

The Daily Tar Heel

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Coed experiment worth fighting for

Because North Carolina is not ready for room-by-room coed living, the UNC administration had decided Carolina is not ready to continue and support an experiment that has proved to be successful. Two weeks after the decision to end the room-by-room experiment on second floor Winston, we finally

Save praise or criticism for election

Now that campus elections are at hand The Daily Tar Heel is once again besieged by letters to the editor backing candidates from Max the dog to Felix the cat.

Thus a brief clarification of the letters policy.

This year, as in the past, the DTH will not run letters that either praise or criticize individual candidates. Save this for your vote on February 27.

Letters that discuss issues relevant to campaigns are welcome but should follow standard DTH procedure. They should be typed on a 60-space line and run not more than 300 words. Those who feel that they cannot express their thoughts adequately within this limit should contact the Associate Editors about the possibility of writing a column.

All letters must be signed by the author. Requests to withhold names will be honored if the writer has a valid reason for not wishing his name to appear in print.

The DTH will try to print all letters received as space allows. In the case where a large number of letters on the same subject are turned in, those letters most representative of written opinion will appear first.

A brief reminder that the editorial page is devoted to opinion. Those creative students who have submitted poems as letters to the editor should instead direct their works to campus literary magazines.

hear the real reason for the decision.

In a meeting with second floor residents Monday, Chancellor Ferebee Taylor said he believed the UNC legislature might adopt legislation to end or alter UNC's concept of coed living and visitation. He also said N.C. citizens might believe the situation to be improper.

Now that we understand the politics behind the decision, we question the decision itself.

Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton has said he believes the second floor experiment to be successful and he has had no evidence to the contrary. Second floor residents say their living situation this year has been more educational than any other part of their education at Carolina, and they didn't mean education about the vices either.

The atmosphere on the floor has been good; men and women alike treat each other as human beings instead of sexual objects.

There is no evidence for belief that room-by-room coed living leads to promiscuity, drug problems and loose morals. The floor has been without incident of sexual activity among floor-mates, contrary to the misinformation published by *The Charlotte Observer* last week which Boulton says misquoted him as saying the situation "spawned sexual activity."

Although Taylor has said, "We shouldn't separate ourselves from the love, support and affection of the people of this state," we believe these elements should not determine educational policy.

If Carolina's policies were in keeping with the feelings of North Carolinians, women probably wouldn't be here and neither would blacks, nor would we be able to hear radical speakers on campus.

There have been many fights in the past concerning this University's policies. Some have been won. Some have been lost. But at least there has been a fight to preserve what this University believes is right.

Now—do University administrators believe room-by-room and other kinds of coed living is worth fighting for? Apparently not.

Jim Taylor

Total cynicism—the only real force

God is alive and peering haughtily over the edge of the snack bar entrance of the Student Union. Yes, brother, believe and ye shall prosper; commit blasphemy and God will make it rain on your sign. So it is written or at least, it is now.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear. I do not wish to tread on the toes of anyone's pet deity, but some things simply cannot be tolerated! Secular causes deserve equal time, and either Cosmic Muffin is greedy or his earthly helpers have a compulsive desire to have the entire cube by the Union covered with religious talk. It is time for a full expose of this heavenly media saturation campaign. This must be carried to the highest authority—even if he is a Nixon supporter.

My first observation of this phenomenon (hereby referred to as Godtalk) was when I

was but a small child. A doting relative chucked me under the chin and clucked, "God loves you." My response at the time, to the best of my recollection, was "How could he? He hardly knows me, and love is a very complex emotion, you know..."

Later, I remember ads that said something like, "Worship the evangelist of your choice, but get on your knees, peasant!"

My home was not oppressively religious, but I always resented having to watch moralistic soap operas on Sunday mornings instead of Laurel and Hardy. I remember one about the torment of a young man as he struggled against common sense to report a traffic violation to his father who was a defrocked nun. Where are shows like that now? Nowhere. I also remember the story of

a chubby adolescent coed who (with God's help, no doubt) lost about fifty pounds. As a result, her beauty overwhelmed all the butch guys at school, and she wound up tearfully confessing that she was "in trouble." Of course, she was ultimately saved by the discovery that the lab results had been wrong. Clearly, a case of immaculate misconception.

Which brings me to the present.

While working on our most pressing, worthwhile (if secular) cause, my friend (I'll call her Adlai) and I were attempting to paint revolutionary slogans on the cube. Earlier in the week, one of our previous efforts had been rudely plastered over by a fanatic religious group. In symbolic retaliation (also to rephrase our pressing slogan) we began

covering that side of the cube which bore a large cross and the inscription "24 Hour Prayer, Feb. 2" (wouldn't one get hoarse?). Since it was already Feb. 2, we weren't doing any evil. Just as we finished painting the side, the proverbial heavens opened and the rains poured forth upon our proverbial heads. To make a long story longer, all the pure, chaste, white paint went oozing down the drain, along with our cause.

Now I never put much stock in the old man above, but now I had a personal grudge. "Curse you, oh blessed being!" I screamed. "Curse you, Martin Luther, Billy Graham and Shirley Temple!"

I was rather cross actually. By this time, a curious crowd wearing seamless white smocks had gathered. They looked like art students run amuck.

They began to chant, "Four more years! For more years! Dean is lying!" I began to fear for my life. I was afraid they would try to turn me into a '49 Hudson, or deny me freedom from a variety of living situations.

We had started to run. Suddenly, a large, hairy hand came down from the sky and blocked our path. Adlai threw a bucket of red paint at it, and the ocean of mud in the Union parking lot parted and the pharaoh (who was writing out a traffic ticket) was drowned in the flood.

All was quiet. Yet, I wonder if this was a singular incident, or if all normal people have been shot down by a reckless authority figure? Anyway, perhaps we can all profit by this earthshaking experience.

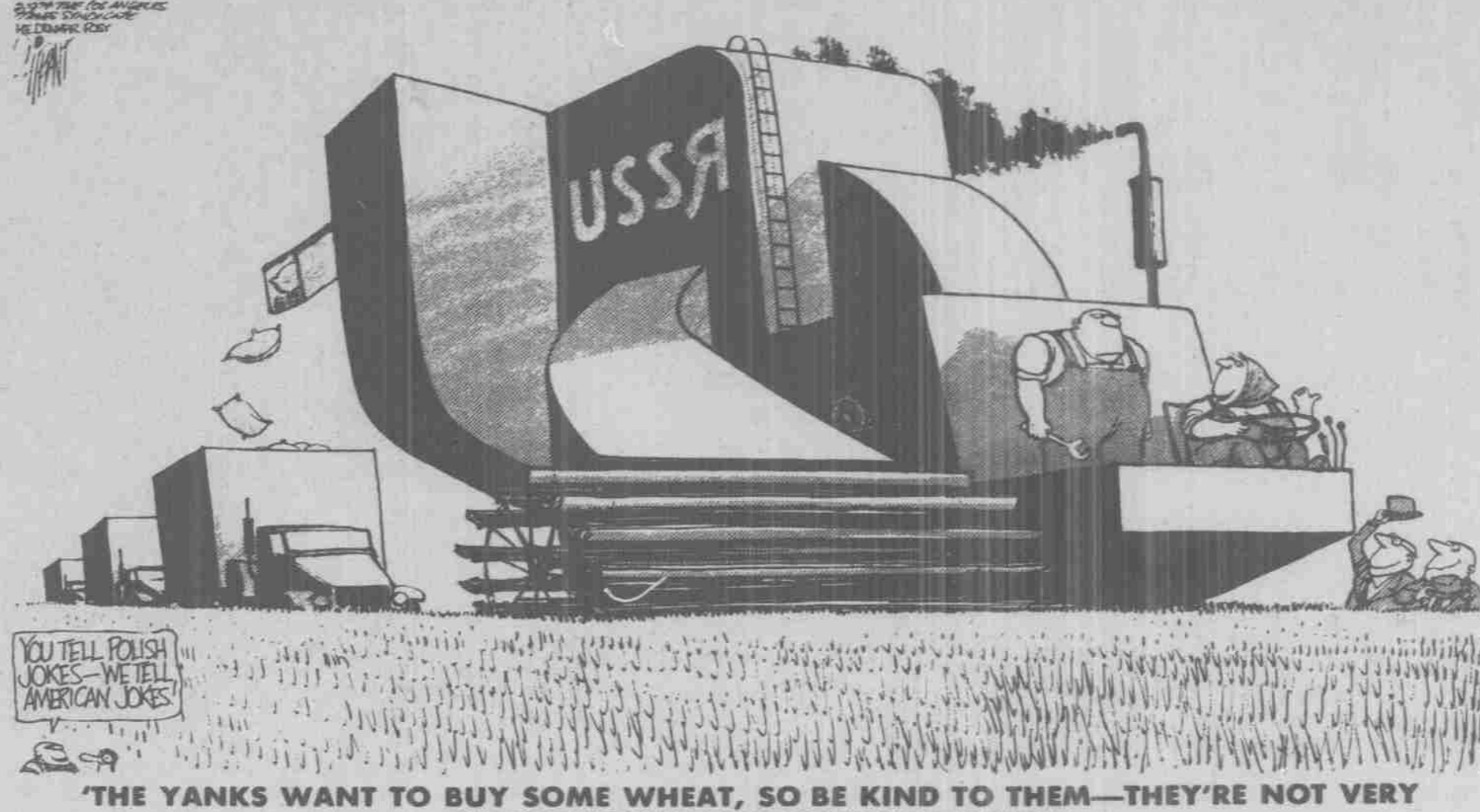
Can God be approached through the trustees? I doubt it. Although, they probably are members of a mutual appreciation society.

Revenge is sweet; after all, an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth; a sign for a sign. If religion be the opiate of the masses, play on.

And now for Stephen's footnote: "All the world is a stage; the play was just poorly cast."

And now for my footnote: Student input is a myth, and until proved otherwise, we students have no logical course except total cynicism.

This column is the work of a severely disillusioned person.



Seth Effron

Energy shortage is baffling event

All the news about the energy shortage continues to be one of the most baffling and strange events ever to be seen in this nation.

As much as Americans want to believe the shortage is real, the Nixon administration is so indebted to the big wheels of the oil industry, it is difficult for Americans to see if Nixon's heart is really in making the oil companies hold down excess profits and provide better service.

Congressman Les Aspin (D-Wis.) released, in the *Congressional Record* the names of contributors and amounts of contributions made by executives and major stockholders of major oil and gas companies to the Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP). CREEP received over \$2,305,482 in gifts from the oil royalty. This figure is a significant percentage of all the money raised in the Nixon campaign.

Over 2 million dollars can do a lot in helping the President determine energy policy or any other policy for that matter.

Rep. Aspin has said, "I believe that the fact that 413 individuals directly involved in the oil industry contributed over 5.7 million dollars to the President's war chest goes a long way to explain the glaring inequities in this administration's handling of the energy situation."

As has been true throughout Nixon's two

terms in office monied interests always win out in the debate over what comprises the public good.

In the energy crisis what seems to make up the good of the consumer has fallen to the wayside as "big oil" has been able to cash in on their obviously manufactured energy crisis. While oil tankers sit off-shore because piers and tanks are too full to take their cargo, consumers wait in lines miles long to get three dollars worth of gas (which amounts to no more than 6 gallons of fuel since prices are so high).

Just like Nixon refused to listen to students in the late sixties and early seventies about the evils of our involvement in Southeast Asia, he refuses to listen to truck drivers' complaints in the energy crisis.

Independent truckers have been protesting the high cost of fuel by refusing to move goods on the highways, and blocking up truck stops across the nation.

The *Raleigh News and Observer* reported on its front page "Trucking halt effects may hit food stores." The article goes on to point out that a major poultry processing plant in this state was going to shut down and N.C. grocery stores would begin to feel the pinch and display empty shelves by the end of the week.

The heavy handed tactics of the truckers,

shooting and harassing other truckers cannot be condoned, but their reasons to protest are valid. While they are paying through the nose for fuel, major corporations continue to report huge increases in profits, raising dividends to stock holders, and raising prices.

While corporate profits soar, violence, food shortages and work layoffs continue. In three states the national guard has been put on alert as truckers slash tires and shoot drivers who refuse to go along with their protest.

The president has told the nation he has had enough of Watergate, and believes the nation has too.

Truer words have not been spoken. Unfortunately Nixon and the members of his administration have failed to realize the meaning of Watergate goes beyond "dirty tricks." Watergate means huge donations from the heads of major corporations to insure no government interference in their rape of the American consumer.

Watergate means waiting in line for gasoline for an hour or more. Watergate means truckers shooting at each other, and empty shelves at the neighborhood grocery store.

Yes, America has had enough of all this, and it is about time the government took

some positive steps to correct the deplorable state of affairs.

While Richard Nixon stands firm against gasoline rationing state legislatures are giving their governors the power to ration gas in their states. Hawaii is already rationing gasoline and New Jersey, whose landscape is dotted with oil refineries may be moving to rationing gas as early as next week.

Congress, Nixon, and government in general are going to have to do something soon to correct the present situation. The oil companies must be made to account for the fact that since there is more oil (heating mainly) available now than this time last year and why isn't more available for the consumer. Proper legislation must be passed to encourage and establish a decent mass transportation system for the nation and our cities so people do not have to be so dependent on gasoline for private automobiles to get them place to place.

Unless something is done to ease and end the current energy problem the nation will continue its course of violence, food shortages and corporate rip-offs.

Nixon pronounced that there will not be a recession this year. Well, he might be right, but if the nation continues as is, it may be in store for one hell of a depression.

Letters to the editor

DTH reporting praised by reader

To the editor:

When I picked up the DTH Tuesday, I was amazed at the front-page story by Laura Yandell about the meeting of Chancellor Taylor, Dean Boulton and the residents of second floor Winston. Being the WCAR reporter who covered the meeting (and having a tape recording of the meeting to refer to), I can only say that Ms. Yandell's story is one of the most accurate and well-written pieces of objective reporting that I

have seen in the DTH this year.

The only flaw is that one statement is open to misinterpretation (and it is relatively minor). The article implies that Taylor suggested that the students see the Board of Trustees. Actually, it was Janet Stephens who first mentioned discussing the issue with the Board of Trustees.

Only after this did Chancellor Taylor say he would help set up the hearing at the Board's meeting on Friday.

Otherwise, I must congratulate your reporter on a very good article.

Van Knowles
417 Morrison

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Happiness is a personal matter

To the editor:

What's all this squabble about whether or not Chapel Hill is truly liberal and "progressive"? To remedy the so-called "repressive" atmosphere around here just about everything has been suggested from running our mouths to having a nude protest on South Building!

But, do all these labels and suggested actions really matter? Isn't the real issue around here whether or not we students are truly satisfied with our collegian lives? And true happiness, I've found, is a personal matter, not a matter of policy decreed from some shady niche at the top.

True happiness can only come from a lowly carpenter who lived a little less than twenty centuries ago. Instead of just wasting time with trivial and external matters, the real answer lies with Jesus Christ.

Joy Locke
635 Ehringhaus

Insecurity or spring fever

To the editor:

Some friends and I witnessed an incredible sight last Thursday night. About 300 male students, roaming from dorm to dorm, were yelling and chanting for other students to throw down their underwear. This phenomenon is traditionally known as a panty raid.

The crowd included a large number of spectators, among them an old couple. My friends and I gathered up the courage to ask them exactly what their opinion was.

"Well, I'm certainly amused by it," the old (over 65) fellow said. His wife agreed, "But I'm amazed that college level students cannot find something more original to do. This kind of thing was popular ten years ago. I wholeheartedly agree with demonstrations made for a worthy cause. I think our generation needs students pushing for change, but this is senseless. It infringes upon the rights of students who want to study. A college education is tremendously expensive. I'm amazed that these students

are wasting their parents' money in this way."

At that moment a bucket of water came cascading down upon the howling crowd. ("Holy Moses!" someone yelled) "Apparently some students must agree with you," we commented.

We asked him why he believed these events occurred. A release of tension possibly? "I'm an alumnus of this university and I don't recall building up tension. I think it is a lack of security. In the mob one feels like part of a group."

"I think it's spring fever," said his wife. Bill Perkins
Donnie Davis
Tom Stevens

Reader wants IDs on photos

To the editor:

Why can't you identify the subjects of your pictures?

This school is too anonymous and faceless as it is.

I think your pictures are good but I think more people would look at them if they knew who and what they were looking at.

The main reason I'm complaining is because I was one of those nameless individuals who appeared in your paper.

Randy Thomas
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Music suffering

The music facilities in Hill Hall are "simply medieval."

That's how Kenan Professor of Music, Dr. Lara Hoggard, once described the crowded, antiquated building which currently houses the burgeoning music department.

While chemistry students experiment with the latest laboratory equipment in the spacious, modern Kenan Building, music majors must attempt to practice Chopin's C-major nocturne on pianos whose middle-C's won't sound. While social science students view a history film comfortably in Hamilton Hall Auditorium, concert enthusiasts are forced to huddle on the floor or stand in the foyer to hear the Carolina Choir perform at Hill Hall. This is unfair.

In the past two years, other departments have requested and successfully obtained expensive new facilities. The chemistry department received the monstrous Kenan Building. The social science department obtained air-conditioned Hamilton Hall. The Playmakers should be moving into the modern Paul Green Theatre within the next two years. Yet, incredibly enough, no building plans exist for the music department.

Overcrowding is the keyword around Hill Hall. Last semester, for instance, Dr. Joel J. Carter, chairman of vocal instruction and a well-respected, permanent faculty member, had to share his office with two other voice teachers because there were simply not enough offices for all. Music majors are feeling the pinch, too. Some students have to get to Hill Hall by 7 a.m. or remain as late as 10:30 p.m. to reserve a practice room.

Aggravating the situation is the increased student interest in music. According to Dr. Edgard H. Alden, music department chairman, the number of music majors has

doubled since 1967. Furthermore, there were 2,710 students enrolled in music courses in 1970-1971. In 1972-1973, there were 5,822. Alden stated recently.

Fewer than half of those who signed up for Music 81, the Evolution of Jazz, got the course. Finally, the Tuesday Evening Series was so popular with students in 1972, that the music department added the Thursday Evening and Sunday Afternoon series to their concert roster.

The department has been coping as best they can. Space is being utilized as efficiently as possible. "There's not a broom closet in the building that is not being used," Dr. Wilton Mason Jr., music professor, said.

Nevertheless, as with many problems, the predicament seems to run in circles. With the mushrooming campus interest in music, the department feels that it is not fulfilling its responsibilities to the students if it does not add new courses to the curriculum or expand the number of sections of each course now being taught. Yet, the department cannot do this while facilities remain hopelessly overcrowded.

The University administration has promised the department space in Person Hall. Unfortunately, renovations are now going on in the building. When they will be completed is still unclear. Although the new space will ease the severity of the overcrowding problem, it will not eliminate it.

Doesn't the music department, whose graduate program is rated one of the best in the Southeast and whose quality performances are well-respected across the state, deserve better facilities? We think it does.

—Kevin McCarthy