

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## DTH Endorsements

### Wayne Hurder, Editor

We endorse Wayne Hurder for editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

We are doing so after lengthy consideration. The decision to do so is based on our opinion that Hurder is the candidate who more fully comprehends the job.

In many areas, both the candidates boast strikingly similar qualifications: both have worked on the paper, both can claim support from a segment of the staff, both have the professional experience to enable them to produce a newspaper.

Hurder, however, comes to the election with fuller qualifications, and a broader concept of what this newspaper should be.

First, and most important, Hurder views The Daily Tar Heel as a complete package, instead of as separate pages. And if the paper is going to best serve this campus, it must be a coherent blend of news, features, sports and editorials. Hurder seems to be the candidate who has enough of an overview of the paper to accomplish this.

Further, North Carolina and the South as a whole—including Chapel Hill—have problems and idiosyncracies peculiar to the region. To be an effective editor of a Southern newspaper, one must be able to not only understand these problems from a text-book viewpoint, but must be able to empathize with them.

Hurder, because of his background—especially as a reporter on the Alabama-based Southern Courier during the turbulent early 1960s—has a fuller orientation to the South, its problems and its personality.

He also more fully understands

the strength of the ties between this University and state and local government. He plans to widen coverage of both state affairs and Chapel Hill-Carrboro town government, for example. This is valuable to the students to the same degree that the town government affects their lives—as it does in areas of zoning for fraternity-sorority houses and Granville Tower-like residence halls.

Another thing which Hurder has going for him is a understanding of the average students on this campus. He knows their problems and is sympathetic with them.

While fully realizing and understanding the importance of educational reform, of the subtleties of student power, and of the problems going on in the development of libraries for residence colleges, Wayne Hurder also has a commitment to the problems of parking spaces, intramural fields and such.

He is at one time sophisticated enough to treat incisively the issues of a changing academic scene, and nitty-gritty enough to understand that the smaller issues are also important to student life here.

In short, Wayne Hurder is the more well-rounded of the two candidates: he has experience in every phase of newspapering from sports writing to being managing editor, he has the savvy to understand the inter-relationship between an intramural softball game, a curriculum change and a town planning board decision: and he has a commitment to the paper, the University and the region.

He has what it takes to be editor.

### Jed Dietz, President

The Daily Tar Heel is once again endorsing Jed Dietz for president of the student body.

We did so previously on the day of the first Student Government election, saying then that we thought Dietz towered above the other three candidates.

We do so now because that belief not only continues, but further has been buttressed by both additional consideration of the campaign and issues, and by another look at Dietz' opposition.

Jed Dietz, we repeat, is the better candidate for the student body presidency because he can get more things done for the students.

Although his platform doesn't promise as much as his opponents, there is a far better chance that those things it does promise will be realized.

First, Dietz' platform is one grounded in his past. The same things he is advocating as a presidential candidate are the same things he has worked for as a student legislator and as vice president of the student body. He believes in what he is saying.

His opponent, on the other hand, was given his platform by his party's leaders. Although the candidate has been active in student government, he has never come forward to champion such causes as those he lists in his campaign literature.

Further, the second reason Dietz' platform is more appealing is that it is feasible. What Dietz is saying he'll do, can be done. The opposition platform, though, is en-

tering voters by such promises that classes will be abolished and so one—which is absurd.

The personality of the two candidates must also be considered as crucial to their would-be performance in office, especially as this personality factor will affect their leadership of the students and their ability to control their aides.

Dietz is by far the more charismatic of the two. For three years now he has lent his leadership to the progressive factions of this student body—and it has been gladly accepted.

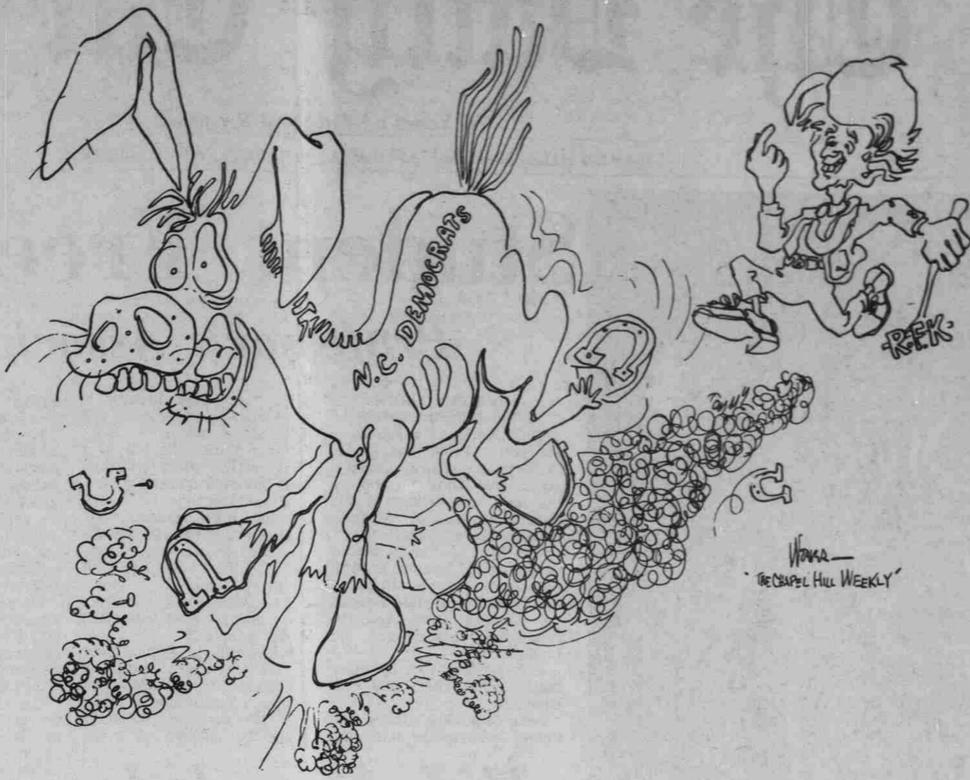
Furthermore, Dietz is in control of his candidacy—and will be of the presidency—as his opponent is not.

The very platform his opponent is running on is one not even of his own choosing: instead it was handed to him—and received reluctantly—after being molded by non-candidate party leadership.

It is this same leadership who would attempt to control the student body presidency should Dietz be defeated. Basing a prediction on the opponent's track record, this would probably be the case.

Also, there has been much talk about Dietz' being the epitome of the campus politico

All it takes to refute this argument, however, is to recall the adage about birds of a feather, and then glance over at the anti-Dietz camp: they're all there, the hacks with oak-leaf clusters who have been doing most of the yelling about Dietz's being so politico-ish.



## Letters To The Editor

### Rational Extremism

To The Editor:

Friday morning during the class moratorium the faithful who gathered in McCorkle Place were presented with a remarkable oratorical melange ranging (during the hour of my observation) from the persuasive and pithy rhetoric of Mr. Ogelsby through Mr. Beecher to a poetic Santa Claus whose muse failed to stem the departing tides gathered for one of his predecessors on stage, Mrs. Cleveland Sellers. It is Mrs. Sellers' monologue with which I briefly wish to take issue.

She began by stating deferentially what proved to be the salient conclusion I was able to draw from her entire address: 'I really don't know what to say to you today.' She railed against the passive whites standing before her with all the logical validity and continuity of A.E. Neuman, concluding that: 1. If white, then middle class. 2. If white then racist. 3. If white and collegiate then reactionary. 4. If white then OKAY. 5. If white then They. 6. If white, then Establishment. 7. If white then by definition Bad-Patronizing-Purblind leering miscegenationists etc ad nauseum.

The current of her argument as filtered through Mr. Carmichael ('Starmichael, to us, 'cause he's our Star') and Mr. Brown long ago became a dreaded knell in the ears of her audience. As Mr. McLuhan's predictions of electronicism and environment control grow increasingly manifest we hear her variety of insanity more and more. And more and more it appropriates to itself the last ding-dong of doom' as it feeds on its own latterly realized and belatedly grasped freedom.

To deny the mournful catalogue of transgressions by my people of her people, to attempt refutation of what discernible points she made, in short, to disagree with a distilled, slightly more cogent version of her 'New Negro Revolutionary Rhetoric' is foolhardy in addition, I take it, to being flatly wrong. But to capitulate to the apocalyptic conclusions she drew, culminating with her parting swipe, '...we gonna win' is sheer madness and worse, insipid cowardice. The spellbinding effect of black-and-tan jive talk with 'digging my thing', and 'blowing a cool head' and 'this cat...that cat', in combination with a startling irrationality left the largely white audience perfectly supine, penitent and head-hanging like a field of abashed poppies properly excoriated. The anchorites applauded heartily. Surely an explanation could be gleaned from Davie hall, though I suggest one if less scientific then making up in succinctness for its lack of data: Expiation. Mass propitiation of African Ares cleverly invoked by illogical Jaberwocky. Marshall

McLuhan, Demosthenes and Edward Lear streamrolling from the mouth of a (self-stated) 98 lb lady whose husband is in jail for defending that in which he most believes: freedom for his people. And, though she will never believe it, so do a number of her Friday morning contrite supplicants, however white, however object.

Her ramblings smacked of revolutionary fatalism ('the real fighters get arrested or killed early...') differing not a whit from the emanating from Cuba, China, South America and Colonial North America in the course of history. Point: If her intention is to warn, to declare war, to state her side's irreconcilable animosity toward the 'white liberal', to render explicit the irrelevance of sanity, then her point is well taken and her selection of medium most appropriate. If these intentions are

overdrawn above, if analysis, empathy, money, action and a cognate sense of emergency remain relevant then her Hydra's regenerative factor is imminently self-destructive.

The objections I raise are the inanity of impassioned magniloquence (here so profoundly exemplified) and the compensatory self-reproach of docile waterspansels. Mass group therapy in psychic retribution. GADZOOKS. The cause is

'glorious' its implementation, interminable. I am afraid my conscience though far from clear (to employ understatement) with regard to her people's tragedy, demands rather a more rational variety of extremism than Mrs. Sellers', and a less feckless variety than my fellow onlookers.

George Wolfe  
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### Contrast: Kennedy, McCarthy

To The Editor:

Last Friday a group of students from several schools in North Carolina traveled by bus and car to Evansville, Indiana, to work for Senator McCarthy. The trip and the work involved with it were extremely valuable for me, as a student and as a McCarthy supporter. Too often there is little which students can do in the field of public affairs, and classes are unfortunately rarely informative and inspirational enough to challenge students. For this reason, students must look beyond their classrooms if they wish to learn about and combat poverty, apathy, corruption and bigotry. Those of us who met and talked with the voters of Evansville saw these problems, and came a little closer to helping erase them than if we had stayed in Chapel Hill.

While campaigning for McCarthy, we went from door to door, offering information as well as gathering it, and discussing the issues with those who would listen. The work was hard, because of the problems I mentioned above. The poorest voters have been neglected by public officials, and their lack of education makes them easy targets for those who in Evansville stay in power through corruption. Some of the voters said that they couldn't vote for McCarthy because they were employed by the city, and were told to vote for another candidate. Money had been deducted from their pay to finance certain campaigns, and they had been told that their votes in the primary would be known. These methods prevented many voters from choosing candidates in past elections, and they are being used not only in Evansville, but in the communities in which we live and vote.

The largest problem we faced was apathy. It is true that votes are not always effective, but they usually have some power, and this power is constantly lost wherever voters are apathetic. Civil rights legislation and progress need massive attention and action, which is lacking in every community.

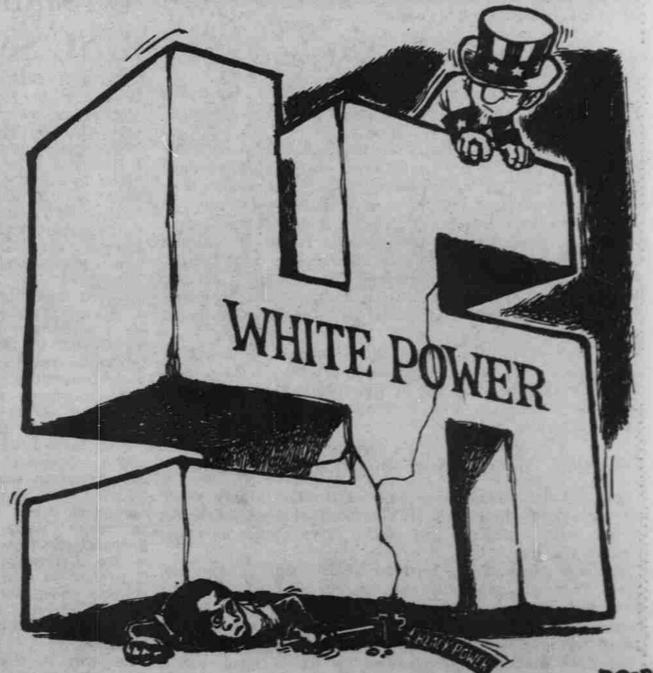
These problems were not the only things which I encountered in Evansville. Each worker learned more about the process of electing public officials. The differences between the campaigns of Senators Kennedy and McCarthy were numerous, and I hope I'm not too pre-

judiced in noting some of them. The Kennedy workers arrived in Evansville in spacious buses, and stayed in hotels. We McCarthy volunteers traveled in buses and drove hundreds of miles in private cars, and slept on tile floors of churches and on the floors of the McCarthy headquarters in "flophouse" style. The Kennedy workers came from Illinois, and were paid for their time. We came from Illinois, Memphis and Salem College, and were not paid. Senator Kennedy is an able man, but if you want to know about Senator McCarthy, come to one of the campus meetings, or journey to Indiana, where Kennedy has spent two million dollars to insure his victory. If you detest

both candidates, there are voters in Chapel Hill to be met, and millions of poor people who are seeking support here and in Washington.

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