



Letters to the Students

Editor ruining "an otherwise good" newspaper

To the Students:

I would like to address this letter to anyone interested in the reputation of the *Carolina Journal*, and what the "editor's" comments are doing to that reputation.

Since our dear editor is naming names; I would like to name one: Nancy Davis. As editor, I think she should be setting an example of good editorial work, not using her position and our University newspaper to air her opinions (which I feel are slanderous of people that she may or may not dislike).

I think she is going a little too far when she even drags in the new chancellor. The man hasn't even gotten here yet; at least give him a chance.

I don't know anything about Jerry Hudson's private love life, nor do I care to know. I believe it is his own business, not ours, and especially yours Miss Davis, as it has no place in print.

Throughout the last few

weeks, the *Carolina Journal* has carried Miss Davis' tales of our legislature, student groups and others. So this week she decided to see how many others she could add to her tale-bearing collection.

As far as her reference to the Mafia being here on campus, I wonder how she would feel if a Mafia member read her article and decided to pay her a visit?

Now back to the horse's head. I don't think that I would admit to being desperate enough to wake up next to someone or something that wouldn't be any worse to wake up next to.

I believe the Mafia article to be very opinionated in such a way as to give the campus as well as the newspaper a very bad name. I think the annual edition of the "Carolina Urinal" would be a good

name for the paper as long as Miss Davis is editor since that is where it belongs. And I would be ashamed for anyone I know to even find it there as reading material or whatever.

This letter to the students is not meant as a cut to the entire paper or its staff. It is directly addressed to Miss Davis that she might see what she is doing to an otherwise good college newspaper. I

have been very proud of the paper in its recent changes and face lift due to the new machinery and staff. However, I am very disappointed with any editor who would use our newspaper as a personal mudslinging column.

I'm not sorry if I have offended anyone in this letter. Because if it has offended anyone who would support such editorial work — they deserve it.

Because maybe then they will get off their duffs and correct this grave mistake of allowing such incompetency to continue.

Phyllis J. Miller
(Editor's Note: "Campus Life — Mafia at UNCC" was not an editorial or a news article. It is from the column, "Campus Life," which has been published weekly for the past two years in the *Carolina Journal* by Nancy Davis.)

Campuses "small percentage" of business

To the Students:

I would like to respond to the article "Students warned of insurance tactics" by Kim Burns in the Nov. 7, 1978 issue. I do not wish my company name to appear in your paper because that would be unfair to other reputable life insurance companies, and because I am writing as a professional life agent and an alumnus.

The article states col-

lege campuses are our biggest market. Only a small percentage of the total business each year is on the lives of college students. The vast majority of our business comes from individuals 30 years and older and corporations. The college market, however, is of no less importance.

Many life companies offer a "college insurance program," however, very few of them offer the plan

on a promissory note basis. Most companies have found there is a better way; that is, providing coverage based on a needs basis with an ability to pay. This can only be determined by a conscientious, professional life agent together with the student.

The suggestions offered in the article can possibly provide a student with sufficient information to determine the quality of the company and its policies. However, most people do not understand many of the provisions and conditions of all the life products offered by the 1,800 life insurance companies. And unless one is familiar with the ter-

minology of the life insurance industry, it is very difficult to compare "apples to apples."

The best way for a student (or anyone else for that matter) to determine what is best for him or her is to deal with a reputable, professional life agent. That sometimes is hard to ascertain, however, most students can determine the honesty and intelligence of an agent easier than they can determine policy provisions. Accordingly, when a student signs his name to a life application, or any other document that will result in a contract, he should know what he is signing. Ask questions!

Finally, the question is

raised in the article, "Do college students really need life insurance?" The answer is, "It depends." Sooner or later they all will need life insurance. Does a student have the needs, and does he have the ability to pay to satisfy these needs? A student, together with a reputable life agent, can make the correct decision. Students should never forget that premiums for life insurance are very inexpensive at the younger ages, and the ability for that student to guarantee his future insurability are the outstanding considerations he should determine for himself.

G. Franklin Jones, Jr.
Class of 1967

Mecredy not what he seems

To the Students:

The article "United Way campaign director accused of being coercive" was an unfair and unfortunate representation of Jim Mecredy, UNCC's Bookstore manager, who heads this year's campus fund raising effort.

The article makes Mecredy appear a thoughtless, badgering grabber of charitable contributions. In my own past working experience with him I found him to be a considerate, intelligent and concerned member of the campus community. His efforts to promote the staff organization and his concern for students at UNCC have distinguished him as one of the few administrators at our school concerned with the growth and needs of the student body.

That Mecredy was accused of "coercion" because he pointed out that staff contributions were ahead of faculty con-

tributions or that some departments had contributed in greater percentages than others signifies an over sensitivity to criticism on the part of the faculty. If faculty members feel strongly that they should not voluntarily contribute to a community-wide charity, then exposure of that should not bother them.

Mecredy's form of "peer pressure" is an acceptable means of encouraging people to contribute to their community. It is certainly preferable to mandatory contributions.

The University Senate complained Mecredy was "dividing" the campus. Haven't they heard: The University is already divided. Students have to park out in West Hall (Moelchert's Memorial) while faculty and staff get "R" stickers; the administration controls more of the policy on this campus than the faculty and

students put together. Mecredy is not the cause of divisions on campus.

The senate's arguments are flimsy at best. They should either have the courage of their "principles" and not contribute to the campaign or they should go ahead and give their share. But they should not hide behind a smokescreen of no publicity.

Doug Lerner
Former Vice President
University Senate

Nuclear debate plugged

To the Students:

Most of the comments on my response to Frank Preston's letter on energy have been very negative: I have again offended some powerful people. Fortunately, I am in the right. Justice will be served.

I am supposed to join with Jess Riley on Thursday, Nov. 30, to debate

against two circuit riders from Westinghouse who will teach us rustics the enormous benefits of nuclear power. Check later announcements, but I am told it will be in the Cone University Center at 12:30-2 p.m. Come and see them nail to the mast.

Carlos Bell

Club never notified of date

To the Students:

They've done it again! The legislature has made another oversight which was compounded in Bill Peschel's article, "Legislature still fussing over budget," on Nov. 14.

Peschel states the Anthropology Club didn't receive its secondary charter as no one from the organization showed up at the meeting. What Peschel fails to include is the club wasn't contacted as to when they were to appear before the legislature. Those responsible were given the where's and the who's for

contact but failed to do so.

I advise Peschel to be extremely sure of the background information for any article before he begins reporting "facts." I also hope the legislators will soon get their stuff together and be sure their various functions are being carried out properly.

Tom Figg

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