

Letters

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aware of the Hunt-Helms battle (some have compared it to Star Wars), but Helms' remarks were the lowest and uncalled for.

Helms stated, "I believe it's fair to say that he's (referring to Hunt) the racist in this campaign. He's trying to appeal to black citizens, but he's trying to hide it." Remarks like this by our senator made me think of what Helms represents to this state.

The campaign for senator in North Carolina has sunk to a new low, I'm afraid. "During his two six-year terms, Helms has never hired a black for his senate staff, although his campaign press secretary, Claude Allen, is black" (*News and Record*, page 9).

Helms also voted against the bill to make Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday and tried to get the FBI to reopen the closed files on Dr. King. In my hometown newspaper, *The Greenville Daily Reflector*, the Helms campaign runs newspaper ads picturing Hunt in his office with Jesse Jackson. The ads accuse Hunt of supporting black voter registration and being a member of the black PAC (political action committee). At the bottom, the ads state, "Is this a wise use of taxpayers' funds?"

The politics of the current campaign is disgusting. Instead of focusing on critical issues such as jobs, it has become a campaign of smear tactics. As a final word

(and I plan to send a copy of this letter to Sen. Helms), I would like to quote this verse from the Bible to Sen. Helms:

Thou shalt not bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the Lord. (Leviticus 19:18.)

What's wrong with supporting black voter registration? They are a part of this country, too. It is my hope that the politics of North Carolina have risen above ignorance. If (Helms) stands for what I think, I hope (he is) out of a job in November.

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Then there are those who do not cope well, have few prospects for achieving a stable marriage and thus live a life of economic deprivation. In all cases, graduation from high school seems to be the most important factor in the survival of the adolescent mother.

The national statistics show that the teen mothers are likely to have either low status, low-paying jobs or to be unemployed. However, incomes are low because of poor education and the possibility that many of these mothers will head one-income, single-parent families.

A number of teen-age mothers receive welfare payments; however, the stereotype of the unwed mother as a welfare dependent is not justified. Furstenberg found that two-thirds of the low-income black teen mothers that he studied were on welfare at some time during the five years after their teen birth.

However, 50 percent stayed on welfare 12 months or less and three out of five were self-supporting or married to employed husbands five years later. In many cases, welfare funds helped teens to finish school by providing for day-care costs. The poor economic condition of the black teen mother is aggravated by an insufficient supply of eligible males to marry, inadequate day care and the high unemployment rate for black

teen-agers. Black Americans are faced with two problems in this area. First, we must find ways to educate teens about the unforeseen problems of teen parenthood. Second, we must continue to stress the value of continuing education.

If researchers are correct, stressing education may help to reduce the teen pregnancy rate. We should encourage sex education, but within the context of

educating teens about life planning and learning how to build meaningful relationships.

We will have to de-emphasize society's message that sex is the most important characteristic of a male-female relationship.

Although black families have been supportive of pregnant teenagers in the past, we are going to have to do even more to help black teen-agers avoid the sometimes debilitating effects of teen pregnancy.

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Saleem said the group is preparing to appear at the Morganton Festival on Oct. 20 and will do a show at N.C. University in Raleigh on Oct. 27. The group also is preparing a show featuring the works of black author Zora Neale Hurston in celebration of Black History Month in February.

For more information about the group, call Saleem at 727-2891.

Jacob

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the last few years - it started in the mid-70s when deficits were relatively low. And its basic thrust is not to control deficits so much as it is to lower taxes.

Americans are among the least taxed people in the world, but the way the tax reducers carry on you would think we were among the highest. Higher taxes are inevitable to help cut those deficits, if not to provide the full range of necessary government services.

(John E. Jacob is president of the National Urban League.)

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