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They attack quickly, persistently. Their attacks are not arbitrary; they prefer those with power. The mayor, Board of Aldermen and University officials, these are their favorite targets, as well as those local citizens who are considered to be bordering on the bizarre.

What is this horrid plight from which poor Chapel Hill suffers? Locusts? An invasion from the Internal Revenue Service? Swine flu?

Each semester hundreds of journalism students swarm Chapel Hill in search of story ideas. Approximately five newswriting classes, three feature writing courses and two "how-to-be-a-reporter" classes result in more than 150 UNC School of Journalism students scouring the town each semester. Add to this another four dozen *Daily Tar Heel* staff writers and contributors; a town newspaper partly staffed with journalism students, and various local student publications (such as the School of Journalism's *Journalist*), and the outcome is a scene where town and University officials are interviewed again and again each semester.

WITH THE town's population approximately 40,000 (including 20,000 students), the same people are subject to dozens of interviews; moreover, each interviewee is almost always questioned on the same topic—his work with the town or University, an interesting hobby or a biographical sketch.

For the interviewer, there is but one roadblock in his attempt to interview a prominent town or University official—the secretary.

"May I speak with Mr. Smith?"
"May I ask who is calling?"
"This is Jeff Cohen with the *Daily Tar Heel*."
"Mr. Smith is not in, Mr. Cohen. May I ask what this concerns? Perhaps I

could be of some assistance."

"I would like to talk with Mr. Smith about the growth of the University. Could I set up an appointment?"

"Let me check his schedule. Now today is Monday. He is out of town and will not return until Wednesday, but

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unfortunately he has meetings all day. Thursday he has an out-of-town luncheon. Well, how about the following Monday?"

ONE UNC secretary admitted to screening interviewers. "Often I am able to help them," she said. "I would guess about one in three get in to see the

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Dean."

Yet, in a town where students are the main consumers and at a University which prides itself on being open to students, how do officials feel about the constant demand for interviews, many of which are in reference to the same

topic?

"I probably participate in about two interviews per month," said Doris Betts, the director of Freshman English. "Almost all the interviews are about freshman English or creative writing. Once in a while I'll be interviewed for a biographical sketch. I used to get in the habit of knowing what the interviewer wanted and being able to just rattle off the answer, but I found I was answering before he finished the question. In any case, I enjoy talking with the students. They are usually bright, intelligent people."

If anyone at UNC has been interviewed about the same topic over and over again, it has been Anthony F. Jenzano, director of the Morehead Planetarium since 1960. But Jenzano has not been able to zip off a response by anticipating journalism students' questions.

"I CAN anticipate questions from local television reporters and area newspaper reporters but not with journalism students. Perhaps it is because they are novices. Experienced interviewers have a direction in their interviews, but journalism students come up with a variety of approaches to the interview. I can't always anticipate their questions."

Jenzano admitted that he enjoyed being interviewed by a student more than by an experienced interviewer. "The journalism student is more casual, easier to talk to. He is also more exploratory in his interview and able to get more information. I tend to talk more. The journalism student is not in a rush, and he does not pry information out of you, mostly he listens."

He said that journalism students tend to be very polite in the interviews. "I have never been interviewed by a rude student. Journalism students are over-courteous, conscious of encroaching on your time."

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dean of Student Affairs, "Journalism students are more fun. I enjoy their interviews, and I find that with them I don't hold back."

ANOTHER member of the student affairs office, Ros Hartmann, agreed with Boulton. "Journalism students are easier interviews. They are really working on developing their skills. They are flexible, polite and prepared."

Hartmann also offered an explanation as to why officials enjoy the

topics.

"I have read so many stories on the Gimghoul Castle that I feel like I know every rock out there. And I've probably read 10,000 stories on the Old Well. The topics run in cycles—beach stories in the spring and ski stories in the fall."

SHUMAKER said that since the mayor and Board of Aldermen were a constant source of information for his students, he often requires his classes to attend town meetings. He explained that once, three different news writing classes arrived at a Board of Aldermen meeting, and many townspeople who arrived late were forced to stand. Shumaker said that as a result of that meeting, one of the Aldermen asked him to be more careful in sending students to the meetings.

Another journalism professor said that often at Board of Aldermen meetings there are more journalism students than private citizens, aldermen and others combined. He said that after students started attending school board meetings, the town had to move to a larger meeting place to accommodate all the aspiring journalists.

Chapel Hill Mayor Jim Wallace agreed that the large number of journalism students caused some problems at town meetings. "So many journalism students were coming to Board of Aldermen meetings that we considered moving to a larger place. We even considered asking the University to use Gerrard Hall (a large lecture hall)."

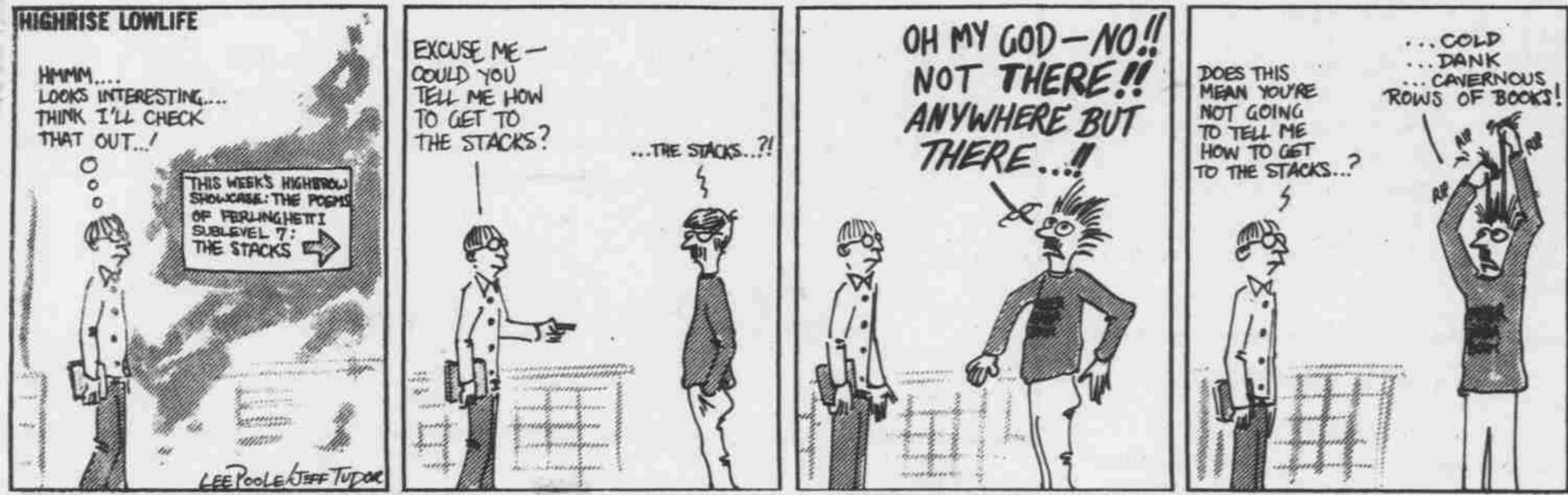
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interviews with students. "The nonjournalism student interview often leaves you frustrated because you want the quotes to be accurate, and you never know what they will print. Maybe I am not as disturbed with a student who is interviewing me for a class because I never see the interview in print."

Journalism instructor Jim Shumaker has taught news and feature writing courses at UNC for quite some time and consequently, knows all the favorite

Beware: J-students unleashed on the town



"WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"

Psalms 2 and Acts 4:25

"THE DEVIL AND EVIL MEN CAN BE CONTROLLED AND HANDLED WHERE YOU LEAN HARD ON THE AUTHORITY OF GOD ALMIGHTY!"

Fifty or more years ago a news item told of a man who ran afoul of law in Canada. At that time Canada had a "whipping post" and a certain fellow due on that post escaped to the U.S.A. It was reported that he stated he would rather remain in this country and be tried for murder than go back home and take their medicine.

God Almighty's Word says whip an evil man — not more than forty stripes — and boys, and if still uncontrollable put them to death.

The first recorded words of The Lord Jesus Christ after His baptism by John Baptist were: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew and Luke 4:4. If you are not striving to learn and live by "EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD ALMIGHTY" you ought to have integrity enough to resign and get out of His Church! If in a position to do so this witness would surely refuse to serve you the Communion Elements at The Lord's Supper! John Calvin said the one who eats and drinks unprepared "swallows the wrath of God!" The Apostle Paul tells us there are some who should be "turned over to Satan" that The Spirit might be saved in the day of The Lord Jesus!

If we find out — and we will — but maybe too late, that a whipping post and gallows faithfully used will soon cut crime to a minimum, doubtless we will fill the bill of those of whom

The Prophet Daniel speaks: "MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE — SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT..." — Daniel 12:2.

We may give our children everything that money can buy, position, popularity, influence, ease, education, pleasure, travel. But if we have not helped them where they would rather die than be false, where they prefer poverty to duty dishonored, where they would rather go hungry than tell a lie, starve than steal, wear rags than be arrayed at the price of duty and duplicity; we are only a cheap counterfeit of parenthood!"

If your parents do not bring you to the place where you would rather die than be false, where you prefer poverty to duty dishonored, where you would rather go hungry than tell a lie, starve than steal, wear rags than be arrayed at the price of duty and duplicity, The Lord Jesus Christ will surely do so if you hear Him call and answer:

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME: FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS, FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT!" Matthew 11:27-30.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED! BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD!" Matthew 5:6, 8.

"BE READY WHEN HE COMES AGAIN: HE IS COMING AGAIN SO SOON!"

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