

UNC Faculty Tells How Newspapers Have Helped Higher Education In State

Who scolds the University and who kicks the professor in the pants? Who defends freedom — academic freedom and freedom to teach and to follow scientific research wherever it may lead?

Answer: the newspapers. Members of the faculty and administration at the University of North Carolina, during National Newspaper Week, have given a critical appraisal of the Tar Heel press as it has affected the University in its 163 years of history.

Chancellor Robert B. House, in his final year as head of the University at Chapel Hill, said the newspapers of this state have been "indispensable" in the University's operations.

Dean of the Liberal Arts School J. Carlyle Sitterson said the press "has given us well-deserved kicks in the pants" at times, as well as bouquets.

Support of freedom of inquiry at the time of North Carolina's "monkey bill" in the 1920's was remembered by Dr. Louis Round Wilson who praised the newspapers for defending the liberty to pursue scientific investigations. Dr. Wilson also credited newspapers support and editorial-page letters of Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer with the opening of the University towards the end of the Reconstruction era.

The University welcomes newspaper criticism, because criticism corrects error and strengthens good purposes, it was declared.

Comments on how the newspapers have benefited the University Library, research, Carolina Playmakers, student conduct, University Press, colleges, schools and institutes, Extension Division, and other parts of the University are presented as follows:

Robert B. House Chancellor: "Newspapers have been indispensable in the operation of the University of North Carolina. We could not have grown as we have without them. The news presented and the editorial guidance provided have on many occasions helped to crystallize policy in the instruction given at Chapel Hill and in the reception of the University in the hearts and minds of the people of the state."

C. P. Spruill, Dean of the Faculty: "In recent months the press of the State has joined in calling attention to the critical and increasing shortage of qualified college teachers and in urging that the public authorities provide the funds necessary to maintain a distinguished faculty.

"Most important of all, the newspapers are indispensable in keeping alive the tradition and practice of free inquiry, expression, and

publication which are essential to the press and the University of a free people."

J. Carlyle Sitterson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences:

"The newspapers of North Carolina have, of course, carried many stories about the University and Chapel Hill—some favorable, some unfavorable and others non-committal. They have handed the University many bouquets and have on occasions given us well-deserved kicks in the pants. But none of this, it seems to me, really gets to the heart of the matter. The press of North Carolina has not permitted the people of the state (nor the University either for that matter) to forget that their University exists to seek the truth, wherever the search leads, and to transmit knowledge and a love for learning not only to the students in Chapel Hill, but to the entire state community.

Lambert Davis, Director of the University of N. C. Press:

"When I first came to North Carolina eight years ago, I was struck by the responsible coverage of national and international news, the vigorous independence of opinion, and the general fairmindedness that characterized North Carolina journalism. I have had no reason to change my opinion, and I have been especially struck by the keenness with which North Carolina newspapers keep their eyes on the University and its activities. This has the double advantage of keeping the University on its toes and providing the University, when it has a story to tell, with direct access to the people of the state."

Louis Round Wilson, Retired Librarian: "Besides the day in and day out, year in and year out support the press of North Carolina has given distinct and dramatic instances of the role of the press in building the University:

1. "The letters of Cornelia Phillips Spencer to the newspapers, and the editorial support given to her and to the University was responsible for the reopening of the University near the close of the Reconstruction Period.

2. "In 1920 the Greensboro Daily News published an editorial deploring the lack of leadership in North Carolina, including educational leadership. I clipped the editorial and sent a note to President Harry W. Case, saying in effect, "this means you". President Chase immediately instituted a program of promotion which led to a twenty million dollar bond issue for the state's educational and charitable institutions, and that

was the beginning of a renaissance in higher education in North Carolina. This was given the staunch backing of the press of the state.

3. "In 1925 and in 1927 when the General Assembly considered the Poole Bill, which was similar to the Tennessee "Monkey Bill," there were attempts to stifle free inquiry at the University. The anti-evolution people were determined to limit the freedom to teach and to make scientific investigations. However, the press of the state came to the support of the University, in the interest of freedom of investigation, and freedom from restraint in teaching."

Gordon W. Blackwell, Director of the Institute for Research in Social Science: "The press has served the people well as our most effective way of channeling the results of research throughout the State. Through editorial pages and feature stories the daily and weekly papers have given intelligent treatment to research by members of the faculty and to the tradition of academic freedom for which the University is justly known. The press and the University, in its research objectives, share in a common responsibility of vital significance to the State."

Samuel H. Magill, Director of Student Activities:

"The positive achievements and the negative incidents, the solved and unsolved problems, and the aspirations and disappointments of students have been conveyed to the far corners of North Carolina, making it possible for those concerned with the administration of Student Affairs to minister effectively to the needs of the entire student body. We are grateful for this well-rounded picture because it stimulates us to rectify those things which are negative influences and to seek to conserve those things which are constructive."

Pete Ivey, Director News Bureau: "A healthy spirit of trust and cooperation exists between the University and the press of our state for three chief reasons:

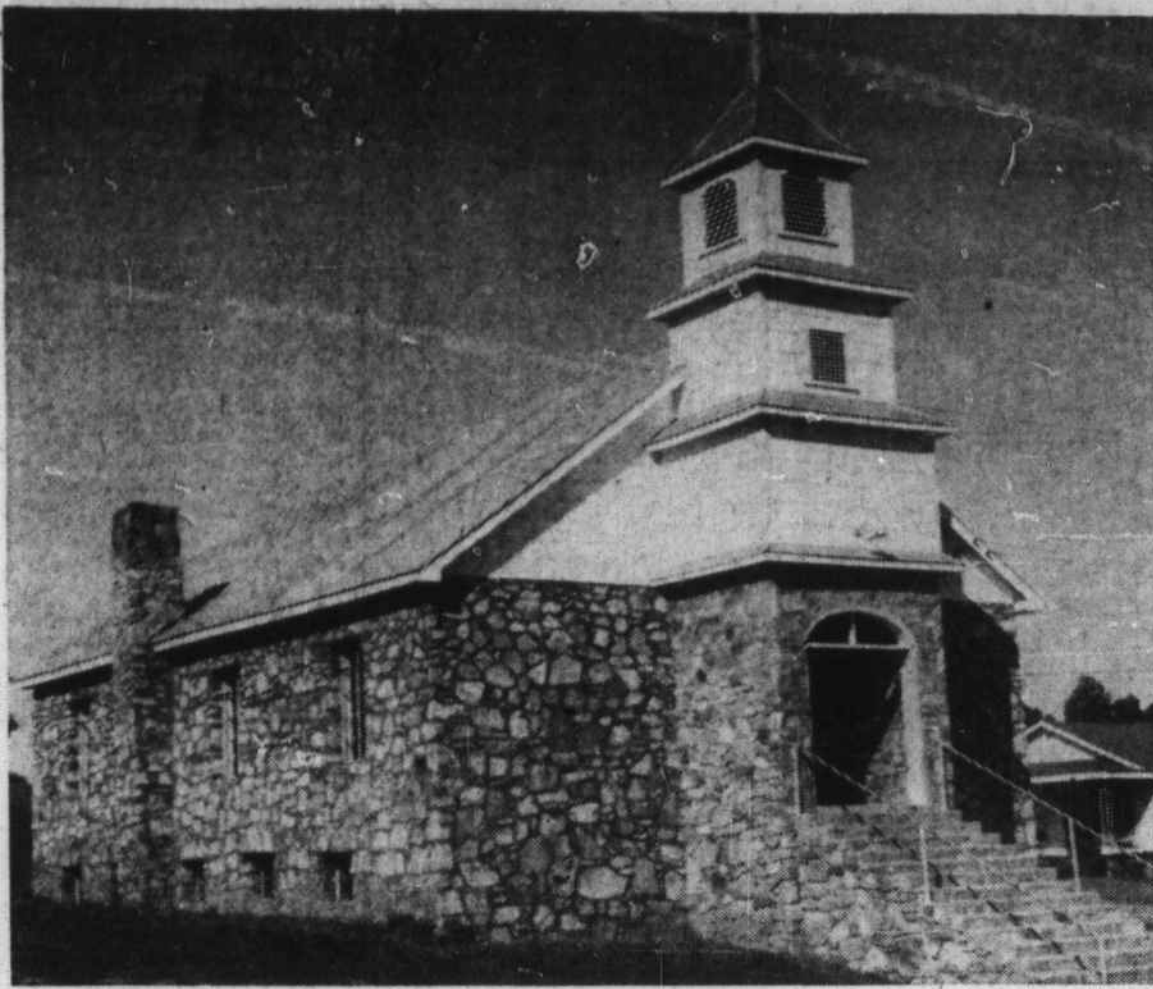
1. "Both UNC and the newspapers have spiritual kinship—dedicated to the ideals of freedom, and maintaining common goals in the search for truth.

2. "Editors are aware that UNC has a policy of presenting news as it happens, without censorship, the good with the bad. This invites a two-way, free flow of confidence.

3. "Criticism is good for a dynamic society or institution, and the critical and constructive judgement of the press has nourished the growth and greatness of the University of North Carolina."

Samuel Selden, Chairman Department of Dramatic Art:

"Some of the most active, and often most difficult, work the University has been trying to carry on has been in the general field of extension services, advice and instruction. This includes work in the arts. In our experience, the newspapers of North Carolina, in comparison with those of other states we have had an opportunity



The New Ninevah Baptist Church

Baptist Church At Ninevah To Be Dedicated Sunday

The Ninevah Baptist Church, completed in 1955, will be dedicated at worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 7, with the Rev. Wess Mehaffey of Henson Cove as the principal speaker.

Pastor of the church, the Rev. C. L. Allen, will conduct the dedicatory services, Rufus Leming will give the dedicatory prayer, and Roy Davis will give the prayer of invocation, Lonzo Rathbone will read the Scripture and Eugene Russell will give the closing prayer.

Dinner will be served on the grounds from noon until 1:30 p.m., to be followed by singing presented by several groups, including the Clark, Shelton, Rowland, Allens Creek, and Webb trios, and the Zion Hill Singers.

Establishment of the Ninevah Baptist Church was begun in July, 1949 when a Sunday School was organized at a tent meeting. The Sunday School was moved to the basement of the Dave Duckett home, where worship services also were held. Later, services were held at the Ben Kirkpatrick home and then at the Gay Corns home.

Construction was started on the present church building in 1950, and the structure was first used in June, 1951.

The Ninevah Church now has a membership of 115, an average attendance of from 90 to 100 for Sunday School, and an active Training Union and Women's Missionary Union.

Rev. Allen has been pastor of the new church since 1950. At present the board of deacons at Ninevah is made up of Leroy Davis, Jason Smiley, Eugene Russell, and Rufus Leming.

Also serving in other capacities are Mr. Russell, who is church treasurer; Mr. Davis, who is Sunday School superintendent, and Mr. Leming, who is Training Union director and assistant Sunday School superintendent.

Aze Griffin is assistant Training Union director; Miss Selma Baldwin is church clerk; James Webb is choir director, and Betty Kelly is pianist.



REV. C. L. ALLEN

New streets opened in Seymour, Conn., are all named for the birds, such as Chickadee Lane, Robin Road and Whippoorwill Drive.

Bermuda is surrounded by the Atlantic. But it depends entirely on rain for drinking water.

Waynesville Drive-In Theatre

First Show At 7:00 P. M.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4 "THE STEEL JUNGLE"

Starring PERRY LOPEZ BEVERLY GARLAND MONEY BARREL NITE!

FRIDAY, OCT. 5 "WEST OF ZANZIBAR"

(In Color) Starring ANTHONY STEEL SHEILA SIM — PLUS — 5 BIG COLOR CARTOONS

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 DOUBLE FEATURE "SHOT GUN"

(In Color) Starring STERLING HAYDEN YVONNE DE CARLO Plus "A BULLET FOR JOEY"

Starring GEORGE RAFT EDWARD G. ROBINSON

SUN., MON. & TUES., OCT. 7, 8 & 9 "COUNT THREE AND PRAY"

(In CinemaScope & Color) Starring VAN HEFLIN — PLUS — THE BEST IN SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

The Younger Set

AT W.T.H.S.
NANCY NOLAND — Editors — PATSY CLARK

On Tuesday the Tally-Ho Club held its first official meeting with Glenda Eavenson, president, in charge.

Linda Boone, who had the program read the scripture for the day and a story "Reading 'Riting 'Rithmetic" by John Parris.

After the meeting adjourned, the old members met to plan the initiation of new members, which will be held tonight on the court house lawn at 7:30 p.m. About 30 new members will be initiated.

The Sub-Deb Club met Monday night, October 1, at Nancy Noland's home. The initiation of all new members will be held Monday night, October 7. This is always loads of fun for the old members, but not so much to the new members.

Saturday the FHA will go to Clyde Erwin School to attend a FHA rally. The Waynesville girls will be in charge of the devotion. The usual attendance at this rally is 1,000 future homemakers. The students who will take part in this program are: Kathryn Frady, Judy Ensley, Nancy Noland, Sue Morgan, Wilma Sims, Delores Hembree, Sara Lou Morgan and Patsy Clark.

The ball game last Friday night was a great disappointment to Waynesville. The game is in the past and we still have many, many more games to make up for it. It is hard to tell what happened, but let's hope whatever it was will be mended by Friday night when we travel to meet Hendersonville.

PARK Theatre Program

LAST TIME TODAY THURSDAY, OCT. 4 DOUBLE FEATURE "EARTH AGAINST THE FLYING SAUCERS"

Starring HUGH MARLOWE JOAN TAYLOR — ALSO — "THE WEREWOLF" Starring DON MCGOWAN JOYCE HOLDER

FRIDAY, OCT. 5 DOUBLE FEATURE "DIG THAT URANIUM!"

Starring LEO GORCEY and The BOWERY BOYS — PLUS — "CALL OF THE WILD" Starring CLARK GABLE LORETTA YOUNG

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 DOUBLE FEATURE! "THE FAR HORIZONS"

(In Color) Starring FRED MacMURRAY CHARLTON HESTON — Plus — "CALL OF THE WILD"

Starring CLARK GABLE LORETTA YOUNG

SUN., MON. & TUES., OCT. 7, 8 & 9 "FRANCIS AND THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

Starring MICKEY ROONEY and FRANCIS, THE TALKING MULE!

This is another big game of the season. Let's all try to go and support the team. I am sure if the fans would get the spirit and yell more, it would help the boys 100 per cent.

"Let's have a pep session, let's have a pep session," is about all you hear the day before a football game. When we have one hardy anybody yells. If we want to win a game we have got to feel it. Come on students, let's get the spirit and yell! Anyway, that's what a pep session is for — no, just to get out of class.

The band did a splendid job Friday night. That sure was a cute show. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Isley are doing a fine job. I heard the remarks that Waynesville had the best band they had seen. Keep up the good work. We sure are proud of you.

The senior class seems to be having quite a lot of sickness. Some members are in the hospital and have had surgery. We would like to send our "get well" wishes to them and hope they are back in school soon.

In the U. S. only 10 per cent of the elementary schools have the recommended minimum of 5 acres for play areas.

STRAND THEATRE

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THURSDAY, OCT. 4 LAST DAY TO SEE

WILD FURY RIPS ACROSS THE SCREEN!
"THE KILLING"

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FRI. & SAT., OCT. 5 & 6 DOUBLE FEATURE! 1st HIT

The KETTLES IN THE OZARKS
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A UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

2nd Hit

"JESSIE JAMES VS. THE DALTONS" Starring BRETT KING BARBARA LAWRENCE ALSO Cartoon and Chapter 4 "King of The Rocket Men"

SUN., MON. & TUES., OCT. 7, 8 & 9 SEE

Walt Disney's "DAVY CROCKETT AND THE RIVER PIRATES" (In Color) Starring FESS PARKER BUDDY EBSON ALSO Walt Disney's Featurette "MAN IN SPACE" (In Color)

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