

# In Our Opinion...

## The Fight Goes On...

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is not the only campus in the country that has met with bars on complete freedom of speech. And, fittingly, it is not the only campus that is presently challenging these bars.

Students and faculty at the University of Illinois have taken their free speech controversy to court.

Two students and 21 faculty members await final action this month on a suit filed after a member of the Communist Party was prohibited from speaking on the Chicago campus last March.

The plaintiffs brought charges against the University Board of Trustees, two University vice presidents and the state's 1947 Claiborn Act which prohibits "subversive, seditious or un-American" speakers from advocating their causes on the University of Illinois campus.

Closer to home, the University of Kentucky is in the midst of a free speech controversy after that school's administration refused to allow a member of the campus Students for a Democratic Socie-

ty to deliver a socialist talk there. A UK official said the student would have been allowed to speak had he intended to talk about non-controversial subjects.

The Kentucky campus newspaper reacted strongly to the administration's decision and challenged faculty and students through student government or the picket line to show the administration they would "tolerate no less than complete freedom of expression."

These and similar actions occurring across the nation indicate that students, not only in Chapel Hill, but everywhere, realize the intrinsic value of complete freedom of speech in the university community.

With the law suit moving into its final stages, the fight has nearly ended here. From what we have seen of the evidence presented by both sides in the case, we are optimistic about the suit's outcome. But the fight is just starting on other campuses.

It is a battle that must be fought — and won.

## Take It All Off, Prof

Gypsy Rose Lee may be relegated to second place in burlesque history, now that a George Washington University instructor has taken to stripping.

Having warned students in his sociology class that he was about to do something slightly unorthodox, Joseph Tropea put on sunglasses and divested himself of suit coat, tie, shirt and trousers.

Standing before the class in his undershirt, bermudas and garters, Tropea concluded his lecture on the roles individuals play. By departing from the normal garb and behavior of an instructor, Tropea said later, he was trying to illustrate the process of role changing.

Somewhat uncertain of the effect his performance would have on the class, Tropea also expressed a more personal uncertainty. pants, I had to think, 'Did I put on "As I started to take down my my bermudas?"'

After disrobing, Tropea asked class members if he was in a different role now that they had seen him in a different light, the class, which at first had laughed, said he was not in a different role because he still stood behind a podium which was surrounded by chairs, desks and blackboards.

It just goes to show that clothes — or the absence of them — do not make the man.

## On Living In A Landmark

The men of Old East were all excited that their home had been designated a National Historic Landmark.

They sat together in the left front section of Memorial Hall and proudly watched their president accept the plaque from Chancellor Sitterson.

But we wonder if they realized the burden that became theirs with this honor.

Men of Old East, you are now

living in a shrine. No more lounging in U-trou, tossing banana peelings on the floor, hanging pin-ups on the walls, playing Hot Nuts albums, etc. Remember, your home is now one of the highlights of the eighth-graders' trip to UNC.

And while we're reminding, here's a word to the men of Old West. Have respect for your neighbors across the lawn. Please, no more banners such as the one you displayed yesterday which challenged in yard-high letters: "National Landmark My Arse!"

'And this is Old East, the oldest state university building in the United States.'



In Letters

## The Spanish Return

Mrs. Schwartz Wrong  
Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Despite the admonition of John Greenbacker to refrain from "vituperative childishness" (and is this true only of those who "attacked" the Tar Heel or submitted "vague" explanations of the unfortunate situation in the Department of Romance Languages?), I should like to indulge in some more "emotion in print."

Mrs. Schwartz's letter in Saturday's Tar Heel, which Greenbacker labeled "paranoid," can indeed be understood only "in the entire context of the situation." What Mrs. Schwartz calls "general dislike" seems to say more about herself than about Chapel Hill.

Her complaints about the cost of necessities, school and housing are doubtless shared by most of us, but this does not cause us to express a "general dislike" for the community.

I suggest that Mrs. Schwartz's complaints are the product, not of fact, but of prejudices formed before her arrival here in July. They reveal an animus of frustration and hostility which, as Dr. Vogler earlier suggested, was present well before the "naive" signing of a contract by her husband.

Perhaps Mrs. Schwartz is satisfied that her existence is acknowledged, now that her letter has been printed in a campus publication. May she be further reassured that most of us are all in favor of motherhood and that even "pale" Irishmen are welcome to Chapel Hill, providing they come with an open mind.

ham palace, but when he said it made us feel like Queen Elizabeth the residents somehow felt the need to come up in defense of our masculinity.

We do feel that to the old palace, and with that feeling, there are many here who feel that we could possibly dilute ourselves into thinking we might be knights, squires, and perhaps even now and then a king, and even some might consider themselves as jesters, to put it more bluntly, fools, but do let us hope that Martin Lancaster and Martin Lancaster alone entertains the hope that someday he might be a queen.

However, let us also go on record that if the University can ever get the housing straightened out according to everyone's liking, the residents would never object to ladies in waiting.

Another insult in this editorial was the inhumane treatment to which our janitor was subjected. First of all his name is Council and not Thomas, but this was could have stood, but when he was quoted directly and the writer made his language in keeping with some low fellow who has achieved a university degree in some field or other, then we feel that it has only served to give some more organizations named by the alphabet cause to investigate to see whether or not his civil rights have been infringed upon.

At best the editorial which appeared Sunday was shallow and did absolutely nothing to set the mood for the enshrouding of the Shrine in the ritual of the dedication.

Alonso G. Squires

UNC The Greatest

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Today I received my first issue of The Daily Tar Heel. I am subscribing to it, because I wished to reestablish contact with the most aware and stimulating campus I have known. I might add that I have known several.

Rather than bore readers with details of a personal nature, I shall merely say that I am rather well acquainted with Princeton University, Bryn Mawr College, the University of Paris, New York University, and Duke University.

Although each has, in varying degrees, qualities to recommend it, none has the synthesis of academic excellence and variety, campus vitality and challenge, creativity, community charm, friendliness and lack of pretentiousness which, for me, are Chapel Hill.

I might add that at none of these other schools have I found as much student participation and responsibility or as much faculty fairness and respect.

Elaine H. Johnson

Mike McGee

## New Filing System May Eliminate Bias

There have been many suggestions circulating about how to improve the operations of the housing office with regard to racial discrimination among private landlords in Chapel Hill.

Chancellor Sitterson has stated the policy that only those landlords would be listed in the housing office who subscribe "to the same non-discriminatory policy which is in effect for assignment of University housing."

How does the university decide who is discriminating? The way it stands now, we just take the individual's word that he will not discriminate. This, in context, is not a very meaningful assurance.

To tell the truth, the present method of listing private landlords is not very meaningful. In most cases the man simply calls the housing office and asks them to put a card for him in the file listing off-campus housing.

It has been suggested recently that the housing office should send a card or letter to each person that calls in, asking him to sign a pledge that he will not discriminate. A loyalty oath, so to speak.

But we cannot expect the community at large to abide by a signed statement like our Honor Code. Once a person sends in the pledge on the postcard he is free to forget about it, now that he is listed. The committee set up to enforce the measure has very thin grounds for depriving Chapel Hill landlords of part of their income.

The "non-discriminatory" oath, per se, is the wrong way to approach the problem. It is a convenient way to pigeon-hole the uproar.

What we need is a basic reworking of the housing office's method of listing private landlords. The office should have a formal application blank for listing in the Housing Office. Each renter would be required to obtain a form and "submit" it to the housing office.

The form might contain spaces for such information as type of house, number of rooms, for male or female, type of heating and air conditioning, kitchen facilities or not, private entrance or not, indoor or outdoor toilet, distance from campus, etc.

Toward the end of the form would be a paragraph to the effect: "All housing listed in the University Housing Office is on a non-discriminatory basis. Any reported discriminatory practices will be referred to a committee for review, and establishment of the fact will be grounds for removal of your listing from the office."

The next paragraph might say: "I have read this statement and agree to abide by the University policy," with a space for the landlord's signature below this.

Such a statement would not be comparable with signing an "oath". It is a business agreement to abide by the stated policy.

The new form could be a single printed file card maybe five by seven inches. It would not complicate the filing system very much.

A standard informational application form would have a dual effect. Besides clarifying policy it would give the student who is looking for a room a better source of information about the various kinds of housing, enabling him to choose the kind of place he wants right there in the housing office, or at least eliminate some without visiting each one.

The information on the present three by five typed cards is often spotty and incomplete.

## University Parking Tickets Are Void?

(CPS)—Millions of university-issued parking tickets across the country may now be worthless. In a precedent-setting case, the prosecution of a Mississippi State University student for refusing to pay his campus tickets has been dismissed.

Leslie C. Cohen, a Canadian political science student at MSU, balked when the academic institution imposed \$20 in parking fines without a hearing.

When the university threatened him with dismissal and state court action unless fines were paid, Cohen went to the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The LCDC secured a restraining order to prevent MSU officials from impeding Cohen's efforts to gain admission to a Canadian law school. Cohen feared that the university would delay sending his records, would note the parking violations on his record or would not allow him to take a necessary summer session course at Mississippi State.

The LCDC subsequently challenged the constitutionality of the Mississippi statute under which the university justified its regulations. The statute granted to the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning the power to create regulations which are municipal in effect, the LCDC charged.

While the case was before the U. S. District Court, the State Attorney General, representing the university, conceded that the regulations which were promulgated by MSU and their manner of enforcement were null and void.

The university dropped its charges against Cohen and the Mississippi statute came under the consideration of a three-judge federal court.

Although the law was eventually ruled constitutional, LCDC chief counsel Alvin Bronstein said that this does not affect the due process precedent that had been raised over the tickets themselves.

Bronstein said he has already received requests for particulars on the case from legal departments of several universities.

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## Christmas Exams Best For Students

It's such a good idea, we're surprised someone hasn't thought of it before.

This was our reaction this week when Student Government's Academic Affairs Committee announced that it would investigate the possibility of holding fall semester examinations before the Christmas holidays.

Elder Witt, who will head up the study, has said her work will include a survey of opinion on each of the University's four campuses. We predict that student opinion will be highly favorable to the idea.

In every student's life there has been at least one promise of "I'm going to study while I'm at home this Christmas." Invariably the promise is broken when the festivities of the season become more enticing than the dreary reality that exams are close at hand.

We see several advantages to rearranging the academic year to provide for pre-Christmas finals.

1 There is nothing that can destroy the unity and coherence of a semester's study like cutting a big slice out of the middle of it.

The fall semester now schedules five days of vacation at Thanksgiving, two weeks of school in the interim, two more weeks of school for Christmas vacation and two more final weeks of school before exams. It is amazing the amount of material the average student can forget or con-

fuse in a two-week period.

2 The awkward five-day "semester break" would be eliminated in the revised schedule and this time could be added to Christmas or Easter holidays. For most students, a five-day break barely gives enough time to rush to Lauderdale for a swim, but the advantages of an extra week of free time at Christmas or Easter are limited only by the imagination.

3 Adjusting the academic calendar for the whole year would mean that classes would begin earlier, say in late August, and the spring semester would end earlier, around the middle of May.

This would give students the very choicest part of the summer to themselves. With the verdant spring beckoning, it is difficult to concentrate on studies early in the warm season, and the "dog days" of August are good for nothing else, one might as well study then.

4 The greatest advantage of the idea is the extra enjoyment it will be to the students to know that their work for the semester is over and done when they go home for Christmas. There is no book report to write. No textbooks to carry. No worrying about grades. The people who would lobby and pass a schedule change of this type would be playing Santa Claus to their fellow students the whole year through.

## Issues From Back Issues

(Issues that made the news in The Daily Tar Heel five, 10, and 15 years ago.)

Oct. 13, 1961

He came, he saw, he conquered. He — President Kennedy — also walked off with the University President's pen, played landing strip to a 10-foot cobweb strand that floated past midway through his speech, and forgot to take his degree with him when he left.

But they loved him. Thirty-eight thousand of them — children, students, housewives, working men with the morning off — loved him.

Oct. 13, 1956

Georgia's scarlet shirted Bulldogs spotted North Carolina an early first period touchdown, then came roaring from behind to spoil the Tar Heel's homecoming celebration, 26-12, here this afternoon at Kenan Stadium in a game played under ideal conditions before an estimated crowd of 19,000 fans.

Oct. 13, 1951

Bets have been wagered to the effect that only one out of every ten Carolinians know the origin of their label, "Tar Heels." This writer is willing to wager that the percentage is even lower.

After plodding through myriads of different theories about the "Tar Heels," only one thing is apparent: your guess is as good as mine.