

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Kennedy And The Sound Dollar

We were a little surprised to discover recently that a flurry of gold buying at home and abroad, which at least briefly raised speculation about the possibility of having to raise the price of gold, was felt to have been caused by worry in financial circles about the possibility of a Kennedy victory and resultant "easy money" practices by the United States Government.

The price of gold is currently fixed by international law at \$35 an ounce, but if this price were to rise the value of the dollar would correspondingly fall in purchasing power.

In a rather lengthy and, to one not versed in economics, confusing statement issued Sunday in Philadelphia, Senator Kennedy made a valiant attempt to dissuade this criticism and to reiterate a point he has made time and again throughout the campaign: he is not fiscally irresponsible, he does not like inflation, he does not want to tax us out of existence, he is interested in and will work for a sounder, more flexible economy.

The ironic point in the entire fray is that it is the Republican administration, that which claims for itself fiscal responsibility, which has placed the dollar and gold in their present uncertain positions.

By failing to increase exports, as Kennedy pointed out, we have been priced out of many foreign markets and a deficit in the balance of payments has resulted. The direct cause of this is that we have spent more abroad than we have earned. Thus, in the years following 1953, we have been forced to send more than four billion dollars worth of gold from our own resources in order to keep the bal-

ance. This, however, is an unnatural balance. It is not one wrought by the normal exchange of goods for money and money for goods in international trade; it is one of intake without export.

Another extremely important point Kennedy made, one which has been heard by all except the Republicans for the last seven years, is that we are not forcing our allies to take a more responsible share in the cost of overseas military establishments. We have continued the practice of doles, even though our allies are now fully capable financially of doing their share. As a consequence, American money which should be here is in Europe and Asia.

The Kennedy plan to restore a balance of payment and make the dollar sounder than it presently is is a very good one: work toward a stricter economy which would allow for budget surplus in times of peace and prosperity; a more flexible interest rate to curb inflation; a coordinated monetary and fiscal policy; wage and price stability without controls; stimulation of plant modernization by means of tax concessions.

These are not the proposals of a radical; they are the plans of a man whose foundation is in traditional economics but who is not swayed by the idea that what was good enough for granddad is good enough for us.

We would do well not to place the blame for buying flurries on misconceptions about a presidential candidate. Rather, we might do well to examine the facts before we stuff our attics with \$35 an ounce gold.

## Hushabye Records For Our Time

We have learned that Hush records, an enterprise launched at the University of Detroit to produce silent records to study by, has entered into the political field by launching a recording of "the best of pauses from political speeches of the early 20th Century."

It features such gems as "All of Coolidge. Instead of highlights, this records all of the great things Silent Cal never said."

It also includes the issues of today which the candidates have not faced.

We think this is an excellent

idea, however, it falls far short of its potential—it should include all the good things Harry Truman has said about Nixon.

It should also include all the great pearls of wisdom which fell from the lips of Joseph McCarthy.

A welcome addition to the silence would be all the perceptive comments never made by the campus politicians and the DTH editors and columnists.

A real live wire, slam-bang, top-notch feature to add to the silent grooves would be the fantastically good ideas the administration has not come up with recently to improve campus recreational and social facilities for the dormitory students.

Some space should be reserved, of course, for all the good reasons that have not been advanced for converting Cobb to a women's dormitory. The vast amount of editorial space undevoted to Nixon in the DTH should be read silently and recorded, as should all the columns which should have been written in his favor by his supporters on campus, but haven't been, for what reason, God only knows.

Last of all, all the constructive criticism that this campus is capable of producing, but hasn't, should be included, although I don't think the biggest LP record known could take care of that dearth of silence.

Wayne King

## Southern Novel Hit

(Continued from Sunday)

When his own world turns against him, Clay's downfall begins. He sees the girl across the road sleeping with her stepfather while the man's wife dies of cancer in the same house. Clay tips off the local Ku Klux Klan, and when the two sinners are horse-whipped Clay dismisses it as "God's Will."

Mr. Owen is successful in capturing the feelings of the poverty-stricken farmer. Their fears, prejudices, and superstitions; their attachment to the land and to the past.

The most regrettable thing about the book is the author's failure to develop fully the character of Clay Hampton. The reader is never quite clear about Clay's age, level of intelligence, or status in the community. His lines of dialogue are few, and the reader seldom knows exactly what Clay thinks about what he sees. Thus, instead of being a memorable character, Clay Hampton comes out as merely a sympathetic one.

But an apparent knowledge of the subject matter has enabled the author to present a sensitive picture of the rural South as it was thirty years ago.

Mr. Owen, who attended UNC and is now teaching at Stetson University in Florida, makes an impressive debut with SEASON OF FEAR. It is not a great book, but his ability to write one eventually cannot be questioned.

Season of Fear by Guy Owen. New York. Random House, 1960. 337 pp. \$3.85.

Laurie Holder

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

# Student Readers Lambast Editorial Policy, Class Elections And Order Of The Scaods

### Blasts DTH As Partisan

To the Editor:

The past several weeks have shown the "Daily Tar Heel" to be most "bipartisan" in its political outlook, praising Senator Kennedy on the one hand and condemning Vice President Nixon on the other.

Is this being bipartisan? Evidently, it is, at least according to the views of the editor, with all due respect to Mr. Yardley's personal opinions, many people are quite fed-up with the undisguised prejudice which the "Tar Heel" has been evidencing daily. Do not think that I am advocating abolition of freedom of the press. I am not.

No doubt you realize that your paper is the only link, which an unfortunately far too large proportion of the student body maintains with the outside world. This places you in a very unique position.

It is a position which a large number of journalists would give a great deal to occupy in order to demonstrate their unprejudiced abilities. You could take the way of honest bipartisanship, regardless of your personal convictions and thus turn the "Daily Tar Heel" into a really great university organ, where all views could be argued equally, without the influence of editorial prejudice. Instead, you have chosen the narrow road of bigotry.

Indeed it is regrettable that the "Tar Heel" does not feel its responsibility to the student body strongly enough to present as unprejudiced an image of each presidential candidate as possible. Honest bipartisanship would permit the large segment of the student body which looks to you, and to you alone, for dogma to form honest, unprejudiced opinions of the capabilities and weaknesses of both candidates.

As the situation stands now, far too many students base their political views on prejudices received from your paper.

Has the "Daily Tar Heel" discussed Senator Kennedy's abominable proposed policy toward Cuba? He advocates aiding all opponents of Castro, both inside and outside of Cuba.

Dr. Castro would actually like this policy because it would give

substance to the claim which he has already leveled against the United States and used as his excuse for joining hands with Premier Khrushchev.

This irresponsible policy of Senator Kennedy's could well serve to drive most of Latin America into the Castro camp simply due to those nations' inherent fear of internal intervention by the Colossus of the North.

Have you ever considered how much easier it is to criticize something than it is to defend it? On this basis alone, the position of Mr. Kennedy is made far easier than that of the Vice President.

Could the "Tar Heel" inform its readers specifically as to what new approaches the Senator will take in foreign affairs. I am inclined to doubt it.

He has been decrying the present administration's policies and yet has not said anything precisely about how he would rectify these policies, except with regard to Cuba. If this policy is a sample of Senator Kennedy's new approach to foreign affairs, then it will be a bad day for the United States if he becomes president.

Does the "Daily Tar Heel" know one reason why the usually stable gold market has fluctuated so drastically in the past few days?

It is because there is a fear abroad that Mr. Kennedy may win the election and proceed with his fantastic inflationary program.

This program is so fantastic that devaluation of the dollar is almost certain; therefore many people abroad are attempting to obtain gold now in the event that the paper dollar does become devalued.

It is a shame that Mr. Kennedy does not inspire more confidence abroad, particularly in financial circles.

Will Mr. Kennedy's domestic program be a repetition of the New Deal? Let us hope not.

After all, passing of reforms at a rate which is faster than society's ability to digest them is dangerous to the very concept of a democracy.

The Senator and his advisors advocate taking more money from the "incapable individual" (you and I) and letting the government spend it more "wisely."

I certainly do not want to have a government controlled by an

### Algerian Sands



## On Conrad's Cartoon

To the Editor:

Your political cartoon on October 28 was a disgrace to the University and to the integrity of the students. How far back into the catacombs of Democrat Dirt did you have to dig to get that piece of soot? I know for a fact that it has been over a week since that cartoon was torn from the Denver Post. An editor of the Post, Mort Stern, yanked the cartoon out of the paper before the second edition went to bed. Editor Stern called the cartoon, "Beyond the limits of good taste."

In a column next to the cartoon mentioned above from the Tar Heel, Wayne King said that anything within the bounds of "good taste," and there was that cartoon glaring out to all readers. Who is in the wrong as to the definition of "good taste," a college paper, or the great Denver Post?

As Time magazine said in an article (Oct. 31), the cartoon made the President look as though he had lost his marbles. Why would you want to depict the president of your country as an idiot? He will be out of the White House soon enough, so please confine your hot remarks to the two men who are running for the office at present.

By the way (as a side note) who goofed on that beautiful editorial page?

Sincerely,

A UNC Student

Editor's Note: Why not sign your name? No one plans to attack you because you criticize.

### Should Everyone Vote?

To the Editor:

A great deal is said about our right to vote. It is surely not a privilege to be taken lightly. But I wonder about the value of campaigns to bring out the vote. A larger number of registered voters and of votes on election day does not necessarily mean that the selection of the voters is better.

Would not those who are concerned enough to study issues, platforms, personalities, and so forth in order to arrive at a worthy decision be interested enough in expressing their choices to look into the rather routine matters of registration, absentee ballots and such? Are not these people those whose votes are more likely to be worth being tallied?

I fear that a voter who must be reminded a dozen or so times of places and times of registration might up and forget, just as he is marking his ballot, exactly which candidates have been suggested to him.

Sincerely,  
Frank L. Meadows

### DTH Not Fulfilling Obligation

Dear Sir:

In reference to your recent articles and editorials on the forthcoming elections, I would like to express my own feelings and perhaps to reflect some part of the sentiment of many other students. I have always looked on the principle of free speech as a right, not as an opportunity. Thus it follows that in my mind a paper that seems to print as a matter of policy violently diverging opinions for the divergence itself, is not fulfilling its obligation to the readers in general. This makes freedom of expression a mere finger-exercise, to be done with little or no rational supervision. There are no absolutes in politics today. Nixon is not THE experienced candidate; Kennedy is not THE clean-cut candidate; Lodge is not THE man capable of handling foreign relations; Johnson does not speak for THE WHOLE South. My point is not that your editorial attitude is one of vacillation; it seems one of short-sighted impracticality and a desire to sim-

Respectfully,  
Bill McAllister  
Rodney Smith

ply or romanticize, or both. It is ridiculous, immature, and irresponsible to see life in black or white. Isn't it really a matter of varying shades of gray?

For many people, the attitude is not one of apathy exactly; it is that it's just as well not to be able to vote this time. I think our newspaper is very influential on this attitude, and is capable of doing much better.

Joe William

### Scaods, Scaods, Scaods!

Dear Sir:

Shortly after you became editor of this paper, you received a very caustic letter criticizing you sharply for appointing Ken Friedman your sports editor. This letter is not intended to open an old wound or to rehash old and well-worn arguments. We do not wish to either begrudge you your freedom of choice of your staff or to criticize your choice.

Sports coverage this year has been much better than in recent years. Our big question is, in what area of this coverage and in what field of sports does the so-called "Loyal Order of the Scaods" lie? And another question, what is the contribution that this obvious waste of space make to the overall quality of the DTH? Perhaps we could say it this way: what is the purpose of the scaods stories other than the glorification of Ken Friedman's normal manner of dressing and behaving?

A story such as the story of the "tapping" of new "scaods" is a smear on the record of the DTH. We seriously doubt that there is any reasonably intelligent person on campus who really cares which individuals on campus wish to identify themselves as "scaods." Of what importance is it to the reading public that a group of aspirant slobs prefer to stick together, wear their shirt-tails out and go around screaming profanity and other gross phrases such as "Gotcha."

If this letter appears to be an indictment of Ken Friedman, it is. But if there is anyone else who is equally or partially responsible for this nonsense, then we direct their remarks to them also.

Al Reeves  
Charles Cooper

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