

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Stores' \$45,000 needed elsewhere

A recommendation was made Wednesday at a meeting of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Stores to stop the University policy of giving \$45,000 in profits from the stores to the UNC Athletic Association for grants-in-aid.

The motion was made by Steve LaTour, a UNC student who said his recommendation was based on two "principles of equity."

First, LaTour said, the athletic program should support itself, and secondly, Student Stores profits come from its business with the general student body and should not go to a particular segment of the student body.

Both of LaTour's arguments are sound.

The Athletic Association should definitely not be in need of money from the student body.

The Carolina football team earned the right to travel to the Peach Bowl, and the basketball team won the National Invitational Tournament. Obviously, alumni gifts for athletics will increase. Also, the Athletic Association has announced its plans to astro-turf a portion of Navy

Field where the football team practices.

If there is enough money to waste on astro-turfing a practice field and then paying the added expense of keeping it in repair, the Athletic Association is definitely not hurting for operating funds.

The money now going from Student Stores profits into the Athletic Association could be rechanneled into other areas that would help many more students.

Numerous organizations on campus need funding but can't get it from either Student Legislature or the University. That \$45,000 would be more than enough.

Or it could go into a scholarship fund for needy students, as was proposed by LaTour.

It is obvious that the Athletic Association does not need the \$45,000 from Student Stores to pay grants-in-aid, and it is also obvious that the money is badly needed in other areas.

It is only right that the University follow LaTour's suggestion and spend the money where there is real need.

## N.C. primary should include absentee vote

from the Charlotte Observer

North Carolina's presidential primary promises to be one of the most interesting and exciting political events in many a decade. It should have significant impact on the national nominating process. More importantly, it will give the North Carolina voter a voice in selecting the candidates for the nation's highest office.

Some of our voters won't share in that voice, however. There is a 28-year-old statute barring the use of absentee ballots in primary elections, and until the law is changed by the General Assembly many thousands of residents will be denied the right to participate in this important event.

The way the law affects students is highlighted in a letter appearing in today's Forum. The writer, Gerry Cohen of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is one of several thousand students recently granted the right to vote in national elections. But he, like

others, will be able to exercise that right in the presidential primary only at great personal sacrifice.

His letter shows again how the current election laws discriminate against students, many of whom will be voting for the first time in 1972. But this time the discrimination extends to many others who will be unable to be in their home precincts on primary election day. (The statewide absentee vote in the 1968 general election was 18,000. This excludes some 24,000 military absentee ballots, which are still honored in primary elections.)

Use of the absentee ballot in primary elections was outlawed many years ago because of the fraudulent abuse it received from unscrupulous politicians. According to Alex Brock of the State elections Board, there was a greater opportunity to manipulate absentee balloting in a one-party primary than in other elections where "one party could keep an eye on the other."

Such reasoning does not speak highly of our election system. It is not too reassuring to learn that an honest use of absentee ballots depends on the watchfulness of political parties. What is needed, perhaps, is a more efficient and effective method of checking the ballots sent to local election boards rather than an outright ban on such ballots during primary elections.

Whatever its merits, the current law passes a political judgment on the relative importance of one kind of election over another. In the process, it restricts the voting rights of many North Carolina citizens, quite possibly against constitutional guarantees.

Perhaps it is time for the General Assembly to begin reviewing state election laws with an eye toward updating some provisions. There has been much federal activity recently in extending the voting franchise to all segments of the citizenry, and we ought to strive to maintain the spirit of these changes not only in general and local elections, but in primaries as well.

Fred Penn

# Spring fever at the statehouse

It's spring, and, according to the poets, the thoughts of young men are turning to love.

But the situation is different with the old men.

Take, for example, the legislators in Raleigh.

For them spring is the time to "Get the University."

Witness the activities of the past two weeks. First Sen. Julian Allsbrook, the man who would like to repeal the 20th Century, announces plans to cut off funds for The Daily Tar Heel because it publishes a story saying homosexuality exists in Chapel Hill.

Then Sen. Jyles Coggins, a co-sponsor of Allsbrook's move against progress, introduces a bill to outlaw visitation on state campuses.

The rites of spring are now in full swing in Raleigh, and T.B. Lait, assistant door-keeper at the legislative building in Raleigh, isn't in the least surprised.

"Hell, these people do the same thing

every time they get together," he said the other day. "They aren't really conscious of doing it anymore. It's a reflex action."

What about this bill to revoke funding for the Tar Heel? That's not their usual thing, is it?

"Well, it is and it isn't. Sen. (Tom) White, the guy that started the speaker ban flap a few years ago, used to make speeches about The Daily Tar Heel when he was still in office, and I guess Julian—I call all of the legislators by their first name. I've been here longer than any of them—thought someone ought to do something, and he's not too good at talking. So he drew up a bill.

"He don't really think the thing can pass. He just wants to throw some fear of God into them damned atheists on that paper."

Do you mean that he's not really upset about the homosexual thing, that he's just doing it because he's always against the Tar Heel?

"Something like that. If they hadn't

helped him out by printing something about queers he'd a' had to find something else to get offended about. He just likes to be indignant about things."

What about Sen. Coggins?

"That's Coggins, with an 's,' sonny. Don't you know nothing about Senators? Jyles just plain don't like the idea of women walking around in men's dorms. It just ain't Christian, he thinks, and I agree with him.

"If I'd been able to go to college, I'd a' wanted to spend all my time getting an education, not running around chasing women and drinking like them people do now."

Do you really think the only things students now think about are chasing women and drinking?

"Well, not really.

"A lot of them now are turning into communists, and this visitation thing isn't keeping them on the side of God and the U.S. of A. I think Jyles' bill will be a good thing. It'll keep all them people,

especially the ones in Chapel Hill, thinking about studying and getting an education which is why they are supposed to be there anyhow."

Do you think the legislature is going to do anything about reorganizing higher education this session?

"A lot of people around here hope so. Something has got to be done. People in Raleigh don't have enough control over the University as the set-up is now, and this changing things around ought to do something about that.

"Chapel Hill is getting too uppity. Those people think they are the only University in the state, and they think they ought to get all the money. But that ain't so. There's other programs that need money and other campuses that are doing something in education besides Chapel Hill."

There's a lot of talk that Leo Jenkins is making all this noise about higher education just to get publicity so he can run for governor. Do you think there's any truth to that?

"That's just trash made up by the newspapers to make Leo look bad. They know things are going to be different if he's governor, and they're attacking him just so he won't be able to run. They're scared of him, and I don't blame 'em."

Why?

"Well, if Leo gets elected, the newspapers aren't going to be able to tell the governor what to do like they do now."

Do you really think the newspapers tell the governor what to do?

"A lot of them sure as hell try. Like the News and Observer here in Raleigh. There wouldn't be any argument over this Bald Head Island if it weren't for them screaming about ecology. Developing Bald Head would be a great asset for North Carolina. It'd attract a lot of tourists who'd bring in a lot of money, but the newspapers don't think of that. They just worrying about this ecology

Is ecology really "nonsense"?

"Sure is. It's like the DAR said last year. The commies are behind it, and it's working. Even got some of the people in the Assembly believing in it now. I can't believe they're doing it.

"It's coming down to a choice between the Commies and the American way of life—competition, free enterprise and democracy—and with this ecology stuff, the Commies are starting to win."



Tony Lentz

## A generation that craves reality

Be it life or death, we crave only reality. If we are really dying, let us hear the rattle in our throats and feel cold in the extremities; if we are alive, let us go about our business.

—Henry David Thoreau

The avant garde of today's youth culture glories in dirt, sweat and farm houses without indoor plumbing. The primary requirement for anything in their lives is that it be real, that it lack pretense or polish. That it be honest.

Street people along Franklin sell toys, belts and candles they made themselves... honest toil. Freaks joy in hair, eating and drinking, making love, and all the other personal experiences

that make us uniquely human. And the rest of us follow their example.

These signs all indicate that youth culture has begun a race toward reality, a search for realistic images of ourselves and our world.

The image based on our personal experience is the building block of our thought patterns. We see, feel or smell through our various sense organs. These sensations are processed by our consciousness in bundles we will term images, bundles which are then stored in our memory.

Then we develop codes, or symbols, to make these memories easier to recall. By remembering the word snow, for example, we set our consciousness in touch with a whole region of the memory

which houses old images of snow flakes, snow storms, snow daddies, etc.

Ideas are born about our world as we associate one image of our experience with another and discover new relationships, new comparisons we hadn't noticed before. And from these ideas, these conceptual relationships between the various facets of our existence, we develop beliefs, or ideas drawn from other ideas.

The image, in this context, becomes the building block of experience—the basic unit of information upon which we base our conception of the world around us.

The history of man's early creative activity is a record of our attempts to

capture unique images of the world. Each artist, each craftsman placed the stamp of his existence on his art, describing in clay or stone or canvas a unique view of experience.

A view of experience forged in the roaring silence of his individual memory; his smell and feel and touch.

The invention of the printing press changed things. Suddenly the symbol grew in importance, and a new art form developed. Writers began painting experience with images, drawing on the images common to all of us to introduce us to his life, his view of consciousness.

Still the basic unit was the image, the personal image based on individual "real" sensation.

And then there was television and movies. Now most of our youth spend two, three or four hours of each day filling their little minds with images of the world based on Captain Kangaroo, Mister Rogers and Spiderman. The good guys always win, the bad guys always lose and all the guys are shallow as mud puddles.

The small portion of theatre that remains in the hands of artists continues to paint the realistic view of experience we all need to survive. But television has already tainted all of us, filled our heads with illusions designed to pacify and somnambulate.

Picture, for just a moment, your image of "the perfect" man or woman for you. Now, try to find it. Where did this picture come from? Thousands and hundreds of slick models on television. How many times have you chosen someone to date because they fit your "image," only to find yourself lost in some maze of made-up foolishness?

And, even worse, how many times have you tried to force someone into that image, straining and pushing to make them be what you want them to be?

Young people have sensed the power of these illusions, and instinctively concluded that something must be done to destroy them. Many are making positive attempts to change the stereotypes, to break through their preconceptions to find each other.

But many others have simply traded one set of illusions for another. The hair, the jeans, the lingo—all can be a sincere attempt to break away from the television generation. Or they can become another illusion projected to create the "correct" image, another pretty picture without meaning... without life.

Another suit of imaginary armor suffocating someone inside, someone who wants to break out and doesn't know how. Which brings us to reaching out, our topic next time.

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