

Rose, Helms Confer

By JEFF BULLARD

Representative Charles G. Rose, III, D-N.C. and Senator Jesse A. Helms, R-N.C. met in Washington on December 4th with more than 20 other senators and representatives from tobacco producing states. The meeting was to discuss both Helms' and Rose's proposals for revamping the failing federal tobacco program. Sen. Helms and Rep.

Rose have been political opponents for a very long time and rumors lay this as an excuse for this being the first time the two have met in over a year.

Rep. Rose's plan calls for keeping the 16-cent-per-pack federal excise tax on cigarettes and using 1 cent of this to aid the tobacco program. Helms's plan calls for tobacco manufacturers to buy out more

than 800 million pounds of surplus tobacco. In return for buying the surplus the federal government would change legislation to suit the needs of tobacco farmers. Rep. Rose's plan has been endorsed by the N.C. Farm Bureau but there is little hope it will be implemented.

In the meeting Rep. Rose expressed an interest in having restraints on imports of

tobacco. Although Sen. Helms felt that it may jeopardize the agreement with tobacco manufacturers. The plan introduced by Sen. Helms will probably be the one that is passed because of the senator's refusal to budge on the issues. Rep. Rose will however submit a list of suggested changes in the senate package to Sen. Helms.

Both Sen. Helms and Rep.

Rose put political difference aside that stem several years back to a congressional race that Rep. Rose was involved in. The National Congressional Club, a conservative organization founded by Sen. Helms, ran negative political Television Ads against Rep. Rose which resulted in Rep. Rose filing charges with the Federal Communications Commission.

The Administration Cares

By JEFF BULLARD

Being fortunate enough to be a member of the Student Senate has allowed me to witness first hand a recent move by the Student Government Association to improve some much needed aspects of Louisburg College. At the November 21 meeting of the Student Senate, several prominent members brought up some areas that they felt the Louisburg College

Administration had been negligent in. Some of these areas were campus security, inadequate lighting for parking lots and not enough steps taken to discourage on campus theft. The Student Senate felt a step towards solving these problems was to meet with Dean Craig Eller, Dean of Students and Dr. J. Allen Norris, Jr., President of

Louisburg College. Which was set for December 5.

At the December 5 meeting Dr. Norris was unable to attend but Dean Eller was able to attend the meeting. This meeting gave the members of the Student Senate some insight as well as allowing us to voice our problems to the Administration. Dean Eller answered questions and clarified certain reasons for the

misunderstood problems.

The December 5 meeting was a step in the right direction. Even though little more than a question and answer session was accomplished, this meeting showed the willingness of the Louisburg College Administration to work with the Student Government Association in finding a solution to the problems.

As a member of the student

senate, I feel confident that many problems that concern students, will be eliminated if the SGA will work hand in hand with the Louisburg College Administration. The dedication of the SGA to combat these problems and the Administrations willingness to help in solving them, joined together, can only move towards a better Louisburg College.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS! As we approach the end of the first semester, I look back upon a very successful SGA year. The Entertainment Committee has held eight events so far and all have been successful. Attendance and participation is up to an all time high. The Homecoming activities held in November were enhanced by the Spirit Week put on by the Cheerleaders.

The Senate has also been busy this semester. As a body we have set up a committee to look at Open House policy and to propose a change. We have also begun talks with top administrators about some of the security and parking problems that have surfaced this year. We hope to report our findings to you in the next issue of the Columns.

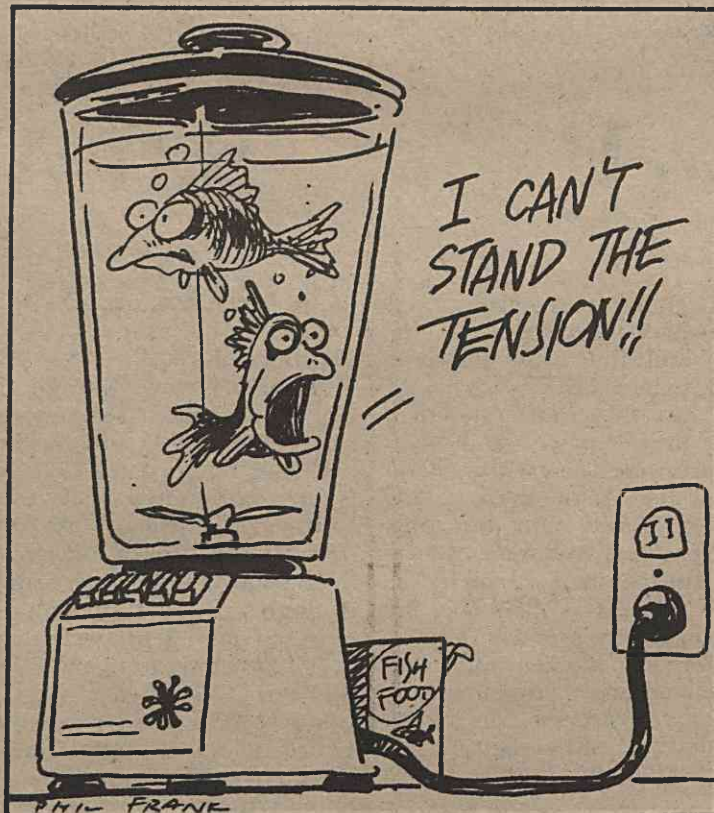
Finally, I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your Holiday Season be truly happy.


MARK HARGROVE

The Quote:
 "One cannot pay the Evil One in installments - and yet one perpetually tries to do it."
 —Franz Kafka

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