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HHH—Darling Of The South

The mind of a Southerner is phenomenal, to say the least. The appeal of Vice President Hubert Humphrey to the Southern conference of governors held last week in St. Louis is only another example of this.

Unquestionably profiting from the aura of good feeling that lately has swelled up around the retiring President, not only in the South but the whole nation, Humphrey will declare his political ambition at a 1 P.M. press conference today. Humphrey, too, benefits from an evident backlash against Bobby Kennedy, his leading opponent for the Democratic nomination in August. The Southern backlash also extends to

Eugene McCarthy who, along with Kennedy, is considered a radical and an exponent of a sell-out in Vietnam.

To the Southern ear, Kennedy's words, at best, take on a compelling note; McCarthy's, a clever one. But it is Humphrey whose words are most reassuring. He makes the others seem, in comparison, almost dangerous agents of change, something that seems to rival the steadfastness and utter stubbornness of the Solid South. To show the naivety of one Southern governor, Lester Maddox of Georgia, take his reply when interrogated about Humphrey's chances. He proclaimed, "I am sure that Humphrey can and will carry the South." When asked about Robert Kennedy's

potentiality, he replied, "I didn't know he was in the race." Quite remarkable considering the Harris poll showed Kennedy in command of 37% while Humphrey trailed with 24.

The group of seventeen governors, led by John Connally of Texas, has called the governors conference as a strategy meeting to rally support to the Vice-President. On paper, their emphasis is unity and a noncommittal decision about who they would support for the Presidency. But expressed sentiment for Humphrey was freely voiced. It seems that Humphrey now has endorsements from Louisiana's moderate Governor John McKeithen who only a

few short weeks ago was thought to be siding with Wallace. Now, he is being considered a possible running mate for Humphrey. Oklahoma's Senator Fred Harris, once rumored Bobby's running mate, has also come over to Hubert. Maddox has even proposed a Hubert Humphrey-Mendel Rivers ticket, Rivers being a South Carolinian.

What makes all this quite phenomenal is that only yesterday Humphrey was anathema to the South's unregenerate segregationists. It was he who precipitated one of the greatest rifts in the Democratic Party—the Dixiecrat walkout at the convention of 1948—an event caused by Humphrey's spirited defense of a civil rights plank in Truman's platform. This dissension split the Democratic ticket in the election and was believed to have permanently maimed Truman. But J. Strom Thurmond, the Democrat leader now turned Dixiecrat leader, carried only Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Also it was Humphrey who ardently pushed through the Civil Rights Bill of 1964. Majority leader of the Senate at the time he utilized all his zeal in foiling the Southern debate to block passage of the bill.

But the South seems to have forgotten all the criticism and vindictive abuse they characterized him with in former days. Who was once the vanguard of liberalism has now become the torch carrier of conservatism and unity in the Southern eye.

Perhaps Southern leaders are merely grasping at straws. It seems reasonable to speculate that they will play a much more persuasive role at the convention if they are all solidly behind one candidate. But it still seems quite noteworthy that the South, in less than three weeks, should expressly favor Humphrey as the great conciliator the candidate best calculated to bind up the wounds of a troubled nation, a divided Party, and a new South. Perhaps the days in the good ole South have changed, but not the methods of its citizens. Many times they act before they think and it might do well for them to reappraise Vice-President Humphrey's ultra-liberalism so recently recast in spontaneous conservatism.

Southerners themselves seemed astonished at their phenomenal about-face. One Texan expressed what many seemed to think, "I never expected to see the day in Texas when Humphrey is the conservative candidate for the Democratic nomination."

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Students Must Prove Bus System Feasible

A transportation system for the campus is finally within sight. Buses will be running around campus for two weeks starting Monday to determine whether there is enough demand for them.

For residents of James, Morrison, Ehringhaus, and Craige the bus system offers the first major improvement in South Campus life since South Campus was started.

For South Campus residents it means they can make it to more classes in the rain or during the winter without catching pneumonia.

It will mean students can make it into town occasionally to shop or can visit the library at times other than when they usually go on campus for classes.

And for the residents of South Campus, about 90 per cent male, it means that sister dorms will be more than just a place a mile away. The busses will make mixers more successful and make it possible for girls to visit the men's dorms to study. Easy transportation between the dorms will enable the two sexes to meet on more informal grounds.

The bus system can mean a lot, if its proved feasible in the next two weeks. The experiment will be conducted for two weeks to make sure that in the first week students are riding the bus just because it's a novelty.

Therefore it's important that students take advantage of the buses. It's warm out now and students may find it more pleasurable to walk. If that's the case remember what it's going to be next Decem-

ber when it's cold and rainy out. If you think you'll want the bus system then, trying riding it during the next couple of weeks. The bus system is your key to an improved life here on campus and must be proved profitable during the trial period.

Have A Bloody Good Time

GM is requesting that students not bring containers into the roped off area of Fetzer Field during Jubilee.

Although most of us enjoy drinking things in containers during Jubilee we should try to respect GM's request.

Broken glass, the pop-tops off beer cans, and such can hurt. And in an area which gets as much use throughout the year as Fetzer Field these things can be particularly dangerous.

Efforts will be made to clean up the field after Jubilee but it is never possible to clean up little bits of broken glass or the pop-tops. Therefore, the best way to prevent injuries to people, is to get rid of the source of the injuries, ban containers from the area.

That's what GM is doing and that's why you shouldn't take containers in the area.

And if you do insist on bringing bottles and beer cans into the area, have a bloody good time, okay?

We are the G.M. Jubilee selection staff. Each year we select groups that are more gross than the year before.

To end it up, Nelson Eddie will sing Shortening Bread 14 times on Fetzer Field.

Great!

Wash Tubbs Jug Band...

Fore-square Gospel Singers...

Next year we'll perform ourselves.

I'm great with a comb & tissue paper.

STRAIGHT TO THE DAILY TAR HEEL

Letters To The Editor

Columbia Demonstrators Wrong

To the Editor: Your May 1 editorial on the situation at Columbia University can be described as misinformed at best. The original issue at stake, the construction of a gymnasium at the edge of the Columbia University campus, could have been solved by lawful and orderly means, the means by which the problems arising from the expansion of all other public institutions are resolved.

Instead, a small minority of the student body, accompanied by a small group of nonstudents, deliberately seized five campus buildings, prevented the holding of classes, and completely disrupted the normal operation of the university. Most members of this group made no pretense of hiding their own contempt of both the university and the democracy in which they lived. Open admiration of the guerrilla warfare tactics of the international murder, Che Guevara, was frequently expressed.

In the refusal of a general amnesty for this illegal act, the disruption would have continued indefinitely. The only alternative for the administration to insure the return to academic freedom, and the pursuit of genuine learning, was to call the police to stop the illegal disruption of the university.

Your editorial raises the issue of police brutality. This charge is as yet unproved, and remains a mere accusation at present. It should be noted that "police brutality" has become the standard cry of those who are being hindered from pursuing brutal revolutionary dictatorship. If the police are, in fact,

unduly brutal, the necessary changes should be made in police methods.

The charge of racism was made. However, even if proved true, it must be possible to satisfy the aspirations of the Afro-American people in Harlem, and in the United States in general, without the use of tactics that can only spread decay and demoralization in a society that is faced with the challenge of two communist superpowers in the quest for world power.

The only genuinely honorable course for your newspaper to take would be to support the necessary and proper removal of the unruly group demonstrating its illegal intentions.

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Jubilee Is Religious

To the Editor: As at Christmas, we are admonished to remember the true spirit of the season, so it behooves us during this weekend of conspicuous tastelessness to reflect upon the original significance of Jubilee as found in Leviticus 25:8-18: "And thou shalt number unto thee seven sabbaths of years, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. "Then shalt thou cause the trumpet

of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

"A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow; neither reap that which growth of itself; nor gather the grapes of it of thy vine undressed.

"For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the fields.

"In the year of this jubilee, ye shall return every man unto his possession.

"And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyest ought of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not oppress one another.

"Ye shall not therefore oppress one another: but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord thy God.

"Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

"And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

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Joe Sanders

People Pay Only Lip Service To The Dying God Of Idealism

Last semester a learn-in about Vietnam in Memorial Hall barely filled three rows while speakers discussed the morals issues of the War. Likewise, the Wednesday afternoon peace vigil has become a permanent, almost unnoticed fixture on Franklin Street. The hawks merely pass by with a smirk and the large mass of the inactive walk past feeling slightly uncomfortable in the face of the protestors' commitment.

The moratorium—great turnout, huh? I've seen more people in a Saturday morning Psych. class.

For the hawks the moral issue on Vietnam is the halting of aggression and the protection of liberty personified by Gen. Ky.

For the doves the moral issue is the killing and burning of civilians and America's stature as a world policeman.

But the moral debates elicit yawns most quarters. Idealists just aren't realistic.

"Oh, I was idealistic when I was your age, but idealism just doesn't work," a middle aged mother said to her son. "You can't go through life being unrealistic."

And her husband lets all the arguments on ideology slide by. "When you come right down to it, we're just protecting our interests over there, don't you think?"

Sometimes it's frightening to wonder when the grand disillusionment is going to come. As we slip helplessly into middle age the realistic rejection of idealism will creep over us like the wrinkles that can't be stopped from spreading.

Tennessee Williams wrote something about a little girl with candles reflected in her eyes. Soon the candles would

go out and be replaced with electric lights and then she would see all too clearly.

Idealism today is like a useless god that we reverse and bow to, but don't count on to get us out of trouble. Like God himself, who has been dead ever since people have killed and justified it on one ground or another, or stolen in clever ways that do not involve face-to-face confrontation.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill." "...but idealism just doesn't work."

It is difficult to avoid being bitter, now about the expected disenchantment. One day we'll be the Babbitts who had grand moral ideals in college but who somehow ended up overcharging on real estate (or clothes, to use an example closer at hand).

The candles will go out and the lights will come on. Its like awaiting execution.

Candidates Leave Much Unanswered

North Carolinians go to the polls today to begin narrowing down the number of candidates for governor.

For Republicans and Democrats the choice will be difficult to make. The Republicans are fortunate in that they have an idea of what their candidates stand for. They have a young conservative who has opened his mouth so much and has been so loud that most people know something about him. Opposing him is an old party hand who has explained his stands with less noise and more maturity.

For the Republicans the big problem in deciding who to vote for is whether they want a person who has a good chance next fall, the young Jim Gardner, or the 65-year-old Jack Stickley.

On the Democratic side things are more confusing. The two top men of the party, Mel Broughton and Bob Scott, have skirted the many issues that black candidate Reginald Hawkins brought up in his campaign.

Instead the two sons of former governors dwelled on the need for law and order, better roads, and better teacher salaries, things no one would deny were needed. Hawkins, on the contrary discussed the need for open housing laws, a tobacco tax to provide revenue for education, a better welfare system, and urged unity among the blacks and poor whites of the state.

Hawkins is counting on white support in order to win the primary but will probably draw only the admiration of the whites for having discussed some relevant issues.

Which all means that either Mel Broughton or Bob Scott will be squaring off with Jack Stickley or Jim Gardner next November.

Whoever wins, this election could mean a lot for the University. During the governorship of Dan Moore the Speaker Ban Law was passed and the Regional Universities set up, using up funds that might have been directed to UNC.

So what's going to happen when one of those four enters office (or Hawkins, the long shot)? Will the new governor seek to strengthen himself politically by spending more money for the regional Universities, at the expense of the pinki-infiltrated Whiskey Hill?

North Carolinians deserve to find out the answer to these questions. The candidates have completely skirted this issue. In the campaign next fall the candidates should speak out, and make it clear whether they want to strengthen the Regional Universities, causing a duplication of efforts and inefficiencies in the state higher education system. We're sure North Carolinians wouldn't mind finding out what kind of governor the state is going to have for the next four years.