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Newspaper Offers Mode Of Expression

One's opinion is his private property, to be withheld or expressed at will. Yet, is an opinion meaningful if not shared with others? If one holds an opinion about which he feels strongly, he should be motivated simply by his conviction to express it in order to influence others to adopt his thoughts. Ideally, members of a society should respect any expressed opinion. This does not mean adopting it, but consists of listening to one's opinion, realizing that the speaker has the right to express it, and realizing that anyone has the right to agree or disagree and to do so verbally.

The Salemite can serve as a mouthpiece for individual student's opinions through letters to the editor. It attempts to respect all opinions, for any signed letters will be printed. The Salemite does protect itself, however, by stating that opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

The increased number of letters to the editor this semester has been encouraging. The presence of letters implies the presence of strong opinions which implies the activity of thought.

Complaints, Compliments, More Expressed By Students, Faculty

Dear Editor:

"Bouncing Off the Bricks" (November 10 or the same feature of any other date) is indeed a waste of space, and is contrary to the ideals for which The Salemite should stand, the ideals being those of reporting intelligently to students news of social, and academic interest. "Bouncing Off the Bricks" does neither of these.

A typical opening is "Take this any way you like. In fact, you can ignore it completely." (Which we admit is excellent advice.) However, this line defies any purpose of a newspaper, for a newspaper by our ideals should be filled with significant information. Anything you could ignore is hardly significant. We feel this article is generally, if not entirely, never read.

It is impossible to find any meaning and coherence when you read "Baby the rain must fall" and a few lines later conclude "The four horsemen have saddled up . . . (and) If you have a Batman utility belt use it now."

We could repeat every ridiculous line, but you probably didn't read it then and don't care to now. If we incorporate so much of our rambling ". . . mouldy 'goldies' from the groovy graveyard" then we by the presence of such nonsense would face the grave danger of becoming insane.

CBG
NHC

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Kelly's letter regarding Chaplain John O'Connor's assembly program on Vietnam, we would like to make the following remarks:

(1) We acknowledge the fact that Father O'Connor, due to his personal experience as a Marine officer, did speak emotionally about the war. We feel, however, that in no way did he attempt to "passionately persuade" the audience toward a defense of our Vietnam policy.

(2) We do not understand Mr.

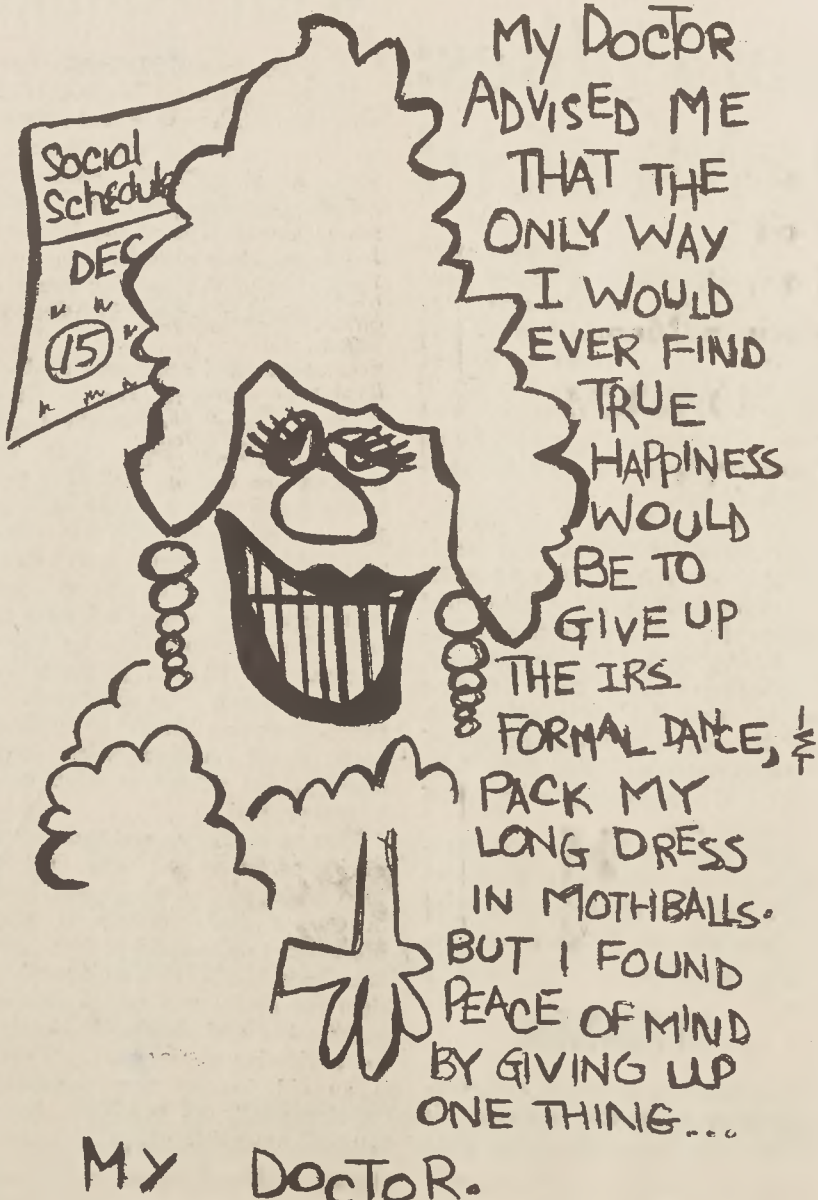
Kelly's questioning of the Chaplain's direction of his criticism toward irresponsible, rather than responsible critics. Father O'Connor stressed this need by pointing out the danger of the irresponsible factions in our country. He urged knowledgeable criticism.

(3) The fact that the Chaplain called on us to support our troops

in Vietnam should not be construed to mean that this has to be in the form of pro-war sentiment. Any type of concerned sentiment, according to Father O'Connor, is a form of support.

(4) Deliberate aggression is being taken against the Viet Cong by the U. S. while an all-out effort is being made to protect the in-

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Around The Square By

Carol Carson

Salem's Pierrettes completed a four night production of Hedda Gabler amid much clapping Saturday night. But-curtain calls proved to be a problem for the troupe and its technical staff. When Connie Sorenson was finally able to climb down from the top story to celebrate her victory over the curtain, she found no clothes. What a pretty costume Connie's slip and Dr. Homrighous' blue shirt made!

Hey! Speaking of celebrations, Susan Jones and Joy Miles must have really been in the spirit Saturday evening. On Sunday night Joy earned her first call down by being two minutes late—that's according to S. S. T. (Salem Standard Time), anyway. Perhaps if you talked to the radio stations we could get things synchronized in the future.

Last Friday Sarah Ulmer's costume for travel was given "the final touch" by a friendly Aves. Maybe he was attracted to her new dress and smart coat. Anyway, his contribution made her hairdo unique.

All of us appreciate some kind of poetry I'm sure. But how many of us appreciate receiving "love poetry phone calls" at 11:30 p.m.? How frustrating anonymous phone calls are . . . especially when the poems are read by at least three different male voices! If anyone has any ideas as to whom the aspiring poet (poets?) might be, please ask him to call again and identify himself. Anxiety is painful.

Susan Hardy, Ena Guy, and Carole Price have traded their anxieties about males for lavaliers. Susan now wears an Alpha Phi Omega lavalier given to her by John Perkins. Ena Guy's lavalier is a gift from Ron Hunt, a senior at Davidson. Ron is President of the Phi Delt Chapter on that campus. Ken Gallup's Sig Ep lavalier adorns Carole Price. Ken is a junior at Davidson.

Bill Woody, a UNC-CH student,

sent red roses to Susan Gray Fowler this week. The card attached to the flowers declared "Just Because."

B. B. James received a "real, imitation" wedding set from Kell Gay. Kell's gift included a real imitation pearl necklace, a real imitation pearl bracelet, a real imitation engagement ring, and a real imitation wedding ring.

Kell's friend sent Molly McPher-

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Calendar Committee Sets Schedule For 1968-1969

The Calendar Committee has approved the following calendar for the 1968-1969 academic year:

- September 9 Monday—Freshman Orientation
- 12 Thursday—8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Registration
- 13 Friday—9 a.m., Convocation
- 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. — 20 min. meetings of Friday and Thursday classes
- October 3, Thursday—Founders' Day — Classes suspended at 2 p.m.
- November 27, Wednesday—1 p.m., Thanksgiving recess begins
- December 2, Monday—8 a.m., Classes resume
- December 20, Friday—1 p.m., Christmas vacation begins
- January 6, Monday—8 a.m., Classes resume
- January 17, Friday—Last day of classes
- January 20, Monday—

- First semester examinations begin
- January 30, Thursday—First semester examinations end
- 1969 Spring Semester
- February 3, Monday—2 p.m.-5 p.m., Registration (Drop-Add)
- February 4, Tuesday—8 a.m., Classes begin
- March 21, Friday—5 p.m. Spring recess begins
- March 31, Monday—8 a.m., Classes resume
- May 23, Friday—Last day of classes
- May 26, Monday—Spring semester examinations begin
- June 4, Wednesday—Spring semester examinations end
- June 7, Saturday—Alumnae Day
- June 8, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

Forsyth County Defeats Tax For Teachers' Pay

By Carol Carson

The front page headlines told the score plainly in the Winston-Salem Journal on November 8, 1967. "Voters Clobber Tax—School Plan Dies 2 to 1" leaves little room for speculation, but the story involves more than the voting results.

Forsyth County voters defeated a plan to increase property taxes by fifteen cents—an increase from 38 to 53 cents per \$100 property valuation—in its second balloting on this issue in seven months.

This increase would have provided \$1,230,000 for teacher raises, additional guidance counselors, in-service training programs for teachers, expanded remedial reading, psychology and library services, refinement and development of the curriculum, and for restoring programs and services eliminated from last year's budget. (Some services were eliminated previously in order to give teachers a 1/3 raise.)

The biggest problem raised by the defeat is how the system will provide a ten percent raise for its 183 locally-supported teachers so that their salaries will equal those paid to state-supported teachers after the state's ten percent increase. Unfortunately, the only solution may be in elimination of some of the locally paid teachers. But already the schools are operating with 63 fewer teachers than merited by this year's enrollment.

Grady Swisher of Kernersville congratulated negative voters in the recent poll. He also suggested that the School Board members should resign because of their apparent "lack of contact with the voting public." Mr. Swisher cited the holding of a second vote on the issue as manifestation of this lack. He also reminded voters to remember the issue and its proponents in next year's election. He emphasized that by suggesting the fifteen cents per \$100 of taxable property tax hike the "elected officials spent much time trying to get the well-oiled machinery to roll over and crush every property owner in Forsyth County."

Do Mr. Swisher and his allies realize the "high degree of competition between counties and cities of the state for new teachers?" Or, does he realize that the North Carolina teachers fall very low on the national pay-scale rating?

Public education is dependent upon teachers. Good education can not be offered by the second-rate teachers which may be attracted by a second-rate salary. Is this what the Forsyth County voters favor? Hopefully, the issue's defeat can be attributed to disagreement as to the means of attaining the needed money, and not to the goal which necessitated the proposed tax increase.

Other writers contributing this week are Jeanne Russell, Debbie Lotz, Lisa Mabley, Marilou Pittman, Sandy Kelley, Laura Eutsler, Wendy Yeatts, and Carol Carson.