DTH Editorial Page

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LBJ Shows The Way

President Johnson spoke wisely and eloquently in his message on voting rights Monday night, and his suggestions should be taken under immediate consideration by Congress.

The history of the past century, especially as reflected in the unrest of recent weeks, makes clear the need for an equitable and immediate solution to the problem of discriminatory registration and voting practices in the Deep South. For where men cannot vote, they are certainly not free, and some Mississippi counties have never had a Negro register to vote.

One of the important aspects of the proposed legislation is that it offers states with a record of discrimination in registration and voting an opportunity to put their own houses in order. It does not

Our Apologies

Endorsement letters are one of the necessary evils of a campaign, and there are times when the Daily Tar Heel manages to foul up someone's letter. Yesterday we did just that.

The letter of endorsement for Rick Kramer, candidate for president of the Carolina Athletic Association, was lacking four names - Jim Light, Sonny Pepper, Gayle Raulerson and Larry Miller. Our apologies to him for the oversight, and to his opponents, Joe Churchill and Bob Newlin, for having an error in this.

We also noted that all three CAA candidates were endorsed by the same person. Kramer left the name off his letter, but this must set some sort of a record for futility. Of course, the endorsee in question IS a star athlete, which may entitle him to three votes . . .

The Candidates Face The Campus

With the spring campaign progressing at a somewhat hurried clip, we were hesitant to undertake sponsorship of a debate between the candidates for President of the Student Body, Paul Dickson and Don Carson.

The two candidates have done an excellent job of getting around to see the students. They have pounded on doors, they have spoken at residence hall meetings and they have made themselves available for questions and discussion at all times.

However, we have noticed that the residence hall meetings have left something to be desired — the questions to the two candidates have not always been pertinent, and too often were merely sniping from the lips of party hacks who follow the entourage from hall to hall.

With this in mind, we set about planning a debate which would be fair to both men, yet would provide the best opportunity possible for digging out the issues. Thus the DTH Debate was born, and we hope it will prove to be an annual affair.

It is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gerrard Hall, and should not last more than an hour or so. Each candidate will be given seven minutes for an opening stateeven call for an end to literacy requirements for voters, except where such requirements are abused and used as a weapon against Negro citizens.

The states are required to do nothing. except extend to every citizen his basic right as an American to choose his elected officials. Those who would argue against such a fair and reasonable request simply do not know the meaning of "freedom."

No federal action may be taken except in those counties in which less than 50 per cent of voting age citizens actually cast a ballot in the 1964 elections.

In such counties, 20 or more people may protest to a federal district attorney if they have been unfairly denied the right to register. If their complaint is valid, the Federal Civil Service Commission will be allowed to appoint a federal registrar empowered to sign up voters without administering literacy tests.

We hope that waiving such tests, however, will not mean a total lack of literacy requirements. It seems only reasonable for a person to be required to write his name and perhaps a simple sentence in order to register.

Some aspects of the proposed bill may be difficult to administer, and Congress should be especially cognizant of the problems involved when it considers this

But we are confident that the difficulties can and will be ironed out, as indeed they must be. The states have been given ample warning that the color of a man's skin should not reduce his citizenship, and those who fail to heed that warning should have their procedures

It is time, then, for Congress to follow the President's lead, so that such correction, if needed, will be available.

ment and five minutes for rebuttal. After that, three DTH staffers will quiz the

pair for a half - hour, and then questions from the floor will be allowed. We hope that this vehicle will bring out the issues, as each candidate will be subject to questions by three people who know the inner workings of Student Gov-

there will be no doubt what they want. In short, the candidates are not going to be able to hedge on anything, as their questioners know enough about the situa-

ernment and have the ability to phrase their questions in such a manner that

tion not to be fooled. We hope the campus will take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dickson and Carson engage in debate, and will also take the opportunity to toss a few questions their way. The office of President of the Student Body is the most powerful on campus, and the person who will succeed Bob Spearman must know what he is doing and the best method of doing it.

You are voting for a student who will represent your views and best interests. Your vote should be cast for the person who is best for the post, and you just might find out Friday night at the de-

-Action Needed From Southern Press-

(Continued from Page 1) working and God - fearing peo-

ole, send back stories which distort the facts, or worse, disregard the facts completely." "After last year's turmoil and strife," he wrote, "the people

in Selma had come to the conclusion that they must obey the law as best they could." Moderate Note On the day of the last Mont-

gomery march attempt, the conservative Selma Times-Journal struck a note of moderation and placed some of the blame on local government officials and on itself.

The March 9 lead editorial reads in part: "Despite the normal expectation of vocal expressions to the contrary, the Times - Journal steadfastly reaffirms our opinion that racial disturbances here have not been met by foresight and practical planning by our public ofmonths ago. . . We too must seems assured. assume a portion of the neg-

But the moderate tone is somewhat disrupted by the assertion: ". . . it is obvious that M. L. King, recipient of the Nobel Peace Award, has declared war on the people of Alabama."

Perhaps it would be financially unwise for a newspaper, knowing that hard - core segregationists would probably drop advertising, to take a firm stand against resistance.

Nevertheless, it would be a sad thing for the Southern press to have to bear any more blame for the deaths of some and the injustices to many.

So Alabamans are perhaps confused. Their actions have, for years, been condoned by their How many James Reebs will it government and overlooked by take until the initiative is takficials, who, we are convinced, their press. Now, on the heels en?

could have worked out a prac- of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, tical course to follow many federal legislation on voting No Leadership

They do not have the moderate leadership which has enabled other Southern states such as North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia to, for the large part, avoid severe racial confrontations.

And while the rest of the South, and the nation, has some way to go toward achieving equality for all Americans, Alabama has barely begun.

The future of the Deep South in the 20th century will ultimately rest with its citizens. But courageous, forward-looking leadership must arise now and with a strong voice.

If governmental agencies will not provide this, it becomes the duty and responsibility of the press to do so. The question is:

Fraternities Accept Deferred Rush

By STUART BALL

The once highly-emotional deferred rush rule, felt by many responsible fraternity men to be a serious threat to their existence, has been subjected to sober re-evaluation in the past four weeks. Fear and apprehensions expressed by many IFC leaders and greek - letter men seem to have been replaced by a cautious optimism.

It was just a month ago that second semester rush was held on the Chapel Hill campus for the first time. Apprehension about what to expect from this new method of introducing freshmen to the concept of fraternity life was apparent in all of the 23 social fraternities as they prepared for the coming rounds of handshaking punch drinking.

Ned Martin, past IFC president and one of those instrumental in overseeing the first deferred rush, reflected on the new procedures and said he felt that generally they worked out "pretty well."

"Many of our misgivings were unfounded," he said. "One aspect in particular I guess you could say was our fault, but it

a burden. We tried to prepare the hous-

es for the fact that they would not have pledges for the first semester - and wouldn't be getting the revenue they normally provide. We emphasized this over and over but it didn't seem to have much effect."

Martin said that a deferred rush fund was set up last fall to help any fraternity that was in financial straits. "The bullpledge rule was also extended so many boys who would not normally live in the houses and pay full bills became eligible to do so."

A false rumor which swept the campus during the fall concerning allegedly subnormal freshman grades caused visions of empty houses and left-over hors d'oeuvres in the minds of many fraternity leaders.

"We were genuinely worried about the grade problem," Martin said.

"The rumor was that only about 45 per cent of the freshmen were going to make their 2.0 averages and be eligible to rush. If you knock off about ten per cent of those who are not interested in pledging a fraternididn't prove to be too much of ty, you're down to 35 per cent-

then you've got to consider that your particular house would be interested in only a small per

cent of those that are left. "We were not worried once we started computing the freshman grades, but that was only a week or so before rush strated. As it turned out about 60 per cent of the freshmen made their grades - and that's way up over the past."

Martin said that although no exact figures are kept on the number of people going through rush about 600 to 700 came through this year.

"About 1,000 boys were sent invitations this year and we had some 350 that were not picked up. As far as we can tell this is only slightly smaller that the number that has gone through in the past."

Dean of Men William G. Long echoed Martin's figures concerning freshmen grades.

"Last year I believe 56 per cent of the freshmen made their grades during the fall semester. I won't say that the increase is attributable to deferred rush alone, however. Admission standards have gone up and this is the smartest freshman class we have ever had according to col-

lege board scores. You can't by before formal rush." pin this down to one single as-

pect." Both Martin and Dean Long agree that deferred rush has aspects that may serve to strengthen the fraternity system in

the long run. "About 500 rushess have normally pledged up after fall rush in the past," Martin said. "This year around 400 pledged but we will probably initiate a larger number than in thepast because the grade problem no longers exists."

Dean Long was also quick to point out this aspect of second semester rush. "As far as I've heard, there has been no grumbling from the fraternities since rush week. They're happy with their classes because they know they can initiate very one of the boys they got."

A check with various fraternity presidents and rush chairmen reveals that there is little if any grumbling on the deferred rush question that last year would have been controversial to say the least.

Doug Benson, President of Lambda Chi Alpha said his major fear was that there would not be enough boys to go around. "At first I didn't like the idea

of deferred rush, but now I'm all for it. Judging from what we heard about freshmen grades we figured there would be only 14 or so rushees to each house.

was one of our better rushes." Dick Jonas of Phi Delta Theta said he would have preferred to rush in the fall but that second semester rush didn't have an adverse effect on his

"I prefer having a pledge class all year rather than just half," he said. "It's also hard to conduct summer rush and tion we can get from them to

"I think the new system worked out pretty well in the long run." commented John Wainio of Pi Kappa Phi. "It seemed like the number of rushees was smaller though."

Almost to a man fraternity leaders felt the major weakness in the present system of deferred rush is the strict silence rule. Some thought it should be made more strict, others felt a complete change was needed.

Frank Martin, IFC rush chairman, said he believes the IFC will recommend modifications of strict silence this spring. "There have been three major suggestions for changes in strict silence that will probably be discussed before next fall," he

"One is the U. Va. rule that permits rush weekends at the individual houses but strict silence all other times. Another is a rule we tried last fall but didn't seem to work - from 12 midnight Sunday to 12 noon Friday there is strict silence, but from noon Friday to midnight Sundy there can be conversation with freshmen.

"The third is a rule permitting conversation with freshmen, but not in dormitories and not about fraternity matters."

Ned Martin feels that the IFC was overly protective regarding freshmen and fraternity mem-"As it turned out there were bers this first year of deferenough, and the type of boys red rush. "My biggest regret coming through were better. It about the whole concept is that we know little more about how to regulate deferred rush now than we did when we started.' he said.

"We should have left it wide open for one year, then made changes. We do have about 400 perople who went through this as rushees, and we're going to use any informathen have a whole semester go improve things for next year."

'Silent Sam' Should Leave

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Although it may be argued that the Confederate statue known generally as "Silent Sam" has become a part of the UNC tradition; it certainly cannot be argued that traditions should be maintained for tradition's sake.

We must not forget that Silent Sam is a Confederate soldier. The primary purpose of the est blot on American history the fight of southern racists to keep the Negro peoples in a position of debased subservience. For this they were willing to destroy the Union.

We have all been made painfully aware of the deprivation of inalienable rights effected by Alabama's white bigots on Ne-

gores and those who have gone to Alabama for the general wel-

In view of this situation which so lately prevailed in other areas of the country, the existence on the UNC campus of a monument to men who were militant white supremists and extremists of the worst kind is no less an affront to the Negro peoples and the intelligent-"memorial" was to associate a sia than is the gaudy Confederfictitious "honor" with the dark- ate flag flying from the lilywhite dome of Alabama's capi-

I urge the Daily Tar Heel and the Carolina student body to take up the cause of removing from the campus that shameful commemoration of a disgrace-

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The Candle: The Liberian Incident

By TIMOTHY RAY Sixth in a Series

Thus far during this series, I have tended to concentrate on the more positive aspects of the Free Speech Movement, both here and elsewhere, in terms of the fruitful and timely topics for discussion which this movement has suggested, and have avoided entering the labyrinth of complexity involved in the events surroundings the incident the insults given Wilmot Hage of Monrovia, Liberia, a delegate to the UNC Model United Nations from Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina.

It is necessary, however, to attempt to deal with certain aspects of that incident, in order to make it evident that the impressions received by many people during that time that the charges involved were trumped up in order to create an excuse for an attack on certain persons and organizations of the University are mistaken.

I do not desire to stir up again whatever hurt feelings were involved for the sake of venting personal animosity. My purpose is simply to clarify the record in some respects if I am able.

The background of the incident is that James Gardner time.

Hage asked if Gardner was the insults. tain a ride. Gardner said yes.

Hage, and the two men proceedby this student officer, howeved to cross Columbia St. diagonally, towards the Carolina Inn, as Gardner's car was parked

When the men were part way across the street, they were insulted, and the two men continued across the street to Gard-Leaving Hage in the car,

Gardner entered the Inn in order to call the Chapel Hill Police, and then walked to the plaza of the Scuttlebutt where he sat watching the situation at the fraternity houses across the Gardner then called the Dean

of Men, who said that he would call Gardner back at some later time during that day. I presently believe that an assistant of the Dean did, after the call to the Dean took place (which was, by then, some time after the incident took place) arrive As Gardner had not received

the expected call by 11 p.m., he telephoned the Dean again, apologizing for the lateness of the hour. The reason that the Dean had not called back was, it seems, that he did not consider it important to do so at that

was asked if he would receive I want to make clear two cru- the Student Body Attorney delegates to the Model U. N. cial points. The first is that there General, and by the Assistant as house guests. He replied that is independent corroborating ev- to the Dean of Men. As this The two students who arrived Hage was insulted. Persons the fraternity's investigation, I were Negro, and one of the two questioned by students and by asked who had investigated for it is certainly conceivable that was Hage. Gardner had not pre- the Dean's assistant heard in- the Interfraternity Council. viously known either of the two sults given, though they did not report hearing all of the insults had asked that he investigate, as Upon leaving Mr. Gardner's that they were asked about nor an officer of the Interfraternity cannot infer that the lack of wer that the malt has always home for the campus Feb. 12, did they report on the origin of Council.

afternoon, so that he could ob- tirely contrary to the popular method of the investigations. ive. confused impression, it was During the afternoon, Gard- Gardner's strong intention to re- assured by both this officer and ner entered Abernethy Hall, and frain from exploiting the racial while there, spoke with Dwight aspects of the incident. It was many persons, and some investi-Rhine, assistant director of the for this reason that, in his first Extension Division (Gardner conversation with the Dean of College, through that division). guest of his had been insulted, tioned. Upon leaving Abernethy Hall rather than making an issue of by the front steps, Gardner saw the fact that Hage is African.

of Hage were, however, considered very significant by the Dean, making it more important that steps be carried out at once to remedy the situation. Gardner's view was that persons had been insulted by an organization connected with the University, and that this was the important matter of principle, rather than discriminations and

and nationality of the guest After it was made explicit that Hage is African, steps were taken by the Administration to issue apologies to him. Meanwhile Gardner sought to calm Hage, which was not altogether easy to do, as the incident had frightened him quite a bit, rendering him, at the time, afraid for his personal physical safety.

distinctions regarding the race

I believe that Hage's fears were inappropriate to the situation and that he was in no bodily danger, but, as a person used to perhaps somewhat different customs, he might reasonably have considered the insulting language to be a prelude to physical violence.

A former fraternity officer, when interviewed, said that the situation had been investigated by the fraternity involved, by the Interfraternity Council, by idence of the claim that Mr. person had, himself, carried out

His reply was that the Dean

I have tried to obtain infor-Each investigator, I have been the Dean, questioned a great gations included interviews with persons in other fraternities as

er, I have been informed, was duate days, the celebrants activities.

The blackness and foreignness an especially thorough one, which included privately questioning each member of the fraternity, and assuring him that he could answer simply in terms of whether he had heard insults, without being required to indicate their origin (which I am inclined to regard an interesting assurance, under the

circumstances). vestigative procedures involved nave been somewhat unorthodox: the most thorough of all of the investigations, it seems, was the one carried out by a member of the accused fraternity, and this was also the official Interfraternity Council investigation.

Not wanting to cast aspersions on the zeal or thoroughness of this student official, I must, however, remark that this style of procedure is unlike what the term "investigation" has come to suggest in recent times. I wish no comparison between this fraternity and less desirable organizations, but one hesitates to think, for example, that Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would commission Gus Hall of the Communist Party, or the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan to investi- indicates of repeated public gate those respective organi- drunkenness on the part of fra-

zations. In spite of this, I do not wish to quibble. The procedure of a federal agency may be entirely inappropriate to our situation. I merely wish to point out that errors may have inadvertently resulted from the procedures that even Hoover's agents might that were used, and that one be baffled at the invincible poinvestigations indicates that the ents in human history from planning to drive back in the The second point is that, en- mation about the content and original charges were excess- public scrutiny.

that, if the fraternity party in satisfactory and misleading reprocess at the time of the oc- actions of the press to Gardner's currence of the incident resem- actions. I will attempt to make bles fraternity parties that I clear the effects of those reaconce attended with foolish regu- tions in creating widespread presently teaches in the Evening Men, he said only that he and a well as the one originally men- larity on another campus, or a confusion in the University "beer bust" at Carolina which community regarding Gardner The investigation carried out I visited during my undergra- and his Free Speech Movement

might have been in altogether an inadequate state of mind to remember, during the investigations, the precise pattern of

their behavior at the party. The report was subsequently made to me that a member of the fraternity had made a statement precisely to this effect in the presence of the Dean of Men. I have asked both that fra-My impression is that the in- ternity member and the Dean if this statement were made, and neither remembered the

> The fraternity member, however, recalled that he had told the Dean that persons at the party were drinking. He did not, however, believe that any of them were drunk, nor even severely "intoxicated" (I suppose that this is a meaningful dis-

> The Dean, on the other hand, said, "Some of them may have been that drunk, though, for all I know. I have been complaining to the Interfraternity Council about the public drunkenness of fraternity parties for

years." I asked, "May I quote you on that" To which he replied

"Yes, you certainly may." The record which the Dean ternities raises additional doubts about the efficacy of any investigative procedures whatever. Despite the almost frightening thoroughness of the F. B. I., (to which persons who have attempted to secure government jobs will readily testify; I believe more fruitful results of these possessed to secure forever ev-

In a subsequent article of this The thought occurred to me series, I plan to describe the un-