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## Student Retreat Proposal Passes Faculty Meeting 265 To 233

by Hilton Smith  
News Editor

In a dramatic move the general faculty yesterday passed the entire student position paper on grading which was sponsored by Student Body President Cathy Sterling.

The general faculty therefore went further than the Faculty Senate had Tuesday when the Senate approved a modified proposal that incorporated some of the student requests.

The main differences in the paper adopted by the full faculty were provisions for receiving a letter grade for a course based on work presently completed and receiving a pass/fail grade for a course, based on work presently completed.

Therefore, the position adopted by the full faculty recommends: "That students, after individual consultation with their instructor and with his approval, be allowed to elect any one of the following four alternatives with regard to grades in course presently being taken:

- (1) continue as usual
- (2) receive a letter grade for the course based on work presently completed
- (3) receive a pass/fail grade for the course, based on work presently completed
- (4) receive an incomplete as a grade for the course and make the work up later

The adopted student paper pointed out the current time of crisis and how the Peace Retreat would be an extension of

the total educational process into the community.

"We further feel that the university, by virtue of its preoccupation with the human condition, is not isolated from the life of the society in which it exists.

"Due to the extraordinary situation facing our nation at this time, created by the high degree of polarization, we feel that it is necessary for students to be able to participate in expressions of genuine concern."

There were dramatic moments throughout the two-and-a-half hour meeting. The planned air-conditioning of Nelson Auditorium has not been completed and the packed room, filled with faculty, was sweltering in heat above 100 degrees. In fact, during the meeting students brought in cokes for the faculty members who were by that time thirsty.

Because the student position paper was not on the previously prepared agenda, Chancellor Caldwell, who presided at the meeting, announced the faculty would have to vote to hear the proposal.

A motion to do so was made and seconded, and when the vote came it was approved overwhelmingly.

Then Cathy Sterling went to the podium and read the student position paper and made the proposal to the faculty.

She also announced that a convocation has been called for today in Reynolds Coliseum

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staff photo by Hill

### Faculty Members Vote Yesterday

**THE AYES HAVE IT**—Faculty members who supported the student position paper on the Peace Retreat raise

their hands to be counted at yesterday's General Faculty meeting in Nelson Auditorium.

### Trust Placed In Students

## 'We Won! I couldn't believe it!'

While the faculty met in Nelson Auditorium, several hundred students met outside the Textile Building waiting for the results of the meeting and forming action groups.

The student speakers called for action in the community. Also postcards for peace were distributed. Community members will be given postcards to mail to their congressmen calling for peace.

Earlier in the afternoon about 500 students marched to the residence halls to gather support for the Peace Retreat and to get students to wait outside Nelson for the results

of the general faculty meeting.

The students waited outside for two and a half hours. News of the faculty decision spread like wildfire through the crowd outside. Don Johanson said, "Someone around the corner of the building yelled 'we won' and a couple of kids came around the corner of the building waving their arms yelling 'We won! We won!'"

Lee Plummer said, "I couldn't believe it! I expected them to meet us halfway but not totally."

Johanson said, "I did not expect it because some of my professors had said that if we did not get it through the

Faculty Senate we would never get it through the general Faculty meeting."

The students broke into a happy celebration when the news was heard. Plummer said, "people were hugging, screaming, jumping up and down when the news was heard."

As the faculty members exited from the building they

were greeted by cheering students. Some of the faculty members greeted the students with raised fingers in the peace sign, while others moved out in disgust. Student Body President Cathy Sterling told the crowd that faculty members had placed their trust in the students and they couldn't let them down.

### Sterling Thanks Faculty

I wish to express my deepest thanks to the General Faculty of N.C. State University for your approval of the Student Position Paper at yesterday's meeting. In taking this extraordinary action, you have opened new gateways for future student-faculty cooperation.

I feel that in a real sense we have created channels of communication which will lead to the strengthening of the educational process. In working the past few days with both the Faculty Senate, and the General Faculty, I have reaffirmed my faith in the flexibility of the University to respond to responsible requests from the Student Body.

I am personally looking forward to a year of close communication with the Faculty.

*Cathy Sterling*

Cathy Sterling  
President of Student Body  
May 13, 1970



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President Cathy Sterling raises her hand for silence after she emerged from the Faculty meeting.

### Chancellor Comments

Chancellor John Caldwell said after the general faculty meeting "I don't have any doubt that the intent of the bulk of the students involved in this whole movement have a sincere purpose. And I have no doubt, too, that their reaction to this action by the faculty will be entirely good and that the students will conduct themselves in an exemplary

fashion.

"I recognize that the particular purpose which motivates them do not have the approval of large segments of the society and they will be criticized for whatever they do. "I am grateful that thus far... these students at N.C. State University want something good and not something that is contrary to the purposes of this country."



It was a lonely wait on the stage for Cathy Sterling as she appeared before over 500 faculty members yesterday. Leroy Martin is on the right and Chancellor Caldwell is at the podium.

# Text Of Position Paper Approved By Faculty

There can be no doubt, in the light of recent events surrounding the operation of this nation's vital system of higher education, that a moral crisis of major proportions and extraordinary characteristics exists in this nation in general, and within its universities and colleges in particular. As students of an honored and long-established land grant institution, having its very foundation upon the principle of the extension of the educational process into the larger non-academic community, we feel that the causes of truly relevant education can best be served by the adoption of enlightened and meaningful procedures tending to encourage such extension.

We further feel that the university, by virtue of its preoccupation with the human condition, is not isolated from the life of the society in which it exists. It not only prepares its students for full participation but is itself involved, in its research, in its interactions, in its very physical presence in the community.

Due to the extraordinary situation facing our nation at this time, created the high degree of polarization, we feel that it is necessary for students to be able to participate in expressions of genuine concern.

It is obvious from the overwhelming student response to the Kent State University deaths, that students are not only concerned, but in fear, that their rights to expression, even to life, are seriously threatened in such a polarized society as presently exists. In order to alleviate this situation we feel that all available

means to communication should be implemented to resolve this crisis.

This student involvement in the wider educational process does not call for academic penalty, rather it calls for encouragement by the academic community. Therefore, it is recommended that students, after individual consultation with their instructor and with his approval, be allowed to elect any one of the following four alternatives with regard to classes in courses presently being taken:

- (1) continue as usual
- (2) receive a letter grade for the course based on work presently completed
- (3) receive a pass/fail grade for the course, based on work presently completed
- (4) receive an incomplete as a grade for the course and make the work up later.

These alternatives, as presented, do not conflict with the University disruption policy. They allow a faculty member individual discretion and do not affect the over-all progress of the course.

In order to insure the faculty that students would participate in the peace retreat and not go to the beach we will provide faculty members with pledges which the student would sign now and at the end of the semester saying he will take part in the retreat activities.

## Student Proposals Pass To Cheers Of Faculty

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and had been endorsed by Chancellor Caldwell. A time was to be set later.

She also announced that 4,650 signatures had been collected on a petition supporting the Peace Retreat.

After her presentation came a long line of questions, and comments for and against the student proposal. Also, faculty members urged that the Faculty Senate passed resolu-

tion be adopted by the full faculty.

Great feeling was expressed, however, that the student proposal should be voted up or down, at least to give students an answer one way or another.

The Faculty Senate had not voted directly on the student proposal.

During the debate questions were brought up on the proposed Retreat activities as well as the educational value of the

Retreat.

Many teachers were heard for and against the proposal. Several students spoke in favor of the proposal who were involved in its formulation.

It was emphasized by several speakers that the proposal was really a vote of trust of the individual faculty member who will decide with the student which grading course will be followed. Others felt that the adoption was really putting

trust in the students. Some teachers felt that students could express their feelings outside of classtime.

When the faculty was ready to vote on the student proposal, it was decided to do so by a show of hands.

When the hands were raised for the "ayes," the room was tense. It was so close no one could tell at a glance what the outcome would be. By this time the heat was stifling.

Because of a count discrepancy the "ayes" vote was counted again. Then the "nays" vote was counted.

The results were handed to the Chancellor and he announced "the motion carries 265 to 233." One of the many cheers of the meeting rang out.

The Chancellor then announced that a committee composed of Faculty Senate Chairman Leroy Martin, the Faculty Secretary

and Cathy Sterling would study the interpretation of the just-adopted position paper to explain precisely what it would mean.

The meeting adjourned minutes later.

### EXTRA

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# Convocation To Begin Tonight

A convocation has been called today to give direction to the Peace Retreat, to convey the feelings of the students to the faculty, to give full support to student involvement on campus in the retreat, and to open the lines of communication for various campus factions.

Also the implementation of the student Position Paper as approved by the Interpretation Committee will be explained.

Tentative student plans call for the convocation to be held tonight at 8:30 in the Reynolds Coliseum. However, final plans for the convocation will not be made until this morning and the time and place may change. Posters and a special bulletin board on the brickyard will give the time and place by noon today.

An overflow crowd filled the Union Ballroom last night to make plans for the convoca-

tion and to organize the Peace Retreat.

Committee chairmen volunteered and permanent chairmen were selected by the various groups. The committees include community education, mobilization, funding, and publicity.

The main office for the Peace Retreat was set up in the King Building with telephone number 755-2415.

## Senate Passes Budget

by Rob Wescott

In a meeting that lasted until one thirty this morning, the Student Senate passed a record \$77,638.50 budget.

With knife-sharp

amendments, the Senators trimmed \$4,000 from various functions to establish a record \$8,245 Senate Contingency Fund.

Junior Engineering Senator Jim Armstrong gave the axe to

the Welcome-Back Affair dance, and Senior Senator Billy Eagles quickly followed suit with a deletion of the Travel Board's \$100 appropriation for outing events.

The next action of the Senate was to throw out a \$190 appropriation for outing events.

After the Senate found out that Summer School students paid no fees into the SG fund, they promptly cut \$1,000 of their program appropriation and froze another \$1,000, to be in the custody of Treasurer Woody Kinney.

The Senate was not all scrooge, as it gave out \$100 to the Draft Information Service, \$400 to the Pershing Rifles, \$150 to Campus Chest, and \$50 for publicity for the Outstanding Graduate Award.

In other action, the Senate passed the same Peace Retreat bill that the Faculty Senate had passed a few hours earlier, and then passed a resolution commending the Faculty Senate for its action.

### Peace Fleece

## Barbers Donate Free Haircuts

by David Burney

Head getting heavy these days? There will be 20 enthusiastic barbers on the Brickyard today at 4 p.m. to lighten your load for free.

The "Fleece for Peace" movement has been organized by Dr. Tom Reagan of the Philosophy Department for those shaggy people who will be canvassing local neighborhoods in connection with the peace retreat activities scheduled for the next few weeks.

During the heated debate that preceded the decision at the peace retreat meeting Wednesday night in the Union Ballroom to provide a "clip-in and shave-in" for those who wanted it, one student pointed out that this was "just one small sacrifice that can demonstrate our sincerity about the anti-war effort."


Although some of the protestors with extensive hair length indicated that they would not stand for any sort of rape of the lock, most agreed that such a move would enable them to "relate better to the straight community."

And New Mobe chairman Tom Schwarz will be the very first.

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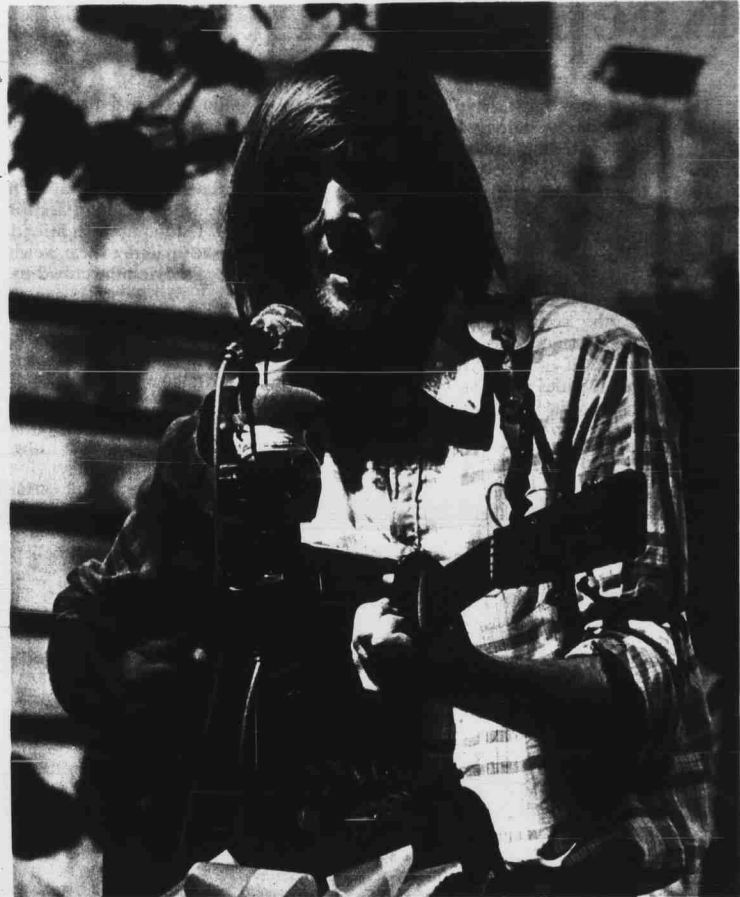
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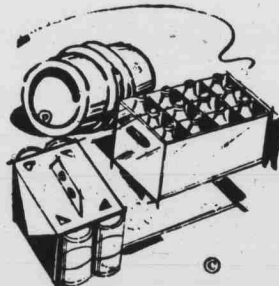
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# Keep the faith in the system, brother!

by G. A. Dees

The temperature must have been 120 degrees in Nelson Auditorium yesterday afternoon as four of us followed Cathy Sterling down the center isle to the stage. The Chancellor stood behind the podium and asked us to face the audience while he introduced Cathy.

The heat was unreal. I was already wet with sweat as I faced five hundred stern-faced faculty members and looked for at least one familiar face. I saw no one that I knew in the crowd.

Thus was the scene as five students gained an unprecedented entrance to the General Faculty meeting. The entrance itself was not the only unprecedented move however. Besides allowing student representatives into the meeting, the faculty had decided whether or not to allow the *Technician* and WKNC representatives to stay, to have the entire proceedings tape-recorded, and to allow the students' representatives to remain for the entire meeting. All of this was approved since, in the words of one faculty member, "the seriousness of the situation called for telling all and hiding nothing through closed doors."

All in all, the entire meeting did credit to the faculty of State for their sincere consideration, receptiveness, and action on a student request brought before them in

the prescribed manner.

At the time of the final voting, I sat on the steps of the stage in the stifling heat watching hands being counted (twice to insure accuracy). I thought to myself that the whole situation had been handled fairly and the students could not ask for more than that.

I stood up with intentions of counting for myself but gave up under sheer weight of numbers.

Studying the crowd to try to ascertain a majority one way or the other was also unsuccessful. My God, but was it close!

The opposition then had their vote. I couldn't see a significant difference in the vote here either. I was getting nervous at this point.

The results were in and being added up.

Chancellor Caldwell leaned over to accept the little piece of paper with those all-important numbers written on it.

With an air of certainty, the Chancellor read the result loudly and clearly. 265 FOR, 233 AGAINST!

The audience exploded in cheers and applause as I sat for a moment in disbelief.

We had fought hard and WON. It still seemed unreal. The battle is over. The battle is now beginning. We won our war of words and now we seek a position

according to our convictions on the serious problem facing our nation.

It was exciting working with the New Mobe and Cathy Sterling, and I feel that I have come away with many new friends and many new outlooks on different aspects of the problems at hand. The group has changed a lot since I first came to know peace groups, and I'm happy to see the disappearance of the negative attitude toward opposite views.

It was indeed a strange and rare privilege for me, a Nixon supporter, to be the chairman of the committee that drafted yesterday's successful proposition.

It was also a privilege to be a part of a responsible group that could keep order while carrying out their objectives within the framework of the law.

The "qualifying round" is over. Now we must take sides and this puts me on the opposite side of the political fence from most of my new-found friends. I now feel, however, that we still share a common goal in the form of a workable solution that all Americans can live with.

The events of the past week have been in the best interests of the principles as set forth in the Constitution of the United States. Keep the faith in the system, brother!

# Don't make a mockery of the peace movement

by Craig Wilson  
Guest Columnist

The faculty's decision to accept student "requests" for amnesty can be viewed from several different angles. Some may see it as an expression of sympathy with the anti-war movement, and undoubtedly that was the intention of certain faculty members.

On the other hand, one has every right to think that a great number of professors, who otherwise would not have supported the amnesty movement, did so to allay the frustrations and hard feelings students have developed during recent weeks. At any rate, don't rejoice; Richard Nixon is still President (make no mistake about that), American troops are still liberating Cambodia, and the lunacy known as the War in Vietnam continues 24 hours a day.

The only way any of these basic things can be changed is for the thousands of students who signed amnesty petitions to enlist in any and all efforts to end the war. There is little time left before summer vacation threatens to dissipate the entire peace movement and our raising a hullabaloo on campus cannot in itself achieve the goals that have been set by the leaders of the strike.

The threat of violence can exact certain concessions from the Nixon administration, but after the dust has cleared, there will be little essential change in either American foreign policy or the demeanor of Washington's inner circle.

Those of you who still entertain the notion of "revolution" are playing with fire, for present conditions make it certain that armed rebellion will only invite more severe repression. People are not yet weary enough of the system, middle America is still comfortable economically and only dimly are many Americans beginning to understand all the ramifications of what is meant by oppression and repression in this country.

That is not to say that there will not be bloodshed, or that we should be afraid to fight if pressed to that point. The very fact that there is political and social repression in America means that

our task is enormous. And if you doubt that political repression exists here, consider these words of Texas Congressman Joe Poole:

"If we could get Congress to declare war, then all of these dissident hippies could be placed in concentration camps for the duration of the war." or pick up any of Spiro Agnew's speeches or Ronald Reagan's, or George Wallace's, or, of course any of the remarks of Richard Nixon.

Don't think that just because the FBI isn't rooting you out of bed in the middle of the night and chaining you up in Central Prison that there is freedom to dissent in America. The fact is, an openly oppressive system is more easily dealt with, for it sooner or later does something to stir the conscience of large numbers of people. Similarly, the threat of suppression is much more dangerous and pernicious when no one knows just exactly what's going on. Agnew can rap and rap that he believes in the freedom of dissent, and later after his fiery rhetoric has created the climate of hate that murdered four students at Kent State University, he can claim innocence. But any perceptive person knows that it was Agnew and Mitchell and Nixon who killed Allison Krause and her brothers.

So, mindful of the social pressures that make dissent at best undesirable in America, our first task must be to convince those who have the power that the War in Vietnam is inhuman and despicable as well as tactical deficient.

Through mass letter writing campaigns to congressmen, by picketing and boycotting industries which support the war, by working for peace candidates in the fall, but most of all, by just talking with the Silent Majority in this country that Nixon can be forced into basic concessions. I cite as evidence the recent Cambodian venture. It is now known that before the invasion, several alternate plans were presented the president, one which called for an invasion of Laos (which I understand hasn't been ruled out completely yet) and renewed bombing of North Vietnam.

According to one report, Nixon's corny extraordinaire John Mitchell advised the Chief Executive to keep the entire Cambodian venture secret. That policy was apparently adopted when the U. S. resumed bombing raids over the North but reports leaked out so fast that that little project was cut off pretty

quickly.

At any rate, the invasion of Cambodia was announced to the nation as a fait accompli and the country erupted into furious dissent, and as a result, Nixon hastened to "clarify" that U. S. troops would penetrate only so far into Cambodia, and would be out completely by the end of June. And apparently the situation disturbed him enough to send him out to talk to a few protesters at five in the morning—which is pretty irrational behavior on the part of a President.

So if he can be made to retreat so quickly on Cambodia—even if it was for political reasons, there is every reason to think that pressure properly applied can bring the entire war to a halt sooner. Washington's Congressmen will listen to reason, even though too often political necessity may make them seem blind to what is humane and in the nation's best interests. But if a concerted plea for sanity could be made to coincide with the political advisability of ending the war in Vietnam, Congress would listen and they would act. Now of course the only way ending the war can be politically advantageous is for the silent majority to wish for it, and I am not stupid enough to think that anyone could ever convince large portions of Middle America that it is good to speak against the better judgment of the President. I have talked about the war with conservative Americans for several years now and I generally find their positions are simple and consistent: the President says the war is right, it helps fight against Communism, it is unpatriotic not to support your country.

I will discuss in later columns how I think these arguments can be refuted, but I think the most important thing we can get across to the silent majority is that the war has torn our nation apart so fiercely that some resolution must be forthcoming or our system will come crashing down around our heads. I often use the following story (or similar ones) when dealing with the opposition, and I have met with surprising success:

I received a letter today from a close friend of mine who has been in Vietnam for several months. When he left N. C. State, he was a quiet, sensitive, artistic person; kind, personable, reasonable, compassionate. Now he writes me that "if I had been at Kent State there would have been a lot more dead students" and ends his letter with his new favorite motto "KILL GOOKS." In a matter of months this young man's very soul has been twisted and perverted. His energies have been directed away from love, toward hate. He no longer wants to create; he wants to kill. Right or wrong, can this war be allowed to disfigure the minds of young men? Can any cause justify the psychological destruction of those who come back alive?

Enough of my rapping. I simply urge you, I beg you, I implore you, do not let your efforts cease. Do not make a mockery of the amnesty movement. For God's sake, don't let what we have started now die out during the summer. For God's sake, help give peace a chance.

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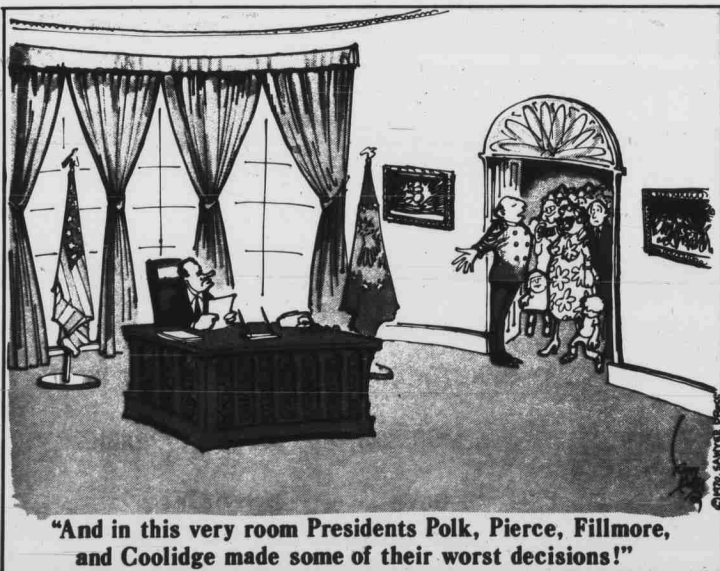
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## YOUR SAY

## Sterling, Kent State, and amnesty

To the Editor:

Guess what?  
We finally have a student body president!

The events of the last two weeks have proven that we have an effective president in the form of Miss Cathy Sterling. I did not vote for her for various reasons but I am happy to be proven wrong.

To date, Cathy has already lived up to her campaign promises with action. She behaved well under fire in the Faculty Senate meeting and proved to be a confident leader in the stifling heat of the late afternoon General Faculty meeting.

I am proud to have had the chance to work with her in formulating the student statement for the faculty and seeing it passed. I look forward to working with her in the future in my capacity as junior senator in Ag. & Life Sciences.

I urge all students to follow suit and work with our new, and perhaps best, student leader to date.

G.A. Dees

## Dick and Spiro Guilty?

To the Editor:

The blood spilled at Kent State is on the hands of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew.

Last year when 500,000 citizens went to Washington, D.C. to peacefully petition the government for redress of grievances, Mr. Nixon watched TV and waited for Billy Graham to tell him that God was on his side, instead of out in the streets, with the people that were crying, "Give Peace a Chance."

Then Mr. Nixon and Mr. Agnew began their effort to identify the young as the enemy, and the cause of the nation's problems. Can a nation long live that hates its young?

Remember then, when we first became involved in Vietnam the young and the peace groups told us we were wrong; slowly but surely they have been proven right. How many times must some people be right before they are listened to?

Nixon says watch what we do. Well, I'm watching, I see a widening war, violence on the rise, racist at the President's elbow, and death each week.

It is not enough to say we will withdraw from Indochina, we must first admit that we were wrong and still are wrong. If after 10 years none can justify our presence in Southeast Asia, it is time to quit.

We must work to replace the leaders in Moscow, Washington, Peking, Hanoi, Saigon, Athens, and Cairo, who persist in the madness of war.

As Mark Twain said, "Man-kind is the only animal that goes forth for sorted wages to exterminate his own kind."

Jerry Paul  
Greenville, N.C.

## Beautiful People

To the Editor:

Congratulations to those who worked for amnesty, but more than this, congratulations to the faculty who allowed this peace retreat to be effective. If no action had been taken by the faculty Wednesday the frustration of the students who have been involved in the peace movement would have been dangerous.

Within a student body as large as this one, someone would have thrown a rock or a fire bomb, and others would have joined in. The rallying cry of "Peace" would have been replaced with "Power to the People" and "Down with the Establishment, down with the

administration who tries to rule the students."

Fortunately, through the wisdom of the faculty and the dedication of the students the amnesty peace movement will have a chance. A volatile situation was averted. In its place hope and constructive suggestion was promoted.

State is to be commended. Possibly for the first time in the history of civil disobedience a totally non-violent movement has had its proposals granted in full. Maybe because we were dealing with the intelligentsia. Maybe because there is a new spirit on American campuses.

For whatever reason, ride

on beautiful people. Show the faculty that they were not mistaken to give their vote of confidence.

Hunt McKinnon

## Domino Theory

To the Editor:

The U.S. intervened in SE Asia too soon. We should have waited and observed events there to test the Domino Theory. If the Domino Theory is true, and several Asian countries had fallen under Communist domination, and if Communism manipulates people and deprives them of basic freedoms as it claimed, world opinion would surely have shifted in our favor.

## In response to Pearson and Caldwell

To Messrs. Pearson and Caldwell:

I realize that I am demeaning myself (but not my views) by replying to your letter, but when you made fools of yourselves and then made the unqualified claim that a majority of the students feel the same as you, then I have to speak.

You claim to agree with G.A. Dees. Read his article in Monday's Technician, sirs, and see if your two views are compromisable. I wonder how much he appreciates your putting him into your category, and I wonder how many students on this campus appreciate being made a part of your personal views?

No one at this moment is more qualified to claim to represent the students than Cathy Sterling, but evidently she is perceptive and intelligent enough not to make unfounded and unqualified generalizations.

Do you know who number among Nixon's "multitude of advisors" who are a hell of a lot smarter and informed than your tiny (?) group...and what they advised him? Why did the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense advise him against invasion of Cambodia, and why was the Secretary of the Interior recently added to his list of detractors?

Those smart and informed advisors were military men, members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And who has denied the soundness of the military strategy involved? It was indeed militarily "smart," but was it "smart" socially, politically, and economically?

That's the debatable question. Should we "let the professionals make the decisions" and, as you advise, ignore what should concern everyone by studying for exams?

We should remain or become apathetic toward the military and its actions? It seems that was done very effectively once—in fascist Germany. What happened when the people didn't care what their leaders, their "professionals" did?

We should always be open-minded to change and must always question in order to maintain a semblance of democracy.

To blindly back the country because we have been indoctrinated into the idea of American infallibility and superiority is to gnaw "at the heart of America."

The "heart" is not only the right to dissent peacefully, but also the duty to dissent when basic democratic principles are threatened.

To disguise or confuse the issue by calling for blind patriotism or nationalism was a method that was so adeptly

employed by the aggressors in World War II.

I am patriotic, and I hope I can effect a change more noticeably by at least acting concerned than by closing my mind and studying for exams while listening to a tape of a Jesse Helms' editorial being sung to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

And whomever the majority of the students may back, I hope it is neither the right nor left-wing extremists. I hope someday that "concerned" and "aware" will be more valid

Moreover, if Communism developed into a real threat to our security, there would be no problem unifying this country in opposition to it.

The basis for our engagement in war in South Viet Nam is a "theory" of developing international circumstances. There are few times a democracy is justified in calling for unity, but war is one of them—and you can not unify a country with "theories."

The present and previous administrations frequently invoked the analogy to pre-World War II events to justify military action in Asia. Perhaps Nixon, Johnson, and

even Kennedy envisioned themselves as modern-day Churchills.

I've always thought this argument is specious, but carry it to its logical conclusion. Suppose Churchill had been Prime Minister in the early Thirties at the time he voiced opposition to Hitler, (when opposition was still in the theoretical stage), and further, suppose he was able to wage war on Germany at this early time. No doubt Churchill would have been declared a war-monger, world opinion would have been sympathetic to a recently-defeated Germany, and Hitler may have emerged as folk hero.

It takes a Pearl Harbor to change theories into realities—and to unify a country. We should have waited and observed...

To ask young people to make the ultimate sacrifice in a war based upon the theories of old men is ridiculous. In a country growing tired of war and experiencing increased polarization and alienation, any semblance of further escalation or retreat from rapid disengagement, for whatever reason, is a serious matter. This is why continued and peaceful protest by students to oppose the war is necessary, and why their effort deserves encouragement and support.

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To Pearson and Caldwell:

"President Nixon has a multitude of advisors who are a hell of a lot smarter and informed than your tiny group of loud-mouth glory-seekers."

This is a quote from their epistle telling the "radicals" of State and Carolina of their injustices to the American government. I would like to point out that several of President

Nixon's advisors do not agree whole-heartedly with him.

If Pearson and Caldwell had read the papers they would be aware of this. "Quit gnawing at the heart of America..." When a surgeon sees a cancer in a body doesn't he try to cut out the cancer to preserve the health of the body?

This is what the youth of today want, to cut out the cancer in the heart of America so that it will once again be healthy.

I am not sure a majority of students are behind you. I also believe that although a major-

ity is always a majority, a majority is not always right.

Why don't you attempt to conduct a poll to see exactly where this campus stands? I think that would be very interesting and would clarify a great many questions.

I condemn violence in any form, but I praise the dissenters in America for they are truly "patriots."

—Peace  
George Thomas Braswell  
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**YOUR SAY**

# Cambodian move considered expedient

To the Editor:

On President Nixon's decision to enter Cambodia, there has been much controversy in the country and on the campuses. This decision is one which the President made in hopes of removing American soldiers from Southeast Asia at a more expedient rate. He took it upon himself to do what should have been done long before now.

Our involvement in Vietnam was a mistake from the beginning, but Mr. Nixon did not put us there and he is doing his best to get us out with the least

casualties and in the least amount of time. It was a difficult decision to make but we feel that it is a good one and should be backed by the American people. The effort should not be protested against but given a chance in hopes that it will work.

The South Vietnamese need time to build up their armies to defend themselves and the action of destroying the enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia will give the country the time it needs. With proper instruction in military warfare and guidance given to government of-

ficials, the Vietnamese can fight their own war, and the United States can pull out. If we were to pull out now, all the fighting of the past would be in vain and the South Vietnamese effort would be crushed.

We are very fortunate to be given the freedom of speech by our constitution, but with that freedom goes the responsibility which is voicing one's opinion in a peaceable manner. Doing destructive acts to make oneself heard shows immaturity and irrationality in making effective and constructive de-

cision. To show ourselves as reliable human beings, we need to be responsible and mature adults striving for the betterment of our country through rational and orderly actions.

In regard to the tragic incident at Kent State, we are deeply disturbed but do not blame this on the President. He did not want irrational actions to result from his decision. He expected unrest in the country but he is striving for a goal all American wish to reach—peace.

No man enjoys war, and President Nixon is trying to get us out of Vietnam and he is trying the best way he knows how. We feel that all Americans should support his decision and not criticize it until results are shown to prove otherwise.

The country needs its young people to stand behind it now more than ever. If we can stand as a united country, we can better solve the problems we face in this fast growing world. The division of the country is not as large as it may seem but

to other countries it may appear that the minority of protestors is in greater number than is actual fact. We need to let people know that the young people back the President in his decision.

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*Peace*

# What to do until peace breaks out:

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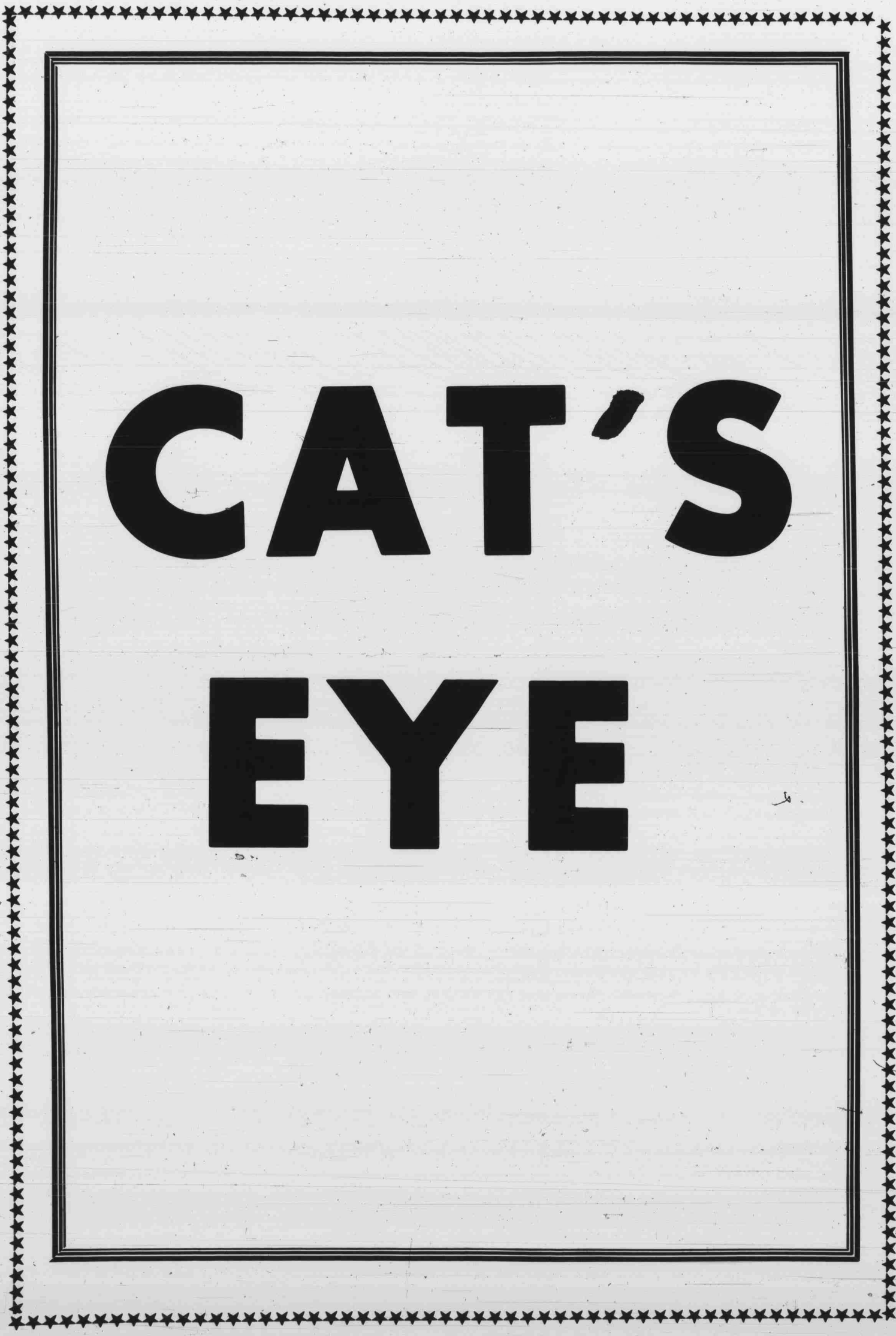
If I can still make it in one of this summer's programs. I'm interested.

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