

Currie begins work on improvements for food service

To the Students:

Since the last time I talked to you so very much has happened. I will start off telling you about

some problems concerning you I have been working on.

To start off with I talked to Ed Ayers of the

Physical Plant concerning a sidewalk to the apartments. He is going to report back to my committee after doing a study on

this problem. I anticipate good things to come out of us. Most of it was due to the interest shown by the apartment residents.

Once again if you get involved and show interest you can get things done.

I also talked to him about a bee problem we have been having on the patio next to the Denny building. He said the Physical Plant would start spraying more frequently and try to keep the trash cans cleaner more often.

Another thing is my committee has started right in on formulating a Student Handbook. After the completion of this handbook the majority of you will be getting answers to all those questions you have been asking.

A problem that has come to my attention is the shape of the elevators in the dorms. So all you dorm students listen up. I am going to start right in on investigating this problem. If you have any views on this send me some mail or call me. Your opinions will be well received.

Another problem I am dealing with is the fact of apartment parking spaces being filled by dorm students. I am going to talk to Jerry Hudson about this. I feel we will reach a substantial solution to this problem. Also I plan to mention to him the danger of crossing Highway 49 in relation to

its safety of all apartment students, so apartment students hang on.

Some of your class councils are already meeting. I urge all students to take an active interest in these councils. This is a grand opportunity for your voice to be heard.

As far as food service is concerned I am proud to report some good things to you. A committee is being set up right now to include as many students as possible. This committee will I hope give the students a stronger voice in the food service.

For all the commuters I would like to report the commuter lounge is being cleaned up more frequently. I am sorry to say I have been in a hurry in my writing this week and have to rush things but I will try and make it up next week.

I would like to answer to some comments made to you, the students, claiming student government doesn't try to reach out to the students. If you who have been reading my column will remember I was last month pushing for more publicity by student government to get out at the students. I not only pushed it then but I am still working on this matter. I am trying to establish

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What kind of Senator does North Carolina need?

By Michael D. Evans

1978 provides the citizens of North Carolina with a classic senatorial race. A "people's candidate" versus a puppet of big business. The masses versus the wealthy elite. The choice is clear and concise.

John Ingram, the Democratic candidate, is not a leftist (and I must apologize for this, however he is the best candidate running). Ingram, though, has done an excellent job as insurance commissioner of North Carolina over the past few years, providing consumers with as many cost breaks as he could bring about. Insurance companies hate Ingram, and there is no higher honor than this hatred for an insurance commissioner.

Ingram cannot be mistaken for a liberal in this race, though Republican opponent Jesse Helms has tried to tag him as such, but he is enlightened on a number of issues. Ingram supports some form of national health insurance, opposes U.S. investment in South Africa and favors keeping a form of federal aid to the poor, unemployed and handicapped.

In addition, Ingram is a loyal Democrat and can be expected to vote the party line with the Kennedy/McGovern faction when his vote is needed. Given all of the plusses for Ingram, we can easily forgive his desire for a balanced budget and his insistence on a military second to none.

On the other hand, Helms has the worst voting record of any senator in the county. Helms is a maverick, blind to his constituents, blind to the needs of the American people in general. His only concern is promoting big business and conservatism (neo-fascism) as well as himself.

Helms was named to "Environmental Action's 'Dirty Dozen,'" the 12 congressmen with the worst voting record on environmental issues. Only two senators made the list; Helms and South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond (receiving a strong challenge from Democrat Charles "Pug" Ravenel in his own bid for reelection this year). Helms would rather see the entire nation succumb to pollution before he would consider spending a federal dollar on protecting our environment.

Consumers are true enemies to Helms. He has a perfect "100" rating with the National Association of Businesses, which translates into voting for consumers getting screwed. Helms is against welfare, unemployment, food stamps and, most recently, national health insurance. No wonder he is referred to as "Senator No." Helms' "survival of the fittest" philosophy belongs in the Stone Age. This is 1978 and we've got to protect everyone in all aspects of life.

Helms shows his true inconsistency by continually voting for every defense bill presented before the Senate. He claims not to want to expend federal monies, but he is a forerunner in voting to throw funds away on defense. Again, Helms is blindly casting his votes with the typical inconsistency of a conservative mind.

John Ingram is the "people's choice," the man who can bring respectability back to our state's national representatives, without doubt the best candidate on the ballot in November.

As for Helms, whose 1972 billboards carried the following message — "I need Jesse Helms in Washington." Richard Nixon — Dick still needs you, but in San Clemente this time, Jesse.

By Sammy Hamrick

Jesse Helms should be reelected to another term in the United States Senate. Reasons for this to occur are too numerous to fit in this column. His firm commitment to putting principles before politics is refreshing and tremendously effective in pushing issues favorable to America's youth.

A tuition tax credit discussed in this column a few weeks ago, is favored by Helms. He feels this is a viable alternative to help middle, income students from being squeezed out of higher education. The Senator also supported deregulation of airline fares. This legislation would make air transportation more economical for college students.

The environment has traditionally been an issue of concern to youth. Helms' common sense approach to conservation was evident in his support of preserving the New River. He favors a balanced budget to curb inflation. The Senator is acutely aware inflation is America's number one problem; which, for example, has caused many college students to doubt the prospects of ever owning a home.

It's amazing Senator Helms favors so many pieces of legislation and yet his critics still refer to him as "Senator No." Of course, Helms doesn't mind this. His priorities are straight and by putting principles first, he has gained the respect of his colleagues and the admiration of thousands of Americans from all across the country.

Some senators are known for their committee work; others for their expertise on a particular issue. Helms is a "Floor Senator." He pays close attention to all the activities going on in the Senate Chamber. He spends hours becoming knowledgeable about all issues coming to a vote. He is a skilled debator, a master at Senate parliamentary procedure, and has an outstanding record for being present at about 99 percent of the votes. These attributes make Helms an effective representative of North Carolina's interests.

Helms' opponent, John Ingram, has shown no evidence of parliamentary skill needed to be an effective senator. The fact the General Assembly stripped the Insurance Commissioner's office of most of its regulatory powers proves Ingram is chronically ineffective in working with other legislators. The truth is Ingram is a one issue candidate; that issue being insurance. In the 13 weeks I worked in the Senate not one single piece of insurance legislation was debated. It may come as a shock to Ingram to know the Senate does other things besides regulate insurance industries.

The "1 Issue Man" (not to be confused with the "\$6 Million Dollar Man") has shown his ignorance on the great issues facing America today when he responds to non-insurance questions by saying, "I am not familiar with the facts of that issue to respond at this time." My question to the "1 Issue Man" is, "O.K., you're in the Senate and its time to vote; will you have the facts then?"

I am convinced if the better man is elected, Ingram and North Carolina will not have to face that dilemma. The reelection of Helms is vital to the best interests of this state. North Carolina needs the continued leadership of a senator who knows the issues facing the Senate. Senator Helms provides that leadership unlike his weak opponent who is little more than a "1 Man Issue."

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