

In Our Opinion...

Who's Afraid Of Jesse Helms? The University—That's Who

The relegation of graduate instructor Michael Paul to "duties other than teaching" is a monumental tribute to WRAL-TV's manager Jesse Helms and his never-ending campaign to misconstrue the image of and cast public disfavor upon the University.

It is also a sad commentary on the ability of public opinion—or, better stated, public misunderstanding—to alter the course of academic freedom.

Helms, who would make a good running mate for Lester Maddox, has long been noted for his reactionary approach to everything that happens in Chapel Hill. He provided one of his most outstanding disservices to the cause of education Monday night when he broadcast an incomplete account of the story concerning Paul's English class.

Without taking the time to learn to full account of the situation, WRAL-TV news shocked its listeners Monday night with the announcement that a UNC English instructor had embarrassed his class by asking them to write compositions of an "objectionable nature" detailing the proceedings of a seduction.

This broadcast and a newspaper article the following morning made no mention of the poem which was the center of the topic, nor did either of the two news media even hint that the assignment was in any way related to legitimate course work.

We were not at all surprised to find Helms in the center of such a contorted picture. We've more or less resigned ourselves to accepting him as one of the unavoidable evils of our society.

But we are quite distressed that his rasping tongue should be so powerful as to cut through the respected walls that protect acad-

emic freedom from an often-misunderstanding citizenry and influence our administrative leaders to remove this instructor from his classroom.

We were not in the classroom when Paul gave the assignment. Perhaps he did not make himself sufficiently clear. Nor were we there when some of the compositions were read aloud. Perhaps some portions of them were offensive to the young ears in his class.

If this was the case, then he indeed would not be going to far to apologize to his class members. If there be members in the class who feel they simply cannot bear up to a thorough study of some of the priceless—though often naughty—literary works of the ages, they should be allowed to transfer to another section.

We were pleased to notice that Chancellor Sitterson's public statement to the press made it perfectly clear that no punitive measures were to be taken and no charges would be lodged against Paul.

But then, what greater insult could be hurled at a member of the teacher world than to remove him from his classroom? And what greater threat could be posed to teachers in general than to see one of their colleagues squelched in such a manner?

We have, from time to time in various situations, expressed our displeasure with the fact that the University hops when the public whistles. Here is another unfortunate example of this. We hope many others will join our outcry against this policy, and especially, this specific case.

The following parody on "To His Coy Mistress" was written by Dr. Kenneth Reckford, associate professor of classics. We hope it says as much to you as it did to us.

To His Coy Administration

Had we but World enough and Time, this quick surrender were no crime: we might, with months and years to waste, pet and seduce the public taste, and even Helms' marvelous tongue might turn to business better sung: yet though love grows through every hour and loins ungirt maintain their power, freedom is something won't stay hot when laid within the ground to rot. If education, when it's free, still propagates democracy, why must we exile or castrate the minds of those who'd serve this State?

Dr. Kenneth J. Reckford Associate Professor of Classics

Issues From Back Issues

Oct. 20, 1961
The reverse "sit-in" case of a Duke University divinity student will be heard this Tuesday in the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court.

Edward Opton, 21, requested service at the Negro counter in the Chapel Hill Bus Station last June 21 and was charged with trespassing by the grill's owner, Leo Eliadis, when he refused to leave.

Oct. 20, 1956
An intrepid group of Carolina gentlemen returned to Chapel Hill this morning empty handed after an all-night attempt to statue-nap the University of Maryland's terrapin.

The unsuccessful attempt was the culmination of two weeks' preparation during which routes, rendezvous, and time schedules were arranged in the greatest possible detail.

Oct. 20, 1951
The Terps gave a fine exhibition of offensive football in the first half and Carolina completely dominated the second half, but couldn't make a right move when they got close to the Terp Goal.

The victory was the first one by Maryland over the Tar Heels since 1926 and apparently the Terps have cleared the last obstacle between themselves and an undefeated season.

Innocence Terrified By Its Image Of The Satyr



Asylum In Canada

(Editor's note — This is the second and final article about American students who have fled to Canada to avoid the U. S. draft. The author is a columnist for the Collegiate Press Service.)

By ROGER RAPOPORT
TORONTO — "I've always thought a man had an obligation to go fight where his country tells him to," says Corporal Ron McIntosh, a career soldier with the Canadian Army. "But it seems to me that the United States hasn't given its boys much of an explanation on why they should go to Viet Nam. So if they want to come up here to escape the draft it's fine with me."

Most of official Canada views things the same way. Police, civic, and university administrators as well as the press usually endorse the right of U. S. citizens to avert conscription. U. S. diplomatic and military officials are not visibly dismayed by the situation either.

"There's no reason to get your blood pressure up when you have a few hundred draft dodgers amidst 30 million draft registrants," National Selective Service Director Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said. "You can't have a sawmill without a little sawdust and these draft-dodgers are just sawdust. Besides I don't think they are much of an asset to the United States. I've told my Canadian friends that they are welcome to them."

Canada seems to oblige. "We don't even think about it," says a spokesman for the city of Toronto in the town's posh new city hall. "What's the saying: What you don't know doesn't hurt you," he says whimsically.

A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police explains that the draft status of U. S. immigrants is not a matter of Canadian concern.

And the Toronto Globe and

Mail wrote in a recent editorial, "The granting of political asylum is an accepted principle in all civilized countries. Canada cannot, decently breach this principle."

At the University of Toronto admissions director E.M. Davidson says the draft status of American applicants is not a factor in admission to the school. "We admit exclusively on academic and behavioral grounds."

Davidson has noticed no upsurge of applicants from American men to the school. In fact, the number of U. S. male applicants has fallen off in recent months. "But that's probably because the draft is draining off a lot of our prospective American students," he explains.

Several Canadian organizations actively assist expatriates. The Student Union for Peace Action with headquarters at 659 Spadina St. has become the Welcome Wagon for American draft dodgers. It helps new arrivals to settle.

While SUPA leader Tony Hyde is quick to explain that his organization "makes no move to get people to come up here," it has published an informative 15-cent pamphlet called "Coming to Canada?" for Americans concerned about the possibility of being drafted.

The informative document includes all pertinent information on such crucial matters as deportation, extradition, customs, and landed immigrant status (a prerequisite to Canadian citizenship). In essence it says that coming to Canada poses no major problem for the draft dodger who plans ahead.

Hyde says the pamphlet is "our fastest selling item at present. We get about 50 requests a week and the number is growing."

But he is quick to point out that the pamphlet is no mon-

eymaker. "We lose two cents on every pamphlet since we send them out airmail at 17 cents. But we want to do it that way since a lot of our orders come from urgent cases."

Another organization aiding draft dodgers is the Fellowship for Reconciliation, a small Christian pacifist group. The group's Canadian National secretary, Brewster Kneen, says he tore up his "draft card into fine pieces and mailed it back to the draft board," after moving here from Cleveland.

Kneen says one of the most encouraging things about Canada to new arrivals is the lack of "pressure to become Canadian. No one makes you take on some kind of superficial ideology. It's not like American where you must do it or get drummed out. I'd much rather bring up my kids here than in Cleveland."

Nicholas Volk, U. S. Vice-Consul in Toronto says he is not worried about the aid Canadian groups are giving American draft dodgers. "It's none of our concern," says Volk. "We feel it's a matter for the Canadian government. We are guests here."

And one draft dodger reports that a woman who had been actively finding homes for the new American arrivals was recently visited by agents from the American Secret Service and the Royal Mounted Police.

When the officials questioned the woman about her settlement activities of the previous weekend she offered the perfect alibi. The woman explained that she had gone to see "Don Giovanni" at the Stratford, Ontario, drama festival.

"Everyone thinks that because the United States is a democracy," says one expatriate, "that we are obliged to follow all its laws. But that's not true. Simply because the draft law was democratically passed doesn't mean we should be prohibited from going against it."

Gen. Hershey disagrees. "Congress never took notice of political reasons for wanting to stay out of the Army. You couldn't run a democracy if everyone obeyed the laws he liked and defied the ones he didn't. Why you couldn't even run a fraternity unless everyone went along with majority decisions."

The history books tell us that many of the mid-19th century immigrants to the U. S. were leaving central European countries to escape compulsory service. And a lot of them became fine citizens here.

The Selective Service director contends that American conscription "provides the military strength to protect Canada and keep it draft free. As long as you've got a big brother around you don't have to learn how to box."

Sloane Letter Shows A Misunderstanding

The letter to the editor from Dr. Joseph Sloane in Tuesday's DTH has caused some consternation in the DTH office, and the questions he has brought up probably could use some clarification.

The criticism of the Tar Heel coverage of the recent Reidsville Conference on education improvement (as you wish, Dr. Sloane) should probably be divided into two distinct areas.

Dr. Sloane's basic criticism was of an editorial written about the conference by DTH Editor Fred Thomas. It should be remembered by all concerned that any opinions about the success or failure of Reidsville are bound to be colored by the over-all productivity of the particular seminar which the commentator was a part of.

Though editorial writers may disagree about the effectiveness of the methods employed towards the accomplishment of this objective, they do so only out of a zeal to see change enacted quickly and comprehensively.

Fred Thomas happened to be less impressed with the results his group produced than he might have been had he been assigned to another seminar. The criticism of Fred's editorial is certainly welcomed as another side of the coin.

There is another aspect to Dr. Sloane's letter which should be dealt with separately. This is the implication that the DTH has not sought to further the aims of Reidsville because the conference was not given adequate publicity in the newspaper. This point could probably stand some debate, but it is certain that the DTH does have some credits to its name on this issue.

Dr. Sloane and others who were involved in the Reidsville Conference must understand that the entire DTH staff is certainly committed to the concept of education improvement, and will fully encourage any efforts towards this goal.

There can be little doubt that some of the seminar groups were less stimulating than others, mainly because so much depended upon the characteristics of the individuals involved and the ability of the moderator to channel discussion.

Long before plans for the Reidsville Conference were formulated, the DTH began publishing a number of articles presenting the possibilities for education improvement. Not only have they dealt with the problems of the educational process on this campus, but they have also covered many of the improvements currently being made on other campuses across the nation and around the world.

Such articles will continue to appear in the pages of this newspaper.

With the continued individual commitment from Dr. Sloane and other members of the faculty and administration, we can be sure that change will come about.

And in turn, those who have doubts about the Tar Heel's position on these matters may be assured that the spirit of Reidsville will continue to live in the pages of this newspaper.

—John Greenbacker

Peter Harris

Student's Thoughts Drift In The Fall

The longing to break away from Chapel Hill grows stronger in the late days of October.

Each dried leaf that crunches under your step sends your mind twirling many miles from Chapel Hill. You remember the frosty mountain evenings, and the early morning scent of pine.

Visions of the shimmering ocean at sunrise awaken the dormant impulse to tear down the beach, driftwood in hand, and a dog by your side.

Thoughts of the cool, brisk, New York wind whipping through your raincoat become more vivid each time you think about it. Your mind wanders and your hand grasps for the girl's hand.

The sight of red and golden leaves in Connecticut, the laughing faces of the past—these all flash in front of you. Even the stench of a Third Avenue or eighth street bar fascinates you once again, and the funny times with the fabulous people from nowhere send you chuckling.

You wonder at the kids who go home to their small North Carolina towns every two or three weeks. How do they feel? Do they long for the mountains and the trout streams, or for the city and its cold, tall buildings which enclose the sweet, snappy music of Billy Taylor?

You remember the foggy, tilted vision of a swizzle stick in your scotch and soda.

Romantic notions can not help but pass through your brain.

Yet, it all comes back to Chapel Hill, because a part of you has become attached to the Hill, a mentor, the tumbling leaves and the blooming dogwoods. You did not plan it that way, but...

The adage that youth is wasted on the young aches your body, for you know that even youth, itself, does not have the time to burst forth with all the energy that nature prescribed for it.

The good times at school are worked in between long, dry periods of study; the summer rests with a job, blow-outs, and no regrets.

Thus, you realize that the few really good times must be great times, and you count on your memories being as fabulous as you wish they will be when you are older.

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Coeds Like Babies?

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: In Sunday's editorials there appeared a most interesting line: "Women are where they belong." The article accused the coeds of having risen from their second-class citizenship.

The line is most interesting, but does it not miss the point? The coed can never rise from her second-class position until she assumes the responsibilities for her own existence, the same responsibilities that her male counterpart assumes every day.

The coed cannot compete in a real sense. Many articles have been written concerning the views of one sex toward the other. Interesting, but how can you expect a coed to act more than moronic if you treat her like a four year old child?

Federal courts refuse to up-

hold a university's position in the question of in loco parentis. Do not the Women's Rules violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964? Must someone file suit with the Federal District Court before the University will step into the twentieth century?

So far, on this campus, I have found about four girls worth dating; with all the others I felt as if I was dating my eleven year old sister. Is this the way we want our coeds to be?

Recently an Arkansas politician went on record stating that women should be kept in the home, barefoot and pregnant. Could it be that the university agrees?

Why is the University afraid to let women compete in the real world? Is it afraid that they can't?

Charles D. Allard