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No Need For Changes

Proposals are now being aired that would destroy the natural beauty of Coker Arboretum, and disrupt the solitude and relaxation students can enjoy in its five wooded acres.

The Arboretum has often been a subject of debate, but probably never so much as since July 30 when 21-year-old coed Suellen Evans was stabbed to death in the botanical garden.

Student Body Presidential Assistant Bob Wilson issued a statement last week suggesting action "be taken by the University to thin out the jungle-like shrubs and, wherever possible, clear out all tickets and undergrowth." He also suggested "the addition of mercury lamps appropriately illuminating all walkways."

Dean of Women Katherine Carmichael also recommended the installation of lamps in the Arboretum.

One member of the administration is preparing a report which will include proposals for extensive changes in the physical arrangement of the Arboretum.

But are these changes really necessary? We believe not. Although Miss Evans met death in the Arboretum it must be remembered that the blame must rest on an individual, not a place. There are other secluded spots on campus where the attack might have been carried out. An out-of-the-way place might not have been a requirement of someone deranged enough to kill and unselective enough to pick 12:30 p.m. as the time for the tragic act.

The Arboretum is one of the most beautiful spots on campus, whether blanketed with snow in the winter or bursting with blossoms in the spring. It provides one of the few remaining sanctuaries from idle chatter and the roar of motorcycles.

It would be a shame to sacrifice this in a rage of fear.

Rights For A Marxist

Dr. Eugene Genovese pored through old manuscripts here last week as the Board of Governors of Rutgers University decided the future of his teaching career.

Genovese, a Rutgers professor whose support of the Viet Cong placed him at the vortex of a hurricane that swept the New Jersey gubernatorial race, arrived quietly in Chapel Hill and left unnoticed.

Trouble began for the 35-year-old Marxist soon after an April teach-in at Rutgers. At that time, Genovese said: "I do not fear nor regret the impending Viet Cong victory. I welcome it." He said he supported a Viet Cong victory on the grounds that it would install a socialist regime in Saigon.

Genovese's name jumped into headlines when Republican gubernatorial nominee Wayne Dumont Jr. insisted that he be fired or suspended because of his statement. Democratic standard bearer Gov. Richard J. Hughes, said that he deplored Genovese's views, "but the larger issue of academic freedom was at stake."

The controversy, centered around academic freedom, raged throughout New Jersey until it was thrown to the board of governors for a decision. While Genovese lost himself in the Chapel Hill book-stacks, the board ruled that the professor "has done nothing wrong in the performance of his academic duties that would constitute grounds for preferring charges against him."

The board, like the Tar Heel, is completely out of sympathy with Genovese's views. However, it is gratifying that the board defended Genovese's right to his beliefs and the public expression of his sentiments.

Academic freedom fares well in New Jersey. We wish it did here.



"To Raleigh, Where Else? We're Going To Support Truth, Justice And The Suppression Of Speech."

Protests Against 'Illegal War'

A Look In Morse's Mailbag

By DAVID ROTHMAN
Tar Heel Columnist

WASHINGTON — Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon spent another busy week here as The Foremost Critic of U. S. Viet Nam Policy.

He suggested that many Americans want President Johnson impeached, then purlently explained he's against such a move — after being swamped by letters, pro and con.

He also carried on a lengthy foreign policy debate with Sen. Albert Proxmire of Wisconsin, who found it necessary to deny being "a rubber stamp." But that didn't stop him from saying Proxmire has "bad judgment and reasoning in following the President in his unconstitutional and, therefore, illegal war in Asia."

According to Morse: "We cannot justify the homicides for which the President or Rusk, of McNamara, or Bundy, or Lodge, and the rest of them are responsible . . ."

"There has been little more political freedom in South Viet Nam than in North Viet Nam. Candidates for office are as carefully screened there as in the Communist zone."

Several weeks earlier, Morse had compared South Vietnamese Premier Ky with Hitler. Morse said Ky has "a rotten mind." He called him "the latest corrupt tyrant being supported by the United States in a dictatorial position in Viet Nam."

As if he still hadn't made his case clear, Morse produced a stack of "we view with concern" letters from Johnson's foreign policy critics. They filled nearly 50 pages of small print in the Congressional Record.

What do the Senator's pen pals have to say?

Mike Mikkelson (whose home town is not listed) wishes "men whom I despise and for whom I feel nothing but contempt — men such as Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, and Dean Rusk — would cease mouthing empty platitudes and childish lies."

Mrs. Francis C. Cecchini of Ambler, Pa., accuses Johnson

of "waging undeclared war according to his own will and whimsy . . ."

"He will sacrifice thousands, yea, million to save face and pride, rather than admit defeat."

"How has this egomaniac, power-hungry man obtained such absolute authority over this democratic nation?"

Peggy Klempner of Yucaipa, Calif., believes Johnson and "the other war hawks" have "gone completely off their mind." She says he "lied to get the presidency — so where do we go from here?"

Fred L. Barnett of West Branch, Iowa, also thinks the President can't run the country. He ends his letter with: "Through Christ."

S. Moraski of New York City is even less charitable. He calls Robert Kennedy "a man full of Boston beans who must confess to Cardinal Spellman" while Jacob Javits is "forever looking for softer matzoth balls on Broadway."

Evidently, Foreign Policy Expert Moraski tolerates Catholics and Jews less than he does "the greatest man in Washington," to whom he sent his appraisal of United States foreign policy.

Mrs. Alberta Daunells of Grove, Ill., thinks the United

States is fighting "a criminal war."

M. E. Ackerman of Camp Hill, Ga., says Johnson "has fooled our entire nation. He appears to be made for publicity and does desire to be a so-called war President."

Alice Herz (whose address is not printed) recently accused "Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, for having declared his decision — and already started to enact it; to use his amassed capacity of 400 times overkill to wipe out, if necessary, whole countries of his choosing."

In plain English, that means the President wants nuclear war.

She continued: "To the American people, with the help of the colossal lie your Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, J. F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson have deceived and misguided you."

"God is not mocked. To make myself heard I have chosen the flaming death of the Buddhists on the Wayne State University Campus of Detroit."

The past tense used in quoting Alice Herz is intentional. She did what she said she would do.

Clifford M. Turner of San Bernardino, Calif., admits he is "not as brave as Mrs. Herz but I share her feeling." He wants Johnson impeached, and "some other top officials should go with him." In Turner's opinion, Alice Herz' suicide "was not the act of an insane person but a brave and sincere one."

Sidney Rosenblatt of Brooklyn, N. Y., says the President "may go down in history . . . as the great exterminator." He confidently writes: "L.B.J. and his whole 'Napoleonic complex' administration have brainwashed most of the American people but haven't of course fooled the rest of the world."

That's what's inside a maverick's mailbag. Undoubtedly, Morse's pen pals will have further comments as the U. S. buildup in Viet Nam continues.

Well Said

In The
Charlotte Observer

When Malcolm Seawell was attorney general of North Carolina, he was candid, outspoken, often blunt.

Now he's back in public life as chairman of the state board of elections. He hasn't changed.

Listen to him on the speaker ban law:

"Poorly drawn . . . unconstitutional . . . The purpose could never be accomplished under a law of this sort. The Communist Party is underground, and that's the way they want it. Communists want a platform like they want a hole in the head."

Welcome back, Malcolm.