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Students support Blevins

BY JOE H. McCORKLE

On Wednesday, November 12, a group of students protested the Dave Blevins hearing by picketing beside the Administration building.

Mr. Blevins is before the University Hearings Committee at Chapel Hill for canceling his class during the Moratorium of October 15.

Some students held signs, two of which stated "Academic Freedom? Ask Dave Blevins" and "Free Dave Blevins" Speeches were also held.

As more students were getting out of their classes, the attendance of the assembly grew to a peak of about seventy people.

Ed Wayson, spokesman for the protesting group, said that the University was "being repressive of political beliefs". He went on to say that the University policy on disruption should be

"abolished".

Dr. Robbins, Assistant Professor of History, expressed concern over civil liberties. He referred to the disruption policy as "the most flagrant violation of my First Amendment rights".

Dr. Hall, History Professor, said "The danger is not in Viet Nam but right here". He ended his speech by saying, "We need more like Dave Blevins who say, 'No! I won't shut up!'".

Mr. Biglow of the Political Science Department felt that, because of the disruption policy, "people with certain beliefs are singled-out." He felt it was his "duty to educate and talk with others about Viet Nam."

After Mr. Biglow's speech, Y.A.F. Chairman David Thomas was invited to the podium.

With an opening remark of "I'm glad to see you people had a

chance to leave your sandbox", Mr. Thomas criticized the students who were supporting Blevins.

He stated that the people who supported the war wanted to go to class to show their support, and if class was not held these students could not show their feelings.

Students in the crowd began asking Mr. Thomas questions, and some tried to argue with him.

After answering a few questions, Thomas abruptly left the podium.

After the speeches, a small group of sign-bearing students staged a picket which lasted until Dave Blevins made an unexpected appearance.

These students then spoke with Blevins and wished him well, since he was on his way to the hearing.

There were no counter-demonstrations.

Free press, fair trial must co-exist

BY CLAY OWEN

F. Lee Bailey, noted defense attorney, spoke before an audience of 400 last Wednesday at Wagoner Hall. He was brought under the sponsorship of the University Union.

Mr. Bailey's topic was "Freedom vs. the Press." In his speech, Mr. Bailey asserted that a free press is equally as important as a fair trial. In fact, he said, both are "paramount." "The court and the press should exist as two co-equal forces."

Mr. Bailey stated that in order to have a fair trial, the news media, specifically newspapers, must present a fair, unbiased picture of its proceedings. However, very often, he said, this is not the case.

In the case of Sam Sheppard, for instance, a leading Chicago newspaper gave the case banner headlines 17 times between arrest and trial.

This alone, said Mr. Bailey, convicted Sam Sheppard. That is, the publicity repeated the facts, many of them inadmissible in court, so many times that it was impossible to find a "Fair" juror.

As Mr. Bailey put it, "A free press before and during trial endangers the ignorance of the jury." It was on this point that Dr. Sheppard was eventually freed.

But while Mr. Bailey admitted that the free press in many cases affects, in fact, determines the decision of the jury, he stated that the "right to speak out is just as important as a fair trial."

Mr. Bailey pointed out that "much of the distortion of the news comes about because tape recorders are not allowed in the courtroom." He said that reporters are forced to take notes and must write their stories from these notes.

Mr. Bailey revealed that he thought it would be nice if they allowed television cameras in the courtroom because it would give the public "a clear picture of the courtroom machinery in action."

He pointed out that "the press is the only limitation on a public official. There are no grand juries to review their actions." He said that in this manner the press is an effective tool in insuring a fair trial because it keeps the prosecutors' honest.

Mr. Bailey said that while the press may very often bias a jury, "all the remedies are on the side of the law." He asserted that the courts have the power to move the trial to a new location, postpone the trial to a later date, and grant new trials; all of which are "effective tools" against a biased press.

Mr. Bailey concluded by saying that the courts and the press "should serve as checks and balances against one another."

Car trouble?

Students who have car trouble and who drive another car for a day or two may leave a note on their windshield with their name and decal number. This may be done for one day. For more than one day, the student should either get a visitor's pass or an additional parking sticker.

Visitor's passes are available from the dean of students, the security office, the business office, and all department heads.

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Black Scholarships Awarded First Time

UNC-C has awarded its first John Austin Tate-Lindsay Tate Culbertson Scholarships to four students.

The scholarships were established by Miss Alice Tate of New York City, formerly of Charlotte. The income from a grant of approximately \$70,000 is used to provide scholarships for worthy black students.

The recipients are Robert Thorpe of 208 South 16th St., Wilmington; Dorothy Conley of 112 Claywell St., Morganton; James Cuthbertson of 3027 Morning Drive, Charlotte; and Benjamin Byers of 318 West 26th St., Charlotte.

Thorpe graduated from the Radiologic Technology Training Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a junior business administration major at UNC-C and hopes to become a hospital administrator.

He graduated from Williston Senior High School.

Miss Conley is a sophomore mathematics major. A graduate of Morganton High School, she ranked 10th in her class of 170 students. She works in the UNC-C Duplicating Office.

Cuthbertson is a sophomore chemistry major. A graduate of Olympic High School, he ranked fourth in a class of 203. At UNC-C he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Rotoract Club, and writes the column "From the Black Viewpoint" for the JOURNAL.

Byers is a freshman graduate of Olympic High School where he ranked 19th among 219 students. He works at an inner city church Christ the King Center.

The Tate-Culbertson Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, ability, and prospective service to mankind.



JOURNAL staffer Howard Pearre attended the Moratorium rally in Washington, D.C. November 15. Some of his photos appear as a special feature this week on pages 4 and 5. Here he caught pensive Ben Franklin seemingly offering approval to the marchers.