

Legislative Power Grab; Machiavellian Rep. Long And His McCarthyism . . .

Student Party Representative Tom Long has taken a subtle stab at freedom of the press.

Students will remember that Rep. Long became known last year for the original Long Resolution which condemned Umstead State Park officials for denying the use of park facilities to University Negro student Leory Frasier.

Apparently Rep. Long has let his notoriety go to his liberal head, and now feels he can attack a basic American institution—an institution constitutionally guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

Long now wants to investigate the newspapers of other colleges. "Qualifications for editorship, editorial policies, and methods of selecting the editor . . ."

It is obvious that Long is attempting to enhance his political prestige on the campus. And it is obvious that he desires that the Student Legislature take control of the Daily Tar Heel's editorial policy.

Now what better group handle editorial policy? Just last week the legislature called off its meeting because only a handful showed up. And last night, Rep. Long's party had not even half its members present—only about ten Student Party Legislators bothered to exercise their elected rights.

Throughout the years, the legislature has held The Daily Tar Heel's funds to an absolute minimum. Perhaps this year, the paper will be cut off entirely. Then it could become a publicity sheet for student government and its subordinate—the Student Legislature.

We should like to suggest that the legislature appoint a committee to investigate the State Student Legislature of which Rep. Long is a member.

Long has appointed his roommate to the legislative selections, apparently with the ulterior motive of being named chairman of the Carolina delegation—through packing its membership with Long forces.

We detest Long's pomposity and his brand of subtle power-grab.

Perhaps this campus McCarthyism bears a McCarthyistic investigation . . .

VIEW FROM THE HILL: Democracy And 'Sputnik' And Satisfied Reds

By GANS

The tables are turned.

Once upon a time, not very long ago, the United States was able to publish the truth to all the world and was quite willing to back these statements up with demonstration.

The Russians at the same time had to fortify their propaganda with falsehood, threats and promises.

The case is different now. Russia is able to print the truth for propaganda purposes and back it up with fact. Granted that this truth is selected and taken out of context; yet, it is this very kind of propaganda that can most sway the minds of men.

It was reported by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, that the Russians, in describing the debacle at Little Rock, published the true Little Rock story. With no story to show the contrast between Little Rock of Sept. 1957, and the rest of the United States through its history, the average Russian will get a picture of mob violence, of racist antipathy, of a governor who can for a time nullify the law of the land, and of the central governments forcing down the throats of unwilling citizens laws repugnant to them by military coercion.

No one in his right mind would want to say that this was typical of America, or even that the events pictured are in proper perspective, but this is all that the average Russian would hear about the United States, with the possible exception of the Voice of America which they are told, as Americans are told of Radio Moscow, is a propaganda organ. Incidents will come up which will be harmful to American prestige in the eyes of all the other natives of the world and especially those behind the Iron Curtain. However, the responsible citizens of America must see the ramifications of their foolishness, before, not after, they act.

It was not too long ago when the U. S. could boast of its scientific achievement, and the Russians could only talk in terms of probability and five year plans.

With the recent firing of the inter-continental Ballistic Missile and the successful launching of "Sputnik," the earth satellite, the Russians need only to tell of these events and they show to the world a picture of power.

Moreover, they do not tell the world about the discomfort of Russian life, so unless one listens to American propaganda, the listener will get a partial view of Russia—that of success in the fields of science and engineering.

Yet, if the Russians wanted to, they might publish the following account, which would be equally effective in the cold war: "Although the Soviet Union does limit political freedom somewhat, by being united toward a goal, we can and have produced more than the so-called free states of the world. It was through the sacrifices of the great mass of the Russian people that we are able to claim this accom-

"Those Crazy Egghead Scientists—If You Didn't Hold 'Em Down, They'd Want To Reach For The Moon"



plishment." The majority of Americans would see through the holes in this, but this is the kind of propaganda that wins over the sympathies of the nations that are fence hangers.

This too must be contrasted with the American propaganda of recent weeks, which talks of great plans while the two experiments of the Atlas ICBM fizzled. Moreover, instead of the unified statements of the Russian scientists, there are statements by James Hagerly, to the effect that the U. S. was not in a satellite race with Russia; by a scientist quoted in the New York Times, "Now the pressure is off," by Charles E. Wilson, Senator Wiley, and Dwight Eisenhower, to the effect that there was no danger; by various scientists and men like Stuart Symington, that the danger is at best very great; by certain Washington spokesmen that the U. S. retains the control of the lead in technological and scientific progress; and by other perhaps anti-administration spokesmen that the United States needs to catch up.

This is the propaganda dilemma that is confronting the U. S. at present. It is a dilemma of being able to counter the selected truth of the Russians, by prophecy, sophistry, and confusion.

The U. S. must again get itself in position whereby their propaganda system is a help rather than a hindrance. The U. S. must prepare itself scientifically through greater outlay of money so that it can meet Russia's challenge with the truth.

Democracy has a message for all peoples of the world. Democracy's must be clear, based on fact, and uncontradictory.

MORE READERS' REPOSITORY:

Inebriation Assailed: Is A Nation Falling? ?

Editor:

When it becomes necessary for a paper to print such articles as Thursday's "Random Ramblings" by Mr. Al Walker, it is time to pull down the shades, lock the office door, and call it quits.

A University newspaper is no place for a braggart to parade his drunkenness before the eyes of the public. It would seem that Mr. Walker was in this drunken state which he enjoys so much when he wrote, "Positiveness Accentuated: Drinking Is Fun, Fun . . ." I prefer to think that nobody who had control of his thinking capacity could or would write such an asinine article.

Apparently Mr. Walker is trying to be funny. His first paragraph relating his conversation with another inebriate seems to be pointing toward that goal, it seems more pathetic than funny, however, when a person is proud of a sense of values such as his.

I have no doubt, Mr. Walker, that you feel no twinge of conscience as you "rush past the people of the Salvation Army and other worthwhile charities." Your sole interest is encased in your "wonderful brown sack." It is a rather sad commentary on our society that charities need to station people outside liquor stores in hopes that people like you will toss them a dime.

Congratulations Mr. Walker. You did what you set out to do. You wrote something very positive.

Everett Whatley
Fetzer Field House

Editor:

After witnessing the past three football games at Chapel Hill, one cannot help but note the lack of real Carolina school spirit as depicted in days of old. I will concede to the fact that Carolina has not produced winning teams in football for several years; however, that should be no excuse for the long faces and a barely audible cheering section.

Even the cheerleaders fail to show the enthusiasm of a true Tar Heel. Whether we win or lose, the least we can do is not only show the team we are solidly behind them, but we should restore the campus spirit for which all of us have been so proud.

May I suggest that we begin by encouraging students and alumni to follow our team on their games away from home as well as at home. This should by all means include our band and cheerleaders at all games. The team is going to do its part, and with the knowledge of such support, I feel sure that it will restore much of that lost confidence of the team and coaches.

An Alumnus, Class of '49

READERS' REPOSITORY:

Retort, Rehash, And Blasts

Editor:

Heed you, medical students. One Frank Crowther, undergraduate philosopher and sartorial arbiter has decided that you are improperly and uncouthly attired on your sojourns uptown. My, my, boys, you shouldn't wear your whites, because in them you look pompous, and you are just begging for attention. Besides you are obviously very castrating to Mr. Crowther.

You say that your hours are long, your schedule is packed, your whites are comfortable and you just don't have the time or energy to change for a thirty minute lunch. Quite true, but that is no excuse, as Mr. Crowther has many friends, among them some doctors, a psychiatrist or so, and the infirmary staff. He even knows an interne.

None of them wear their whites uptown. What Mr. Crowther failed to mention was that none of his friends, except the interne, (who never gets uptown anyway) have to wear whites at all. But all of this doesn't matter, for Mr. Crowther has spoken and you should heed.

Betty Bryan Alley

Of Dictionaries . . .

Editor:

Recently while reading the edit page of the DAILY TAR HEEL, I came across a word I didn't know. I looked it up in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. Three different meanings of the word were listed but none of these would fit sensibly into the context of the sentence. I then went to a more detailed dictionary in the library. Two other meanings besides the three in Webster's were listed. One of these would fit in a vague sort of way, but this meaning is no longer used in modern English.

This made me curious about the other large words sprinkled generously about the page, so I checked these in the same way. Most of these were used correctly. However for each of these words there was at least one more simple and familiar synonym.

I don't pretend to know anything about journalism, but I always thought the purpose of an edit page is to influence the readers in making opinions. This may or may not be true in your case, but if it is, it seems to me the editor would use a simple, direct style of writing that is easy to understand and leaves no doubt about the editors' position. A down-to-earth approach is powerful and shows conviction.

Pedantry, however, is an affected, easily-forgotten impotence. Or rather, an obnoxious sterility, ensnare flattery of the ego.

Joe Hewitt

(If the edit probed you to investigate and open your dictionary, a purpose has been fulfilled. Edits are made to provoke thought. The Editor.)

Escort Service

Dear Miss Godwin:

We were greatly disturbed by your account of the great number of "dateable, loveable, presentable . . . able" coeds who are forced to listen to Carolina football games over the radio on Saturday afternoons.

We do hereby offer our services as guides to lead these languishing lassies through the intricacies of Kenan Wood to direct them to the field of play. (This service is free to all coeds too timid to venture into the wilds alone.)

Ray B. Hodge
James F. Weaver

NICHOLS FOR YOUR THOUGHTS:

Intangible Spirit & Satellite Fright

By NICHOLS

I'm curious about these reports I've been hearing of a rebirth of "school spirit" on campus. This phenomenon seems to hit at unusual times. The last time I heard any mention of it was during last year's basketball season. (You remember last year's basketball season, don't you? — 32 straight wins.)

It seems to me that "team spirit" (and winning team, at that) would be more the word for it. I've seldom met anyone on campus who really cared whether or not ol' UNC came out on top in any cross-country meets, soccer games, and the like.

Soccer, for one, can be quite a good spectator sport. It's got speed, teamwork, sharp passing and individual as well as team excellence. And, incidentally, cheerleaders, it has wonderful potential for cheering and like activities. It's no secret that soccer is the national sport in a great many foreign countries. Surely, it must have something to recommend it to such vast crowds.

I do not mean to merely single out soccer, but I think it is a good example of one of the "forgotten sports" here at UNC.

I was watching a very studious looking gentleman working in the library the other day. He was writing frantically with a faraway look in his eye; and, occasionally he would tear up a sheet and start again. Finally, after a long interval of inactivity, he looked up and I heard him say to a companion: "Hey, what's a good rhyme for satellite?"

Spectatorism And TV's: Must Intramurals Suffer?

The United States is rapidly becoming a nation of sedentary spectators.

It is much easier to be a Monday morning quarterback than a participant in any field of athletic endeavor.

Physical fitness, we contend, is being sacrificed on the television cross.

Americans watch fights, and baseball and wrestling and football and basketball. And most will tell you with avid enthusiasm:

"No one supports athletics more than I. Yes sir, I pull for my teams."

But what about participation in athletics? Such participation is being limited to a specialized few—football players from Pennsylvania, basketball players from New York and Indiana and other athletes from other areas.

All this, while on the campus here, the intramural athletic program is constantly plagued by forfeits and withdrawals. A dormitory of too men can't field a football team of eleven players or a softball team of ten and so on.

One problem might be solved if the University offered some form of remuneration to intramural managers in the dormitories and fraternities. It's a full-time job. And it's worth some recompense—free room or board or both.

Athletics—to be true—actually does help instill a sense of competition and fair play—if properly administered—in its participants.

Thus the intramurals program should be dynamic. And students should be yanked from their desks periodically—and from television's paralyzing hypnosis.

According to the University Intramurals Department Field Supervisor Don Atkins, "Response this year has been good . . . better than usual."

But Atkins sounded a warning note concerning a trend which always develops, the trend toward multitudinous forfeits later in the year.

It is our hope that the Intramurals program will considerably strengthen its program this year.

If The Daily Tar Heel has to field a team to help the program, then that may be worked out too.

America's physical fitness should not be sacrificed upon the cross of spectatorism and sedentarism . . .

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Modern Living: Number Two . . .

Modern Living in Graham Memorial Student Union has suffered a severe setback as a result of poor janitorial service and poor maintenance.

Offices in GM have been consistently the victim of fire hazards—huge piles of trash which have accumulated over a period of days.

And the fog-pulling, fast-talking politicians and journalists which frequent these offices have been denied refreshment for their parched throats as a result of a month-long water fountain on the second floor.

The student union should have its own janitorial service, rather than having janitors appointed by the Buildings Grounds Dept.—which has failed to provide adequate supervision.

Parched throats and fire hazard trash heaps do not make for Modern Living . . .

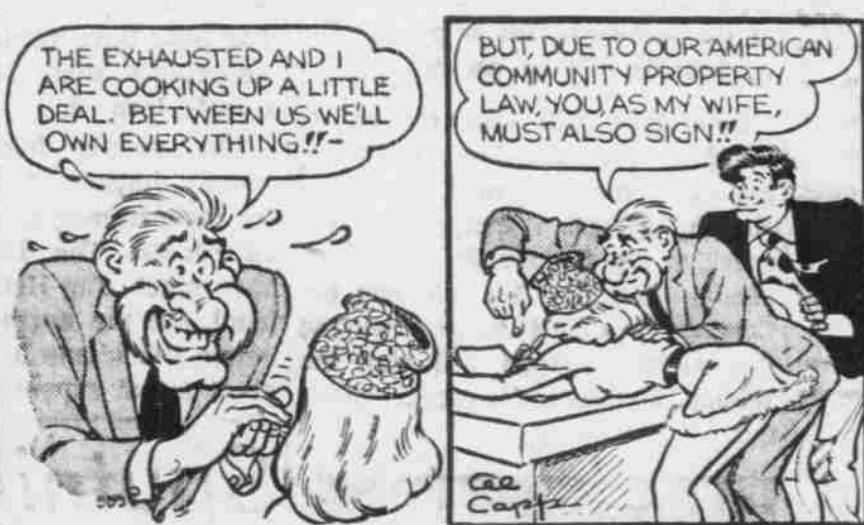
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