

The Daily Tar Heel

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DTH Awards Of The Week

Lizard of the Week: The guy who says football games have to have a fourth quarter.

Quote of the Week: The student who said, in a News Bureau poll of reaction to the Britt Commission's speaker ban law report, "I don't know what to think. I haven't read *The Daily Tar Heel* today."

Most Amazing Fact of the Week: From the Durham Morning Herald: Astronomers do not yet know how the moon came into being.

Loser of the Week: The woman who was being tried in Bristol, Va., for grand larceny. While the jury was out, she changer her plea to guilty. The jury came in and its verdict was not guilty. She is still in jail while court officials try to decide what to do.

Lone Wolf Award: Paul Schubert, 26-year-old bachelor and the only male among 560 girl students at the College of the St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

Cops of the Week: Raleigh policemen who drove the shaggy Rolling Stones from their appearance in Raleigh to the airport. They used a paddy wagon to make sure the Stones would not be mobbed by thrilled devotees of the "Mersey Sound." We honor them because it obviously took extreme dedication to duty to turn the things loose once they got them to the airport.

Bargain of the Week: Luther Hodges, who was paid his yearly salary as chairman of the board of the Research Triangle Foundation Wednesday. He got \$1.

Adrenaline Award: William Hawkings, 14-year-old Ohio boy who lifted a tractor off his sister when it turned over on her. He tried again later at his farm home in Xenia and could not budge the machine.

Warning of the Week: Girls who swap mascara pencils are helping spread trachoma, the world's leading cause of blindness, according to Dr. Phillips Thygeson of the University of California's Proctor Foundation. Pencil swapping can also spread follicular conjunctivitis germs, he said.

Bravery Award: Five self-proclaimed pacifists who burned their draft cards in New York City's Union Square. Only one of them was eligible for the draft; the others were too old or classified 4F.

White Man of the Week: Marion W. Mills, sheriff of New Hanover County. He said he and six of his deputies joined the Ku Klux Klan to get undercover information, but he ordered them out when some of them 'got enthused' with the Klan. One of the deputies had been elected to a state Klan office.

Backdown of the Week: Jesse Helms, spokesman of WRAL-TV in Raleigh. He spent four days of his program of editorial commentary reading a lengthy letter defending the speaker ban. The letter was written by Douglas G. Ball, son of U. S. Under Secretary of State George Ball. He said he was surprised the letter had been read on television and Helms had used it to reach some "conclusions" which he did not support. Helms has apologized, according to Ball, and will correct his mistake in calling Ball a student at Chapel Hill. He was a graduate student last year, but is not now enrolled.

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"Great Weekend"



Liberal Comment

Justice Department Must Alter Policy Concerning Personnel In Mississippi

By PETER NEMENYI

If equal rights are to become a reality in the deep South, then the shadow of fear must be lifted, and to this end the government must adopt a policy opposed to the intimidation that is widespread in the area. In addition, the personnel sent there by the Justice Department must be in tune with this purpose.

The Justice Department has several hundred FBI agents visible in Mississippi. So far as I know, all of them are white. I can't be quite certain, as a letter asking Wiley Branton, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, was forwarded to the FBI and has not been answered so far. The question is a very important one, in an area where The Law has always meant intimidation by white men who talk down to Negroes. Unfortunately the FBI men stationed in Mississippi do not inspire much more confidence in the Negro population.

Laurel, Miss., is lucky in that the three or four agents stationed there are not outspokenly hostile. However, they do address Negroes only by first name. They also have a traditional middle-class disdain for any human being who is not well-dressed, clean-shaven, crewcut and reasonably articulate, (including the culturally deprived poor whites who engage in violence, but not the well-dressed men in positions secured thereby.) The agents' attitude to the COFO staff who have been working in Laurel, some of whom have a college degree, was quite friendly, mixed with a little condescension and some genuine concern for their safety. The concern shows itself in small ways.

For instance, more than once, agents have warned COFO workers to be careful, because such-and-such a thing was likely to happen to them in the next few days. But they would not use their knowledge to interfere in local affairs, and without fail the predicted act took place.

Last winter, some fifteen Laurel Negroes and a few COFO workers spent two days in front of the Registrar's office in the county court house. White men, some visibly armed and some locally known as Klansmen, lined the corridor, muttering curses and threats whenever a COFO worker passed them. After many telephone calls to the local FBI and Washington, one of the agents appeared. He walked through the corridor, casually asked Chief Deputy Sheriff McMinn why these men were here, and was told they are waiting to be called for jury duty. Then he talked briefly with two COFO workers and walked out, returning once more later. No doubt, even this minimal presence inhibited the sheriff's "jurors", and there was, apart from McMinn's arrest of a Negro woman for vocally protesting the removal of benches and circulation of cold air, only one incident: one minute after Ed Dubinsky, a Tulane professor and civil rights volunteer, walked out, six jurors ran out after him, caught up and jumped on him. Outdoor spectators included the city clerk, who was seen motioning the pursuing jurors on with his

thumb.

Another example of a helpful appearance occurred two weeks later, when Ed was called before the judge for being kicked in the head ("disorderly conduct by fighting"). A few COFO workers accompanied him to the city court. There were "jurors" in the court room, in the hall, at the bottom of the stairs and around the entrance. However, when the group left, one of the FBI agents was in the hall and one was downstairs near the door. Their casual presence may have saved the group from serious harm. Nothing happened.

But this is not typical, and many a Negro or civil rights worker in Mississippi has been beaten senseless in the presence of an FBI agent busily writing in his notebook. More often the FBI simply isn't around, except to investigate afterwards and then wait for the next case.

While a civil rights worker was in Jones County jail for ordering apple pie at the Pinehurst Coffee Shop, a trustee and the deputy sheriff in charge of the jail were continually working up other, white male, inmate against him, and promised to have baseball bats brought in. Worried friends on the outside were unable to get anybody in to see the prisoner and appealed to the FBI. But the agents refused to enter the jail to investigate what was going on.

Though legally authorized to deal with violations of this kind, the FBI operates under a number of handicaps which make it practically impossible. One of these is its director, J. Edgar Hoover, who is too preoccupied with other matters such as campus politics and personalities to take much interest in making it safe to break through racial barriers. His rare public utterances on questions of civil rights usually take the form of personal attacks on civil rights leaders, for instance his denunciation of Martin Luther King as a "notorious liar." In addition, any FBI agent stationed in Mississippi who really wants to uphold civil rights would be in an awful fix, because a cordial working relationship with officials such as McMinn is indispensable for tracing stolen cars and in other non-civil-rights assignments.

This is why civil rights supporters urge the Justice Department to assign a separate staff of FBI or other federal agents (white and Negro) to handle civil rights violations only.

The actions currently being taken by the Justice Department may assure that people of any race, in any part of the country, can go almost anywhere — if they are ready to take grave risks and go through an ordeal first. But only positive affirmation by the government of the laws against intimidation will secure the right of every citizen to join in a peaceful demonstration without first being gassed and clubbed at a previous try, to apply for a better job without expecting his home to go up in flames, and to drink coffee at a public accommodation without first drinking ammonia and spending time in the county jail. This is not too much freedom, nor is it too soon.

Letters To The Editor

Head Cheerleader Defended And Associate Editor Blasted

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

As a cheerleader, I have stumbled down to breakfast all too often this year and been greeted by some glowing editorial or letter from various misinformed sources concerning the cheerleaders and their inability, lack of spirit, or lack of good taste. One student felt as though the cheerleaders did not care. I wonder if he attended the pep rally prior to the Clemson game where 103 spirited fans huddled around a bonfire intended to burn before thousands who would come to see Carolina the next day. Moreover, thirty-five of those students who did show up for the last home game pep rally were cheerleaders and members of the pep band.

This year for the first time the cheerleaders were selected by a committee composed of various representatives of the student body. The widely diversified squad was chosen solely and impartially on their ability and performance and hails from residence hall as well as fraternity and sorority houses. The squad is strictly governed by a constitution and has been characterized by outstanding leadership and organization under the direction of head cheerleader Jerry Houle.

For the first time in many years, Jerry held weekly practices and planning sessions. He organized five pep rallies including a fireworks show, three bonfires, a torch parade, and a presentation of the homecoming court and appearance of the football squad and captains. Small Carolina footballs have been thrown at each home game despite near disaster from mobs of young children. During August at each member's personal expense a week of practice was held at Virginia Beach where the cheerleaders practiced a minimum of four hours per day and prepared seven new cheers. Jerry made repeated attempts for financial aid and permission from Athletic Director Chuck Erickson to travel to Ohio State. Each time the answer was no. Other members of the squad met with the same answer. As a result, two cheerleaders are going to be sent to Notre Dame. Furthermore, many of the boys had to pay for their own uniforms. This fall, the cheerleaders recorded commercials for WCHL encouraging spirit and attendance at away games. Finally, an associate editor of *The Daily Tar Heel*, who himself quoted Jerry Houle's Saturday performance as "a model of poor taste," turns right around and calls our head cheerleader a braying jackass. Not only is Jennrich using poor taste himself but this is pure slander from one who in his position should know better. Maybe Jennrich or any other grandstand cheerleader would like to confront 50,000 fans on Nov. 20th and believe he can be perfect.

Dick Starnes
Chi Phi House

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Associate Editor John Jennrich has written his third article of the year — a diatribe against UNC's head cheerleader Jerry Houle.

Usually the DTH associate editor writes several columns a week, but Jennrich has written only one editorial, one column and one story for the DTH. However, we would discourage him from trying to write any more and leave him contended to clip out articles and editorials from the state's dailies.

We don't know where McCrary's graduate assistant has been these last few years, whether he attended any football games previous to the Clemson game or whether he has seen any of Carolina's past cheerleaders. Apparently, though, he hasn't done much research on the duties and characteristics of cheerleaders.

At Carolina only three things make us apathetic students get aroused enough to cheer the Tar Heels: (1) a good play, (2) good booze, and (3) a good cheerleader. We've had plenty of all three this year, in varying doses.

It takes some courage to stand before 40,000 football fans and try to make them cheer, without making an ass of oneself. Jerry Houle has had this courage and lack of inhibition.

It takes creativity to think of new cheers, to put new life into old ones, to know when to cheer. Jerry Houle has his knowledge and knack.

It takes imagination to keep the crowd's attention with jokes or unusual outfits. Jerry Houle has shown his imagination.

Every decent cheerleader at every school in the country does his best to glorify the efforts of his team and disparage those of the opponent. At U.Va. and at the Citadel, when the opposing teams are being introduced, the crowd roars after each name, "Snerdley (or whatever his name is), who's he!" This tactic is rather disarming to the visiting squad.

It wasn't necessary to call the Clemson players "stupid;" we all knew it anyway. It wasn't necessary to joke about the National Merit Scholars, but Jerry earned a laugh from his crack, keeping the fans awake and alert.

As for Jennrich's little Boy Scout friends — those honest, trustworthy, courteous defenders of the American way very nicely swamped the cheerleaders when they were about to throw the souvenir footballs into the stands. With great friendliness, kindness and obedience the cute little brats stole, swiped and absconded those footballs, which were intended for UNC students.

Perhaps Jennrich wrote his little article with tongue in cheek, hoping to invite letters of protest; perhaps he didn't. But he is getting them.

We don't think Jerry Houle reflected

any implications of moral laxity, even if Mr. Jennrich doesn't like bad words.

Alan Banov

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I would like to agree with John Jennrich in his article against our head cheerleader Jerry Houle. All Houle has is just tons of wit and enthusiasm. Why should we be subjected to laughing at his quips, and yelling along with him, just because he has somehow transmitted some of his school spirit into us? I also think that he has insulted too many people by joking that the National Merit Scholars "cheated" or that Carolina students drink.

No, when I go to a game, I want none of Houle's dynamic personality that helps to unite the students into one thunderous, enthusiastic body. Let me instead remain seated in the upper deck, untouched by his "poor taste." As a matter of fact, for the Duke-Carolina game, I plan to completely ignore the cheerleaders, and if necessary the whole crowd, and to allot myself exactly three "rah-rah-rah's" and only one "Give 'Em Hell Heels." This kind of open, free spirit inspires teams to win. This kind of spirit, I'm sure Jennrich will agree, is the true Carolina spirit.

Larry Kimel
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Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

After reading Nov. 10th's DTH, I can say that I am more ashamed of the article written by associate editor John H. Jennrich than any actions that head cheerleader Jerry Houle could ever commit at a football game. I am ashamed to go to a school where the school "rag" condescends to "stabbing" in the back one who tries so hard to bolster school spirit as Jerry Houle. I have but one question to ask "associate editor" Jennrich. If Jerry Houle's actions are the actions of a "braying jackass," then what is your article?

Ed Robbins
54D Davie Circle

Apologetic Letter

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I have just written to a friend of mine who is in the Marine Corps, stationed in South Viet Nam. My first impulse was to write a typically Joe College letter, relating cheerfully the fun and frolics of University life. Then I realized that this would be a grave error, in view of the student demonstrations which have undoubtedly lowered the spirit of the men in Viet Nam. My letter turned out to be an apology.

If the SPU wants to question the U. S. policy in Southeast Asia, let them demonstrate. But why do they insist on attacking the soldier, who is catching all of the hell. By now it seems certain that we can't expect the noble organization, and others like it, to change their ways. I do not believe that these groups are representative of student opinion either at the University or at other schools. But how are the boys in Viet Nam to know this when they read about the demonstrations, and hear words of hate as they leave the U. S., on their way to war?

It seems to me that it is time for the student leaders to organize the majority of students' thoughts, and let the true opinion be known.

Tom Cathey
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Vice President

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In the Nov. 6 DTH there appeared a letter by Jim Little attacking the University Party for voting against a proposal to place the president and vice-president on the same ticket, as in national elections. It is the feeling of a large majority of the U.P. legislators that, unlike the vice-president of the United States, the vice-president of Student Government at Chapel Hill is responsible first to the legislature and second to the president, and that electing the best vice-presidential candidate is much more important than having the two top positions filled by members of the same party.

Little claims that a majority of the U.P. legislators voted against the bill because the proposed change would hurt them in the spring elections and that they would fare better under the present system. I wish Representative Little would explain this more fully, because we are unaware of how either system would favor either party.

George M. Ingram
University Party Floor Leader

LETTERS

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