

In Our Opinion...

We're Killing Humans- But It's All For Peace

He didn't say what they had come to hear.

Everyone expected to hear drums and bugles. And they did. And see the firing of a 21 - gun salute. And they did.

Everyone expected to hear a lengthy invocation praising almost everything from Mother to apple pie and asking for blessing on everything that wasn't praised. And they did.

Everyone expected to hear a Navy Midshipman and an Air Force Cadet eulogize the men who fought and died at Midway, Iwo Jima, Corregidor, etc. And they did.

Everyone expected to hear these two military officer candidates promise the world that the forces of the United States stand always ready to thwart the spread of Communist aggression, to fight, and if necessary, to die to preserve our way of life. And they did.

But no one expected to hear what Student Body President Bob Powell had to say.

He spoke slowly, with his hands first clasped together, then in his pockets. He had no notes or written speech. He repeated himself once or twice. We think his comments are worth respecting again.

"We're killing human beings." This was the gist of his remarks.

This thought had been shoved out of everyone's mind as he had listened to the previous speeches. It's easy to talk about soldiers dying and killing. It's easy to think of them as some special sort of

military breed or machines.

It's sobering to stop and realize that the young men who have died and are dying in wars all over the world are no different from any student that might be in your classroom at the University.

"Throughout his history," Powell said, "mankind has killed other human beings because of his inability to live with himself."

"We should strive to make Veterans' Day in the year 2000, something we look back on — a part of history—not something we still have to observe."

It wasn't what everyone expected to hear. It didn't sit too well with a lot of people there. But it was well worth the time it took them to listen to it.

And it would be well worth the time it would take everyone to ponder the matter.

A van with the Air Force Titan exhibit in Morehead Lot this weekend bore the words, "Aerospace Power For Peace." We remember President Eisenhower's Christmas greeting of the late fifties: "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will." We hear President Johnson talk about peace someday in Viet Nam —peace as a result of a war.

Must we equate peace with power? Must we define peace as getting along with those who agree with us? Is there no way to realize peace without the wanton killing of human beings?

There must be. There has to be. And the days surrounding Veterans' Day seem to be a fitting period for everyone to ask himself this question.

All The News That's Fit...

MESA, Ariz., Nov. 12 (AP) — A 16 - year - old high school senior forced seven women and girls to lie face down on the floor of a beauty school today and shot them in the heads, killing five.

This was the lead on an Associated Press news story which moved over the wire yesterday afternoon about 2:45.

The story went on to explain in detail how the youth killed the women in quite bizarre fashion.

One statement made by the arresting police officers caught our eye: "Police Sgt. Ray Gomez said Robert Smith of Mesa admitted the shooting, and told him he first got the idea after reading of mass killings elsewhere."

Our reaction, as student journalists, to such a statement is to shudder at the thought of our publication inspiring a person to commit such a crime.

But let us be thankful that the journalism profession has men who are impervious to such emotional reactions, men who see the potential for a hilarious story about an obviously mentally disturbed boy deciding to become

Briefly Editorial

If the Air Force brings its missiles and airplanes to exhibit when playing in athletic contests, what can Tar Heels take with them to their away games?

A copy of the Speaker Ban Law maybe?

We got some shirts back from one of the local laundries the other day, and now we understand why they had to hike their prices over the summer. They have a new button - snatching machine to pay for.

The war in Viet Nam and the housewives' war on grocery stores are picking up some striking similarities. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara yesterday called for a standardization of armed services chow. Look out for air strikes on the local A & P next week.

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Crocker Barrel

Editor: The Tar Heel:

In Thursday's Tar Heel was a letter from a person who signed her name as "Hilda Crocker," criticizing a \$600 student legislature appropriation as pork barrel legislation "to send a group of favored students" on a four day vacation to Harvard University.

As chairman of the Residence College Commission of the student government I was concerned because Miss-Crocker was terribly misinformed. I called GM information to find her phone number so that I could inform her properly about the Amherst Conference, but they had no listing for anyone by that name.

The Dean of Women's Office has no record of any student by the name of Hilda Crocker. Miss Crocker criticizes those who voted for the bill although they had argued against it on the floor of the student legislature.

Such righteous indignation should come from one who will not sign her real name to a letter to the Tar Heel?

Please allow me to correct some of Miss "Crocker's" misunderstandings. The trip was a legitimate venture of student government. It was sponsored, planned and conducted by the Residence College Commission, a legitimate agency of student government. It was primarily a data gathering trip.

The University of Massachusetts (not Harvard, by the way) has a residence college system less than four years old which has as its primary emphasis faculty - student relations, academic involvement in the residence colleges, and the creation of a "living - learning environment" in the colleges. We lack this emphasis at Carolina. We need to learn from them and adapt the strengths of their program to ours.

This is good for the whole University and cannot fall under the title "pork barrel legislation."

Miss "Crocker" criticized the trip for demonstrating a lack of fiscal responsibility. A great deal of care was taken to keep the cost of the trip to a minimum. The students flew on student stand-by, that is for half fare (assuming the risk of being bumped off at D. C. or New York along the way thus being forced to take later flights). The airplane tickets were very little more than bus fare.

The student legislature appropriated \$607.99 to send ten students to the Amherst Conference. One of the residential

colleges appropriated \$50.00 from their own funds for the expenses of their governor. This \$50.00 was deducted from the sum of the SL bill bringing it to \$557.99.

The leader of the group is a fiscal conservative, as he told the student legislature when the bill was being debated, and he returned to the Student Activities Fund, to be refunded to the student government general surplus, \$52.34 which was not spent on the trip. Student government spent only \$505.65, rather than \$607.99.

Miss "Crocker" criticized the trip as a vacation. The delegates from Carolina to the Amherst Conference spent Thursday evening in meetings from 6:00 till 12:00, Friday from 9:30 till noon and from 1:30 till dinner. There were meetings Saturday morning from 9:00 till noon.

They met with administrators, faculty and students from U. Mass at eight general meetings plus numerous smaller conferences centered of more narrow research topics. Each delegate had a specific research topic to investigate and will be submitting their reports within two weeks to the student government. It was no vacation.

In fact, my guess is that it will bear more fruit in significant changes on our campus than either of the Reidsville Conferences.

Chuck Longino
Chairman, Residence College Commission

"Hilda" Slapped

Editor, the Daily Tar Heel:

I was somewhat distressed to see my sister Hilda's letter in the DTH attacking the appropriation of the Student Legislature enabling the nine residence college governors to attend the residence college conference at the University of Massachusetts as "a smelly thing."

What is really malodorous is Hilda's sense of values. Anyone who has watched the growth of the monster dormitories on South Campus, the incipient division of UNC's academic component of the residence colleges, the feebleness of the academic component of the residence colleges, knows that our residence college system, advancing though it is, needs help.

Lacking monetary aid from the state legislature, we must have the help that springs from knowledge. As all but five of the student legislators agreed, the knowledge gained by this conference would far

Mass. Educates In Residence Colleges

The dynamic quality of the University of Massachusetts can be attributed to close cooperation of faculty, students and administration.

This goes deeper than simple classrooms in the residence halls. For example, the designing of the residence halls was done by a joint student-faculty-administration committee and provides for resident faculty fellows, with apartments in the halls, and library space within the college. Each square foot of residence halls is so planned, unlike the situation at UNC.

The hundreds of classes available within the residence colleges are not only transferred to the houses, but are also transformed into more informal, more stimulating classes than is possible on the campus. Some courses, such as math and the sciences, do not do as well in these surroundings, but the humanities thrive in this related "home" atmosphere. The students find these classes more stimulating and exciting and tend to participate more in the classroom discussion.

Faculty participation in the residence college system was largely faculty inspired as an early answer to the tremendous growth problem facing U. Mass.

There are at least three resident faculty fellows for each hall plus the actual classes held there. These men and women lead seminars, dine with the students, and generally add an atmosphere of faculty involvement to the lives of the students.

This involvement has been of extreme benefit to the faculty, too, who until a few years ago had little knowledge of student problems. This year

the resident faculty are being nominated by the residents of the colleges, and it is looked upon as an honor to be so nominated.

An important change in administrative policy allowed this new faculty-student involvement. The administration now evaluates a professor by his work in the residence college as well as by his publications. This system effectively eliminates the "publish or perish" problem for the faculty, and many distinguished department heads are intensely active in the residence colleges.

The faculty, the students and the administration consider themselves "colleagues" of each other. The involvement of each in the other's problems has developed an atmosphere of experimentation, openness and unity, which has led indirectly to a more mature evaluation of the students by the administration. There are self-imposed women's curfews, a completely rule-free senior women's dorm, an encouragement of individual study, better student living-learning facilities and a real openness to serious student proposals.

The University of Massachusetts is still experimenting. A proposed "free" college on a strictly "pass-fail" basis, will begin in two years. U. Mass leaders admit that they have a long way to go in student organization and involvement. But their experimentation is beginning to show really positive results. The faculty, the students and the administration there have accepted the challenge of cooperative experimentation for more effective learning.

—Steve Knowlton

Letters To The Editor

Is 'Hilda' An Old Political Hack?

out weigh the paltry 4 cents of each student's fees that financed the trip.

Her accusation that the chairman of the UP was "busily helping the opposition's president feather his political nest was particularly obnoxious. ment is the politicians who obnoxious.

My sister doesn't seem to realize that half of what is wrong with Student Government is the politicians who pose an idea because someone of the other party brought it up. Hilda should be grateful that there are still a few leaders on this campus that put programs above partisanship.

Hilda has talked about "boondoggle" and fiscal irresponsibility. She has never unlearned these phrases from the Eastern North Carolina conservative upbringing that we both had.

At a time when student leaders of both parties are finally beginning to do something for the average student instead of setting up dummy committees, passing resolutions, or playing manipulative politics, it is a shame that some students, even one of my own family, are still behind the times.

Harriet Crocker

U. S. Passes Buck

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

This is to commend one of our outstanding student leaders on this campus, Mr. John Greenbacker, for his truly reflective, independent, and probing fact - finding and thinking most, recently manifested in DTH, Nov. 10, under the heading Cornpone Gives Pax Americana To Asia.

Greenbacker, like so many times in the past, again demonstrates his high integrity and his compassion for the truth even when it is to be sought not in the mainstream of American thought.

Like Greenbacker, I have also found it deplorable that it seems so futile really to stir sincere interest and independent probing into the tragedy of Viet Nam.

As a European I have great difficulties identifying myself with the American official stand on this overwhelmingly important issue, but the most typical campus reaction seems to be either apathy or a tacit agreement with Washington.

I have the feeling that expressing dissenting opinions will reflect almost derogatorily on you, placing you in a contempt category known as "paceniks."

Yet, the very lifeblood of democracy is the encounter of different opinions. In an increasingly conformist society this might be only more so.

My reading about conformity within organizations, including the government, has led me to the inference that confor-

mity is one of our greatest challenges, if not threats, not only to independent thinking in general, but to all kinds of creativity and innovativeness.

Returning to Greenbacker's article, it is of course an irony that politicians inherently must be more concerned about survival than about the truth. I hold it would be less than realistic to expect a master politician like your president to say anything that a majority of voters would not like him to say.

The more closely he can mirror their feelings, the greater the chances of staying in office. He himself is very vocal about the value he places on conformity, I mean consensus!

This points up the fact that the electorate never can abdicate its ultimate responsibilities for American foreign policy. The incumbent administration is never free to decide but will forever be tied down by the common will" if such a creature exists.

Typically, the pulse of this nebulous creature is intermittently taken by the pollsters. The real power wielders seem to be the people asked about their opinions by the pollsters. This is perfectly according to the principles of democracy, but perhaps those being asked are not quite aware of the significance of their collective answers.

This, then, points up another point: the responsibilities of the pollsters in conducting and interpreting their surveys. I wonder if this is generally recognized.

The pollsters are in a position of easily getting the answers they may want to get by the phrasing and by the very tone of voice in putting their questions to the public. Also, their sampling can be decisive.

It should be very important, therefore, that the interviewers adhere to rigorous scientific standards and are as unbiased people as possible.

My final point centers in this question: Is it not true that there is cloudiness or ambiguity as to whom are responsible for, say Viet Nam? A buck - passing seems possible — and has to some degree been carried on — not only between different administrations but more importantly between three other bodies: the executive, the legislature, and the electorate.

As General Gavin pointed out in his speech the other day, the legislature is more and more being by - passed and the power wielding tends to be increasingly a business between the President and the electorate. Hence, the deep significance of the pollsters' pulse - taking.

What are the implications of this development for the future of American democracy? How can ever the electorate at large be sufficiently insightful as to what is wise foreign policy?

Is there not a dynamic vicious circle in process between the government and the people, both passing the buck to the other, subtly so but still?

Sven Lundstedt

God Does Live

Editor, the Daily Tar Heel:

Recently the Heel printed a rather nasty letter of a certain Mr. Roush who attacks the evangelist Billy Graham and his espoused trip to Viet Nam; however, not satisfied in leaving matters there, Mr. Roush then proceeds to an attack on Graham's God.

While not wishing to engage in a debate with Mr. Roush — for he has every right to his own opinions — I cannot help but feel that his letter is, in essence, a representation of the all too common spirit of hostility and revolt against authority that has lately arisen among so many in today's society.

When Mr. Roush asserts that any preaching by Mr. Graham to the troops in Viet Nam would "only serve to reiterate the shallowness of his preachments and will be another indication of his god" he commits the frequent error of so many crusaders who think mission is to achieve ultimate world reform — indeed, a Kingdom of God on earth where all men are and live as brothers. (It seems to me that my bible teaches that the Kingdom of God is not of this world.)

Noble as this viewpoint might seem, it does not represent the true Christian message.

Christianity advocates internal transformation through a personal commitment of one's total self to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord as a necessary preface to any external reform.

Men's lives are changed as their hearts are changed, and not otherwise. Thus Mr. Graham's preaching to the troops in Viet Nam — far from being "shallow" — would be most relevant.

War and sickness and death occur not because God is "powerless" or too "indifferent" to intervene, but because man chooses to have God not intervene. (Is this not irony?) Thus chaotic upheaval is to be seen as the ultimate result of man's revolt against God.

Mr. Roush's letter serves only to re - echo the reality of that revolt.

Ralph R. Joly

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He needs a bit more training.

