

# In Our Opinion...

## First Epistle To Tarheelia

And Every Ruler Had His Title In His Time

### I

1. Now these are the tribes of student body leaders and the goods and evils which today, in their sojourns in office, begat and the titles bestowed upon them by their friends and foes.

2. There was, in about the time of the great war between the blacks and whites in the village of the Chapel on the Hill, a ruler, one Michael, the son of Lawler.

3. And it came to pass that Michael, being of resolute heart and possessed with a love for his fellow man of the opposite race, issued statements which did not please the people of his land. And, lo, he decreed that those shop keepers of the village who had it in their hearts to hate the black man would no longer deal in trade with his people.

4. Now his people, when they heard of this, were wrought with anger, and their hearts were hardened against their leader, and they turned away from him.

5. And they bestowed upon him titles in bountiful supply and of a nature that the children of the village were scarce allowed to wander from their mothers, lest they hear the names be spoken. And though they were many in number, they were all erased from the books of memory, but all who lived in the land knew that Michael of Lawler had a title.

### II

1. Now, during these troubled days, there was within the circle of power one prince-in-waiting to the throne, Robert the Spear Man.

2. And Robert was a just and honest man and held in favour of his people. His accomplishments were many, and it came to pass that when King Lawler's days were accomplished that he should no longer lead the public life, Robert rode to the throne amid shouts of victory from his people.

3. The reign of Robert was one of peace throughout the land and many were the people who loved their kind and held him in high regard. And because of his stately manner he was known to many as Lord Robert.

4. But, behold, the Great Spirit of Scholarly Learning beckoned to Lord Robert that he should leave his home and family and journey across the great body of water where he would be instructed in all the knowledge of the world.

### III

1. And it came to pass that when Robert vacated the throne there arose a bitter struggle between his prince-in-waiting—Donald of Carson—and the leader of the opposing tribe—Paul the Son of Richard.

2. And this was a troubled time throughout the land as the people were laden with indecision concerning who should inherit the throne.

3. Donald was a man blessed with the ability to gain the love and confidences of those with whom he tarried, and his words often quieted the fiercest storm raged by his enemy.

4. And he became known within the enemy camp as Slippery Don.

5. But for all the efforts of the prince-in-waiting and his mighty army, Paul was the choice of the people by a narrow advantage and the crown was placed upon his head.

### IV

1. The days of Paul, however, were to be filled with terror and torment. For it came to pass that early in his sojourn in office he sought paths that many of his fellow men considered to be the devil's ways.

2. And there were those that

would have him deposed from the throne. Even one of his own tribeswomen—a member of council of law makers—demanded his exile saying that if he were not deposed it would be "the prelude to a farce and a tragedy." And she was known as the Rose of Sharon.

3. But the forbearance of Paul was long and his courage great. And even a writ of petition was not sufficient to overcome him. And he became known as Slick Fixum.

### V

1. But, as all the leaders before, Slick sought not to retain his position for more than the passing of four seasons.

2. And he was followed on the throne by one Robert the Powellful.

3. Now Robert was a man of distinguished record, and sought to set the house in order. But for all his striving, his people conferred upon him no name, no title.

4. And his heart was heavy. For, lo, he looked to his prince-in-waiting, William of Burlington who was known throughout the land as Pretty Bill.

5. And even the woman of his eye—the same Rose of Sharon as mentioned before—had a title: Rosebud.

6. Long nights he lay awake, tossing, longing for a title. And when sleep finally would overcome him, his dreams were filled with names unclaimed, names he longed to call his own.

### VI

1. Then one day there came a writer of epistles, Henry the son of Walsh, who heaped great honor upon the King.

2. He praised him by comparing his prestige to that of the chief scribe of the village and of the resident canines that fertilize the mall.

3. The writer lamented that the King's identity was a great mystery to much of the student body and faculty of the ancient village of the Chapel on the Hill.

4. But he was not to leave the situation in such unrest as he discovered it, and he took it upon himself to confer upon Robert that for which he had yearned so long—a title: Bullet Bob.

5. And Bullet Bob was so overcome with joy that he decreed that all the village scholars should labor in the classroom no more after the sixth day of the following week.

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'As A Matter Of Fact, I Am Of The Opinion That Mine Is The Only Course You Are Taking



### In Letters

## General Hits War

#### Illegal, Immoral

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

As a graduate of the University, Class of 1916, and a native of North Carolina, I take a great pride in our student leadership which has joined the other great educational institutions across the country in challenging the Johnson Administration's illegal, immoral and genocidal war against the people of Viet Nam.

This war is a disgrace of every American and a betrayal of every decent thing for which our country has ever stood.

I cannot advise anyone to violate the law by refusing to serve if drafted because I cannot serve his sentence if and when he is convicted and sent to prison. But I am confident those who do so will not be considered enemies of the people.

#### Art Hoppe

## A Sad Tale About Publish And Perish

Once upon a time there were twin brothers named Damon and Pythias Smeecher, who shared a deep love of learning. The only difference between them was that Damon loved to acquire learning and Pythias loved to give it away.

Loving learning as they did, they naturally joined the faculty of the University of Megapolis, which was the greatest treasure trove of learning in the whole wide world.

Damon decided to become a scholar of ancient Etruscan funeral orations because he loved dead languages and things like that. Pythias decided to become a teacher of Life, because he loved life and things like that.

In hardly any time at all, Damon became the greatest scholar of ancient Etruscan funeral orations in the whole wide world. He wrote papers and books and was universally recognized as a leading authority in his field by both other authorities in his field.

The only cross he had to bear was the university regulation requiring him to lecture to students from 1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays.

With a great effort, he would tear himself away from his beloved Etruscan funeral orations, scurry to the lecture hall and rattle off his lecture without once looking up from his notes. Actually, he delivered the exact same lecture for 32 years. But as he delivered it entirely in ancient Etruscan, which nobody understood, there were few complaints. So grants poured in to Da-

mon of the United States or the future governments of the United States, once rationality is restored.

I urge each of you to use your individual influence and all political power possible to inform all public officials at every level that you and your friends will oppose anyone of them who favors Johnson's war in Viet Nam.

This is not only legal, but in the best traditions of a free society. In fact, if you do not do this, you will not have any freedoms whatever, and this will happen to you very soon. The military draft should be abolished forthwith. It is obscene to force men to kill and be killed in the absence of a national emergency.

The American men and boys being killed and killing in Viet Nam are not defending the American people. They are being used in the predatory in-

terest of a few corporations owned by a silent group of war profiteers.

The Johnson Administration is doing the same evil things to the American people that Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo regimes did to the German, Italian and Japanese people earlier.

BGen. Hugh B. Hester, USA (Ret.), St. Petersburg, Florida

#### Powell Put Down

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Son of a gun. The president of the Student Body and Webster's dictionary, along with the NSA, are in disagreement. "L o y a l" means "faithful to the lawful government," says Webster's.

It would seem that the word "lawful" is the key to the NSA's latest fit of immature and hasty action, endorsed by President Powell.

It is not lawful, with minor exceptions, for a person who lives under United States law to refuse to bear arms when so requested. It is lawful and morally indicated for any person to vote to change peacefully the government which made those laws, when requiring him to contradict his beliefs.

I ask Mr. Powell how he, in good conscience, suggests that the United States should abandon the people of South Viet Nam. Similar abandonment of the populations of Cuba, Germany, and Nationalist China has proven not only disastrous to U. S. prestige world-wide but also damaging to the American economy when trying to salvage the remains: Formosa . . . Bay of Pigs . . . Berlin Airlift.

The use of force to oppose forceful imposition of tyranny, Mr. Powell, is in the best traditions of this country. Perhaps when your friends in NSA achieve the mental voting age, they may also achieve a peaceful change in our country's government.

James W. Sturges

### Notice

It has come to the attention of the members of the editorial staff that a large number of students have, from time to time, found material on this page that they as individuals have considered to be in poor taste. The staff would extend to them an apology, for in the heat of our passions we are prone to write things that we later realized could be said in a more pleasant manner.

Particular reference is made to last Friday's ode to "hardly hamburgers," which, we understand, caused such a widespread epidemic of upset stomachs that Alka Seltzer stock jumped ten points on the New York Exchange.

Sorry, folks. —John Greenbacker

## A Concise Statement Of A War's Dilemma

FROM THE CHERAW (S.C.) CHRONICLE

There are many contradictions in the war in South Viet Nam. Heroism and horror, bestiality and beauty exist side-by-side. There is courage and bravery and deep devotion to duty, and there is cowardness, confusion, and tragic comedy.

This war is deeply troubling because it does not affect everyone, and there is a feeling of unfairness about the draft. There is doubt about the depth of national commitment.

The real tragedy of war affects those most who are changed by it, who become hardened and calloused and somehow dehumanized. Fortunately, most combat servicemen are not affected that way. They do what they must, out of love of country and devotion to their fellows, and they want to come home and forget it as quickly as possible. Some have a real sense of mission and a personal understanding of what they are fighting for. These are the lucky ones.

It is hard to justify intervention in South Viet Nam if one believes that modern weapons and communications have made the role of world policeman impractical for America. There are those who believe the H-bomb and the intercontinental ballistic missile have rendered the concept of American dominance in Asia, or even in Europe, obsolete.

There are other countries in the world, and Russia and China, despite their enmity to one another, must be reckoned with on every continent. Perhaps, this point of view argues, spheres of influence and a "Fortress America" make more sense than intervention and a military expression of internationalism.

Yet when one follows these arguments to their natural conclusion, who is going to say that the United States should abandon their traditional friends in Asia, such as Japan, India, Australia and the Philippines? Perhaps the line we should draw is not Viet Nam or Cambodia or even Thailand, but the larger; more viable nations that are more willing and capable of defending themselves, especially those that are separated from the Chinese by water and mountains.

Perhaps the most meaningful war against communism is not one of bullets and men, but one of food and ideas. India, the next most populous country in the world after China, spends 33 cents a year on the education of its children. There are 130 million Indian children who attend no school at all.

China has a terribly difficult time providing for her own economic needs. Can she undertake to dominate, and feed, all of Asia? If she did, might she not collapse under the weight of her effort?

Perhaps. But who is bold enough to advocate, straight out, that America remove her forces from Viet Nam and abandon millions of Vietnamese victims to the homicidal impulses of the North Vietnamese and Chinese leaders? Dare we renege on our moral commitment?

If we do not manage to negotiate some settlement, however, perhaps halfway between victory and defeat, we risk an expansion of the war. Already we have a couple of divisions in Thailand, which may provide the next battle ground. What about the moral commitment to ourselves not to become bogged down in an Asian land war? Can the moral and economic strength of America afford ten years of jungle war, albeit a limited one? Some hard decisions will have to be made.

A woman recently mailed us an excerpt from a letter her son, a captain in the Green Berets, wrote his sister. This young man, 28, feels from his own vantage point overseas that the United States is on the right course. His mother says all of his letters are optimistic about the future, including that of the young Vietnamese. They are full of encouragement and never reveal any self pity.

In one revealing paragraph, the officer writes: Four months and a few days until I am back again in the States. It takes a tour like this to refresh your appreciation for your own country. The United States is so great that many men are willingly risking — and sacrificing — their lives. There is no greater sacrifice. I am very proud to be able to serve here. Don't listen to some who sell our country and people short. We are very lucky to be Americans."

This is a very inspiring and comforting letter, and, we believe, typical of GI sentiment. It does not share any real insight as to whether we should or should not be in Southeast Asia, but it does measure the devotion and patriotism of Americans, which have always defended this country in time of danger.

## A Poetic Plug

Editor, the Daily Tar Heel:

'Tis the season to be weary  
Hearts sink low, eyes grow heavy.  
Hark the sounds of approaching exams,  
A host of sighs and hearty damns!  
But rest, ye merry gentlemen,  
Let not tests you dismay.  
For when all books are used and worn,  
Lined and torn,  
There comes a saving day.  
So, come all ye money-minded,  
Make the student Co-op book sale joyful,  
Triumphantly successful.  
Bearing your books, traverse from afar.  
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—Donna Reifsnider  
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