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should "deal with it" [the Helms amendment]. He added, "I'm so tired of Jesse Helms and others tying up the Senate, while we are going to hell in a handbasket." Biden concluded that, "While the economy is going over the cliff, our foreign relations are in deep trouble, we spend hours and hours on issues that, while important, are not nearly as important as these big issues."

Senator Biden rose to national prominence in 1979, when, at age 29, he was elected to the U. S. Senate. He was the second-youngest person

ever elected to that office, ousting an established Delaware politician in his election bid.

Named to the prestigious steering committee [which determines all other committee appointments], Biden was able to secure positions in some of the most important Senatorial committees. He is now the ranking Democrat on the judiciary committee, second ranking Democrat on the foreign affairs and intelligence committees, and third ranking Democrat on the budget committee.

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campus *incredible*. These include such things as being defamed [legal libel] in a front page article of the *Citizen-Times*; threatened with a cut in salary for winning election to a place of great service; threatened with a lawsuit [under lying pretenses] for informing the fire department of a blaring alarm; threatened with dismissal over a parking fine, when it had to be incurred to reach a scheduled teaching assignment; and threatened with loss of a job for sympathizing with professors targeted by the administration.

To me as a citizen and taxpayer, however, certain larger trends seem even more disconcerting than such cheap tactics. First, too little specific information about finances has ever been made public to this campus for me to feel secure as a taxpayer where or how certain amounts are being spent. Second, each year the size and wealth of certain administrative personnel expands disproportionately to the faculty. [When the list of administration and staff became longer than the full time faculty, it was dropped from the catalog.] And last but not least, the traditional tenure track has been undermined by adding scores of full and part time lecturers [who are more easily manipulated, because many of them perpetually want in]. The savings is used to swell the budget for administration and staff.

My proposal would only seem immodest because it is so drastic: concede real power to the faculty and the students. [No faculty committee or group that I have ever been appointed to or elected to on this campus ever had the freedom to act as a decision making group apart from administrative pressures. In the celebrated case of Dr. Mechthild Cranston, to whom the chancellor paid an out of court settlement of \$51,000 in state money, before we ever deliberated on her case, the desired conclusion was revealed to us in not too subtle terms. Those who did not "knuckle under" met with instant disfavor.]

My view of UNCA could be summarized like this: the law that concedes autocratic power over budget and personnel can be largely blamed for an atmosphere that seems less enlightened than pseudo-liberal and militaristic. As a result of "unnatural selection" we find plenty of Doctors Yellow, Blue and Green on our faculty and not many bold dissenters like Dr. Hoyer. Furthermore, an even greater danger can be seen in the disposition of funds and personnel, so that traditional freedoms would be among the last interests to be served. One possible cure would be the concession of real power and responsibility to those who carry out the vital functions of the institution, the students and the faculty.

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In addition to McComie, the panel consists of: Juan DeOnis, former New York Times correspondent; Peter Vaky, former assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs; and Lawrence Pezzullo, former ambassador to Nicaragua and Uruguay and this year's Breman professor of social relations at UNCA.

Dr. Jeff Rackham, chairman of the department of literature, said, "We have tried to bring together three or four knowledgeable individuals who

will have an open ended give and take discussion of a contemporary problem. There will be no moderator and no previously agreed upon set of questions."

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