

House Corrects DTH

An editorial which appeared in Tuesday's paper called "Faculty For Freedom" was intended to be the first of three editorials on the subject of academic freedom. The other two articles, which have not yet been written, were to be directed to the student body and the administration of this institution.

However, the "Faculty" editorial has raised such a storm of reply and protest that this page has been occupied with that immediate question.

Much of the response, it is heartening to note, has been from students, who see the problem as a serious national one. The letter from Dick Murphy brought to light much that had been previously unsaid, and that letter has received notice from the state press.

The protest has been in the form of correction on matters of fact, coming out of South Building.

The paragraph to which South Building authorities take exception read "... certain measure, notably the hidden loyalty 'oath' have been brought to the University with scarcely a murmur from the faculties of this institution. Several men were fired for refusing to sign that piece of paper, or answering it the wrong way, and only two men stood to protest." Note our quotes around the word "oath."

Chancellor Robert House rightly points out that the "piece of paper" is not an oath, such as the oath required of faculty members of the University of California, but merely a question added to the personnel questionnaire, used for all prospective employees of the University. And South Building authorities are unanimous in agreeing that the question was never asked of persons actually in the employ of the University.

The questionnaire asks educational background and other normal personnel questions plus this one, "Are you now, or have you been at any time in the past, a member of, or in any-wise affiliated with, either the Communist Party, or with any organization or association controlled to your knowledge by Communists. If so, please explain fully."

The Chancellor further asserts that, "No one has been fired from the university for political reasons since Professor Hedrick was fired on the eve of the Civil War because he said he was going to vote for Fremont."

The Daily Tar Heel owes an apology for failing to make the situation absolutely clear. The questionnaire has been consistently referred to in these pages as a "hidden loyalty oath," because of the specific implications attached to the loyalty question, wherever it has appeared in colleges and universities, and we did not realize that there was still some doubt as to the nature of the questionnaire on this campus.

The Daily Tar Heel owes much more of an apology for the statement that several men were "fired." Prevailing opinion (this is a column of opinion) has it that several men were gotten rid of in connection with the questionnaire. However there is no doubt, as Chancellor House says, that "the questionnaire has never applied to anyone already employed by the university."

If any employees of this University were ousted at the time the political question was added to the personnel sheet, (and for that reason) they were simply refused the usual contract renewal on account of it, they were not "fired" while actually under contract.

And the Chancellor assures us that "no one has been refused employment on account of his answers to that question."

If and when all misunderstandings are cleared up, and letters to the editor printed on this subject, we still intend to present the problem of national thought control as it applies to the students and the administration of this University—unless those points of view are adequately covered in the present furor.

Brotherhood Books

Here is a list of books chosen for Brotherhood Week reading selected by an intercreedal book committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews:

Adult Books

- The Greatest Book Ever Written, Fulton Oursler.
- How to Conduct a Community Self-Survey of Civil Rights, Margot Haas Wormser and Claire Seltiz.
- Industry's Unfinished Business, Sara E. Southall.
- Intercultural Education, John D. Redden and Frances A. Ryan.
- On Being Negro in America, J. Saunders Redding.
- Statement on Race, Ashley Montagu.
- Strange Lands and Friendly People, William O. Douglas.
- A Walker in the City, Alfred Kazin.

Children's Books

- All-of-a-kind Family, Sydney Taylor.
- Chariot in the Sky, a Story of the Jubilee Singers, Arna Bon-temps.
- Prairie School, Lois Lenski.

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Letters

Madam Editor, Faculty, and Fellow Students:

Academic freedom—or more accurately, academic servitude—is a burning issue, and yet we see only the smoke and smog of fear and secrecy.

Even if we are content to sit back and observe the inevitable historical process, we should make an effort to see through the cloud. For lack of a clear-cut issue, let us imagine one.

Let us suppose—a bizarre supposition indeed, considering the conservatism of the administration and trustees of the University and of the legislature and voters of the State of North Carolina—but let us suppose that the University should invite a professor from Soviet Russia to lecture on, say, Soviet ideology, in order to be the only university in the U. S. to offer this subject right from the horse's mouth.

Immediately a storm of protest would be raised by newspapers and civic groups.

The foregone conclusion is that our Russian professor would be refused entrance to the country, even if he wanted to come and the Soviet government wanted him to come.

By whom would he be refused entrance? The higher-up, the FBI, the police state?

No. This is a common fallacy, to think that our government is out of the hands of the people. Quite the contrary. Authority has always rested with the people, and now for the first time they are willing to use it.

Our government is now the most representative that has ever existed on the face of the earth. If it becomes a police state, that will be what the people want.

It is the people who would refuse entrance to our Russian professor.

It is the damnable arrogance of a citizenry that is aware of its limitations and yet is perfectly willing to impose them on its betters. With self-righteous and smug complacency it stifles the very institutions which alone can provide for the security it so jealously guards like a miser hoarding gold that bears no interest.

Let the voters tell the state university what to teach, but not what not to teach.

Nobody will listen, so let's sit back and watch the world go to hell. There is one consolation. What they can prevent us from teaching, they cannot prevent us from learning.

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Pete Mullis, Carolina assistant basketball coach, is a former South Atlantic diving champion.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Asiatic peninsula
- Secrete (slang)
- Circular
- Mole-colored
- Correct
- Coincide
- Seine
- Monetary unit (Latvia)
- Sum up
- Whey of milk
- Exclamation
- Stops
- Notions
- A barrel timber
- Weight certifier
- Lower corner of square sail
- Guide line for an animal
- Mimic
- Definite article
- Miscellaneous
- Extend
- Strength
- Come forth
- Appearing as if eaten
- Lavished extreme fondness
- Storms

DOWN

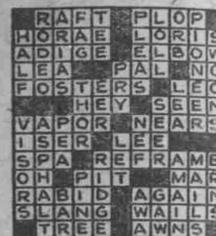
- Persia
- City (Alaska)

ACROSS

- Song for two people
- Tavern
- To muddle
- Sculptured likenesses
- Children's game
- Subtle emanation
- Hastened
- Pay attention
- Portion of a curved line
- Must
- Exact counterpart

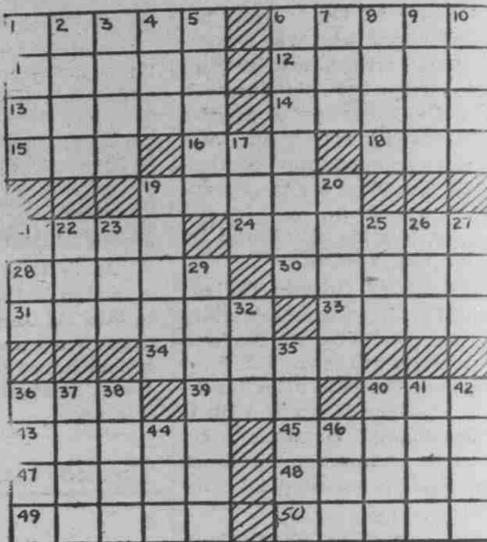
DOWN

- It is (contracted)
- Fish
- Body of water
- Salt (chem.)
- Evening (poet.)
- Stitch
- Moved violently
- Part of a cheer
- Cut
- Dry
- Mexican dollar
- The Orient



Yesterday's Answer

- Eager
- Organ of smell
- God of war (Gr.)
- Hint
- Man's name



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