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Check Point Belongs In Trustees' Hands

The Carolina Journal, the student newspaper of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, fully supports the recent recommendation presented by the Britt Commission to amend North Carolina's speaker ban law. We urge the General Assembly of North Carolina to accept and ratify the bill constructed by the commission to amend that law as soon as possible.

The bill, if passed, will give the responsibility of screening or approving speakers covered in the original law back to the trustees, exactly where the responsibility should lie. Just as lay people who cannot possibly have proper knowledge to make a responsible decision should have the right to express an opinion concerning an act of government, the legislators, who cannot and did not have the proper orientation to meddle decisively in academic affairs, should have the right to express their opinions. However, it should be left up to the persons who are the specialists (in this case, the educators) to make decisive choices, such as who should or who should not speak at student assemblies.

The commission recommended in its bill that "The board of trustees or other governing authority of each college or university which receives any state funds in support thereof, shall adopt and publish regulations governing the use of facilities of such colleges or university for speaking purposes by any person who" is a known Communist or has taken the Fifth Amendment when questioned about his own personal Communist affiliation." It thus gives the responsibility back to the educators.

In a former editorial, The Journal supported the view that students should have the right to hear speakers of all political ideologies. We stated that the student in college has the mentality and responsibility of deciding for himself what is truth and what is not. We said that one of the basic rights of freedom is to be able to choose — choose a religion, choose an occupation, and choose a political ideology. We still support these views.

However, to issue an open license to speakers through outright repeal of the ban would be too much of a good thing. Some kind of control must be placed on the flow of visiting speakers as it must be placed on every other phase of life. The General Assembly of North Carolina in 1963 thought a total blockade would be in order, and so affixed one.

We then had two ideas of extremism. One said that no check should be exercised; the other said a total check should be exercised. Neither one was in keeping with our American tradition of compromise and fairness. Neither one was practical.

The Britt Commission has outlined a formula for the compromise of these two ideas. It places the responsibility of a check point in the hands of the boards of trustees of the individual schools. And this is where the check point belongs.

The Parkers

In its last issue, The Journal recommended that something be done about the cars that are parked on the road leading from the Union parking lot to Highway 49. Its been two weeks now and it seems somebody didn't read the paper.

There are still dozens of parking places left in the lot behind the Union every day. Many more are available in the lot behind the academic buildings. And the ones behind the academic buildings are even closer to classes than the road.

It's time for somebody to start selling tickets again. Perhaps a boost in the price would stimulate business.

Congratulations

A tip of the copy desk visor to twenty-seven juniors and seniors who were recently chosen to represent this campus in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The honor is presented each year to student leaders all over the country. Selection is based on leadership and scholarship. It was well applied here. Congratulations, people.

Variety Is The Spice Of Life

By DON SPRIGGS

I have never been acquainted with any real male who objected to short skirts for those of the female sex, but listen, you beautiful creatures, there is nothing alluring about long-leg girdles protruding below the hemline.

Take heart, Profs! Your efforts are not for naught. I know. Students who advertise their profound thoughts (and favorite pastimes) on bathroom walls and stalls are getting better. So don't give up.

The bases of our pencil sharpeners are made of wood. Staples make holes in wood. Holes in wood are not always attractive. Pencil sharpener bases should be attractive. Advertisement has been stapled on the bases of our pencil sharpeners.

Sgt. O'Connor (Drill Instructor of the cafeteria) has responsibility for the cafeteria. He has cursed a student for increasing volume on the juke-box. He invited a student outside for a fight.

He does not allow card games during peak business hours. Sgt. O'Connor appears to take his responsibility seriously.

Construction is under way on our campus. This construction requires workers. Some of these workers are nice. Some are not so nice. Some have been heard making vulgar remarks to our coeds.

We all have urges. Some urges cause us to go to the cafeteria. Some urges cause us to go to the water fountain. Some urges cause us to go to the bedroom. Some urges cause us to go to a room marked (on campus) either MEN or WOMEN. These rooms have tissue. The tissue is not soft.

Ankle length dresses are coming back. They are feminine. At least they cover girdles. Variety is the spice of life.

Some students have been expelled. I hope I'm not. I have no children and "War is hell". Someone else said that.



School Spirit Is Increasing

By HUGH J. HORSLEY

I have a lot of things to say to you people today so if my column seems to skip around you will know that it was unavoidable.

First, I must congratulate the student body on its increasing response to school events. I would call the recent Halloween dance a success. Though we are still lacking on participation in many phases of our "school spirit" it is increasing, and that is all that I or anyone else can ask. There also seems to be an increasing interest in fine arts. A trend that I'm proud to report. One of our freshmen, Vicky Carter is doing a great deal of work toward a dramatics group and at a recent meeting a foundation for a performing string ensemble was formed. As for a "rock-and-roll" group, it seems as though everybody and his brother are trying to get into the act. If we can get together we should be able to form a top notch group. Now I'm not saying that you should all relax; I'm just praising the work that is being done.

Secondly, let me say something about the speaker ban law. We, as students, pay only a small percentage of the cost of our education. The bulk of its weight rests upon the taxpayers of our state. Also, even if we are voters and taxpayers we only comprise a small percentage of the whole. Now then, do any of you think that a small minority of the citizens of a state should be able to direct the expenditures of the majority? Furthermore, don't think of yourselves as the upper echelon of intelligence in the state; there are quite a few doctors around who have no connection with the University other than paying for its support. Our cause has been carried forth by our educators and that is where it belongs. The law is being amended and we as stu-

dents should honor and support it.

Thirdly, I am overjoyed by the support that our students are giving to our servicemen who, without question are giving their lives for us. You all must think that I am a very emotional person, always crying about one thing or another but I can say, in all truthfulness, that nothing disturbs me more than an ungrateful public. Though I doubt that any of our servicemen would falter in his duty to us, I am sure that it would comfort him to know that we are doing our duty to him. Being an ex-serviceman

myself, and having served in the Far East, I can assure you that you have no idea how much it can brighten a man's outlook by knowing the folks back home care.

Finally, I would like to say something about our academic requirements. Recently, a number of you have complained about them. Perhaps you have a good complaint, for similar arguments are before the state assembly now. At present, however, this is the finest form of education ever devised and we should appreciate our opportunity to take advantage of it.

The Carolina Journal welcomes letters to its "Letters To The Editor" column. Letters should be written on one side of the paper and typed if possible. All letters must be signed; however, the author's name may be withheld by request. The Journal reserves the right to condense all letters.

Anonymity No Longer roach's Secret Sin

Lo, what is that I yonder see?
Eden's ship of eternity?
Why tis Noah's Ark so strong and fleet
Inland-bound by the noble Greek
Sunk not, sunk not! Harken not to the flea.

Behold her sailors strong and able
Always worthy of song or fable
Reaching out to save a cause,
Bearing democracy! Let us pause.
Enough has been said, so now Squire Perrie
Return to your paper, but be thou wary.

The roach

Hey, big daddy—
A message for Hugh J.
We saw the poster;
We read the poster;
We didn't give a damn!
(The chicken came first, and you've layed an egg.)
Hugh, baby, interests aren't built around activities—activities should be built around interests. Shape up, soldier.
Wayne Howard