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## Reflections of an Out-Going Editor

Campus elections will, as usual, provide NCC students with a means of ushering out old student leaders and ushering in new ones. More specifically, it will remove this newsman from the editorial chair and place another student in his place. Though the thought is much to our chagrin, we must come to grips with the fact that the editorial pen must be passed to another student. But before we make that all important transaction, we must reflect on the things which motivated the ECHO this year—in short, our “policies.”

Beginning at the beginning. In September we did not follow the tradition of the previous editors and come out with an editorial declaring some type of motto which we were to follow or laying down a long list of promises, ideas and ideals. It would have been useless, nay! foolish for us to do such. This is a newspaper and the only prudent policies that we could set forth would have to have been in the realm of decent journalism. One's actions and works alone exemplify one's policies.

Secondly, we did not run the usual ads calling for helpers, nor did we editorialize about the apathy shown toward the student newspaper. The ECHO held an initial meeting the first of the year and all students interested in working for the paper were invited to that meeting through public announcement. As usual a great number of students showed for the first meeting, but after discovering that there were definite responsibilities they would have to assume, over three-fourths never returned. It would have done no good to solicit more irresponsible people.

The core of the ECHO this year was an editor, a business manager, a circulation manager, and an advisor; we could not fill the other basis positions because no one was interested or responsible enough to assume the roles. Four people definitely cannot represent all the interests of some two and a half thousand students, and by-God we didn't try! But because we didn't try, we were constantly attacked for not having the interests of the students at heart. On the contrary, we did, but not in a very naive sense. The will of the people and the policies of a newspaper on neutral journalistic ground and both come to grips with the issues. It has been said that we were not giving the students what they wanted but what we thought they should have. And this is true! One of the roles of the newspaper is opinion-forming. If there were students who did not like the opinions that we gave through our editorials, stories, pictures, layouts, etc., they were given the opportunity to express their opinions through letters to the editor; but needless to say, this opportunity was not capitalized upon either.

In addition to the previously mentioned functions of this newspaper, there are two more which are intrinsic to its existence. One of these is that the campus paper serves as a training ground for aspiring journalists here at NCC. Here the student may learn the rudiments of sound journalism, has a chance to develop his writing style, is afforded an opportunity to work with students having similar interests, and has a chance to put his theoretical learning of the journalism class into actual practice.

Another function of this paper is to present to the college community those items of general interest to college students. It is now time for college students to stop asking for a “gossip” column—one where the immature courtships are extolled for the hardships and humour they produce. This type of news is not in the best taste, and has therefore been excluded, and should forever be excluded, from these pages. We are prepared to publish articles that might stir intellectual controversy and stimulate wholesome thought, but that this paper should become a social journal, full of social notes, is inconceivable.

With these “policies” well in mind, we proceed to publish a bi-weekly newspaper for one semester. Because the problem of not having enough help become overbearing, we finally in the second semester returned to a monthly. The innovation which was much needed in the way of journalism, received all the thumbs down and now the paper has taken a drastic and frightening step backwards. It is our sincere hope that one day in the immediate future, the students here will be ready for change and will gird the CAMPUS ECHO and help move it to its fullest potential.

We extend our personal thanks to those persons who worked fulltime with us this year in trying to bring about that much needed change. The change, or the attempt at the change, has brought the CAMPUS ECHO back to an All-American newspaper, the first in six years.

The student editorship, as you can see, has its particular problems. It is a full-time job to which only part-time service can be given. As one editor remarked, “No amount of

## Dr. Massie Replies

Mr. James Ferguson, President  
The Student Government  
Association

Mr. Fulton Hayes, Presiding  
Officer

The Student Congress  
North Carolina College at  
Durham  
Durham, North Carolina  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of April 17, 1964, and my letter of April 21, 1964, and after long and careful consideration, I wish to respond to your requests regarding the Dining Hall situation. However, before specifically replying to the requests you made, the following observations are in order:

The State of North Carolina does not contribute to the cost of operating cafeterias at State institutions. Hence, all costs must be paid for by the students. As a matter of policy, as well as principle, this administration believes that since the students pay the costs they are entitled to the best food and service that we are able to furnish with the amount paid by them.

In giving consideration to providing cafeteria service to our students, the primary factor is the ability to pay by the average family from which our students come. The type of service we offer is the most economical one for the students. This is important because a recent survey showed that the average annual family income of students attending North Carolina College is approximately \$3,000. Therefore, the college must think of those least able to pay rather than the few most able to pay. The fact that 604 students could not take final examinations in February, and 630 last May, because of delinquent payments bears witness to the financial plight of our students. In recognition of this financial difficulty, and our lack of financial assistance for enough students, the cost of attending North Carolina College has been kept as low as possible. (A survey of similar schools is given in the appendix and it can be

noted that among schools of its size, and certainly its reputation, North Carolina College is by far the lowest.)

The cost of mealbooks for undergraduate students is \$275 per year, while the faculty mealbooks (with coupons—which are also available to graduate students) cost \$472.50 per year. Many students are of the false opinion that when they miss a meal, they are paying for a meal that they did not eat. However, as in many large statistical analyses, prices are based on the assumption that all eligible will not seek the same service at the same time. For example, one can get a \$7,500 airplane insurance policy for 25c. Simple arithmetic shows that for every one who falls, 30,000 must not fall before the company breaks even.

Another factor to be considered is that it has been recognized that our present cafeteria facilities are not adequate to provide all of the needed services. Certainly the State would not have appropriated all of the money needed for the cafeteria, nor have permitted the removal of 2 sorely needed apartment buildings whose replacement value is over \$60,000, if the situation were not recognized as critical. Some of the problems of time, speed of service, etc. simply grow out of inadequacy, and as soon as the new cafeteria is completed, many of the problems will be greatly improved, if not removed. The apartment buildings will be moved as soon as school is out and construction will probably have been begun when you return next September.

## Letters Wanted

Dear Students:

Our generation has experienced few shocks, and none have we shared more intensely and none has moved us as deeply as the death of President Kennedy. All American were stunned and grieved by his untimely passing, but perhaps youth felt the blow more than all the rest. He was a man who

**CHARLES McNEIL**

## Assays Mississippi Project

We are the leaders of the future; therefore, we must decide emphatically what we want, and how we will achieve it.

Our involvement in change cannot be limited, it must be total. From the Congress of the United States, to the tenant shacks of Mississippi . . . only the youth of today can create a change for tomorrow.

The members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee have pledged their bodies and minds in an effort to change an isolated Southern society. We have assumed the task, because we realize that, “What we will

be, depends upon what we do.” We are cognizant that our lives are being decided and we refuse to allow the decision to be neglected. The word “hope” has been excluded from our vocabulary; it is a pretense for apathy. We have refuted the traditional innocence of youth: No man is innocent when suffering exists.

Today's youth must join forces. We must accept the challenge and responsibility imposed by a segregated society.

Above, we have paraphrased the credo of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. The organization was born out of (See PROJECT, page 4)

goodwill on the part of the editor can overcome loss of time on the paper.” With this in mind, we turn our attention toward next year's editor.

It is tragic that only one person out of two thousand cared enough about the status of this newspaper to run for editor. We congratulate the candidate for his concern and bravery, for the job of editor is nothing less than herculean. It is inevitable that he should win, and those casting their votes for him should have decency enough next year to rally behind him and give him all the support he needs to maintain the newly set “All-American” tradition of this, your newspaper.

shared his youth and ideals with young people and awakened with us the challenge to find a purpose and to carry out our responsibility to ourselves and to our country.

We believe that the personal letters college students wrote to friends, sweethearts, parents and others who were close to them during those days in November would indicate their true feelings and vividly describe the effect of John F. Kennedy's death upon our generation. In addition to providing a tribute to President Kennedy, these letters would serve not only as a valuable asset to historians, but would clearly depict for the future the emotional and psychological impact of the tragedy upon the thoughts of America's young people.

Because we feel that these letters are important, we as individuals are collecting them for deposit in the JFK Memorial Library and have been assured by officials at the National Archives that the letters will be stored in Washington until the library is completed.

As we are college students with a limited budget, our only appeal is to students through college newspapers, and we need your support and cooperation to make this project a success. If you have saved any of the letters you received which commented upon the effects of the events in Dallas, and if you are interested in donating them to the library, please send them to:

Letters  
Box 756  
Blacksburg, Va. 24060

If possible we would like to have the original envelope showing the postmark and date. Upon receipt of the letters, we will assemble them and forward them in a body to the National Archives in Washington, D. C.

It should be remembered that these letters will be made available for examination by competent and interested persons at the library, and thus, any personal matter may be deleted or the letter may be recopied omitting these parts. We will attempt to acknowledge all letters which are received.

We feel that if we are able to obtain an adequate number of these letters representing a fair cross-section of the U. S. college population, then our generation will be enabled to make a real and unique contribution to history, helping to paint a clearer picture of our times.

Sincerely yours,  
Katheryn Kulesher  
Western Reserve U.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Thomas H. Maher  
Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute  
Blacksburg, Va.

## Echo Praised

Dear Editor:

Having had several years experience in the field of scholastic journalism, I must admit that the North Carolina College student body should feel very proud of the Campus Echo for having received the Associated Collegiate Press's “All-American” rating for the 63-64 year. This is indeed a high honor and a very distinguished one, when you consider that “All-American” is the highest rating that (See LETTERS, page 7)