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The President Meets The Farmers

Lyndon Baines Johnson and his First Lady have come to North Carolina and gone again moving quickly as campaigners must in this age of jets and diesel trains. But if their visits were necessarily short, they were not without substance and importance to the people of North Carolina, and the citizens of this state should give careful scrutiny to what the Johnsons did and said while they were here.

Most important, of course, are the remarks of the President to an overflow audience at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh Tuesday night. Although Mr. Johnson has been criticized by the press and the public alike for talking generalizations throughout much of the campaign, he climbed down off the Great Society pedestal somewhat in Raleigh and talked about a subject dear to the hearts and pocketbooks of North Carolinians — agriculture.

He spoke of his opponent's end-the-subsidies attitude toward farming and translated it into monetary terms, saying that it could mean a loss of \$1,450 per farm in the State. He could not have picked a better opportunity to bring up the subject, for North Carolina has more farmers than any state in the country, and more farms than any state with the exception of Texas. Furthermore most of our farms are small ones—the type most likely to suffer if farm supports are lifted.

But his remarks were not only well-aimed; they were also important to North Carolinians everywhere. For in pledging himself to support the farmer, and especially the small farmer, Mr. Johnson pledged his support for the backbone of North Carolina's economy.

Censorship In Gaston County

From The Charlotte Observer

There is a serious question as to whether a citizen's committee or the sheriff of a county should be the final arbiters of what the public will or will not read. State censorship in a free society is not something that should be embarked upon lightly.

Narrowly speaking, anyone with a sense of "propriety" might be a fair judge of magazines and books which are blatantly and luridly objectionable when placed against the contemporary standards of the community.

But in the case of other books and magazines judgment may often be a matter of taste, education or philosophy. This must be a consideration as a committee named by Sheriff Dwight Beam of Gaston County takes steps to curb the sale of publications that the group considers "obscene."

The sheriff is authorized by state law to take action against those selling publications deemed to be obscene or pornographic. Practically all North Carolina sheriffs have been reluctant to implement the law because they do not consider themselves competent to be censors.

Since the Gaston sheriff has chosen to act in this area it was fortunate that he appointed a citizens committee to assist him. But that does not take the banning of books and the threat of arrest out of the area of controversy. Good men on both sides of the issue rightly argue about where freedom leaves off and responsibility for the "health" of society begins. This is an age of realism which will not be transformed to Victorianism.

That being the case, now's as good a time as any for the state law and the sheriff's actions to be tested in court. The state law borrows from several past rulings on obscenity including those of the United States Supreme Court. It makes clear that degrees of realism expressed in pictures, drawings and text

Perhaps we like to think of the Tar Heel state as a dynamic and growing home for industry, but the truth of the matter is that half our people must live off the land, often supported by one crop—tobacco.

The President touched on other subject, of course. He translated the 1963 tax cut into such terms as a \$500 million increase in the state's total income and \$140 million less in income tax deductions from North Carolina's paychecks. He voiced his full support for the Rural Electrification Administration, Education and world peace. His stands on these issues seem to us to be in keeping with the needs and desires of the majority of North Carolina's citizens.

As for Mrs. Johnson, most of her remarks on her whistle-stop tour of the state were purely political and thus were not built around such weighty matters. But thousands of Tar Heels responded enthusiastically to her visit, and rightly so. For, if she did not deal directly with such important issues as the farm subsidy program, she did disburse an unusual amount of charm and good will during her visit.

Thus the Johnsons have come, and now are departed. Whether the President and his wife reached the hearts and minds of North Carolina's voters remains to be seen. But surely one group of North Carolinians, the farmers, having seen and heard Mr. Goldwater's wishy-washy opinions on their pocketbooks just a few weeks ago, are now mulling over one thought in their minds: Barry Goldwater may represent their thoughts concerning some issues, but is the farm program one of them?

We think not.

must be weighed against the intent and the literary, artistic or scientific merit of the publication involved. Moreover, widespread acceptance in the nation or the community is a defense for many publications that some would consider obscene.

Publishers and news dealers may decide that their relationships with the community will be served best by voluntary withdrawal of material objectionable to the committee. But censorship tends to feed on itself and grow to unreasonable proportions.

The court is the proper place for judgment on matters involving a conflict between freedom and the "good" of society.

Carolina Victory

We stopped by Joyner Residence Hall last Saturday for a glimpse at their new social room, sponsored jointly by Student Government and the Administration. It was a delight.

The room was filled with happy (and beating Wake always is conducive to happiness) students dancing, socializing and just generally celebrating.

The fears last year that "the students can't take care of a nice social room" were immediately dispelled. In fact, the place looked a lot cleaner and neater than most other party facilities we have ventured into.

The "pilot project" program for dorm improvements, we believe, has proven itself a success. It should be continued.

Plans are now being proposed for several more residence hall social rooms, and we hope these plans come to fruition. Social life is just as much a part of UNC as football, arboretum strolls and the Bell Tower, and it is the responsibility of the leaders of the student community to work toward this end.

Especially now that the residents of Joyner have proven the social facilities will be used—and used correctly.

Tactical Arms Are Defined

By TIMOTHY RAY

In "Will Goldwater Push the Button?" Chuck Neely urges us to avoid being swept away by emotion in thinking about the issues surrounding nuclear weapons and the presidential candidates.

There are some emotional reactions, however, that are very appropriate to nuclear weapons—pity and fear: pity for the children growing up in a world bent on suicide, fear of the possibility of dying avoidable, meaningless, and therefore contemptible deaths.

It is apparently true, as Mr. Neely argues, that the difference between the candidates regarding nuclear weapons is less than one had been previously led by government statements to believe, although the popular magazines are quite vague on this. But he is quite wrong in what he says about the size of these weapons.

While he correctly says that the Davy Crockett "tactical" missile is equal to 40 tons of TNT, he neglects to explain that this is over 26 times as powerful as our biggest World War 2 conventional strategic weapon, the block-buster, with which we created literally storms of fire miles across in Berlin, storms of fire which sucked the oxygen out of all standing buildings and shelters not hermetically sealed off from the atmosphere.

Mr. Neely goes on to define "strategic nuclear weapons" as those along the line of the 20 kiloton Hiroshima bomb, which, for the record, killed 75,000 people in a short time and left countless others incurably ill with radiation diseases, such as leukemia.

The truth of the matter is that weapons up to ten times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb, i.e. up to 200 kilotons, are classified by the Army as "tactical." I refer to the Pershing Missile, and there are other types of at least 100 kilotons, i.e. the Sergeant and Honest John.

The Pershing has a range, incidentally, of up to 400 miles. Can Sen. Goldwater seriously consider such things to be in the same category as hand grenades? We normally hospitalize persons who think this irrationally.

If you want to contemplate a real "strategic" weapon, for the sake of contrast and perspective, consider the 20 megaton, a convenient size for devastating gigantic population centers. Our SAC bombers carry a pair of these each, so as to do a really thorough job.

This, fellow students, is a thousand times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb cited by Mr. Neely as a good example of a strategic weapon.

If anyone wants a clear mental picture of the power of a 20 megaton bomb, visualize a line of Mack trucks, three abreast, spaced ten feet apart, stretching from New York to San Francisco, filled with TNT, and there you have it.

Five ounces of TNT will blow up a human being very thoroughly.

And Nothing Can Go Wrong, Go . . .

By ART BUCHWALD

A friend of ours was flying from the West Coast to New York the other day and she noticed on the door to the cockpit a "Goldwater for President" sticker. She called the stewardess and demanded to know what it was doing there. The stewardess said she would ask the captain. She came back a few minutes later with some violent anti-President Johnson literature which the captain had told her to give to the passenger.

Our friend was furious and called an executive of the airline when she landed. He was also upset and he said that there was an organization called Pilots for Goldwater which was probably behind it. The thought occurred to us that if the Pilots for Goldwater really wanted to help their candidate, they could do away with the literature and use the loudspeaker system instead.

"GOOD MORNING, ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Because of power-hungry bureaucrats in Washington, I have to ask you all to fasten your seat belts."

"We will be flying at an altitude of 35,000 feet and the weather is clear all the way except for a large dark cloud which is now hanging over the White House."

"Our flight plan will take us over Arizona, the home state of Sen. Barry Goldwater, Texas, the home state of Billie Sol Estes, and Tennessee, the home state of one of the largest bungling Federal public power projects in this country."

"Because of predicted violence in the streets, we will not fly over Chicago."

"WE ARE NOW waiting on



Letters To The Editors

Dates Sought Through Mail

DTH Compared To Trashy Novel

Editors, The Tar Heel:

After an absence of one year from Chapel Hill, I returned with high hopes of finding some improvement of the pitiful situation in which the Daily Tar Heel had been floundering when I left.

Friday morning when I read that enlightening article concerning current cultural events in Durham, I gave up hope completely. Is this news? You can find the same material in any trashy novel (which seem to be only too popular these days).

Surely you can find something more important to take up space. There are plenty of students on this campus that would welcome an interview by a DTH representative. Then you might be able to publish articles that really interest students.

Student interest covers a very wide range, from mundane topics such as conditions in Lenoir Hall (I am speaking of the food, not the space), to

the pressures and pseudo-pressures that contribute to the unfortunately reknown drinking problem of fellow students.

I am not advocating that the DTH become a journal of socio-economic, health education and welfare reform. It could use, however, some reform itself.

Michaela Reedy
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New Yorkers Dislike Yankees

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Has the Reconstruction Period reappeared?

This is not meant to be a facetious question. This year, more than ever, Yankees from the North have invaded our campus.

Please do not think that we are prejudiced. However, when a student is unable to sit quietly in the Pine Room without hearing the loud, raucous, unintelligible clamor of Northerners, or without being pushed, shoved and elbowed by Yankees sneaking into line in Lenoir Hall—then we say the time has come to do something about the situation.

However rude and obnoxious these Northern students are, we could possibly put up with them if this alarming situation did not also occur in the classroom.

Jeff Wolff
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Harry Grier
Jamaica, N. Y.

Frosh Seeking Modest Coeds

Editors, The Tar Heel:

To all Campus Cuties:

Where are you hiding? I've been to all the combo parties. I sit at the Pine Room, Y-Court, or the Library most of the day. But I still don't have a date for the South Carolina homecoming game.

I want to know why? Because I can't find a girl who isn't either stuck-up, looking for an XKE, fraternity pin, or some other status symbol. Remember freshman boys crave dates just as bad as you do.

If you will follow a few of these suggestions you might get better results:

1. Go to as many social activities as feasible.
2. Always smile.
3. Don't shy away from boys.
4. Don't be afraid to speak to a boy.
5. Don't snub a boy because of his race, color, creed, class standing, or bank book.

Craving Campus Cutie Cravers
John Blackwell
Wayne Jackson

Campus Cutie Strikes Back

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In reference to the views of the three "Carolina Gentlemen" (and I use the term "gentlemen" loosely) on native coeds (Oct. 6 issue of the

DTH), I would like to go on record as vehemently protesting their ridiculous rationalizations.

Face it, the first time they saw a coed walk into class wearing a wool suit and heels, they'd panic. There is a proper time and place for dressy clothes—and school is neither the time nor the place.

As for the "drab, listless bodies encased in formless, unappealing attire," let's take a look at our male counterparts. As I sit here doing a slow burn in Lenoir Hall, I count in the immediate vicinity three pair of blue jeans, six grubby sweatshirts, God knows how many unshaven faces, and at least ten bodies which could definitely be classified as slovenly and overweight.

All right, fellas, chew on that for a while.

Sue Whitt
Chapel Hill

Stampede Routs A Free Flick

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Last Friday night I was a witness to my first stampede. Anyone who went to the first showing of the Free Flick was a part of it.

As I rounded the corner of Gardner Hall coming from the library I could hear the crowd in front of Carroll Hall. It covered the porch and the steps and overflowed onto the brick walk. I looked at my watch and it was 7:15.

By 7:30 the crowd was in a nasty mood, for this was the announced time of the showing and the doors were still shut.

Have you ever seen 500 yelling, pushing, angry people trying to get through a small door at the same time? People didn't walk into the lobby, they were injected in twos and threes. One in the group who had a date saw her catapulted thru the door with the onrushing crowd.

Why?

Whose fault was it, the man who forgot to open the doors before the crowd arrived and then only opened half of a double door?

Or was it those in the crowd who started the yelling and then rushed the door for a seat? I really don't know but something should be done to prevent a repeat performance.

Harry Weller
526 Ehringhaus

Antidote

Note seen on car windshield in Planetarium Parking Lot: Dear Policeman,

Please don't give us a ticket. We are senior nurses having our pictures made at Graham Memorial and will only be a few minutes. And there's nowhere else to park!

Thank you.
Two Protectors of your health

Cal. Protest Makes Point

By PETE WALES
Associate Editor

The predicament of students at the University of California in recent demonstrations over the rights of campus political organizations bears some resemblance to UNC's problems with the Speaker Ban.

The California legislature passed a law several years ago to prevent partisan political student organizations from soliciting funds or members on a state campus.

The administration at the Berkeley campus had ignored the law with regard to one corner of the campus used by political groups for recruiting.

Due to increased political activity at this spot during the Republican National Convention this summer, the University declared that political groups could no longer carry on their activities there.

The administrative action was met by large-scale demonstrations by students of varying political views who felt that the University had no right to silence these political groups.

The University recently settled the dispute by agreeing to create a spot near the campus where political groups could carry on their activities.

First, the students largely ignored the fact that the University was acting under a state law for which they had no direct responsibility.

Like the North Carolina Speaker Ban Law, this regulation must be fought at the level of the state legislature and not by demonstrations against the University administration.

UNC students have for the most part responded well on this score. Resolutions have been passed and letters written urging the repeal of the Speaker Ban.

More activity on the part of the students will be called for when the General Assembly meets this January.

The second point involves the responsibility of the University.

The result of the demonstrations, which may or may not have put the University of California in a bad light, was that University officials were persuaded to make a compromise.

They made an effort to find a place accessible to students where the political clubs could legally operate.

By way of contrast, neither students nor administration here have made any effort to find an auditorium for speakers who have something to say to students, but could not use University facilities on account of the Ban.

If students and Student Government really do believe in the principles of free speech and academic freedom, why is this possibility overlooked?

More importantly, why are students at the University of North Carolina less excited about such violations of their freedom than the students of the University of California.

We have often admired the sophistication and sense of political realism that has characterized UNC Student Government in this and other issues. Very seldom are demonstrations, however orderly, the most effective means toward a given goal.

Most students and Chapel Hill citizens, however liberal and open-minded, were shocked and dismayed by the persistence of civil rights demonstrations last year.

The demonstrations seemed somehow out of character and out of place. People resented demonstrators as mere disturbers of the peace.

And yet we wish that students would get more excited about issues of the day. We regard it as healthy in a student that he can get excited enough about a restriction of his freedom to react on a purely idealistic basis.

The role of Student Government should continue to be that of the political mediator in disputes such as this.

The role of the students on the other hand should be to openly challenge and question what appear to be foolishly decisions and statements by their superiors.

As it is, Student Government can't begin to mediate a dispute without kicking up a student reaction first. The lethargy of the students themselves severely handicaps the efforts of leaders to mobilize any student voice.

It's time for students to get excited and overcome their inertia. Being mature and responsible does not exclude voicing a strong opinion.

It is the voicing of such opinion that leads to action and to the fulfillment of the student's role as a citizen in his society.

