

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Politicians At Work

Campus politics is a thing which is of extreme importance only to campus politicians.

Most students would hardly notice if our legislature quit meeting every Thursday night or the office of the president quit issuing official statements or the judiciary quit adjudicating.

Generally, the system works very well here, just as it works "on the outside." Those few with the desire for power and authority usually know how to get and exercise it, while the many follow, uninformed and unconcerned.

But the system only works well so long as those entrusted with leadership demonstrate the ability to act with more than just nominal responsibility. When our campus politicians — those we let speak for us — abandon that responsibility we can no longer afford the luxury of common neglect and disinterest in their activities.

Last week's film-showing incident in Morrison Residence Hall should serve notice to every student that the line of decency has been crossed by a giant step. Our campus has always had its share of hard-hitting politics, but until now it has been mostly free of malice and filth.

Illegal use of hidden tape recorders, threatening telephone calls, whisper campaigns — all these things have been used either this semester or last by one of our parties of "respectable" student politicians.

These incidents have passed relatively unnoticed because they directly affected just a few individuals. But now an entire 1,000-mar. residence hall — a model for the fledgling residence college system — has been dragged into the much of a political campaign by the Student Party.

Some films were shown in Morrison last Monday night. They were shown time after time for almost four and a half hours. An estimated 400 to 600 students saw the movies, paying 25 cents to do so — or 10 cents if they lived on the floor where the films were shown.

The contents of these films have been described to the DTH and we cannot argue with Dean of Men William G. Long's opinion that they are "hard-core pornography." Whether or not the films fit the legal definitions of pornographic matter, they are not the sort of thing which can be tolerated by an administration which has to answer ultimately to the people of this state, especially those who send their children to this school.

Politics came into play when the University Party scheduled a public appearance of its freshman candidates in Morrison. Several Student Party members, who shall be forever anonymous, told the DTH that the films were shown in the social room of one of the upper floors merely as an attraction to draw residents of the predominantly freshman hall away from the UP meeting. The fact that more than \$100 was raised in the process was a coincidental landfall.

Signs in Morrison identified the showing of the films as a Student Party service. Between the showing of each film an announcement of Student Party sponsorship was made.

SP leaders, of course, deny responsibility for the showing. Obviously not every party member knew the films would be shown. But top-level SPs attended the event, knew about it beforehand and welcomed guests to the door. Although the action might not have been endorsed by a majority of SP members, almost no campaign activity is. No one can deny that if the affair had been some glowing contribution to the campus which brought state-wide acclaim, only the Student Party could have taken credit for it.

Aside from the sheer pettiness of it all, the saddest fact is that Morrison is being caught in the middle and left in the lurch. Its reputation has been harmed by a few ruthless individuals who used it for political expediency.

When our junior politicians wrap themselves so tightly in this little world of schemes that they cannot see the consequences of what they are doing, it is time to give them a kick in the proper place to start the operation of their brains.

Perhaps some good will come out of the rape of Morrison after all if it will wake this student body up to the fact that politics is scraping the bottom of the barrel and has to come up for air soon — if it wants to survive.

Else many of us might decide it is not worth saving.

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## We're Looking For The Bottle, Too!



David Rothman

## Mules Mumble Story, Or How The DTH Molds Men

We're flattered. When the University News Bureau questioned 103 students about the proposed amendment of the speaker ban law, one said:

"I don't know what to think. I haven't read The Daily Tar Heel today."

The News Bureau story got carried in many local papers, including the DTH.

It's true — students here have indeed been molded "to good, God-fearing, patriotic Americans" by Editor Ernie McCrary and the DTH staff. Look what happened to Mules Mumble.

Mumble's trouble was that he could hardly ever make up his mind. He just gambled on certain facts and hoped for the best.

During exams, for instance, he flipped a quarter before answering true-false questions.

He arbitrarily dated only coeds whose names began with "Q," selected the courses of freckled professors, and nearly flunked out of school after vowing to cut classes every time it rained here.

The food at Lenoir Hall was about the only subject on which Mumble could make up his mind.

Then he discovered us.

We had an opinion on everything — campus radio, the Dickson affair, plays, football games, the UNC Band and Otelia Connor.

Mumble liked Ernie's lucid prose, appreciated the depth of John Greenbacker's student government coverage, admired Ernest Robl's photography and even ate

lunch after reading my columns. In other words, he was a good guy. And more important, he agreed with us on everything — after telling his roommate he'd follow the editorial policies of the first paper he found in the Lenoir Hall men's room.

Mumble let John Greenbacker influence his vote in student elections. Armistead Maupin gave him his opinions on the Student Peace Union. Fauntleroy shaped his views on Carolina football.

Ernie McCrary determined the way he thought about Otelia Connor. John Jennrich set him straight on the head cheerleader. I told him the truth about water pollution.

Mumble, a second-semester senior, graduate in February 1965.

But wherever he went, he continued reading The Daily Tar Heel.

Our perceptive news analysis contributed to his being an incredibly well informed person (though sometimes he accidentally read the letters to the editor). People thought he should go into politics.

Mumble ran for governor of North Carolina and won.

Once in office, he never dealt with important matters ignored by the DTH — like pay for state-employed taxidermists. But he was always willing to discuss the arboretum and the campus parking situation.

Eventually, however, summer rolled around and the DTH stopped publishing. So after flipping another quarter, he casually murdered the lieutenant governor and told Ernie McCrary to come to Raleigh.

## Letters To The Editor

### Veterans' Day

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I joined my fellow citizens at the Veterans' Day observance in Polk Place. I was impressed and pleased by the beauty and real dignity with which the affair was conducted. The prayer offered, the demeanor of those taking part reflected the dread with which American go to war. I was pleased too, and even a bit proud of our local SPU people who did not follow the example of some of their comrades and mar the occasion with an irreverent display of opinion. I was, however, made somewhat uneasy by the tone of the addresses given by the representatives of the Navy and Air Force ROTC. They seemed to be using a solemn and commemorative occasion to propound a political point of view, a point of view not subscribed to by some of our fellow citizens and by some of those present on Veterans' Day.

I cannot help feeling that the insertion of this political note made the observance uncomfortable and awkward for some of those who had come to pay homage to the war dead and who are either unsure about the current Viet Nam involvement or even opposed to it. That the representatives of the military believe very strongly in what they said I cannot doubt, but I do feel that they may have taken unfair advantage of their position to advocate and defend a policy which is surely that favored by the majority but which has yet to be sealed for all citizens by a declaration of war.

Daniel Sheerin  
111 North St.

### Viet Nam Day

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In reference to the Viet Nam Day demonstrations, President Johnson has been quoted as surprised "that any one citizen would feel toward his country in a way that is not consistent with the national interest." He has sadly misinterpreted the purpose of the demonstrations.

The legitimate right and moral duty of the citizen to protest and dissent are in the mainstream of American tradition: most of the protestors are more honestly "patriotic" than the jingoists who cry "treason" and "Commie" at the slightest hint of dissent. Student demonstrators are for the most part deeply concerned, highly sensitive Americans who love their country but feel that it is not fulfilling its stated ideals by attempting to napalm the South Vietnamese populace into submission. In their view, the "national interest" requires that the U. S. conduct its foreign policy in ways consistent with its constitutionally stated ideals of democracy and freedom of choice. This requires allowing the South Vietnamese people to determine for themselves the form of government they wish to have, not bombing them in the belief that they prefer being dead to being Red.

But whether others agree or disagree with this view, they feel that this country deserves a great debate on the great issues, not suppression of discussion, name-

## LETTERS

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, particularly on matters of local or University interest. Letters must be typed, double spaced and must include the name and address of the author or authors. Names will not be omitted in publication. Letters should be kept as brief as possible. The DTH reserves the right to edit for length or libel.

calling and red-baiting. Yet the quest for such a debate by the protestors of administration policy is presently being met by the growth of a possible neo-McCarthyite political climate in America. Throughout the government and in the mass media one can feel the growing distain and hatred towards college-age youth who profess to be somewhat less than wholeheartedly enthusiastic about going into this war. The end result of this intolerance may well be the subversion of democracy in this country through the suppression of such dissenting opinion, whether in the name of "the national interest," "military security" or some other simplistic catch phrase.

The U. S. is one of the last bastions of complete political freedom in the world today — freedom to responsibly question, criticize, dissent and protest. If we are deprived of that freedom, then there is little left worth preserving.

Simon Fairfield  
Airport Road

### Academic Victory

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

The unprecedented landslide victory of Gov. Richard J. Hughes over Republican State Senator Wayne Dumont, Jr. in the New Jersey gubernatorial election earlier this month was a strong vindication of academic freedom.

Sen. Dumont organized his campaign strategy around the central theme that Gov. Hughes should demand the resignation of Rutgers University history professor Eugene Genovese because, in a teach-in last spring, avowed Marxist Genovese had called for a Viet-Cong victory in South Viet Nam. Hughes, although strongly critical of Genovese's pro-Viet Cong views, said at the same time that Genovese had the constitutional privilege of voicing his deviant opinions and that the "higher issue" involved was that of "Academic freedom."

Dumont repeatedly attacked Hughes throughout the campaign for his position on Genovese and said that the question was not one of "academic freedom" but rather, one of "academic license." Dumont iterated that statements such as those of Genovese were undermining the morale of American troops in Southeast Asia.

Two of the leading Republican politicians in New Jersey, Sen. Clifford P. Case and Bergen County GOP leader Walter S. Jones, publicly criticized Dumont for making Genovese the big campaign issue. Jones, a former gubernatorial candidate himself, is also a former Rutgers law professor, and

his criticism of fellow Republican Dumont resulted in Bergen county — the strongest GOP county in the state — voting Democratic in a gubernatorial election for the first time in half a century. The influential Bergen county daily Record reiterated Jones' criticism and supported Gov. Hughes in his re-election campaign.

The victory margin of Hughes was more than 350,000 votes — far and away the largest plurality of any gubernatorial candidate in New Jersey's political history.

Gordon D. Friedman  
305 Connor

### DTH Is Naughty

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

We, the undersigned, have noticed that in several of the past issues of The Daily Tar Heel profanity for the sake of profanity has been used, particularly in the editorial cartoons. Whether the reason is merely that of being, for the first time, allowed to use this "expanded" vocabulary in print, or whether the person responsible knows no other words, is not for us to judge. Certainly the DTH will never benefit by the use of unneeded profanity. We feel that the omission of these "four letter words" would help the image of the paper; and the paper certainly needs help. Abstinence from unneeded profanity would be meritorious if only for the sake of good taste.

Tom Jones  
Richard Kerr  
Ronnie Laviner  
Lee Swepton  
Maverick House

### Blind Peacenik

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

He thinks his idea is great, But just imagine our fate Should our soldiers feel his way too. We would then have peace— Peace chained in the thought: Communism is ruling you.

He carries a sign: "No More War." And most of us can see That his mind, as well as the sign Is totally blind To something called reality.

C. C. Edgerton  
302 Everett

### Yea Rah Joyner

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

This is a reply to Ken Giles' letter denouncing Joyner Residence Hall in the Nov. 10 Daily Tar Heel. How a president of a residence hall, even Alexander, could write such a frivolous, meaningless letter is beyond me; but since he did I feel this needs a strong reply.

It must be obvious to all who read his letter that he is merely trying to push Joyner into secondary position in Wolfe Residence College when what we should be doing is working together. At a preliminary meeting before the formation of the Residence College, about the only reason he could give us for his support of the college was that his hall would be able to use Joyner's Social Room. In the past few weeks we at Joyner have had an increasing number of boys from Alexander coming over and using our social room and watching our color television. As to the fact that Winston Residence Hall allows out-of-town women to stay there, we would also be willing to have the same arrangement and we might even let Alexander date a few of the girls.

Before Giles further expresses himself foolishly, I suggest he check around campus and see who has more prestige, Joyner or Alexander.

Donald F. Kemlein, President  
Joyner Residence Hall

### Roger Davis

Editor, the Daily Tar Heel:

I am certain that the student body will be interested in this letter which I received from Dr. and Mrs. Grover M. Davis, the parents of the late Roger Davis whose contribution to the student body will long be remembered.

Dear Mr. Dickson: Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation to the student body for sharing our grief and sorrow over the loss of our son, Roger.

Our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful arrangement of red roses and white stock. Last week, we were so glad to meet many of Roger's friends and proud to learn of his great contribution to University life.

Sincerely,  
Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Davis

