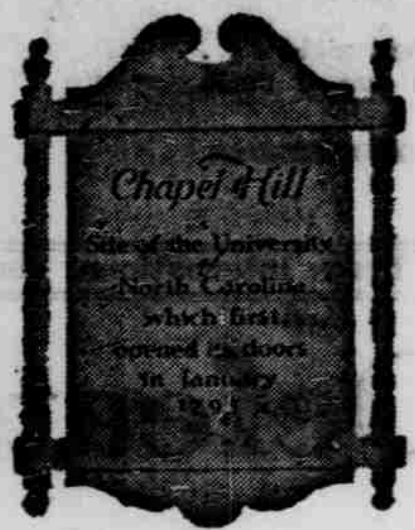


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The Obligation To Declare

The initial reaction to Student Body President Mike Lawler's suggestion that students boycott all businesses which discriminate on the basis of race has been heartening. Nevertheless, for the policy to be really effective it must be subscribed to publicly by other student leaders, plus individual students and faculty members.

This will not be easy for some to do. It will mean alienating some friends and risking censure. But, clearly, it must be done. We must use our economic and moral weight to support those businesses which have made a break with the past, and weaken those which have not.

Most of us are tired of carrying the albatross of racial discrimination around our collective necks. If we ever to throw it off, we must act boldly, positively and in unison. There must be no question of where we stand.

If the long-mistreated Negro can sit-in for his freedom, then we can write-in for ours.

We call on every student and faculty member on this campus to put off this

obligation no longer. The future of race relations in Chapel Hill is largely in our hands. Let this be the year we remember as the one in which we stood up for what is right, the year in which we used the tools of our academic training to implement the morals of our background.

Student leaders of every variety have a special obligation to do this, in their roles as fashioners of opinion and leaders of their fellows.

Faculty members, too, especially those in positions of departmental leadership, have an obligation to declare themselves.

For those individuals who waver in making a decision to vote against discrimination with their dollars, it should be recalled that had we acted earlier the tragedy of yesterday might well have been averted and our own sense of honor grown to fuller stature.

The Daily Tar Heel will be glad to publish declarations against discrimination on its editorial page. We hope your name is on one such declaration.

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The Biblical Recorder

"I must say that the churches have been lagging badly in this great human struggle... We preachers are afraid of our skins. The church is the most segregated major agency in America—north and south."

The speaker was Dr. H. Shelton Smith, a Durham minister and professor emeritus at Duke University, and the occasion was the meeting of the N. C. Good Neighbor Council at Wilson. We think his words are especially timely as Baptist in this state approach Human Relations Sunday, Feb. 9.

Business, industry and government continue to lead the way in breaking down racial barriers and prejudices. This development is puzzling to some people, especially to those who never attend church. Some progress has been made in our Baptist churches in this state, but much more remains to be done. It's inventory time.

Mr. Curtis And Mr. Lawler

(Ed. Note: The following letter was submitted to Student Legislature Speaker Bob Spearman at last Thursday's session. We reprint it here for the enjoyment of all our readers.)

Mr. Robert Spearman, Speaker of the Legislature, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Now that the great Wayne King has departed, I guess that Henry Lawler and myself have the somewhat dubious distinction of being the old men of the undergraduates here at the University. Sometimes as I look back over my years at Carolina I question whether or not it's been worth it.

For instance, for coming to Carolina I was accused of being a communist, a nigger lover, and an alcoholic.

At Carolina I've been bawled out by the girls, held up by merchants, held down by professors, hung over from booze, chewed out by my parents, bulldozed into blind dates, mounded from by friends, and all walked on by the administration.

I've had to pay library fees, lab fees, infirmary fees, a few parking and speeding fines, and now, God help me, before I can graduate, I must also pay a graduation fee.

At Carolina I've been asked to either join, support, attend, read, listen to, work for, or watch the SP, UP, the YAF, the YDC, the YRC, the YMCA, the CAA, GM, the DTH, the NAACP, CORE, the PLC, the IDC, the IFC, the AFROT, the NROTC, the CUSC, the NSA, WUNC-FM and/or WUNC-TV.

When I was active in Student Government, I was accused of doing it for personal recognition, now that I'm no longer active, I'm said to be apathetic.

When I made good grades, they say I'm lucky, when I make poor grades, they say I'm a bad

student. When I attend church, I'm said to be a hypocrite; when I don't go, I'm said to be a hardened heathen.

If I date a girl only once, it was said that she dropped me; if I dated a girl more than once, it was rumored all over the campus that there is some hanky-panky going on.

If I had joined a fraternity, I would have been a Frat Rat; since I didn't I'm now called a dorm rat.

When I have plenty of money to spend I'm accused of being a playboy, and my father is said to be dishonest; when I'm broke, I'm said to be a bad manager, and my father is accused of being a bad provider.

After all this, one might question why I chose to come back to school for one more semester. I guess I just wanted to see what else could possibly happen next.

Tonight it happened. I've been threatened with dismissal from a position from which I have resigned three times. It all started in September when I told Henry Lawler that I did not have time, due to my rather delicate academic condition, to do justice to my appointment. Old Hank just kinda laughed and talked me into trying for a couple of months. Again about a month and a half later, I submitted another resignation... which was simply ignored.

Finally, I submitted a final resignation around the first of December in which I stated that I would no longer be able to continue to perform the duties of the Campus Affairs Board Chairman or as Head of the Department of Campus Affairs under any circumstances. This finally got some action as the President wrote a letter to legislature stating that he would appoint a successor as soon as I submitted a report to him concerning Carrier Current. This

was done approximately three weeks ago.

As I told Henry, I do not feel that this report on Campus Radio is at all sufficient. To be complete, such a report would encompass some 100-200 pages, and since this was the case I felt that several conferences with him would better serve the purpose of presenting the facts as I have found them concerning Carrier Current. THEN, after some preliminary decisions were made, I would then be more than happy to write a complete report of our progress. Even Arthur Hayes said that he felt that was reasonable... and everybody knows that Arthur Hayes knows more about reports than Henry Lawler knows about philosophy... and whatever Arthur says is good enough for me.

With Fond memories of the Henry Lawler Administration, I remain, Donald William Curtis

Smith On Smith

Editors, The Tar Heel

I would like to take issue with Washington Lee Smith's letter to the editors which appeared in the February 6th issue of the DTH. Mr. Smith, seemingly contends that not only school and public accommodation facilities should be integrated by federal order but that social integration is a valid cause to merit such a forceful method of accomplishment.

I would like to impress upon Mr. Smith the fact that his love for freedom, if this method of integration were carried out, would surely be endangered, along with his freedom of social choice and right to pursue a government-free endeavor of private enterprise.

Using Mr. Smith's formula, America might set up a "Commission on Morality" which would seek out and prosecute all people who do not accept their fellow man or conduct themselves in an arbitrarily defined manner of morality—the French Jacobins tried this during the French Revolution and decapitated 20,000 people before they finished purging the enemies of the Republic and the "undesirable" members of society now guarantee every man his rights to his liberties, with responsibility accompanying these freedoms; however, there is no constitutional method of securing moral justice in such cases as segregated businesses and social fraternities — painful reflections upon society's equality but not unlawful institutions.

Also, Mr. Smith's reference to the Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War, as traitors to their country and enemies of freedom, is the most obscene thing I've heard since the Watts waitress incident. The men of grey, of which the majority were not slave owners, but proponents of states' rights (a still unsettled question in America) were defenders of their

beliefs, which was a faith in self government—not a strong central government. The institution of slavery was a horrible and damning mark to our country but this was not the main motive for the War between the states. General Robert E. Lee's freeing of his slaves before Lincoln's emancipation order is an indication that there were deeper reasons for secession from the Union—a love of individual liberty, again with responsibility, which motivated a belief in states' rights. Our country has many reasons for shame—the mistreatment of the American Indians; the persecution of the Mormons; Klu Klux Klan rallies earlier in the century and many more, but we must learn to forget these atrocities and strive for a better society. This will not happen by trying to force, with legislation, humanitarianism upon the remaining diehard hold-outs of biasness who stem from narrow minded origins.

If Mr. Smith advocates a powerful central government with the rights of moral judgment, then he would probably be happy living in some form of dictatorship. There are such governments in the world today—Red China, Cuba, Russia, etc. — from which people are literally dying to escape. I am sure that these governments would welcome the assentation to their society of people like Mr. Smith, to fill in the gap caused by those whose love for liberty has made them run the chance of death to escape slavery.

It is ironic that the crux of Mr. Smith's argument stems from

a disapproval of slavery.

F. Neil Smith 306 Everett

Republicans

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In your editorial "The GOP In Wonderland" of Feb. 7, your efforts to be cute were achieved only at the expense of a misstatement of facts in both of your indictments of prominent Republicans.

You stated that Mr. Cobb, former State Republican Chairman, was caught with two wives. He was not! Your statement is synonymous with accusing him of committing bigamy — a serious charge. However, when the story first broke, a prominent jurist said that no such infraction had occurred. Then, your statement is libelous.

In the same editorial you stated that Guilford County Senator Charles Strong used "official State Stationery" to solicit insurance customers. He did not!

Apparently, both of these charges were made off the top of your head for only a brief review of the facts first reported would reveal that neither of these indictments is well founded.

Sir, it wouldn't require too much effort to first check the facts in a controversy before blasting away and it would make a lot better reading.

Charles Heatherly

Heelprints

The Cuban situation is apparently not a case of just so much water over the dam. Rather, it's how much water through the pipes.

Hear about the student who sold his old books at the Book Ex? He got enough money to buy a stamp and write home for more money!

Then there's the John Dunne doll—you wind it up and it suffers.

Definition: Undertaker — the friend who lets you down.

Headline of the week (from the Cheraw, S. C. Chronicle): "Well Tan My Hide! It Is So Easy To Work With Leather."

Some of those songs by the Beatles need to have the bugs worked out of them.

A lot of North Carolinians refer to UNC as if it stands for the University of Negroes and Communists.

Hear about the fellow who went into a local delicatessen and starved to death before his order arrived?

After that combination of Louis Armstrong and the Shir-elles, we suggest that the next Germans Concert be Bo Diddley and the New York Philharmonic.

We hear the Angus Barn is having a special this week—charcoalized everything.

"On The Other Hand, Think Of The Alternatives"



Knavery's Root: Apathy

By RALPH MCGILL

A printing shop owner was one of 50 persons interviewed in an informal sidewalk survey on the subject of Col. John Glenn, the U.S. astronaut, becoming a candidate for the Democratic party nomination to the U.S. Senate.

The businessman said he was disappointed that Col Glenn was going into politics because he felt "Glenn is a high-type, an all-American boy, and it (getting into politics) doesn't make sense."

A housewife voiced a similar comment. Politics, she said, was a bad choice because "he's such a good person that he should not get involved."

Here revealed are common-place reactions by Americans who would, if polled, declare themselves strongly in support of "the American Way of Life."

Politics is the American way of life, the American system. We elect all those who govern us, from the most humble local office to the highest, that of the presidency. We are a nation that lives, for, of, and by politics.

Our Constitution, which rather elaborately spells out our representative form of government, is the oldest written constitution in the modern world. When it formally was adopted there was a monarch on the throne of France, reigning by divine right of kings. There was a Czar in the palace at St. Petersburg, a Sultan in Constantinople, a Holy Roman emperor, a Venetian Republic, a Dutch Republic, an emperor in China,

and a God-descended Mikado in Japan.

The able British historian, D. W. Brogan, and others have commented that since 1789, when the Constitution was adopted, forms and realities have changed less in the United States than in any other political organization. We have lived within the framework of that Constitution, and our way of life, our "system," is political.

Yet, we find that many Americans tend to create a gulf between themselves and politics, preferring the worst connotation of the world to the best. This has been true with us from the beginning. It is one of the weaknesses of our "system." A high percentage of those qualified do not vote. Some, indeed, fail to register. Others distrust "politics." Politics is not, in their minds, something that an all-American boy ought to get into. Politics is not something for a nice young man.

That politicians have merited distrust and condemnation is true. But public apathy, tolerance, or a feeling of being alienated from "politics" is at the root of all, or almost all, political knavery and inefficiency.

South Dakota's legislature recently made official abolishment of the poll tax in federal elections. We saw then the sorry spectacle of some Southern states, including Virginia, moving to restrict the suffrage by making poll tax payments necessary in all state and local elections. The Southern states have a lower percentage of voter participation than states in other

regions. The Negro has, until recently, been disfranchised in the South. The one-party situation and the literacy percentage also contributed to the low total of Southern voters.

But the accusing fact is that the Southern white voter goes to the polls less than white voters in other regions. He has been conditioned, in too many rural localities, to accept the fact that "the court house crowd" ran things and his vote didn't really matter.

This now is changing. The qualified Negro is coming to the ballot. Reapportionment has loosened rural control, though it is not broken. Georgia, kept in literal political bondage, has been freed of the iniquitous county unit system which, along with other "things, perpetuated demagoguery and inefficiency, and made corruption more possible — and likely. Politics will improve and attract better young men in the South.

Happily, the American system, or way of life, continues to attract some good, young men, nice enough and courageous enough to take the criticism, smearing and emotional jostling that is part of campaigning. President Kennedy's inspiration and contribution in this area was — and is — enormous.

It makes very good sense, the printing shop owner and the housewife to the contrary notwithstanding, for a high type, all-American boy to get into the American business of politics. We, the American people, live and have our being of and by politics,

Legendary Smokey: Maybe He's A Pyro

Smokey the Bear is a creep insists THE GUARDSMAN, City College of San Francisco. (California)

Ever since the Animal Decency League gave him an old Mountrie hat, he's been romping around the hills shaking his shovel at anyone trying to keep warm.

Are we to stay cooped up in our overcrowded cities just because one lousy bear wants to romp around in the woods? Are we going to hold up progress on account of one rather silly-looking bear?

This was not the idea of our founding fathers. They envisioned a great nation, stretching from shore to shore, not a sanctuary for a neurotic, honey-crazed bruin. In our country's great western expansion, our ancestors met with many hardships such as starva-

tion, bitterly cold winters and Smokey's ancestors.

But let's examine motives. Could Smokey be covering up something besides burnt-out campfires? In his fantastical efforts to stop happy campers from blazing the forests, could Smokey be hiding his own hidden desires and transgressions?

Might it be possible that this docile bruin in long pants actually is a pyromaniac? Perhaps those pockets in his jeans are hiding the big fellow's Ronson.

After all, someone has to keep Smokey in a job. And who sparks all those fires that are attributed to lightning?

In closing, let us say that there is still hope we may be delivered from this forestry dictator. Remember, forest fires do wipe out bears!