

editorials

What Do You Think?

What effect do you think Jesse Helms' re-election will have on North Carolina?



Yvette Robinson, Junior, Salisbury.

I was very surprised by the results of the Helms-Hunt senate race. I feel that in order for a person to be any kind of leader, he must care a little about everybody. Jesse Helms has shown that he doesn't care anything about Black people. This means that Black people will be hindered by what Helms feels about us. I do feel, however, that there are enough Black people in the state not to let him stand in the way of progress.



Frank Abbott, Jr., Junior, Kinston.

I think Helms' re-election is indicative of the feelings of people in North Carolina. Unfortunately, he doesn't represent any of my views; and I hope none of the views of any rational thinking humane persons' views. I don't think anyone will benefit from his re-election, but, I hope it can serve as a re-awakening for the people of the state--especially minorities.



Linda Elliott, Sophomore, Fayetteville.

I think his re-election is a loss for Black voters. I feel that it's really going to hurt college students and because of his policies of cutting federal aid. His policies are going to hurt the income and financial status of some families.



Lisa Watkins, Freshman, Reidsville.

"Some students won't be able to get financial aid because of his re-election. His policies are going to keep a lot of Black students from coming back to school next year."



Dhruva Sen, Sophomore, Wilson.

"First of all the race has shown that political races can be bought. As a result of his re-election, North Carolina is being deprived of one of its strongest leaders. When the campaign fervor is gone, we'll just have to get used to having Helms representing us again."



H.F. Watts, Junior, Clarkton.

I think Helms' re-election will have favorable effects on North Carolina because we have had a senior senator with power re-elected. Therefore, he will be able to salvage and keep the programs that are vital to North Carolina. In reference to that, I think he will keep the Chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture Committee.



Lorre Bonner, Senior, Rowland.

What concerns me most about Helms' re-election is that he received 13% of the Black vote and he hasn't fairly represented Blacks in the past and won't in the future. I also feel that he won't keep the campaign promises he made, because already, there is talk of his resigning from the Senate Agriculture Committee. Another term will not reflect the best interests of North Carolina in a positive manner. Other states will have a less objective of North Carolina because of Helms. I hope that in six years we will be able to do something about it.

Column and Pictures by Denise Moultrie

Is Baldwin Still Important?

by Randall G. Kenan
Columnist

James Baldwin, the novelist, essayist, short story writer and playwright, visited the UNC campus recently. At a reception for Mr. Baldwin someone, a young Black student, said to me: "I really don't understand what all the fuss is about. Look at him. Just a short ugly little man. There was no fire in his speech and nobody reads his books anymore and anyway...why should they. They're just about stuff that happened in the sixties. Right? Nothing to do with 1984."

Since the young man seemed to be intelligent (or at least looked that way), I began to ponder and doubt. Perhaps he was right. Perhaps James Baldwin's day has come and gone. Perhaps all he has to tell us is very tiny things about very tiny people in a very tiny time. Or perhaps what he said can no longer be applied to a different time and a different place and a different people. Is my generation too far removed from the generation of James Baldwin to learn anything from him?

But I continued to ponder and question. Where is my generation? Are we so sure of ourselves, of our "place," that we can dismiss so quickly, so easily, the wisdom of a generation past? Do we see so clearly that we need no aid from an older time to find our way? The answers I found were both distressing and reassuring.

Yes. James Baldwin could be said to be a small, unattractive older man

who sometimes makes mediocre speeches. But more important than appearances and speeches Mr. Baldwin has created a body of literature that speaks so loudly he need never speak again. If I had not been so dullwitted I would have asked my fellow student had he read Mr. Baldwin's work. Had he read the Powerful essays in **Notes of a Native Son** or **Nobody Knows My Name**? Had he read and understood the novels **Go Tell it on the Mountain** or **Another Country**? Had he seen **Amen Corner** or read just one short story from **Going to Meet the Man**? It is fine to read, understand and then reject. But how can you reject what you have not read and understood?

Our generation of young Black men and women is caught in a deceptive America. We, probably more than any generation before, need to see very clearly, to understand our surroundings, our environment, our country. The more we know of our history--a history of truth--the easier it will be for us to plan a successful future.

Black literature was made for us, the inheritors; if we do not take this literature off the shelves and let it live again in our minds, it will die. And in the long run, in a world we do not understand, so will we. So the next time you have a free hour or three, instead of falling into an issue of *Sports Illustrated* or a Harlequin Romance, crack the cover of one of Baldwin's eighteen books.

Who knows what you might discover?

It's Coming Up

Fall Exam Schedule

All 11:00 A.M. Classes on MWF	Tues. Dec. 11	9:00 A.M.
All 1:00 P.M. Classes on MWF; *Chem 181L	Tues. Dec. 11	2:00 P.M.
All 9:30 A.M. Classes on TTh	Wed. Dec. 12	9:00 A.M.
All Fren, Germ, Span, Ital, and Port 1,2,3,4; Russ 1,2; *Educ 41	Wed. Dec. 12	2:00 P.M.
All 12:00 Noon Classes on MWF; *Chem 170L, 171L	Thur. Dec. 13	9:00 A.M.
All 5:00 P.M. Classes on TTh; *Math 22, 30, 31; *Busi 71, 150; and *Phil 21	Thur. Dec. 13	2:00 P.M.
All 2:00 P.M. Classes on MWF	Fri. Dec. 14	9:00 A.M.
All 9:00 A.M. Classes on MWF	Fri. Dec. 14	2:00 P.M.
All 8:00 A.M. Classes on TTh; *Ling 30	Sat. Dec. 15	9:00 A.M.
All 8:00 A.M. Classes on MWF	Sat. Dec. 15	2:00 P.M.
All 10:00 A.M. Classes on MWF	Mon. Dec. 17	9:00 A.M.
All 4:00 P.M. Classes on MWF; *Jour 53; *Busi 24; *Chem 41L and all other classes not otherwise provided for in this schedule	Mon. Dec. 17	2:00 P.M.
All 11:00 A.M. Classes on TTh	Tues. Dec. 18	9:00 A.M.
All 2:00 P.M. Classes on TTh	Tues. Dec. 18	2:00 P.M.
All 12:30 P.M. Classes on TTh	Wed. Dec. 19	9:00 A.M.
All 3:00 P.M. Classes on MWF	Wed. Dec. 19	2:00 P.M.
All 3:30 P.M. Classes on TTh	Thur. Dec. 20	9:00 A.M.
All 5:00 P.M. Classes on MWF	Thur. Dec. 20	2:00 P.M.

*Common exams are indicated by an asterisk. In case of conflict, the regularly scheduled exam will take precedence over the common exam.