

The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

Awards Of The Week

Heisman Trophy Candidate of The Week—UNC tailback Don McCauley who rolled up 279 yards against Duke Saturday, scored five touchdowns and set some 20 team, conference and national records in his last game in Kenan Stadium.

Understatement Of The Week—To John Sebastian who said Carmichael Auditorium sounded like "an institutional bathroom," and then proceeded to play the best "institutional bathroom" music we've ever heard.

The Immaculate Conception Of The Week—To Gig Young's ex-wife who claims that Young is the father of her five-year-old child. Young had a vasectomy in 1938.

Shop Early, Shop Often Award Of The Week—To the beautiful city of Raleigh which this year has gotten so excited about Christmas that they can't even wait until Thanksgiving to hold their Christmas parade. The parade is scheduled for Monday.

Failure To Stave Off An Opponent's Surge Of The Week—To former student legislator and Conservative Party executive Joe Beard who said after Tuesday's elections, "The first two ballots in Craige were cast for me. Unfortunately, there were thirty or forty other ballots cast."

Zealous Policeman Of The Week—The Chapel Hill cop who, while investigating the theft of a painting from the Union lobby, said, "We'll be glad to take it (the glass cover) and take some prints off it. And, who knows? Maybe someday something will turn up."

Sports Event Of The Coming Week—The World Series of Bombing to be held in Illinois next week. Among the participants will be two bombers from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

Evading The Question Award Of The Week—To Consolidated University President William C. Friday who, when questioned about rumors that he has been offered the job of president of Illinois University, replied, "Wasn't that a great football game?"

Letters To The Editor

New Establishment Under Fire

The old establishment is proving itself unrelenting in its efforts to put an end to The New Establishment. Following is the latest charge leveled against the N.E. by the State ABC Board brought about through the initiative of Orange County authorities:

This board has information indicating that you violated the State Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and/or regulations by: Failing to purchase and keep posted in your retail licenses premise each form of license as required by law on or about August 21, 1970, in violation of G.S. 18-88.

You are hereby given notice to appear before the Hearing Officer of the State Board of Alcoholic Control on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1970, to show cause why your beer permit should not be revoked or suspended.

What the N.E. is really guilty of here is what quite a number of bars in Chapel Hill have been guilty of over the years; tardiness in procuring certain licenses (in this case the county license).

The reason this offense is committed rather regularly is that it is not in the least serious—or has not been previous to the present charge against the N.E.

The standard procedure for dealing with those guilty of obtaining their federal, state, county or town licenses late has been to assess a penalty against them of five per cent of the cost of the license for each month late. Thus one who gets a license costing \$25 three months late will have to pay an extra 15% of that cost—or \$3.75. Big deal! It's no wonder that so many think so little about getting their license late.

But the N.E. should have known better. It just recently came off of a 30-day suspension of its beer permit for a violation which every thirsty soul in town knows half the local bars are guilty of committing—employees drinking on the job. There is one particular bar in town where the owner/manager himself has been conspicuously drinking on the job for over 20 years.

Certainly no violation committed by the N.E. can be excused by pointing to violations committed by other bars that go unprosecuted.

But we do have a right to raise the question as to why the N.E. is being singled out for selective enforcement of the law by the authorities—especially so, considering the fact that there has not

been a single serious incident of disorder to occur there since its opening over a year ago.

Of course, those who know about the N.E., about its flagrant policy of giving the students a fair deal (i.e., its highly competitive low prices and absence of cover charge for entertainment) in a town generally committed to their economic exploitation, these people would have one believe that they know what is ultimately behind the N.E.'s troubles. But since we of the New Establishment have no access to what goes on behind the false fronts of the old establishment, we can—for the time being—only conjecture.

As for those who are concerned about the future of the N.E., they need not worry. The N.E. has a whole pack of aces up its sleeve, none of which it has yet played. Carry on.

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ROTC Arguments Don't Hold Water

To the Editor: Several letters in Thursday's Tar Heel gave seemingly good reasons why ROTC belongs on campus, but none holds water. A non-academic subject like running a battleship no more deserves academic credit than learning to fix or drive cars does. Each has its legitimate place, but that place is not the university.

They speak of the armed forces as a necessary defense system. Fine. But historically speaking, the U.S. military has rarely acted in a purely defensive way. They should take into account the offensive nature of the "defense" system they are serving.

If they could strip away the glamor of the military, they might see that learning technical things about the operation of a ship is a necessary precursor to the ability of that ship to make war—to kill. Perhaps they aren't shouldering guns on a campus field. But they are being trained to enter an institution whose only occupation and only reason for existence is the preparation for and carrying out of war.

From the sound of their "courses" it seems to me that ROTC training is rather

poor preparation for fighting or being an effective officer. Instead, it sounds like the program is a good lure into military service—a lure made up of clean-cut activities coated with academic pretensions.

But this leads to the most ironic part of their letters—that the service will benefit by having liberally-educated thinking men. Do they really believe that in the middle of a battle, when the orders come down, that it matters to anyone what they think or if they think at all? The only reason they are permitted to think in ROTC classes (if they are) is that it gives them a sense of freedom which works only because it can't possibly affect anything. The only response they will be asked to show in the big time is strict obedience.

The only thing the military finally "teaches" is pure discipline. The only military officer who really thinks about history in relation to making war is the President, and I doubt if he knows or cares what any but the Joint Chiefs think. How many ROTC officers make it that far?

Perhaps these writers should make more direct connections between their own training program and the Southeast Asian jungles where military reality is.

Marge Bruckner

Bored Students Should Drop Out

To the Editor,

Wonder why so many campuses have unrest? "The Real Root of Student Disorder?" in November's issue of Reader's Digest has answers. San Francisco State College President Hayakawa's

Many of our college students are bored with school. You are full of energy and your parents and society say to put that into studying. But you want to express yourself, to do something you feel is worthwhile now. So naturally you rebel against the forces which are holding you down.

To discover what that the outside world is like and what you need to cope with it is valuable. I know, having seven years before entering graduate school to

find out. I know my weak areas and also what I enjoy doing most.

If you are bored with school, get out. Find a job, serve your country, or help other people. Then come back to school knowing what you want. You'll be eager to dig into your studies and your grades will show it. The world will be at your feet for a person of your background, grades, and maturity.

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Carolina Students 'Don't Really Care'

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that nobody on this campus really cares about anything. There has been no activity this year on any worthwhile cause. What happened to the activist students who led last year's strike? Where is Tommy Bello? What happened to the students who participated in the strike?

A lot of students on this campus went to the beach during the strike. They should have stayed. Who cares about Dean Anderson, Bernie Oakley or the football team?

You people are really digging to get anything worthwhile in your newspaper. I am willing to bet a dollar that your top story today (Sunday if it is run) will be the football team.

And what I want to know is: who cares?

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The Moth And The Flame

Before all else there was the darkened room. The room was such that it existed in and of itself; it led a solitary existence as a non-functional part of a huge building filled with light and the laughter of happy people.

One day someone opened the door and entered the room. The intruder carried a lighted candle, which was set on a table in the very center of the room. Having placed the candle on the table, the intruder departed, leaving the room to its solitude.

The candle continued to burn, and its glow lit up an area that had never been exposed to the warmth and cheeriness of a pure, open flame.

At length, the light attracted the attention of a moth that had somehow found its way into the room. Dazzled by the flame, the little creature flitted and dove about its new discovery.

The flame responded gaily to its

newfound admirer. The minute disturbances of the air caused by the beating of the moth's wings made the open flame nod and dance, as though bidding welcome to a friend.

The dancing of the flame further excited the moth, which increased in intensity the dips and turns it made in paying its respects to the brilliance of the light. So they continued, and the dramatic nature of the scene heightened as the movements of the two lovers became wilder and more daring.

But contemplation of the purity and brilliance of the flame at length grew boring for the moth. With a last fluttering of its wings as it soared above the warm flame, the moth left the circle of light and returned to more familiar pursuits.

The flame at first could not decide what to make of its dismissal by the moth. It continued to flicker for some time in hope of luring back to the

warmth its wayward lover.

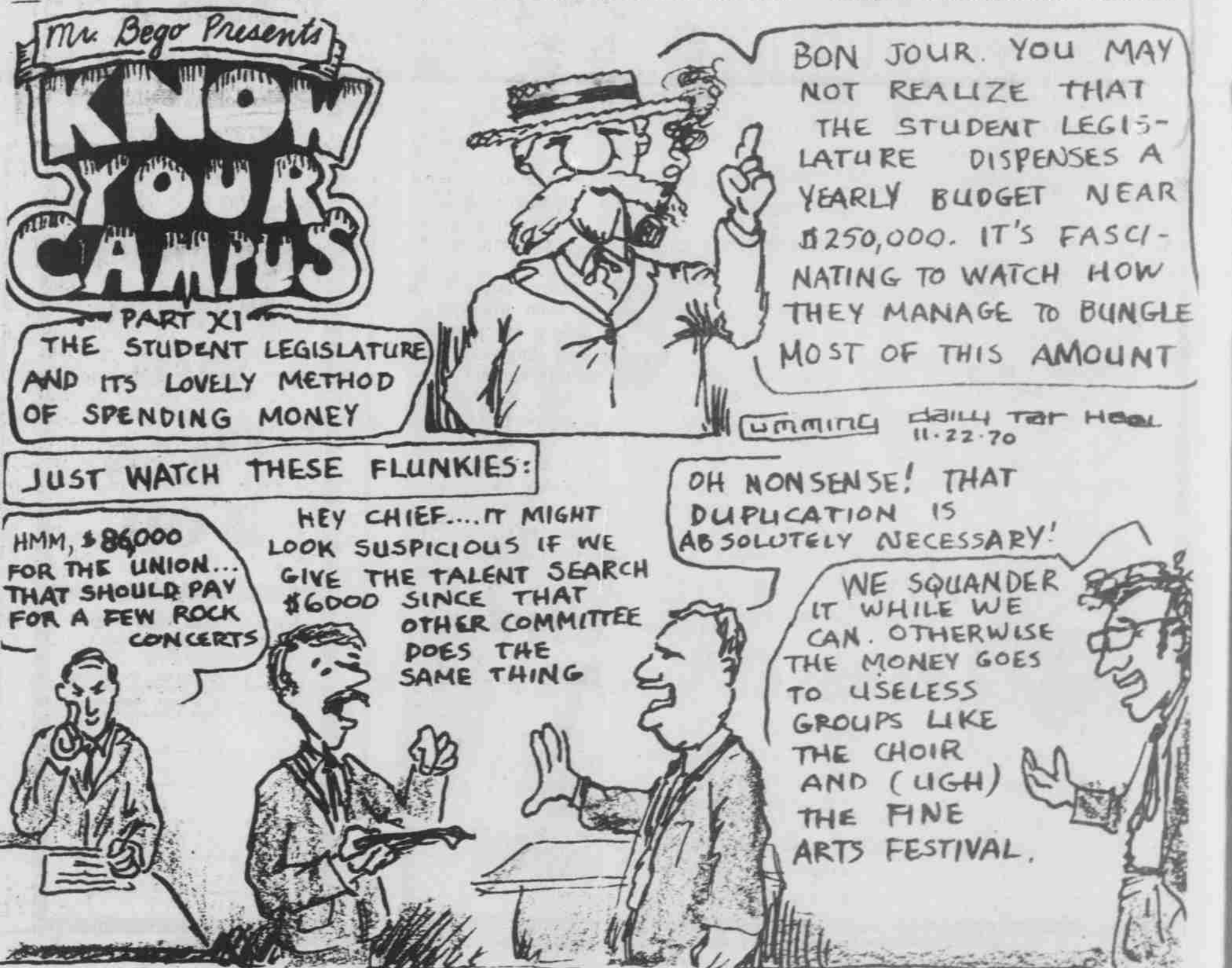
But the moth had already forgotten the flame, and had settled back into the way of life it had known before the advent of the brilliant thing.

Finally, the flame ceased to flicker. Instead, it grew taller and brighter than ever, until its light illuminated the entirety of the dark, lifeless room.

But nothing happened. Nothing changed in the room, and the warmth and brilliance of the candle were reflected in no other object.

The flame began to flicker, as though suffering from a chill. At last, overcome by the hopelessness of it all, it gave a last convulsive shudder and went out.

The glowing wick remained for a while to add an infinitesimal warmth to the nearly darkened room, which did nothing, as always. Then that too disappeared, and the room was left with the empty blackness of nothing.



Ken Ripley

Soul Food: Church Must Prove Itself Of Value

"My religion is fine, thank you," one boy said on campus a few weeks ago. "And I don't need the church to mess it up."

His sentiment isn't all that alarming by itself to those active in the institutional church. But the church in the last few years has had every reason to be alarmed. His feeling is widespread among students, and—in many cases—with great justification.

In a recent "Campus Opinion" poll published recently, the institutional church was "out" or fading for 65% of all students interviewed. A full 35.8% of these students never or almost never attended church. Sobering results for an institution whose largest ministry seems to confine itself to Sunday mornings.

More sobering, and indicative of student feelings on campus, were the results of another question posed by the

pollsters: "Overall, would you say that the churches do or do not have appeal for young people today?"

An overwhelming 77.5% said no, the church is definitely not appealing. A similar result was noted two years ago here at UNC by an Episcopal committee on chaplaincies formed when two Episcopal chaplains were removed by their bishop. The committee, headed by co-chairmen Ruel Tyson and George Penick, said, "Students are less and less inclined to identify their quests for meaning with participation in structured programs with regular meetings."

Nationally, the institutional church has been suffering increasing slippage and decline. In separate efforts released in the last two years, the church has lost not only membership but money. Almost all major denominations noted actual decreases in membership—not just the

previous slowing rate or growth. Recently the National Council of Churches reported a slippage in "per capita giving" to denominations, if not (when they get their statistics straight) an actual decline over the past three years.

The church is forced to ask itself, "Why?" And the puzzle for the institution increases with another significant conclusion reported in the "Campus Opinion" poll.

Students, whatever their beliefs, are religious. When asked, "How strong would you say your own religious beliefs are?" almost half of those surveyed expressed a strong feeling about their religious beliefs. A huge 78.2% overall had somewhat "strong" religious beliefs, while less than one in five students said their beliefs were "not at all strong."

Most of us are religious. The questions of God, man, and how best to live are as

important as they ever were, if not more so. But the institutional church is losing out. Students are just not interested, and rightly so, in fooling around with "Churchianity."

Why? There are many different reasons, but a basic one hinges around students' belief that the churches just don't have anything to say.

"Most religion," said a junior at UCLA, "is being taught as a doctrine, not as a way of life to be believed in."

The poll cited an answer by a University of Massachusetts senior as the most representative.

"The churches don't seem to try to relate to, or communicate with, younger people. Showing the relevance of religion to youths' practical everyday life seems so important, and yet is being overlooked."

"I don't want piety," a girl told me this fall. "I want help."

The problem of the church is not that they haven't anything to say—it's just that they're not saying it, or they're not saying it loud and clear. The "good news" of the Gospel is not being fitted to the street, the business, or the campus. It's all too often locked in the pulpit or hung in the theological cupboard. Doctrine that can't be applied, worked out, or make sense to how we feel or behave is not only irrelevant—it should be junked.

A lot of churches have been moving, however slowly, to get out of the pews and into the real world. Ministers are trying to speak out more on major social issues and to push their congregations out of the "Holy Huddle." But too many churches are still wrapped up in the status quo of religiosity and not enough in the problems, questions, and needs of the people they serve.

The question becomes—for the

chaplains, the community churches, and the Christians active in the church—not just one of "why," but "how." How can the church make sense and say something to people who are less willing to listen? What can be done, if anything, to move away from strangling "Churchianity" and prove that Christianity is worth anything?

The church is going to have to prove that it's still a worthwhile institution. It's going to have to "paint or get off the ladder." The church that can't paint is dead or dying, and it should be laid to rest. The statistics are unpleasantly clear.

Students have given the institutional church its warning. And it is the church that shares the awesome responsibility Jesus gave the disciples.

"You are the salt of the earth," Christ said. "But if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" How, indeed?