

The Daily Tar Heel

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Harry Bryan, Editor

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Housing policies not needed at all

The Junior Transfer Forum has made its recommendations on a policy that would virtually abolish the junior transfer housing requirement, and that policy is expected to be okayed by the University by the end of the year. However, very little has been said until this week about the plight of the sophomore who is currently being forced to spend an extra year in University housing.

In letters sent this week to Dean of Student Affairs C.O. Cathey, Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation, and Robert Wilson, presidential advisor on residential life, urged the UNC administration to drop the UNC administration to drop the sophomore housing requirement.

In light of the predicted overenrollment on this campus next year, both Saunders and Wilson asked that sophomores—as well as junior transfers—be allowed to live off campus.

Both Saunders and Wilson pointed out the fact that the University may be facing the same housing crisis next fall that forced the crowding of many students in dormitories this year.

The housing shortage became so bad in the first few weeks of the

current school year that some students were even moved into makeshift rooms in dormitory basements.

In order to prevent another shortage, they said, the sophomore requirement should be dropped so that rooms can be made available for incoming freshmen and junior transfers who choose to live in dormitories.

Dean Cathey countered the two letters by saying the University does not "contemplate any crowding."

He added, "Should there be any crowding, there would be a liberalization of the policy to prevent above-normal occupancy of any room or dormitory."

However, if Cathey is wrong about the possibilities of overenrollment—and according to Saunders and Wilson, he is—he and the University Housing Office will be in for a tremendous headache next fall.

If a housing shortage does arise and the University relaxes the policy, which sophomores will be given the opportunity to move out of the dormitories? Will the University let all sophomores out of the dorms or just a chosen few? And how will those chosen few be picked?

And, finally, at that late date how will they have the time to find another place to live?

Another reason for dropping the housing requirement for sophomores is the quality of University residence halls themselves.

Dormitories on North Campus are in pitiful condition. And South Campus dorms—although newer and more modern—are just too far away from the center of campus.

Many students who have already lived in dorms for one year just don't want to go back, and they are justified.

If the University wants to fill its residence halls it should improve them to encourage students to live in dorms rather than forcing them to.

And if the University is willing to change its policy, those changes should be made quickly to prevent another housing crisis.

Brad Stuart

Technology can solve own ills

Wide-spread pesticides are quickly adapted to by prolific pests yet threaten slower breeding mammals with extinction.

Technology's abuse extends most graphically into the military field. Teller and Truman's statements to the contrary, Japanese population centers were not the proper places to test Einstein's theories. (Einstein himself wept after Hiroshima and pledged, with other like-minded scientists, never again to give information to a government.) Like the Bomb, the two world wars were made possible by modern technology, as is our involvement in Vietnam.

Even otherwise positive uses of technology have contributed to problems. Population growth has been augmented by the greater productivity of industrialization and by advances in medicine and biological engineering—all

of which have decreased deaths from starvation and disease.

There are many in the University community, particularly in the liberal arts, who negate the role of science in our society and blame technology for the manifold ills of our planet. Materialism, waste, pollution, Hiroshima, alienation, mass cultural homogenization—every vice and desecration has been attributed to the power of applied science (technology).

Technology has been abused. Air, water and land have been fouled, wasted and large areas of civilized nations have been transformed into desolate industrial wastelands.

The land has been wastefully mined, not only for minerals but for agricultural products grown with concentrated fertilizers which put soil on a speed trip, burning out its life.

But if the use of science and its applied technology helped get us into the

ecological crisis we now face, our hope for survival lies also with science.

The population problem will not be solved alone by philosophers, historians, sociologists and other liberal artists. The necessary knowledge and tools will be gained by researchers and clinicians of new and better applied birth control technology.

The pollution problem will not be solved because of moral outrage. It will be solved because pollution hurts the economy which hurts the polluters.

Major corporations are already responding with "systems approaches." Using the "system approach," analysts define each problem in terms of its total related context, taking into account not just a single goal, but the health and efficiency of an entire system.

As long as the system in question remains a single, profit-oriented corporation, pollution, though decreased,

will remain serious. However, when applied to whole economies, the results could be revolutionary.

A few universities are initiating well-staffed and funded programs of "systems analysis." Combined with pollution researches already underway in the Research Triangle, such a program could be very effective in this area. UNC would do well to study feasibility of such a program.

The post-Sputnik science boom, begun in Cold War fervor, has subsided as that fervor dies. Misguided amateur ecologists have attacked science itself. Government funding and public support of scientific research has fallen off.

This policy could be disastrous. If we are to survive our present crisis, the most advanced tools of science are necessary.

Through enlightened use of science and technology our race may live to confront the crises of centuries to come.

Letters to the editor

Reader's bicycle attacked by vandals

To the Editor:

This is an open letter of thanks to a genuine good Samaritan and a sarcastic thanks to a vicious vandal. The thanks and the sarcasm are of equal fervor for I feel both so deeply that I'm having trouble putting them on paper. In a supposedly civilized atmosphere of intelligent people I find it hard to believe that the following has happened.

First I wish to thank that person or persons who either on Saturday night or Sunday found some wreckage on the grounds of James dorm. Realizing that some poor soul's bike has been vandalized this person placed it (the wreckage) under shelter. Thank you.

To address myself to a savage I must first consider what kind of life it is. Obviously it's of a very low form. I'm sure that's what it must take to willfully break, pick or whatever a chain holding a bicycle to a guardrail and upon doing this heave it over to the ground six stories below. I can think of no words to describe you, even some of the four-letter variety. They are meant for people of at least some intelligence and this you obviously lack. If you think you were brave ask an idiot what bravery means; he'll know more than you about bravery. For your malice and your viciousness I thank you.

David W. Coleman
735 James

nothing to UNC except your tuition, yet feel obliged to criticize the efforts of persons who do?

Mr. Dickey, an intellect such as yours should not lay follow any longer. I beg you to take your rightful place in the forefront of campus activities.

Tom Manning
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Reader makes note of error

To the editor:

This is in response to the article concerning the Veterans for Peace war crimes program the night of Friday, April 9. I would like to correct what was either an inaccuracy in the article or a serious mistake on my part made during my talk. In the article, I was quoted as having said that the VC were toys and that we (U.S. servicemen stationed in Vietnam) looked on them as playthings. What I remember saying is that the Vietnamese people were looked on as toys. Very few Americans who were in combat in Vietnam saw the VC as "toys." The VC and North Vietnamese troops were deadly, well trained soldiers, not playthings. The civilian population, on the other hand, had pretty much the same status with U.S. troops as the target silhouettes on basic training rifle ranges, and were treated as such in many instances.

I appreciate the chance to make a much needed correction. I would also like to express my appreciation to those who cared enough to come hear us last Friday. I only hope that we were able to change a few minds and spur a few people out of their apathy.

Mark M. Smith

Cartoons hack prof's ability

To the Editor:

I, for one, am tired of Mr. Cumming's hacking cartoon editorials concerning certain professors here at Carolina. Do

Mr. Cumming's cartoon editorials indicate good humor, good policy, or just good intellectual snobbery?

If Mr. Cumming's cartoon reflects his personal views of the astronomy course, he is now taking he has just proven to the university how much of a misfit he is here. The majority of students come to study so that the obtainable knowledge will make them better persons. The other students attend college taking "slides" to see how high a grade can be obtained with the least amount of work.

Mr. Cumming's astronomy professor is a qualified teacher, quite knowledgeable of his material, which he is capable of presenting to the class with ease and clarity. Mr. Cumming needs the ability to distinguish between inadequate student cooperation and the teaching ability of his professor.

He needs not to be reminded that he is an exceptional student, but perhaps he should remember that this astronomy course is composed primarily of freshmen and sophomores, not seniors.

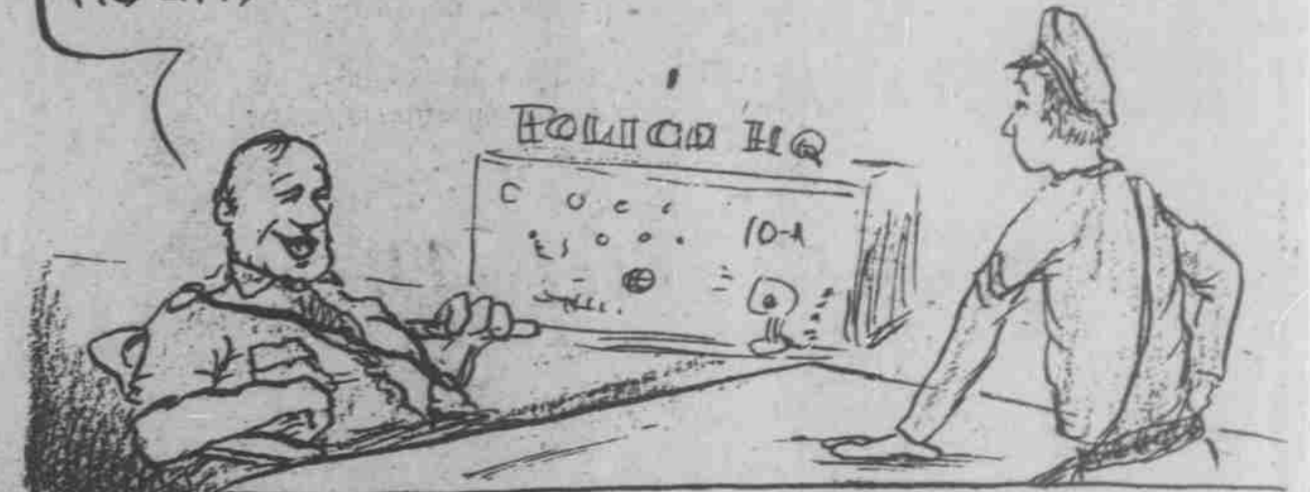
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Communication failure noted

To the Editor:

Today's issue of The Daily Tar Heel sadly reminded me of a line from a somewhat dated movie, Cool Hand Luke:

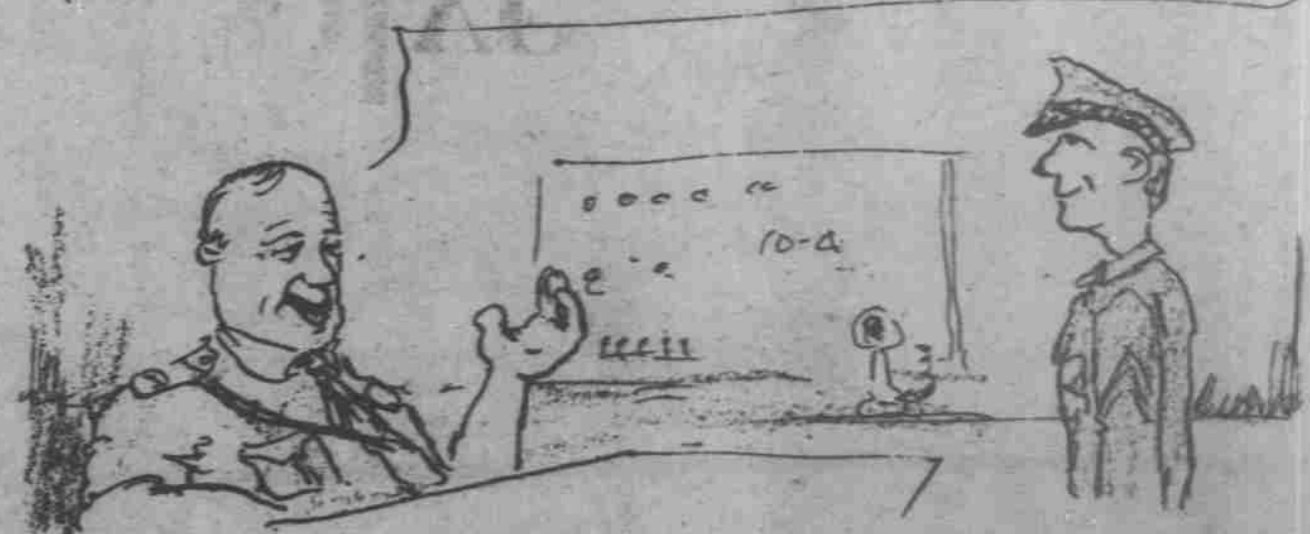
WELL, HIT'S TIME FER OUR TOKEN SPRINGTIME DRUG BUST. YOU WANNA ROUND UP SOME SUSPECTS?



HIT DON'T MATTER. JUST DON'T BRING BACK MORE'N 10 OR 15 OF 'EM, 'CUZ WE AIN'T GOT ROOM FORUM INTH' JAIL.



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Viet spring blooms death

CHAPEL HILL, APRIL 18, SUNDAY. The sky above me is clear and bombless. It is spring in Chapel Hill.

TORONTO, CANADA, APRIL 9, FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:00 p.m. An auditorium filled with American and Canadian women—black, white, Puerto Rican, Chinese, Mexican. A red banner—"Victory to the Indochinese people." Restlessness and stirring... A speaker arises to the microphone. "The Indochinese delegation has arrived."

CHAPEL HILL, ANY SATURDAY MORNING, Tennis, the library, a football game on t.v. Sleeping late after last night's party.

TORONTO, SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 10. "This conference should have been held in Saigon or Washington; however, coming from the battlefield, warmest greetings from our fighting women in South Vietnam... We want to reconstruct our country so the birds can sing and the roses bloom."

CHAPEL HILL, APRIL 18, SUNDAY. I know it's spring because the birds are singing and the roses bloom.

TORONTO. "We are a simple people and want a gentle pace. Our forests are dead. We do not have enough food. After U.S. imperialists bomb our villages, we are forced to live in concentration camps (called "refugee centers"). We are not allowed to bathe. There is no medical care. Children under 14 are raped. We become sick and diseased. I lived in a

prison in South Vietnam for 6 years, and weighed 58 pounds when I was released. (She paused in her story and presented a ring made from parts of a shot-down U.S. airplane to the Puerto Rican wife of a POW). In 1955 Americans were visiting prisons and giving instructions to our torturers. We were put in sand bags and left out in the sun to bake."

CHAPEL HILL, APRIL 18, SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Basking in the sun on a tar roof, browning our beautiful bodies. Reading perhaps "The Greening of America," and not understanding.

TORONTO. "We were given rotten rice in prison."

CHAPEL HILL, SUNDAY. Krogers—17 brands of peanut butter. Curled women sluggishly pushing carts up sterile aisles filled with systematically arranged cans and boxes.

TORONTO, APRIL 11, SUNDAY. "I work for the Institute for Mothers in North Vietnam. I am a gynecologist. Our women now bear malformed babies because of chemical warfare and the bombings. Women participate in every phase of the struggle."

CHAPEL HILL, APRIL 20, MONDAY, WCHL. "Hey girls! This is National Secretaries Week. How about a new dress from the Fireside."

TORONTO. "Since Nixon came in office the bombings in our country have doubled. Nixon can withdraw all the troops from Vietnam and still carry on the

war. Through man's technology, machines have been devised which can carry on a computer war."

WASHINGTON, D.C. UNDATED. Nixon, "Let's bring the G.I.'s home."

TORONTO. "Nixon will never subdue the fighting spirit of the Vietnamese people. With the force of our unity, we will win." (Their fascination and love for the black babies here is beautiful. Sitting among us, telling stories of war, they hold the black babies and momentarily forget.)

TORONTO, APRIL 12, MONDAY MORNING. Telegram to Angela Davis: "Dear Angela, the Indochinese women's delegation moved by your greeting of solidarity. We are against the policy of racial discrimination. Firmly support your struggle. Nixon must set you free. We must force him to set you free."

TORONTO. "I am from Laos. I walked 200 miles (3 months) thru jungles to come to this conference. We are a people who live in caves. Our families are divided by the war. The U.S. aggressors are tramping on our beautiful land. My father was assassinated by CIA agents in 1963. We love the American people, but not Nixon and his stooges. Today we want to express our gratitude and love for your sympathy for our struggle. We thank you. The struggle of the Indochinese people is the struggle of us all."

CHAPEL HILL, APRIL 15, INCOME TAX DAY. A phone call from a friend in California. "Just sent in my taxes. I'm