## In Our Opinion ...

## Orange Lie Repainted White, Or: Hit Dog Always Barks

The answer came.

One week after the DTH ran an editorial entitled "White Lie Painted Orange", challenging The News of Orange County's claim to be the "Oldest Newspaper in the County," we got an answer.

We considered answering their. answer, then decided our best defense was their offense. Here it is. The News of Orange County

The era of fierce circulation wars and battles between newspapers in their editorials and news colums has long passed. Probably the bulk of the nation's population is too young to remember them and has to relive them vicariously, as we do, through the pages of history books.

We think with fondness of the dog fights between the princes of print of those bygone days. It is, therefore, with a good deal of relish (the tartest variety) that we find The News assaulted by some wayward youth with access to printer's ink.

Yes, an editorial writer for The Daily Tar Heel, student publication of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, thinks he has humbled The News.

According to him, The News has no right to the motto: "Oldest newspaper in the county, established 1893." In fact he claims the oldest newspaper title for his sheet. It's a matter of about seven months, he says, claiming that he can show proof of a publication on Feb. 25, 1893. He buttresses his argument with the fruits of a quick trip through Wilson Library on campus.

We could have saved him that small effort. The News refuses to recognize The Daily Tar Heel claim to the title for an obvious and simple reason: We claim to be the oldest est NEWSPAPER in the county, not the oldest campus drivel that happened to get fixed in print.

Surely, the campus editor is not claiming that 1893 publication as a general - interest newspaper in the accepted usage.

And while we are at it, we are reminded of the adage about glass houses and rock throwing. The Daily Tar Heel, as it calls itself, is not truly daily in the strictest newspaper sense for it fails to print one day a week. Worse yet, it fails to print at all during the summer months, when the gap is filled by a weekly publication usually operated by different personnel.

We'll leave it to the reader to make up his own mind about the claims to antiquity, and meanwhile we'll continue printing under our nameplate the words: "Oldest newspaper in the county, established 1893."

## Officers, Show Your Wares

Since the campaign for class offices began a few weeks ago, we've called a spade a spade, a gimmick

### **Briefly Editorial**

California voters who got tired of listening to the late night election returns Tuesday were fortunate in that they could switch channels and pick up Ronald Regan in a late movie for a change of pace.

UNC's Tarheels have a way of losing football games this year. And opposing coaches have a way of making statements to this effect: "Talbott is the best quarterback we've faced this year."

We'd like to flip back through the newspaper files of yesteryear. We bet we'd find a quotation something like this: "Sitting Bull says, 'Custer is the best general we've faced this year'."

If you doubt there really is a goose that lays golden eggs, check the price of breakfast in Lenoir

### From Back Issues

(Issues that made the news in The ally Tar Heel on this date five, 10, nd 15 years ago.)

Nov. 11, 1961 The Chapel Hill Citizens Committee for Open Movies voted last night to esume picketing at the Varsity Theater in Sunday. The Carolina Theater will not be affected.

Meeting in St. Joseph Church, about people voted without dissent for the new move. The picketing will last from -until 9:30 nightly, with pickets walking half-hour shifts.

The picketing was approved after the committee was told by its negotiating team that the Varsity had shown no inclination to co-operate in working toward integration.

Nov. 11 1956 A dormitory manager has recently raised the point that the stapling of election campaign posters onto the woodn moulding of bulletin boards is a violation of the housing office rules, Il posters stapled onto the moulding would have to be removed.

Nov. 11, 1951 'Best dressed prof' has become 'best dressed burglar' on the Santa Barbara

College campus. Yesterday, Dr. Gwynne Nettler, handsome athletic bachelor of 38, was lodged in the Santa Barbara county jail on the charge of burglarizing homes here and

in Montecito. He was arrested by Sheriff John Ross on a tip given by a woman who claimed Nettler had once mistreated

a gimmick, an independent an independent. Now it seems only fitting that we call a winner a winner and

offer our congratulations. Three Student Party presidents have taken their seats. They'll be looking to two University Party vice presidents and one SP to help them carry out a successful year.

These six men, teamed with another SP - UP duo from the senior class elected last spring, have the job of proving to a lot of people on campus that class officers can do something worthwhile.

Right now, the only function we see performed by class officers is that they hold the two parties together in the fall, offer an excuse for big membership drives, get a lot of new people involved.

Frankly, we're interested in seeing if there isn't some means of holding the party system intact without bothering with class offi-

We're looking to the officers to prove us wrong

#### The Baily Tar Feel

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### Letters To The Editor

# Students Stand Up For Jesus

sent out to undermine the

world's plans, and to repre-

sent His master who is an

enemy agent who came to

this alien territory in the guise

Billy Graham takes his or-

But the non-Christian finds

himself in the same type of

world as does the Christian.

If the non-Christian reduces

"God to "god," as does Mr.

Roush (which is more than a

matter of capitals or lower

case type face), he has man

and ideas to blame for the

be man-made, he has only

man to blame. The Christian

has the choice of man, God,

or Satan ("Power of evil" or

what-you-will) to blame - but

blames man, too, and is try-

ing to change this situation by

It will be easy to quibble

over meanings of words and

terms used in this letter, but

I trust I have been clearer

than Mr. Roush was in his

reference to the fighting men's

need to "believe in the great

cause for which they are do-

I fail to understand what he

means by "great cause." I

see no "great cause" without

Christ Billy Graham declares.

Graham's) presence there

(Viet-Nam) will accomplish is

beyond me," states Mr.

Roush. I say the same thing,

with other implications than

those of Mr. Roush, of course.

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

the letter of Mr. Lawrence C.

Roush which appeared in Sun-

day's DTH. Mr. Roush spoke

of a powerless god, and said

that he was not aware of what

Dr. Graham's presence in Viet

Apparently Mr. Roush does

not know the Christ, for he

asked who Christ might be. I

would like to tell him some-

Mr. Roush feels that no

amount of praying on the part of Dr. Grahma could rescue

our fighting men. Mr Roush

apparently does not believe in

the efficacy of prayer; more

things are accomplished by

Praying doesn't mean one

lives in a fantasy world, but

rather one - in having faced

reality - is seeking the only

I am sure that a visit by

Dr. Graham can have a very

exact and positive effect upon

our men in Asia. There will

be no "meaningless malarky"

from Billy Graham, and I

doubt that he will attempt to

get the soldiers to make "de-

However, Dr. Graham may

be able to boost the faith and

morale of our soldiers. He

may be able to lift their

spirits, therefore keeping them

from despondency and fear.

These important things he

prayer than he imagines.

sure help he knows.

cisions for Christ."

I would like to comment on

Shallow Atheism

Nam will accomplish.

Donald R. Richardson

"Exactly what his (Billy

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of a man.

On Knowing Christ

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: As religious affairs go, I suppose I am an agnostic. I'm so uncertain of matters in this area that I will leave even that question open.

I am not a member of any church, and I do not attend services. Yet even I am a bit dismayed at Mr. Roush's letter to the DTH on November 6.

What is it that he intends to reject, Christ, "whoever that may be?" The concep of an omnipotent being? The "shallowness" of Mr. Graham's own "prechings?" Or is he against religious organizations and chaplains in general?

There are a great many men who do not hold the views of brashness and, I suspect, bigotry which Mr. Roush espouses. Most probably a large number of the fighting men in Vietnam are examples.

These are the men who attend field services even in the fighting zones, if I can judge correctly by what I see presented on news reports over the tube. I doubt that these men are quite so fearful of the omnipotent concept as Mr. Roush appears to be.

Must we conceive of religion as detrimental to all who listen? Can it not do something for those men in Vietnam who are not inclined toward Mr. Roush's views? If these men need courage and if religion does not present itself as totally impotent in the propogation of courage, then can not Mr. Graham or the church in general supply these men something which, at least to them, will appear as an entity other than "hot

I did not want to direct this letter simply as an attack on Mr. Roush, as some of my words have appeared aimed, yet he seemed to settle on an attack on Mr. Graham to support an atheistic tendency in general.

Perhaps then, I have been unduly shallow here. But if so, Mr. Roush's probably atheistic presentation has been even more so.

Carl F. Thompson

Graham Good

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: I don't know your reason for publishing the letter on Nov. 6 from Lawrence C. Roush of Wilson, N. C. criticizing Billy Graham, but since you did I would like to say I agree with most of

I think Billy Graham might

his points but am puzzled by

feel this way, too, though I speak now only for myself. I would also say I respect Mr. Roush's criticisms and his doubts - I have shared most of them at one time or ano-

Mr. Roush refers to the "shallowness of his (Billy Graham's) preachments' - Mr. Graham has made no claim of being a preacher of "depth.' He presents the simple gospel message of scripture and trusts the Holy Spirit

to take care of the "depth." There may be objections to my use of "Holy Spirit" due to lack of common understanding of the term, but that's the best I can do, and the simplest way I know how to state

As to the "powerlessness or calculated indifference of his (Billy Graham's) 'god' " -God has exercised His power by withholding His interventon that we might exercise the power He has given us. We may follow the way declared by Jesus Christ or we may reject it."

Turn away from Jesus Christ and you won't get what He offers. You will naturally get "something else." If that "something else" turns sour to your taste, don't blame Christ or His ministers (and I speak of all who bear the name Christian) until what He

offers has been tried. And what He offers is not so much "pie-in-the-sky" as some have tried to make it appear to be or claim to be. And those who have done the best job of promoting this have largely been non - Christians, though some bearing the name Christian have misrepresented Christianity in this

Also, should God intervene and stop the fighting and suffering as Mr. Roush thinks He should if He exists then everyone would be on God's side. There would be no deci-

Billy Graham is convinced of the existence of God and of the power He has given us and thus his "nonsense," as Mr. Roush states it, about "making decisions for Christ." And Christ declared Himself to be God making Him either correct or a lunatic. Mr. Roush's fourth para-

graph reads: "They (the fighting men in Viet-Nam) only know that they are in a real world of terror and suffering and death from which no amount of praying or preaching by Graharh will rescue them."

Aren't we all in the same situation? This entire world is

# Peter Harris

## **American Population Gropes For Maturity**

It was once told to me that Americans love the underdog. I was also told that the reason for this was that they identify with the success of the underdog-they feel the victory as their own.

After sitting through many New York Met baseball games, I understood this phi-

Since most of the people in our beloved land have immigrant backgrounds, the struggle from the bottom towards the top has been a real story. The drive towards acceptance and assimilation into American society has been a major motivating factor for new Americans during the past century.

It can be seen quite easily that the underdog became something of a national sym-

However, this symbol has become tarnished lately. The drive towards greater materialistic attainment, in spite of individualism, has created a false sense of values for American society.

America has exposed itself as a nation of frustrated downtrods. The Lee Harvey Oswalds, Richard Specks and Charles Whitmans are more than unique individuals in a society structured by middleclass values.

Since most Americans strive towards acceptance into a higher socio - economic group, it is logically concluded that most Americans are dissatisfied with their present status.

America is a tense nation. an immature nation. It struggles its way through series of national and inter - national blunders, failing to realize its potential as a leading nation in the world.

As a result of its immaturity, America wastes not only money, but people as well.

People live to succeed and the "sense of failure" rate in the United States is exceedingly

The mad rush created by this tension is characterized by the uneasiness of Americans to settle in one place their high rate of mobility. American society is in a fingernail-biting frenzy.

Our nation directs us in an aimless pattern and the people seem to respond accordingly.

Americans no longer identify with the underdog in the same manner they did in the past. People today want to be in the position of looking down, not looking up. Sure, this has always been true, but never to the same degree it is today.

The result of this status seeking grope is that people become fascinated by unconstructivism. Unenergetic due to mental anxiety, these people look towards the easy way out, the apathetic refresher. This poses a real threat to American progressivism

Ronald Reagan, symbolic of this anti - intellectual trend, appeals to the frustrated, headless, panic-stricken chickens who waddle and peck their way from one house of mirrors to the next. The anti-civil rights demon-

strations conducted by George Lincoln Rockwell in Chicago this summer, and attended by second-generation Lithuanian Americans, are another example of this frightening threat to Democracy.

If this trend continues, the candidates whom the people elect as their leaders will become more conservative with each election.

Then, the freedom Americans seem so desperately to be searching for, will slowly fade - away and become a mere, distant memory.

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If Mr. Roush had faith in the God Billy Graham ' professes, he would believe that good can come from Dr. Graham's visit. So maybe now Mr. Roush knows why Dr. Graham must go and what his presense there might accomplish.

It is a good thing for Dr. Graham to make the visit. But, Mr. Roush, don't take my word - ask our boys in Viet Nam whether they mind Billy Graham coming into their world of "suffering and death."

Steve Prye

#### University And Bigots

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel: The other day I wrote a letter questioning the reactions to and implications for the university community of men like Maddox, Reagan, and Wallace (by proxy) being elected candidates of the highest offices in their states. I did it as a foreign observer and in order to make my point clearer I would like to elaborate a little further.

If voters easily fall victims to political demagogues campaigning on platforms of prejudice, hatred, and bigotry, then democracy seems to be in jeopardy. This, in my view, is an indication that the nation needs its educators not only for the non - voting youths on campuses but also, and more imperatively, for the electorate outside the campus-

I interpret what has happened in the recent past as a challenge to the whole intellectual community to feel called upon to leave their "ivory towers" to inject knowledge in society at large among the voters in the constituencies.

I believe there is complete agreement that enlightenment is an indispensible pre - requisit of a viable democracy, and where else should enlightenment flow but from the universities?

How the insights so necessary for a sound democratic process can be instilled in the electorate I do not know exactly, but certainly the mass media will have to play a major role in a massive educational drive. I believe too many of the much - honored democratic values are at stake to justify a deference of masseducation of the electorate.

The reader may ask: "Specifically, what kind of education do you have in mind? Politics are to a great extent a question of differences in interests upon which enlightenment can have little bearing."

True, but that seems not to be a conclusive answer. Politics also contain issues and goals, the selection and attainment of which are primarily predicated on the basis of individual, and cultural, values and knowledge. Right here, as I see it, is the crossroad between politics and institutions of higher learning. For how can knowledge and

'Yes, We're Organized Around Here.'

its concomitant changing ef-

fects on values and attitudes instilled and fostered throughout the society if not the universities and more specifically their faculties will assume the appropriate major role in this vital growth and development process?

This points up the basic question: can a free university be an adjunct to the state and its political power wielders? By definition, this seems impossible; what does free

then actually mean? To go back to the original issue: what specific insights do I suggest be given the electorate to ensure the continuance of sound democratic government on all levels? I concede that is 'a difficult if not almost impossible task to induce change in highly preju-

diced individuals. However, according to research only a small though very articulate minority will fall in this category. Most people are susceptible to knowledge and changing values if they can see merits in chang-

But never being exposed to. for instance, the psychology of prejudice and self - defenses, of important knowledge about vicious circles operating behind poverty and racial discrimination, of the positive repercussions of anti - poverty programs throughout the economy, of the less than devastating effects of some creeping inflation and its connection with unemployment, on the effects of the U.S. image abroad of different programs and policies, these are just a few examples of knowledge that I feel should have wide dissemination.

A common misconception among many voters and one of probably great significance for their value system is the belief that most societal ills are solely attributable to those who suffer from them. That misconception offers a convenient escape from guilt feelings

and responsibility. If poverty, unemployment, criminality, alcoholism, drug addiction, etc., all can be accounted for by character deficiencies for which, moreover, the individuals have only themselves to blame, then, why

should I bother? That, I believe, is another example of an issue to be dealt with by a vast army of educators invading the news media to foster enlightened democracy. Probably bigots would not, then, be elected candidates for neither high nor not so high governmental

offices. If there is not a high correlation between military power and general and political enlightenment and maturity, then it may well be said that the foundation of security in the world is placed in jeo-

pardy. What I have in mind is enlightenment and maturity not primarily as reflected by the ratio between the total population and people going to colleges and universities but rather by the enlightenment as manifested at the polls.

Sven Lundstedt

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