

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Officers could shed new light on ROTC

Two U.S. Army officers will speak on campus tonight against ROTC and the Vietnam War.

Both officers, First Lieutenants Cornelius Cooper and Dave Vaught, are 1969 graduates of West Point. Cooper was the second graduate of West Point to apply for a "Conscientious Objector" draft classification. However, these men are hardly what could be called left-wing agitators and their statements should provide UNC students with an interesting perspective on the ROTC issue.

Following the speeches a march will be held to serve an eviction notice on the Naval ROTC Building as a protest against the war.

The protest is particularly

relevant because of President Nixon's recent aerial invasions of North Vietnam. ROTC provides the military with nearly two-thirds of its new officers, officers trained in the most efficient methods of running a military operation—the most effective way of killing the "enemy."

Consequently, the removal of ROTC would severely hamper the ability of the U.S. government to wage offensive warfare.

We do not feel the University should provide grounds, buildings, bodies or tacit support to an institution such as ROTC.

Thus, we encourage all UNC students to support the eviction of ROTC from this campus.

## Need a course?

Today is the second day of pre-registration.

A large number of students have already gone through the process of telling their advisors, or being told by their advisors, which courses are to be taken this spring.

For those who have yet to dare to tackle the monolithic bureaucracy of general college advisors and Hanes Hall, The Daily Tar Heel offers the following list of suggested courses. Not all of them are completely without work, but they are all as close as we could come to the perfect slide.

For obvious reasons we'll skip certain departments: Aerospace Studies, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, etc. The School of Journalism is omitted, not because there are no easy courses there, but because the editors hope to graduate sometime in the near future.

**Anthropology**—General Anthropology. Lot of reading, but basically an all-nighter before quizzes.

**Art 30**—Introduction To The Study of Art History. An appreciation course.

**Classics 75**—Greek Civilization. The achievements of the ancient Greeks and their contributions to the modern world in art, architecture, medicine, science, etc.

**Drama**—All of the slides have been removed from the catalogue, except for Drama 51 (Acting).

**English 42**—Movie Criticism. This course used to be called "Free Flicks 42." It's also offered as RTVMP 42.

**Music 41**—Music Appreciation: General Survey. Course teaches something about music if you know nothing and requires only minimal study.

**Philosophy 20**—General Introduction to Philosophy. Read the introduction to each chapter as outlined in the syllabus, and don't cut until you find out how the particular instructor feels about attendance.

**Physical Education 41 or 42**—A course in personal and community health. Forty-one is for men; 42, for women. Usually have to be a senior or junior to get in. Demand is high.

**Political Science 41**—Introduction to Government in the United States. A lot depends on the seminar instructor, but with any knowledge of U.S. government a B is nearly certain.

**RTVMP 45**—Critical Analysis of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures. Basically an appreciation course in the electronic media.

Any course in the Department of Recreation Administration, a department established for somewhat dubious reasons, not all of them academic.

**Education 41**—Education in American Society. This course teaches you how to teach the courses listed above.

These are just a few of the courses offered by the University that are not much above the high school level academically. They will require some work, but not much.

Rick Gray

# Is that sunburn on your neck?

I got a bit drunk Monday night. Actually it was more than a bit drunk. It was a lot drunk.

But there was good cause. Monday wasn't one of the all-time great days.

It started off all wrong and didn't get a bit better.

I was planning to get up early, go to all my classes and start this three weeks off on the right track, recovering from a poor track record the week before Thanksgiving.

But then I realized that Monday was the first day after a vacation which usually means that there will be much rain and mud in Chapel Hill, not to mention biting cold since the temperature always drops 20 degrees after Thanksgiving.

When I woke up thirty minutes after my last class begins and looked out of the window, there the sun was, shining brightly and warming the earth. It was almost like spring except all of the trees were bare.

Then there was the hassle of putting out a paper for Tuesday morning,

listening to all of the complaints, writing headlines, making sure everyone knew about the style changes.

Then I had to decide where to eat dinner. I eliminated all of the restaurants in Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh and then went to Harry's because it was the only place open by the time I decided where I didn't want to eat.

And then I made the mistake of going home to try to go to sleep.

That's all I wanted to do, honest.

Just walk in the apartment, open a beer, watch the news and go to bed.

No such luck.

The red neck that lives nearby was waiting on the sidewalk when I went in.

Just as I started to put my key in the lock he called out, "Hey, do you live down there?"

Like an idiot, I figured that most people would automatically know that anyone putting a key in a door probably lives or works behind the door so I was caught red-handed.

(Looking back, I see that I could probably have said, "No" and gotten

away with the bluff. But fate was not to be denied.)

"Yeah," I answered in all innocence.

"I'd like to talk to you a minute," he said, rolling his shoulders like Elvis Presley always does just before he gets into the fight in the restaurant, tearing the place to shreds and completely defeating ten waiters and four cops.

I walked back up the stairs to see what the guy wanted, thinking that he might be someone trying to convince me to give up my lease and let him move into the apartment since the guy was obviously a poor grad student who had been looking for an apartment for him, his wife and two kids for four months and had heard that my lease was expiring in a month.

Then he started complaining about the Bach that was playing on the stereo the night before.

"You going to wake me up tonight?" he wanted to know, emphasizing his words with the same Elvis roll to the shoulders.

"I don't know if what I do tonight is going to wake you up," I said, trying to

make the whole thing seem as ridiculous to him as it did to me.

He didn't see the humor right off and repeated his question.

I came back with a few quietly spoken words about how I didn't mean to wake him up with Bach the night before, and if he was that light a sleeper he really shouldn't be living in a thin-walled apartment building with a lot of students in it.

He didn't like that and asked me again if I was going to wake him up again, putting in a few phrases that were vaguely threatening, but nothing to get really upset about.

I gave him the same, "I don't know." "We'll see about that," he said, grabbing the front of my shirt, pulling me towards him and landing his right fist soundly on the left side of my face.

He then threw me down the stairs and ran to his apartment.

I bounced off the wall, went to the steps and picked up my glasses, walked into the apartment, opened a beer and proceeded to forget all about the news or bed for a while.

Grover B. Proctor Jr.

## Nikita Khrushchev's appraisal correct

It finally happened. Nikita S. Khrushchev has had praising words for the United States.

Should we sue for defamation of character?

The New York Times News Service has come out with a story about the second installment of the former Kremlin leader's memoirs, in which they quote him as saying, "I don't think it's ever too late for a new generation, which will soon replace the current leadership of our country, to cast objective light on the beginning of the war [World War II]."

Khrushchev is concerned (conscience, maybe?) over the fact that "our historical works have perpetrated an illusion" concerning the role of the Western Powers during the second World War. It seems that Soviet historians have given the impression that the Red Army was the main force of strength against Hitler.

Nikita knows different. He sees that this (like other tripe coming out of Russia these days) is contrary to his own experience as a governmental leader under Stalin.

I think it is quite significant that Khrushchev should be directing his attacks against the "new generation," who he feels has rejected traditional and historical truths in favor of that which they choose to believe. The same thing is happening here, too. So let's examine what he says and see how it fits into our conception of history.

He makes two distinct points. One to the Western Powers' credit and the other to our eternal shame. And yet, he appears to be quite correct in each.

First, he proceeds to dispel any doubts concerning the effectiveness of Russia during the war. He explains that Stalin hoped to play one side (ours) against the other (the Germans) in hopes of coming out on top. When France fell, 2-3 the French were predicting the winking of England's neck like a chicken within a few weeks, Stalin's "nerves cracked." Luckily for us and Stalin, the French were wrong and Churchill, as usual, was right.

Some chicken...

Some neck.

Far from being the "bulwark" of strength in the Allied cause, Stalin folded like an accordion when Hitler invaded Russia. According to Khrushchev, he refused from that time forward to accept responsibility for what happened at the front. He says, "I noticed that Stalin's signature did not appear on a single document or order."

This first part is, quite first rate, I believe. It shows an objectivity on Nikita's part seldom seen in any leader, active or retired. Maybe the United States could take a few lessons from this and examine objectively, for once, such incidents as the Boston Massacre, that city's infamous Tea Party, the War of 1812 or Wilson's war in Mexico. A few

surprises would be found there, too.

The second point Khrushchev makes, while still as objective, is nevertheless another black mark on our nation, the supposed Bulwark of Freedom (a title it should hold). I quote from the memoirs a self-explaining passage.

"After the war I frequently heard Stalin speak about Eisenhower's generosity...Eisenhower held his troops back, allowing our troops to take Berlin. If he had not done this, the question of Germany might have been decided differently and our own position might have turned out quite a bit worse."

Yes, the question of Germany would be quite a bit different. Germany might not be divided today. Was Churchill, who named the Iron Curtain, the only one smart enough to realize its danger? What

was the executive command which lost one half of a nation to Communist control for the last twenty-five years? Why?

In short, when did we lose the concept that the only politics based on reality is that centered around the best national interests of the country? And will we never regain it?

No wonder the same news service came out the same day with an article containing the following statement, "Brezhnev gave the Soviet people an optimistic picture of the international scene." That picture will remain optimistic for them until we in this country realize that a solid, unified front against encroachments on national liberty is the only method to insure freedom as we know it in the West.

Sid Rittenberg

## Nixon using POW issue

Last week Mel Laird announced that U.S. raiders had struck at an empty POW camp near Hanoi. This announcement came on the heels of news of massive bombing raids on North Vietnam, allegedly against anti-aircraft sites (military sources in Saigon have admitted that one target of the raids was supply depots near the Ho Chi Minh Trail). Why the sudden burst of activity against the North?

One possibility lies in the coincidence in timing with consideration of the Cambodian aid bill by the Senate. Laird has offered the Senate a choice of "blood or money"—unless this bill passes, the U.S. will cease withdrawals from Vietnam. Now he may be attempting to further pressure Senate doves by some exemplary escalation. This bill is crucial to Nixon's policy—announced at Guam—of continuing U.S. imperialism in Asia by paying Asian armies to do our fighting. If the Senate is unwilling to pay

these mercenaries, then Nixon may have to go back to using Americans, despite the political costs.

Or, Nixon may be using the emotional POW issue to whip up public support for escalation which will occur regardless of the fate of aid to Cambodia. The U.S. military in Saigon is contemplating an assault on southern Laos on the scale of the strike into Cambodia, if the political costs at home can be made acceptable (Washington Star, Nov. 27, 1970). Bombing of the North may be resumed on a continuous basis, as more U.S. troops are withdrawn and the air war intensifies to support remaining U.S. and Saigon forces (Greensboro Daily News, Dec. 1, 1970).

The cynicism with which Nixon is using the POW issue is readily apparent. Public statements by returned prisoners—released through the U.S. anti-war movement—have spoken of the good treatment they received. Nixon has never uttered a word about the grim treatment accorded Vietnamese prisoners

U.S. troops have taken and handed over to the tender mercies of Saigon.

Nixon states that he has been unable to make any progress on the prisoner question through negotiations. Small wonder! It takes unprecedented gall for one side in a war to demand the other unilaterally release its prisoners while the war continues. Release of POW's normally takes place as a part of a general peace settlement—a type of negotiation in which Nixon has shown no interest. The recent peace initiative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government—casually rejected by Nixon's tools in Paris—makes explicit mention of the prisoner in question.

One thing comes clearly through the contradictory mass of charges and lies emanating from Washington: Nixon is not ready to end the war. He defused it as an issue in the election by seeming to promise that he would, but he is not ready to deliver on this. The war will end when the American people force the Washington regime to end it and not before.

Letters

## Murdered student died unnecessarily?

To the Editor:

I watched a man die early Saturday morning. At an all night dance, designed to promote Black-White relations, a black man was stabbed to death. I stood amazed with my date outside the Student Union watching a man die in his own blood on a cold brick walkway.

I do not know the particulars of about the knife, nor of the total incident involved. The purpose of my letter is to convey to those who were not at the dance that a man died who might well have been saved.

A good friend of mine was dating a medic, who examined the victim and voiced the opinion that if the victim was not moved immediately, he would probably die of shock and excessive bleeding. It was obvious that the man was losing an incredible amount of blood very quickly.

I find it hard to believe that no ambulance was available for this dying man to be transported a full one-half mile to Memorial Hospital. I find it hard to believe that a flock of policemen stood by to let this victim lie bleeding as much as thirty or forty minutes before finally shoving him into the back seat of a police car.

Had the police acted more efficiently, James Cates could very possibly have been saved.

I find it hard to believe that the police left the scene of the knife to walk a good ways away from the crowd and to congregate, leaving the victim unguarded in the midst of tens of violent, hot-headed, and fired up youths, who stood shouting at one another around the stabbed man's pool of blood. I expect something more from my police.

I am no doctor, but I believe that the knifed Black man could have been saved. I find myself wondering that had the victim been a white college student, would he have waited so long to be medically treated?

I am thoroughly disgusted with the ambulance service and the police regarding this fatal stabbing.

Joseph K. Daley  
Pine Grove Mobile Homes

## Exchange student 'certainly truthful'

To the Editor:

Thank you both—author and publisher—for the story about my country, Colombia a "fantastic place."

It certainly tells the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth—about the American shortmindedness.

Gustavo Restrepo  
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