



Helms selection not questioned?

"Guilt by association" can be extremely detrimental to an institution of higher learning, particularly one which strives academically to mold free and responsible women into involved citizens. Meredith College has taken great strides in the past years towards re-orienting its student image from one of the subservient, male-dominated female to one of the intelligent, responsible, informed, and committed individual citizen.

The unanimous election of Senator Jesse Helms to the Board of Trustees will probably not destroy this renewed image, but I do not think his selection can be made without some question of comment. As an editorialist with WRAL - TV in Raleigh, Senator Helms often employed an attitude which seems entirely too contradictory to the very principles by which Meredith College stands.

A few past editorial comments made by Senator Helms might help us see his "viewpoint." Mr. Helms has been a constant proponent of the speaker-ban law; as he wrote in Viewpoint #1001 on December 27, 1964, "This station from the beginning has supported the communist - ban law enacted in 1963 by the legislature of North Carolina. We oppose any effort to repeal or weaken it." In an attack on Dr. Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement, he wrote, "The Civil Rights movement, as Dr. King calls it, has had an uncommon number of moral degenerates leading the parade." (#1071, April 1, 1965) In #1093 on May 3, 1965, he said property rights cannot be separated from human rights. In #1040, March 3, 1965, Mr. Helms opposed Medicare, expressing what he called "the difference between compassion and socialism." In another attack on the NAACP in #715, October 22, 1963, he wrote, "The Negro race now needs to get to work to prove the equality that its leaders have for so long proclaimed." On November 20, 1963, in #736, he wrote, "They (people in Williamston, N. C.) are sick of a so-called 'non-violent movement' that festers with violence and draws its sustenance from the control of masses of people who sing and dance and chant in the streets in a demand for a freedom that defies definition." Repeatedly in his editorials Mr. Helms calls for a return to Christian morality, responsibility and justice.

Meredith College also calls for Christian morality, responsibility and justice. But the call here is for open commitment to all people and a willingness to grow through opposing views (communist, democratic, black, or white) to better understanding and toleration. A senator can undoubtedly be beneficial to Meredith College, and this comment is not an affront to Dr. Weems, the Board, or even to the personal integrity of Senator Helms. It is a questioning of our own commitments in the light of Mr. Helms' past remarks, a questioning which apparently did not take place at the time of his selection, but which will, I hope, occur after the next 3 years. I merely ask if it is worth the endeavor for Meredith College as a racially and religiously open liberal arts institution to become too closely associated with a man whose comments have too often proved different.

JFS

Trouble with pool

Due to the recent problems the College Center Association has incurred with the "dishonest" pool shark a few facts might prove deterrants to future sharks who feel the urge to use paper clips for a free, all-day pool game.

First of all, according to Mrs. Vandiver, money received from the tables goes to a separate fund handled by CCA. Money from the tables is also used for repairs and replacement of equipment, as Mrs. Vandiver showed 27 PAID games will merely bring \$6.92, enough for 3 billiard balls. Student worker pay also comes out of the table money -- 608 PAID games will cover the cost of this work. For grumbling students who complain about limited game equipment types and hours, perhaps a word to the "money-saving" pool shark would be helpful.

JFS

Fact clear-up

A misrepresentation of facts in the March 1 editorial needs to be cleared in order to alleviate some false impressions that may have resulted. The editorial involved a law which, it was stated, did not allow any COMMUNISTS to enter Wake County. On the contrary, the law is a diplomatic one which does not allow a Soviet diplomat to enter the county, just as American diplomats may not enter certain places in Russia. Exactly why Wake County was singled out is still uncertain, but it must be stated that communists themselves are not prohibited from entering Wake County. If the editorial resulted in creating this erroneous impression, then these facts should clear the inconsistency.

JFS

Legislative Board Absences

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
I have heard many Meredith day students say that this college really has never come to mean anything to them. This is not the case with me because it has become an important part of my life. It is because of this personal attachment that I am writing this article.

The subject is the cafeteria and I am concerned. For two years now I have watched Meredith day students get free lunches. From past issues of the Twig we have observed that the so-called "Honor Code" is a significant factor in Meredith's academic and moral standards. At the same time some students, in point of fact, have been taking things without paying for them. Just how honorable is this?

I have approached this problem from more than one

angle. My first step was the administration and I was assured that something would be done; that was seven months ago. More than one day student has had a mental conflict about the problem and some have gone to faculty members about it. In two instances that I know of personally the activity of "taking" lunches has been condoned by teachers. Is the honor code just for students or do we all have a responsibility?

My third approach to the problem is this article and the appeal is being made to you, the student body. The administration has ignored the problem, some faculty have condoned it; how can we solve it?

M.D.

Dear Editor:
I am asking your cooperation in printing this letter so that I may reach the general student population.

I am attempting to accumulate some meaningful data for a serious study on American communes. To that end, I wish to reach as many communes as possible.

I will be grateful if students, graduate and undergraduate, who are living in communal situations, will write me indicating willingness to receive a questionnaire and/or to be interviewed. Size of commune is unimportant; 3 or 4 people, up to any number.

Sincerely,
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Will it replace old pill?

legislation.
I will only say this to my women readers; doctors may advise you, ministers may counsel you, but when the advisors have finished and gone their way, only YOU, the mother, will make the final decision. Pray God that your decision be wise and honest and just and loving.

Post Script: The 1972 election has been over for almost five months now. All the candidates have removed their campaign posters from the roadsides of Wake County. All except one, that is.

Earl Cox, evidently, has made no attempt at all to take his poster propaganda down. It indeed seems that he now has more posters up than he did during the election.

I can only assume he plans to run again and does not wish to take the time to remove them. It is quite uncouth for him to leave them up this long. It reminds me of someone who leaves his Christmas decorations up until Easter.

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has just approved a new type of oral contraceptive. Affectionately known as the "Mini-pill", the new pill contains only one hormone -- 35 mg of the progestin, norethindrone. The new pill is taken daily throughout the entire month, instead of three weeks in four. It is not known how the Mini-pill works, but it is known that it does not prevent ovulation.

There are two distinct disadvantages to the new pill. First, association with a higher unplanned pregnancy rate, a rate of three per hundred woman years of use, instead of one with the ordinary pill. Nevertheless, three is still a low pregnancy rate. The second disadvantage is a high incidence of irregular cycles and frequent breakthrough bleeding and spotting.

If the new pill is exempt from increased risk of blood clot formation and subsequent embolism, occasionally attendant upon use of conventional orals,

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Beauty from women

In poetry, power of inspiration and strength of expression are not exclusively masculine characteristics. This is confirmed by the first, definitive collection of poems in English by women from the early medieval period to the present: THE WOMEN POETS IN ENGLISH (McGraw-Hill, \$9.50).

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