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Roy Parker's Column

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Loyalty At UNC

The New York Times is making a survey on college campuses throughout the country in an effort to determine whether students are being effected by "McCarthyism," that is, whether academic freedom and other essential liberties belonging to all free students are being curtailed.

It will be interesting to note the reaction to the poll at this University, which probably retains more essential liberties for its members than most, but which has nevertheless felt the effects of the wave of terror now sweeping the country.

One overt result of the fear likely to be discussed at length in the Times poll is the loyalty oath now required by many large (and almost all small) colleges and Universities. There is no loyalty oath, per se, at this University.

According to a regulation passed by the trustees June 7, 1941, all personnel hired by the University must swear their loyalty to the constitutions of the United States and North Carolina. These oaths are taken in writing, in the University Attorney's office, prior to the beginning of the employee's duties. They are the only two oaths so handled.

However, all teaching employees of the University are hired on the basis of presentation of an application blank on which they must state various informations, such as name, age, education, and so forth. In addition, they must state any affiliation they have or have had at any time in the past with the Communist Party, or any organization controlled by, or subsidiary to the Communist Party.

Presumably, what is meant by this statement is any group on the Attorney-General's list of subversive organizations, an arbitrary grouping which has been debunked by the Supreme Court.

Actually, this "application blank" is often sent after hiring instructors with a statement of this sort: "You have been appointed to teach — during the year (session) — on condition that you supply information asked for in the enclosed form."

The instructor's signature on the form makes it the closest thing to a contract between the instructor and the University, as many of them never sign any other sort of binding agreement.

About Remembering

The Campus Chest organization has a table in Y court where they are trying to collect pledges made by students during the Chest drive. Their returns are pitifully slow. One reason for this is probably that many students do not remember whether they made pledges or gave cash.

That's what the table is there for. Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity which takes on the Chest drive each year, has a file of the pledges, right on the table, ready for reference. So, if you don't remember what you did during the drive, go by and ask.

You may have made a promise you will want to keep. Go by anyway. The organizations supported by the only drive on campus during the year still need your help.

Opportunity Via Exams

Students have been worrying about the draft all year long and now that an opportunity to get exempted comes along, they don't jump at it.

Maj. Gen. Hershey and his staff went to work on a plan to exempt all "intelligent" students whose work at college would benefit the nation later. Although the plan has been called many names, it will go ahead as scheduled unless Congress decides that it is an unwise move.

The plan calls for all students under 26 and registered with Selective Service to make application for the test through their local boards. The College Qualification Test will be given here May 26, June 16, and June 30 and on no other dates this year.

The test scores, although not the only criterion for deferment, will help your local boards make a proper decision. The boards will also make up their minds by your position in class.

Even if you believe that the tests are not a sound way to exempt students or that the program will be a "draft-dodger's dream," Chancellor House, and other administration officials are urging students to take the exams because they will be of much help in deferment procedures.

The tests examine your ability to read with understanding and to solve new problems by using your general knowledge. Some questions are based on reading passages, charts, tables, or graphs. On others a student must solve problems based on the meaning of words and their relationships to other words.

One section on the test gives math problems designed to test ability to comprehend and use numerical relationships. Few students have applied to take the tests and if they want another chance to stay in college regardless of whether they are in the reserve units or other special organizations, they must sign up for the exams before May 15.—WDM,II

The new late beer hours are a boom to both buyers and sellers, but they might cause some coeds anxious moments. Used to be, beer curfew came at the same hour as coed hours. But new the boys will have 45 minutes more. It might be hard for a coed to tear her beer-fuddled date away from his cups in order to get her home on time, when he has plenty of time to brew up some more. It'll be interesting to see what means more to some students—beer or coeds.

And speaking of the beer-drinkers. The agitation for reopening of the Curve-Inn, once the favorite of afternoon and evening guzzlers, has about died down. And there is a replacement for the Inn. It's the reopened Buccaneer (now called Smitty's). The Buc was once the favorite malt beverage center. It'll probably be that again.

The new mayor of Carrboro, J. Sullivan Gibson, really snowed under his opponent. He won with something over 300 votes to 48 for the former mayor. Word is that Gibson, who is a professor in the Geography Department, went in on a wave of discontent over police work in Chapel Hill's neighboring town. Students say that if Gibson is as rough in his mayor's duties as he is on geography students, he will have a tough time in the next election. The column will back up the discontent over the Carrboro police. We've been caught twice running copy to The Daily Tar Heel's Carrboro printshop.

They have a plan over at St. Mary's School in Raleigh that might work here. When a girl in responsible campus position fails to do her work, she gets campused just like the hell-raisers. That's what happened to a certain young lady we know of. Maybe that could be applied to a lot of the deadwood in UNC student government.

The University Party is still the big dog in the Student Legislature, despite the fact that the Student Party has hold of everything else. Back when the Column was an editorial, it backed a move to get the number of Legislature election districts reduced. We thought that would make the party that had the biggest campus-wide vote control the Legislature. But such wasn't the case. The UP has been in continual control of the Legislature since it was formed in 1946. However, it now has a one vote majority—smallest in its history. Maybe the SP will get its control after next fall's election. If it doesn't, then it looks like the UP has been able to dig up better Legislature material than the SP.

This weekend's social activities are shaping up as the biggest and most comprehensive of any at UNC since the passing of the old (and wild) May Frolics. Germans Weekend will be coupled with Senior Class activities, and there will be a continual round of partying, dancing, and playing starting Friday afternoon. Word has it that fraternities in the court down on Columbia Street will rope off their quadrangle and set up a real party area. That's the way it was back in the days of May Frolics, and the pandemonium caused by the arrangement was the main reason the Frolics were called off. South Building still shudders when it recalls the incidents of that final Frolic weekend.

On Campus

Eleven University of Connecticut students were initiated in a fraternity the hard way. They had to find a dime in the back of night in Mashamoquet Brook, State Park, Pomfret.

The students were pledges of Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honorary fraternity at the University. The boys were given flashlights and measuring tape, as well as a few pertinent directions which guided them to the thin dime.

by Bill Hughes

The founders of our present system of student government here at Carolina wished to make the editorship of The Daily Tar Heel a representative position. For that reason they made the post one of those decided in the campus general elections.

Undoubtedly, the editor of the only student newspaper should represent the student body. He should reflect student aims and ambitions in his editorial policy in such a way that aids the student reader in formulation of his opinions. But does it necessarily follow that he should be elected in a general campus election?

Recently there has been some complaint voiced over the fact that the editor of the Tar Heel has entered into politics. Yet, by virtue of the fact that he is in an elected post, he must be a politician. Can a politician stay out of politics? Obviously not. Should the editorials of the only student newspaper be devoid of material concerning such an essential matter as student politics? This hardly seems feasible.

It follows then, that the editor should be able to take part in politics with his editorials, but should be in a position to assume an impartial attitude. An editor who must secure support of certain groups in order to be elected can hardly assume an impartial attitude in his editorials.

Another point overlooked by those who think the editor should be elected is this: the editor has more to do than write editorials. He is responsible for seeing that every phase of production of the newspaper is done as efficiently as can be expected from mature college students. This involves a great deal of rather technical knowledge. I would like to note here that The Daily Tar Heel is something more than an organ of student expression. Newspaper editors all over the state receive The Daily Tar Heel and from it judge the caliber of the newspaper staff. In short they evaluate the training Carolina students receive from the quality of the paper. While "Joe Carolina" may not notice such technical errors as tombstoned heads, unorthodox or out-of-taste make-up, inconsistent style, etc., such things are considered a child's plaything, put out by fessional newspaper men looking to Carolina for prospective staff members.

Yet an unqualified editor, elected at large on the basis of his writing ability or popular appeal, may easily cause or allow such offences, through ignorance alone. It seems to me that a staff member of our student newspaper, who sacrifices time and energy for the paper should have the right of being assured that the policies he must follow are based on sound newspaper principle, and are laid down by a qualified, trained person. Furthermore, I hardly think any Carolina student will relish the idea of men who do know something about newspaper work, those on his own home-town paper, perhaps, thinking that his college paper is a child's plaything, put out by a bunch of lunkheads who know nothing of what they are trying to do—produce a newspaper!

The average student cannot be expected to have the particular knowledge necessary for the choosing of a truly qualified editor, and rightly not. Why, then, should he be burdened with the responsibility of choosing a person to fill a position, which requires knowledge out of the reach of the average.

These and more are the reasons why the editorship of The Daily Tar Heel should not be an elective post.

Of course, we want a representative student newspaper, but we also want a competent editor. I am certain an alternate method could be worked out whereby the actual selection of the editor would be placed in the hands of a truly representative body, qualified to know the respective qualifications of the candidates.

To Elect Or...

by Tommy Sumner

Whenever anyone, in this case the Student Government, takes money out of my pocket I want to get something for it and I also want some direct or indirect say-so about where it goes.

It has been proposed that the editorship be removed from the category of elective offices. I am all for that—beginning the day the DTH goes on a basis of financial support by subscriptions and advertising without an appropriation from required student fees.

Until that time I am not at all beguiled by the thought of my money going for a paper which does not represent what I or the rest of the student body desires. Only as long as the editor-in-chief of the paper is elected by the student body at large do we have an effective weapon against absolute rule of the paper by a self-perpetuating clique which may or may not be seeking to further the best interests of the University as a whole. Certainly no group of such constitution can be expected to be competent to judge what these interests are or what actions are most desirable for the advancement of the general welfare.

The situation presented above is not now in existence but there is in existence a case of student funds being used for something that the students do not get. I refer to the programs of the Student Entertainment Committee which are held in Memorial Hall. As has been painfully apparent at times, this hall is woefully inadequate for general student assemblies. This is one of the cases in which the lack is most glaring.

Whenever a performer is presented who arouses sufficient interest to justify payment out of general student funds the number of persons desiring to attend cannot be accommodated. When the performer is not capable of attracting an audience

by David Kerley

The retiring editor of The Daily Tar Heel, in his last issue, advised against the popular election of editors.

The editorial in question argued that "The staff and staffing of the paper suffers because of the political manner in which the jobs must be handed out." I cannot speak for the retiring editor, for I do not know on what basis he selected his staff. But surely he is aware that his successor, while being elected by a two to one margin, made no commitments of any kind with regard to staff positions. This scarcely substantiates the charge that jobs must be handed out politically. It indicates rather that the more acceptable course, even from the point of view of political expediency, is to avoid strings which might lead to such political appointments.

I do not know to what extent "student government people are reluctant to see such a rich piece of patronage and such a powerful voice as The Daily Tar Heel slip from under political control," as the editorial alleges, nor do I know to what extent they were under such control during the regime of the recent Heel slip from under political refers to campaign commitments, it is gratifying that the new editor acknowledges only one political debt: She owes the student body the best Daily Tar Heel she can produce.

The former editor has rendered a service in giving official

large enough to more than fill Memorial Hall, then the demand for this performance by the students is surely not great enough to justify the expenditure of fees for this purpose. We can, in this instance, not find a better criterion than interest as shown by attendance at the programs of the SEC. If the future is to be as the past has been, then by this standard the continuation of the present system is not warranted.

Editor's Mailbox

Fulfilled Ambition

Madame Editor:
 Mr. Ken Wright Jr.:
 In view of the most generous offer which you expressed in your letter to the editor which was published in Friday's DTH I feel myself almost obligated to accept. The proposal to which I refer is, "that they take the next boat to Liberia, and I'll be only too glad to send them a one

way ticket, punched personally." I am prepared to leave within thirty days. This makes possible the realization of a long standing ambition of mine which I feared that I should never achieve due to the financial difficulties involved.

Very truly yours,
 Tommy Sumner

PEACE

Editor:
 In reply to the article on Soviet foreign policy which recently appeared in The Tar Heel I wish to submit some facts. Before World War I the various socialist parties of Europe declared that it would be a crime for the workers to shoot one another. When World War I broke out, only the Russian Bolsheviks remained faithful to this declaration. On the issue of PEACE they broke with the other European parties standing for socialism. In October, 1917, when the Bolsheviks came to power, they issued an appeal for PEACE. Great Britain and France refused. The new Soviet government then negotiated PEACE with Germany. Thus,

from the very beginning, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet government have pursued a peace-loving policy.

As for the present situation, I refer the readers to articles in the New York Times by Harrison Salisbury telling of the vast scope of civil construction (canals, hydroelectric power stations, irrigation systems, a vast afforestation program, etc.)

It is clear from this that the American people are being bamboozled by those who regard war as an item of income which gives colossal profits, i.e., by certain billionnaires and millionnaires in our country.

Bill Robertson

voice to the view point that hard work and ability should be rewarded, but he should realize that the student body demands more than that. The Daily Tar Heel must be more than a practice sheet for prospective journalists; it must be a newspaper for all the students. The students pay for the newspaper, and they are its readers. They demand that it be their newspaper. It is their responsibility to decide what kind of newspaper they want, and their privilege to select the editor they think will produce that kind of newspaper. Their choice may not always be the wisest possible, but I know of no other system of selection that is free of that complaint.

Somebody has to select the

editor. No matter who that somebody is, there is always the danger the person chosen will be incompetent or prejudiced. An appointed editor can be dominated politically by the appointing authority just as readily as one elected can be dominated by the alliances, if any, that accomplished his election. No system will solve this problem. We who believe in democracy believe that our best hope lies in the judgment of all the people. We trust the electorate further than the bureaucracy. Such is the nature of democracy, and it applies to student government as well as to the control of sovereign states.

I have not lost faith in the electorate.

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