

Rep. Carson Opposes Regional University Bill - Tells Young Republicans Why

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"I find college students much more astute and alert than any other type of audience," said James Carson, as he began his talk to the UNC-C Young Republicans.

Mr. Carson, one of the seven Mecklenburg representatives to the N. C. Legislature, spoke on "The Regional University and Its Effect on UNC-C." He also discussed various other issues of concern to North Carolinians such as the one per cent sales tax and the speaker-ban law.

Mr. Carson described the regional university bill as "the flag to rally around for the eastern Democrats after Dr. I. Beverly Lake was appointed to the N.C. Supreme Court by Governor Moore."

According to Carson, East Carolina, Western Carolina, Appalachian, and N. C. A & T.,

who are all made universities by this bill, are universities in name only.

He was quick to point out, however, that it is just a matter of time before these institutions will be requesting the right to issue doctorates.

Presently the regional universities are being investigated by the Board of Higher Education which will submit a report to the N. C. legislature in August of 1968.

He also pointed out that originally the regional university

bill only had provisions for East Carolina, Western Carolina, Appalachian, and North Carolina A. & T. were added to gain support from western legislators.

Mr. Carson opposed the regional university bill by contending that the consolidated university should be the main source of doctorates.

Carson, an avid supporter of the one per cent sales tax, feels that North Carolina needs an alternate source of revenue. "We are a poor state whether anyone wants to admit it or not," states

Carson. It is estimated that the one per cent sales tax will take in 6.2 million dollars per year. He also expressed discontent with the North Carolina speaker ban law.

Mr. Carson left a very favorable impression with the majority of the people attending the lecture.

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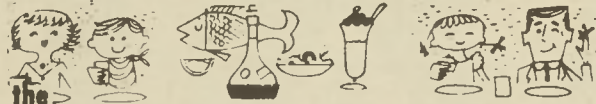
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His topic will concern the problems posed by the population increases in recent years. Miss Patsy Hansel, chairman of the lectures committee, urges everyone to attend this thought-provoking lecture.



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