the police force is trying to solve the parking/traffic problem. It seems you must pay the Luxury Tax as well as rent when you land on Park Place.

Lee Barba
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Writer Calling On Gov. Scott

To the Editor:
Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Governor Robert Scott on the subject of Mr. Bernie Oakley's dismissal from the cheerleading squad.

I hope all true supporters of the University will join me in calling on the governor and trustees to remedy this unfortunate situation.

Kelly D. Evans
72 Dogwood Acre

His Excellency
The Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, N.C.

Excellency:
As a supporter and alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I address myself to you in your capacity as chairman ex officio of the University's Board of Trustees.

News has just reached me that the coaches of UNC's varsity cheerleading squad have dismissed Mr. Bernie Oakley from the squad. It is reported that this action has been taken to forestall the possible loss of financial support from a small number of alumni who do not care for the fashion in which Mr. Oakley wears his hair.

It is lamentable that adults should allow their notions of something so ephemeral as hair styles to deprive the other cheerleaders and students of Mr. Oakley's previous two years of experience as a cheerleader at the University.

According to public reports, Mr. Oakley is neat, clean, courteous, capable as a cheerleader and satisfactorily fulfilling the University's scholastic requirements. If this is true, then it is wrong to single him out and make demands on him that are not made on the other 17,000 students.

Unfortunately the disapproving alumni seem to have fallen prey to the idolatry of aestheticism. In doing so they have put personal appearance above virtue.

I am confident that there are many others who feel as I do about this matter. All of us hope that you will do everything possible to rectify this injustice.

Respectfully yours,
Kelly D. Evans

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