

# Isolated W. German terrorist groups have no connection with students

The column entitled "West Germany paralyzed by youthful terrorists" (Oct. 4) is one of the most misleading stories I've read in the *DTH* this year.

The "youthful terrorists" that Peter Hapke haphazardly throws in the same pot with left-wing students have, in fact, no connection with any student movement whatsoever. While some students may oppose tightening security measures themselves, they have little sympathy for the terrorist actions of the Red Army Faction.

Having just returned from a year at the Free University in Berlin (reputedly one of the most left-wing of Germany's universities), I can say that students are nowhere near the boiling point. Actually, just as in the U.S., they have cooled down a lot since the activist days of the late 60s and early 70s. Any suggestion by Hapke that the actions of an isolated terrorist group could bring on a full-scale student revolution is simply absurd.

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participating in terrorist activities though in fact the students are not connected with the Baader-Meinhof gang.

I was very pleased to read the letter of Edward Heyman, whose analysis excellently describes the real coherence of terrorism, government and society.

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## Come off throne

To the editor:

The regulations on lofts in dorm rooms were supposed to be sent out on Sept. 26. It is now 11 days later, and Condie is still holding us up. It is time for Condie to come off his throne and do his job.

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## Insult to injury

To the editor:

Southern Bell has now added the final

Write this address: Mr. Hugh A. Wells, Executive Director; Public Staff, N.C. Utilities Commission; P.O. Box 991, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

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## A 'young schooler'

To the editor:

Call me obnoxious, burnt-out and incoherent. Make fun of me. Laugh until your elitist head bursts. Go ahead, I can take it. Because, you see, I'm a "young schooler." I've been where you have not. I'm "hep" to what's really happening.

Obviously the statements of D. C. Malle concerning marijuana were written by some intolerant law-and-order buff attempting to mislead those who have never experienced the drug. Any intelligent effort to persuade citizens as to the true facts on a social issue would surely have relied on U.S. research findings. A German study has only slight relevance to American marijuana smokers (unless it reveals new ways to acquire that very potent German hashish). And for those who have never tried marijuana, a German study should be only of intellectual import.

Can an ex-policeman from Georgia really enlighten the UNC student body, one of the most heterogeneous mixes of attitudes and practices around? I would suggest he observe the antics of UNC alumni on football weekends if he really wants to describe abuse of body and mind; otherwise, we should be spared his brand of inductive logic.

So as you write your commentaries on life and tell pothead jokes, just remember that the majority of research on marijuana — in the U.S. and elsewhere — has given the noble weed a clean bill of health. Marijuana does not turn your brain to grits, but large doses of "D.C.M." do.

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## Glad to be a Grit

To the editor:

As a former Dukie, happily turned Grit, let me applaud the very appropriate action of the Carolina Cutie in the Intimate

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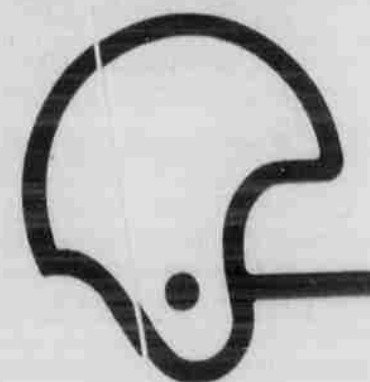
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Bookshop. If this was such an offensive sight for the three Duke Sweeties, I hope in the future they'll just stay over in Durham (more commonly known as the Armpit of the South) with their "Duke gentlemen." They can have their stuck-up, spoiled brats; I'll take the more humble, friendly, fun-loving Grits over here in the Southern Part of Heaven.

I'd rather be in Chapel Hill any day.

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## letters to the editor

To the editor:

I read with growing astonishment the article about West Germany by Peter Hapke in the *DTH* last Tuesday. Was that the same country which I left seven weeks ago? Did the students return earlier from their vacation to become murderers and to make the revolution? Does W. Germany stand before a civil war? Peter Hapke drew this picture probably because of ignorance of the actual situation. From this article I'm sure that many American students have gotten the wrong impression about German students' supposed involvement in terroristic activities.

There exists no relationship between the students and the Baader-Meinhof group and the Red Army Faction, the groups who are responsible for the murders of Ponto, Buback and Drenckmann, except the fact that many members of both groups are former drop-out students without any basis in the universities. The student governments do not even support the ideological ideas of the terrorists; just the opposite, students express their disapproval of these kinds of "revolutionary strategies."

Indeed the German students are "angry" about the attempt to clamp down on the liberal movement, but these attempts of the government cannot be justified by the assertion that the campuses are a breeding ground for radicals. However, the government's goal is to cut off the critical movement of its politics at the universities. It tries to denounce the students for

insult to our consumer senses. On Aug. 18 the company filed a request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to increase phone installation charges from \$20 to \$70. Just multiply \$70 by the number of new connections each semester — incredible! It's hard to believe that the Chapel Hill Telephone Company charged \$7.50 just this past spring!

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