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We're Buying The Right To Die In Viet Nam

Saigon."

In case you haven't noticed that there's a war going on, take a look at your room-mate. He might not be here next semester.

Because he'll be drafted? Perhaps, but not necessarily.

It's just that if he is one of the 1,492 students attending this University with the help of federal funds, he may not have the money to come back.

Prof. William Geer, director of student aid, made this point at a reception for Fourth District Congressman Nick Galifinakis Sunday. He said the University has been told that funds provided through the National Defense Education Loan program on the Educational Opportunity Grants program "may be cut drastically to finance the war in Viet Nam."

"To the extent that this occurs," said Geer, "it will deny educational opportunity to students at the University and elsewhere. Many students couldn't attend the University without the federal loans and grants."

SO NOW IT becomes apparent that the Viet Nam war is cutting even deeper into the United States' resources than previously had been thought.

Already, cuts in domestic spending have been made to provide more money for the war, cuts which have drastically hindered such programs as the War on Poverty.

These cuts have been credited with the emasculation of the poverty war to the extent that it has become nearly an ineffective weapon against urban blight-a condition which has been blamed for most of the racial unrest and violence in the nation.

And now the cuts are hitting education again. Already it was announced that graduate school fellowships were being tightened because of the domestic cuts. And now the war costs are reaching down to the undergraduate level.

The high price tag of the United States' involvement in Viet Nam. in effect, is lowering the standard of life in America. It is hampering efforts to eradicate poverty. It is putting a cost-and-draft-enforced ceiling on higher education-for those who can afford to begin college without government aid in the first place.

AND ALL for what?

The Johnson Administration's favorite fairy tale is that this crummy war is to aid the South Vietnamese people to maintain their democratic form of government as a bulwark against communism in Southeast Asia.

Help them, hell!

The United States is fighting this war, and the neo-fascist government of South Viet Nam is doing precious little-if anything at all—to aid the American military

A United Press International dispatch from Saigon this week reported that the Viet Cong offensive last week-the biggest of the war-"caught much of the South Vietnamese army with cannon covered, tanks parked, officers on holidays at beaches and mountain resorts, and enlisted men on furlough with their families."

The dispatch continued: "Despite warnings from the U.S. Military Command that large-scale attacks were imminent, up to 50 per cent of the men in many units

had left their posts to spend the lunar new year holiday, Tet, with their wives and children in

Further, President Nguyen Van Thieu was at home, 25 miles from Saigon, when the firing began, and did not return to Saigon until 12 hours later.

Meanwhile, American GI's were dying to protect South Vietnamese democracy.

Meanwhile, American poverty and education were being neglected because American tax dollars were being spent to protect South Vietnamese democracy.

Meanwhile, the Viet Cong were at least doing their own fighting.

Is this any way for the United States' to run either a foreign or a domestic policy?

You bet it's not.

Caution About Caution

A student should not try "to change things at the expense of his own study time," Dean of Men James O. Cansler told a group of student politicians Sunday night.

These remarks, and others, by an important member of the administration are disturbing, particularly at such a time in the University's history as now.

Students now are beginning to doubt the worth of the education they are receiving here. They are spending their money and efforts to improve the quality and relevance of the education they receive. And now, this member of the Administration is telling students they should differentiate in their goals between "constructive innovations and irresponsible claims," and make sure they cast a true image on the state.

For a student who is interested in educational reform and has been seeking it as quietly and responsibly as the ones here have, these remarks by the dean of men must make them feel very frustrated with their methods.

When the student using conservative means is met in his efforts by more requests that he be conservative and slow, he can feel awfully discouraged.

Cansler asks that students cast a true image, but what he seems to be doing is asking them to cast merely a more conservative one, one which will necessitate their channelling their strong feelings about change into a method of attack which-because of its conservatism-would tend to distort the true strength of their opinion.

Rather than trying to contain student enthusiasm the Dean should try to explain to the people outside the University that the students' interest in change is genuine, that it comes after much thought, and that it is constructive.

Students would feel much more content with their present methods of working within the University system if they knew the Administration was working with them to get their point across to the state-rather than urging them to be more cautious than they already



Letters To The Editor

Once More ... The Arabs

To The Editor:

I read with interest and care the responses to my letter which appeared in the Daily Tar Heel on Dec. 12, 1967.

Those responses were significant because I meant for my letter to initiate a scientific and free exchange of facts and opinions aimed at clarifying the pasic aspects of the Middle East situation, and it always adds to the value of such an exchange to have all sides represented.

One thing disappointed me, however, which is the fact that most of the "other side responses" were not as scientific as I had hoped for them to be.

I do not intend to comment on every remark or counter every charge that was made in any one of these responses, but I would like to make some general remarks that would express my opinions and take care of the above mentioned responses as a whole.

I AM NOT A war advocate; like most Arabs, I am a firm believer in love and a lover of peace. I also cherish a cardinal principle-honored by many great Americans—that there can be no peace without justice.

WE BELIEVE IN prophetic Judaism. I have some Jewish friends whom I esteem and respect.

I am not trying to provoke a conflict between Jews and non-Jews in America. But I am certainly aiming at in-

dicating what Zionism is. Zionism is completely distinct from Judaism. Judaism is a Divine religion and

Zionism is a political ideology that makes use of certain ideas prevalent among Zionism objectives of domination, its

strategies and tactics—as laid down in the "Zionist Protocols" in August, 1897 in Switzerland-are in complete contradiction with the teachings of

These were the main reason for the unthinkable and inhuman crimes committed by the Nazis against European Jews, for they were in conflict with Hitler's own objectives of the dominance of the Arian race.

They led Rabbi Moshe Menuhin-a born Jewish American citizen - to write in The Los Gatos Times, Saratoga Observer, Aug. 31, 1967:... 'Jewish nationalism . . . the 'Jewish nationalists-the new specimen of fighting Jews-are not Jews as far as I am concerned but Jewish Nazis who have lost all sense of Jewish morality and humani-

Anti-Zionism is not Anit-Semitism.

THE STATEMENTS ABOUT the "evil deeds committed by the Zionists against the Arabs of Palestine that are comparable to the crimes committed by the Nazis against Jews are a part of

They were not mine, they are excerpts from writings by noted historians and honest men-some of whom are Jews.

THE STATUS-QUO argument: Isnt it ironic that some people deny the Palstinean Arabs their rights to return and be compensated in full simply because Israel has existed in the area for almost 20 years and-at the same time-argue that the Jews had the right to establish a national homeland in Palestine-even on the ruins of the State of Palestine-because they lived in the area some 1400 years ago?

ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONIST Policy: The following quotation appeared in Newsweek, Dec. 25, 1967:

"Last summers Arab-Israeli war was hardly two hours old when Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan took to the radio to proclaim "we have no aims of teritorial conquest.

But in the six days that followed 26,000 square miles of Arab territory fell under Israeli control.

In the first flush of victory, Israeli press referred to the conquests as the "captured territories."

That phrase, however, soon gave way to "occupied territories" which in turn was replaced by: "liberated territories"

and, more recently, Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has begun to talk blandly of "Greater Israel." Israel went ahead and annexed the Holy city of Jerusalem in definance to a unanimous U.N. resolution.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS of Israel: It is never mentioned that those achievements would have been impossible without the massive economic aid to Israel by the western countries-and the U.S. in particular-for which no Arab country is elligible. The per capita share in Israel from American aid averages to 60 dollars per year-and reached in one year \$150-while it did not exceed \$3 in African and Latin American countries. Furthermore, some Arab countries have notable achievements in the field of economic development; for example, the U. A.R. has finished building the High Dam which is one of the four largest dams in the world and has parallel accomplishments in industry.

ISRAEL IS NOT assimilating the Arab refugeles-or it simply would not be a Jewish state anymore—and has even put restrictions on the return of those who fled after the last war.

WHY IS IT ALWAYS the Arab military build-up that threatens peace in the Middle East but not the Israeli?

MR. E. SARVERS letter contained-among other distortions-an assertion that I can only, in all respect, call it a lie; namely that radio broadcasts from Cairo urged the total annihilation of all Jews. I am an Egyptian who has listened to Radio Cairo for more than 20 years and have never heard of such nonsense. What Radio Cairo always urged is the restoration of the rights of the Palestinean Arabs. I deeply regret it that someone, who identifies himself with the Department of Political Science, would use such an approach in a discussion that

was meant to be scientific.

TO RECAPITULATE, was it not a grave mistake to relieve the troubled Jews of Europe only by inflicting the same kind of misery and suffering on a larger number of human beings who were living in the State of Palestine? This sad and grave mistake resulted in the tragedy of the Arab refugees, and their miserable state of affairs is-in my opinion-the basic issue. Nothing whatsoever of significant consequenses was done to alleviate the problem and Israel has brazenly flouted a U.N. resolution in 1948-that has been affirmed more than once since then-which gives to every refugee the right to return to his Homeland and be compensated for his lost property.

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Letters Old Hat

To The Editor: Would it be possible to register a mild

protest at the somewhat extensive and extended proportion of space your newspaper has given the exchange between the two brands of semitic truth in the long (very long) immediate past? If the disputants wish to continue their fling in an equally constructive manner, perhaps the N.R.O.T.C. could be prevailed upon to issue arms to both sides and a march arranged at Emerson Field. If their markmansship is anything like their letter writing they will be shooting past each other so that no great harm should ensue, while relieving the rest of us of an ever growing sense of ennui toward things mid-eastern.

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Letters

Carson Is No Fool

To The Editor:

Obviously the author of the editorial in the "Tar Heel" of Feb. 2 failed to make a careful analysis of the possibilities for Johnny Carson's attitude towards Jim Garrison a few nights ago. Of course, the editors view of the fall of the "Prince" may be well founded. It could be that Carson really did "blow his cool by doggedly contradicting Garrison when it was plain that Carson was in the worng.

In view of this possibility, I would propose another. I am of the opinion that Carson deliberately made himself an ass. I am not presuming that Carson could come out on top in a debate with Garrison anyway, but I do think Carson took his stand in an effort to portray the majority ofpeople in America who don't really know anything about Garrisons investigation of Kennedy's assassination. In taking an argumentative stand against Garrison, Carson made Garrison bring his evidence to light much more clearly and convincingly: thereby making the interview more interesting. By acting the fool, Carson actually helped Garrison, and made the interview more revealing

In refuting the possibility of the editor's article, I would present the following as reasons First Johnny Carson is obviously a very smart man and knows his business well. How else could he become the "demigod of the late T.V. world. . . ?" It seems reasonable that such a man would not take a plainly ignorant stand which would endanger his prestige without a reason. Secondly, it is the job of an impressario such as Carson to make his interviews not only interesting, but also revealing and informative. Jim Garrison and his case are not a combination to be dealt with in the jovial manner characteristic of the "Tonight Show."

I am not taking away from Garrison's argument at all in this letter. His case is clearly a significant and well-substantiated one. I do, however, disagree with the editors view of Mr. Carson's attempted W.F. Buckley techniques. Mr. Carson definitely had the idea of getting Garrison to review his case from the lawyer's standpoint, in order to make the evidence presented clearer and more informative.

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Pass-Fail Reduces Fear

By MIKE McGEE

Theres one thing that really turns me on at this school now. Its the pass-fail system. I took one course under the new system last semester, and it was just beautiful. Made me see that half the sweating over tests and exams is psychological. I found myself doing the work because it was there rather than through absolute necessity, and learning just as much as I have in any course. No regrets or unpleasant memories about that course. It was really a load off my fear mechanism for the whole

There's no need to brown-nose or butter up the instructor, either, because theres none of that "maybe he'll give me an A instead of a B if I do this or that. Its good for the integrity of students and professors alike. As a matter of fact, all those little tricks become immediately

Also, professors should be able to grade more quickly at the end of the semester. If 50% of the class is on passfail, he can just read over the final exams and if they look "ok" give a P. No deep mulling or soul-searching except in border-line cases.

Now I can take Political Science, which I like but inevitably make Cs in, and still keep my average up. Hmmm. . . . maybe next semester III take differential calculus.

HEART TRANSPLANTS are on their way to becoming a fad, as soon as they iron out all the bugs. Just like the old hula hoop. No self-respecting sorority girl will allow herself to get through another semester without a heart transplant. Vendors will be plying the streets shouting, "New hearts for old! Childrens dolls will come equipped with removable hearts. Ben Casey will transfer from neurology to heart

Love will be revolutionized. No longer

will boys and girls going steady exchange high shool rings. They'll change hearts to prove their love. . . Then the surgeons will have to work the bugs out of the yearly transplant.

A South African court will rule that a white man who has the heart of a Negro also has the soul of a Negro, so he must live in the Colored section of town.

EVERYBODY THESE days is yelling for negotiations between Washington and Hanoi, I think we ought to look closer to home for the first step. Lets have some preliminary, practice negotiations here in the US. Sort of like the regional playofis in the national basketball cham-

On one team would be the President. the State Department, and the Defense Department. On the other side would be intellectuals and the war policy dissenters. It seems to me that if you can't have rational discussions in this country, where we're not even shooting at each other, how can you expect to have them between the beliigerant powers? All the screaming and hollering just generates deeper hostilities on both

We could select a neutral site, such as Camp David or Chapel Hill, and put Johnson and Rusk and Clifford, plus their administrative assistants and undersecretaries, on one side of a table, and Dr. Spock and his boys, Martin Luther King, and Lou Lipsitz on the other side on the table, and just let them talk, talk, talk. At the end of the conference a joint statement of policy would be issued.

I'll bet you would get tons of diatribe and polemic from both sides. Maybe though, at the end each side would be more ready to make concessions to the

Its funny, the obstacles to rational

THE PARKING problem on this campus for those who drive to class is really

insane. Have you ever been driving to campus, all ready for your ten o'clock class, only to discover to your horror that there IS NO PARKING PALCE: What do you do? Either give up and go home, or park illegaly. The only way to get a parking place less than thirty minutes walk for your class is to get there before eight

o'clock. That's just in time for your ten o'clock class.

What this town needs is a good bus service. Lots of towns in North Carolina with less than 15,000 people have a city bus service. And here we are a big city of 30,000, with an effective radius stretching from West Carrboro to Eastgate. I guess the city fathers are too busy working out new ways to give parking tickets and charge ten cents an hour for meters to think of that. Buses might cost them a few dollars, and they are engaged only in

schemes productive of revenue. An alterntive might be for University to request the state to buy them some yellow schoolbuses. Even the most backwater public secondary school has a whole fleet of schoolbuses. Why shouldn't the public institutions of higher education have the same privilege? They could get student drivers, and run about a dozen different routes hourly in the mornings and evenings. Even if they had to buy the schoolbuses, and they could probably get them secondhand, it would be cheaper than a multilevel parking

AFTER READING the above section my roommate commented that Duke, almost completely a residential college, has free, ah say free bus service between their East Campus and West Campus. They have about a dozen buses that do nothing but go back and forth over the mile or two stretch.

He said that when he first went there six years ago they had the same buses, but charged a dime a trip. It seems that it was solely through student pressure that they stopped charging for the ride.