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Stop The Draft Week: A Symptom Of Cancer

This nation is suffering from a cancer, a very bad cancer which has rooted itself deep in her guts and—if left unchecked—is going to weaken her every fiber, and maybe kill her.

The name of this cancer is Disenchantment.

And this cancer, this disenchantment, is what National Stop the Draft Week is all about. This entire week, people all over the United States are supposed to be pouring into the streets to protest the draft and the war in Vietnam.

Why? Because these people are very sick, and very tired of the United States drafting young men to fight—and maybe die—in Vietnam. That's why.

And these people have every right to feel the way they do.

Ever since the U. S. became involved in the Vietnam fracas, no one in Washington has bothered to candidly explain to the American public—who has to fight this crummy war—why we are over there.

Oh, there have been explanations — er, rationalizations, anyway. There has been talk of one treaty's or another's binding us, claims such as Barry Goldwater made last week here that national honor is involved, and as always the bugaboo of World Communism has been thrown into the spiel.

But there has yet been anyone such as President Johnson or one of his top aides who has even attempted to truthfully explain to the American people why the U. S. is still in Vietnam.

There have also been lies, too, about the course of the war. Pick a day, any day, and on that day some high government official would be saying that the U. S. had no intention of escalating the war past such a point—the point that normally has been passed within six months or less of when the official said it would not be.

What has developed is the Credibility Gap—a very deep chasm between the Administration and the people, who no longer can believe that the Administration tells them because the administration has lied so often.

And all the while, this disenchantment has been growing, festering, inside the guts of America.

It festered through all the half-truth explanations of why American fighting men are being sent to die—and to kill—in a war that won't be worth the price if we ever do "win" it.

It festered throughout the summer when race riots exploded in northern Negro ghettos where people were living in such filth and

have to be dead in places like that, poverty that no one should even much less be born there. It festered money to finance cleaning up those slums, although there was enough money to send more and more fighting men and equipment to Vietnam.

And it will continue to fester there just as long as rats keep biting babies when those rats could have been killed if Congress would have appropriated more money to kill rats instead of to fight a war that more and more of the people in this country are ceasing to believe in.

And so has the disenchantment festered. Now it is at the point of erupting. The name of this eruption is National Stop the Draft Week.

Or is that only the name of the beginning of it?

There's Still Five Games To Play...

Every sportswriter in the state, it seems, is engrossed with the fact that our football team established a new Carolina losing record with Saturday's loss to Air Force.

That may be deplorable, but we still think the Heels are showing signs of considerable improvement. We can't have a winning season now, with half the games behind us, but then, no one predicted that we would have a winning season.

The Heels came within one foot Saturday of winning the game at Colorado Springs, at least technically. And they made the final score close. That may be damning with faint praise, but we thought the last half of the game final score close. That may be damning with faint praise, but we thought the last half of the game was encouraging. The team has played some tough opponents this season, they have some tough ones remaining.

The Maryland team will not roll over and play dead this Homecoming Saturday. They are also looking for their first win. But with the proper support from the fans, the Heels should be more than their equal.

What we would hope to see Saturday is two quarters of play like the first quarter against Vanderbilt, and two quarters like the final quarter against Air Force.

And lots of cheering from 43,000 fans.

Another University Bargain

Isn't it nice to get a new ID card, complete with a cheery smile in color, with social security number attached?

It is nice if you're going to get to use it, like next spring. Maybe you figure it's worth the buck fifty.

Thing is, some people aren't going to be around here next spring. Quite a few people graduate in January.

The trouble is, they are being charged for the ID anyway. The \$1.50 is added right on to their account in the University Cashiers office.

And to the people leaving in January, the new ID is

about as useless as... well, you know the expression.

But the people in the University Cashiers' office don't care whether you'll be here to use your ID or not. They just want your money.

It's just another example of the far-sighted planning the University Administration does.

The only thing we can tell you to do if you're leaving is this: Just don't pay that extra \$1.50. Your old ID is good til the end of this semester. You'll never need the new, pretty, colorful ID.

So don't pay them for it.

Mike Cozza

Gettysburg Address, Revisited

If there is one perplexing problem that confronts Lyndon Johnson these days, it is his inability to gain vast popular support for U.S. policy in Vietnam.

This type of thing is not an uncommon problem. Johnson is certainly not the first president who has had difficulty creating rapport between himself and the people. He will not be the last.

Occasionally, however, some presidents have come forth with brilliant statements of policy that mobilize a hesitant public to rally behind a formerly unpopular cause. Such was the immortal Gettysburg Address that was delivered 104 years ago by President Lincoln.

Lincoln's solution to his problem was both simple and effective. A similar approach might work for President Johnson. All he would need is a dedication ceremony, a trip to Vietnam, and a jungle. He could call his speech the Dong

Hoi Address.

It might run something like this: Mr. Fellow Murricans,

Fourscore and seven coups ago our preceding administrations brought forth on this sub-continent a new commitment conceived in anti-communism and escalated under the consensus that Asian nations must not be allowed to fall like dominoes.

Now we are engaged in a great non-civil war testing whether that commitment or any commitment so conceived and so escalated can long endure in a Great Society.

We are met in a great jungle of that undeclared war. We have come to defoliate a portion of that jungle as a great monument to American democracy in Asia.

It is altogether just and honorable that we should do this. But, in a larger sense,

we cannot defoliate, we cannot de-escalate, we cannot pacify this ground. The billions of dollars that we have spent here have already forwarded the ideals of freedom far beyond our poor power to do so through a negotiated settlement.

The nations of the pro-Western community will please note and remember that the United States is honoring its treaty commitments. They should never forget that we are fighting here to protect them from the specter of international communism. And someday we hope that they will send troops to help us.

It is for us the Americans to be dedicated to the unfinished work of establishing a true democracy. It is for us to build the great unfinished Asian society that remains before us.

We must give increased devotion to that cause for which the South Viet-

namese are taking the never-ending measure of our foreign aid. We here highly resolve that these funds shall not be poured down the drain in vain.

We declare that this fairly elected South Vietnamese regime (as certified by our own unbrainwashed blue-ribbon committee) shall have a new public image of legitimacy. Government of the South, for the South, and in the South shall not perish from the guiding hand of American supervision.

Just for effect, the president should disregard his teleprompter and speak from notes scribbled on the back of an envelope. He should wear a black top hat and drape his massive figure in a long frock coat. Maybe he could grow a beard.

It would be very impressive. He might even get the Republican nomination.



How Can Boys Meet Girls?

By OTELIA CONNOR

During the question period after my talk this week at James new dorm, a student asked, "If I saw a girl whom I would like to meet, would it be all right to speak to her?" I answered, "Yes, I talk to everyone, in town, and on the campus." If a girl is a lady, she will respond pleasantly, or she may politely say, "Sorry, but I go steady." In that case you wouldn't expect her to want to date another feller. Then you should feel no embarrassment, and try another girl. Most freshmen coeds are glad to meet boys, and I think there should be more ways of mixing them up.

One night when I was chaperoning dances at the USO during World War II, I saw a girl cut a soldier who asked her to dance. Everybody else saw it, and no one else asked her to dance.

Next day the girl called and said, "Mrs. Connor, I had the most miserable time at the dance last night!" I told her, "If you had gotten up and danced with everybody who asked you you wouldn't have had a miserable night. You go to a party to give pleasure as well as to get pleasure. (By the way, the girls were taken by bus loads to the dances.)"

After the next dance this girl called me and said, "Mrs. Connor, I did what you told me and I had a wonderful time!"

Another student at James asked if he took a date to a dance and saw another girl he would like to dance with, would it be all right if he danced with the other girl. I said I don't see why you couldn't ask the other couple if they would like to swap partners for a dance. When I was a girl, if you didn't have a lot of breaks, you felt like a wall-flower. I should think it would be much more exciting to dance with a lot of people.

I often introduce boys and girls. I like to mix up people.

this I'm sorry. I guess he has realized that the press and the general public need to have things said to them in a more reserved fashion. However, the press couldn't see the truth even if it were put in the most moderate and uncontradictory of terms, as is evidenced by your editorial.

But lead on Lord High Priest of everything that is Left, for in the county of the blind the one-eyed man is king.

Sincerely,
Sheree Stone
Carrboro, N. C.

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To The Editor:

Having read your reprinted editorial on the Zebulon Fair, I find that I question the criteria that the Daily Tar Heel uses in selecting its reprinted material. The author of the article should have spent more time doing his homework rather than personally searching out the so-called buff and stripping.

Being a native of Zebulon, I am well acquainted with the annual Fair and the parties involved. The first fact that the editorialist overlooked was that the Zebulon Lions Club does not bring the fair to town. A private citizen, who is not even a member of Lions International, makes the contract with the Fair people and rents them the land for the event. Secondly, the Lions of Zebulon could only have voiced an objection to the girly shows. They did not have the authority to ask them to close down.

I agree that it is not right for good works to be an excuse for law breaking. This was not the case in Zebulon. The using of the Zebulon Lions Club as an example was both inaccurate and needlessly slanderous. I would suggest that the Daily Tar Heel investigate the facts behind its reprinted articles before publishing them. More scrutiny and selectivity would lead to a better quality paper. I would also hope that the Raleigh Times editorialist will conduct more professional research on his future topics rather than just looking at the supposedly "bare" facts.

Lewis O. Liles
229 Teague

Letters To The Editor

Tar Heel Is Praised, Criticized

To The Editor:

The Daily Tar Heel, like most left-wing newspapers, had to resort to sniping and meaningless cliches in order to waste extensive editorial space attacking the remarks made by former Senator Goldwater Tuesday night.

According to my count the editorial pointed out four alleged contradictions in the course of the twenty-six paragraph assault.

1. Barry Goldwater, according to the DTH, "the Lord High Priest of everything that is Right, 'somehow contradicts' himself by commenting upon the 'new radical left of Bobby Kennedy's...' and the 'threat of centralization of government.'" Or were there only three "contradictions?"

2. The Arizonian advocated both an expansion of the work of the Peace Corps and hoped that colleges will produce more students knowledgeable in psychological warfare. To the DTH this dual objective is either beyond the capacity of the university or else it means that the goal of the nation would be schizophrenic: will we help or brainwash (shades of George Romney) the world?

Senator Goldwater meant quite simply that in the modern age of the cold war one must be acquainted with both in order to be able to truly "help the world."

3. Concerning the possibility of Nelson Rockefeller obtaining the nomination Mr. Goldwater said that he would not try to block it at the convention. But he also said that he would do his "best before the convention to make sure that" a candidate who sought a dishonorable peace in Viet Nam would not obtain the nomination.

Supporting one candidate or opposing another prior to the convention at which he will not be a delegate is quite different from blocking the nomination.

4. Concerning expansion of the war in Viet Nam he said that we could, with warning to shipping nations, bomb the harbor at Haiphong, but recommended that we bomb the miles of supplies piled nearby. For the information of the DTH the United States has already bombed ships and killed sailors of foreign nations in the harbor without warning. To bomb the harbor or moreover, as Goldwater actually suggested, to bomb the supplies nearby with adequate warning to shipping of the attack would be a help, but not an extreme escalation move as the editorial suggests.

It should also be noted that all of the criticism of the Senator resulted from the question and answer period in which replies and choice of words must be im-

mediate, unlike the editorial writer who can listen repeatedly to a tape of the speech and mull over the remarks for a day and then draft a nit-picking critique which attempts to pass for the revelation of contradictions.

Nonetheless, if the DTH editors desire to criticize contradictions I suggest that they read their own editorials prior to printing them. Discerning a contradiction where there clearly is none is certainly a contradiction itself.

Yours rightfully,
Jeffrey B. Gayner
203 James

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To The Editor:

On behalf of the residents of Married Student Housing I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding job done by the DTH in covering our recent aldermanic election. As was reported on Wednesday, 40 per cent of the Village turned out to vote, an impressive record by any practical standard of American politics; for example, we transient students did about four times as well as the Town of Chapel Hill has done for at least the last twenty years!

It is my personal feeling that much more was at stake in this election than merely another student campaign. The basic issue involved was the test of whether or not people could be aroused to take part in deciding policies affecting the manner in which they conduct their lives while living in this community; that is, the issue was one concerning not just the effectiveness but the very possibility of local self government through the means of duly elected representatives. It is largely due to the efforts of the DTH that the results of this test have been a resounding affirmation. It is another example of the fine journalistic leadership that Editors Amlong and Campbell and their staff are providing to this community.

Thank you, Tar Heel staff for a job well done!

Sincerely,
Shirley Ackermann
Past Sec'y-Treas.
Victory Village Board of Aldermen

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To The Editor:

I was upset, but not particularly surprised, at the tone of what passed for an editorial in the DTH of October 12. One is led to wonder whether or not your editor was actually present at Mr.

Goldwater's address, or whether he received his inspiration directly from heaven, I was there, and it seems to me that those parts of Mr. Goldwater's speech which were particularly pertinent are those which the DTH editorial has conscientiously avoided mentioning.

One could easily get the impression, from your editorial, that Mr. Goldwater's speech was so shot full of contradictions and transparent gloss-overs that everyone within hearing range was sickened. Remember the standing ovation at the conclusion of his talk? And the one before his talk? I imagine that sort of thing is sickening, but only to writers of vindictive editorials.

Your editorial makes mention of Mr. Goldwater's "mistakes," referring, doubtless, to certain politically controversial statements he made during the 1964 election campaign. Were they really mistakes? Or, perhaps, was Barry Goldwater the first Presidential candidate to think that the people ought to know what they were buying before they got home from the store? By what is apparently your reasoning, it is better to elect as President one who will wait until after the election to tell anyone what he really thinks. The distinctive point of American politics is that when people think (thought) that way, they get (got) what they deserve.

Your editorial did touch very close to the truth in one respect, however, it did nit-pick, sidestep and quibble (paragraph 23). Perhaps someday you would care to consider the main points of Mr. Goldwater's talk, such as the necessity of national honor and international trustworthiness, to cite two. Or is that kind of editorial out of vogue these days?

Sincerely,
Boy Cilley
809 Morrison

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To The Editor:

I've heard it often said by a lawyer friend of mine in Raleigh that on the witness stand, his biggest enemy is the eye witness. 3 people can see the exact same accident and all their stories will differ. So it is with the DTH and Barry Goldwater's address on Thursday.

Your editorial made me wonder if I had listened and witnessed the same speech.

If you're going to talk about contradictions and the business of articulation I suggest you examine the logic of your editorial. About the only thing I agree with you on, is the fact that Barry Goldwater did sound like a moderate. For