

DTH Editorial Page

Opinions of the Daily Tar Heel are expressed in its editorials. Letters and columns, covering a wide range of views, reflect the personal opinions of their authors.

Much Ado About Nothing

The most obvious point to be made concerning yesterday's "rally" is that it lacked a real point.

Neither James Gardner and his several supporting groups nor the restless crowd of spectators proved anything by their presence, except perhaps that free speech is where you find it.

Our Weekly Awards

MAN OF THE WEEK: Eddie Biedenback, State College guard who missed the first free throw on a one-and-one Wednesday night, thus losing the game for State, 69-68. Guess who won.

LIZARD OF THE WEEK: The Mad Bombers of the FSM Rally.

IDEA OF THE WEEK: By four New Yorkers, who planned to blow up the Statue of Liberty, the Washington Monument and the Liberty Bell, only to be caught by a rookie policeman who infiltrated their ranks.

RECRUITER OF THE WEEK: Steve Conger, area coordinator for the John Birch Society who revealed he tried to organize a chapter of the society on campus in 1963, only to have "Larry Phelps and that crowd" show up.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: By Armistead Maupin while watching students jeer, sing and otherwise disrupt the Free Speech Movement rally yesterday — "If the General Assembly could see this, they would probably give the University every cent it wants."

THE CHINESE FIRE DRILL AWARD FOR FEBRUARY: To student politics (see "Confusion Reigns" below.)

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH: "Instant Reptile," a spray which will "make the skin of your choice (Alligator! Lizard! Snake!) in the shoe color of your choice." The motto of the thing is "Fake A Skin With Just A Spray!"

Our Apologies To Dean Cathey

We wish to publicly express our apologies to Dean of Student Affairs C. O. Cathey for printing in the DTH various untruths about him.

In a letter which appeared in yesterday's DTH, James Gardner accused Dean Cathey of (among other things) calling the Liberian student who was recently insulted a "Nigerian," and for having the discourtesy to say he came from a newly-emerging nation.

On the latter charge, Gardner pointed out that Liberia became a country in 1822 and a republic in 1947.

Cathey's remarks were made in an interview over WPTF, a Raleigh radio station. Thursday the interview tape was made public and, to hopefully right our wrong with Dean Cathey, we print his entire statement:

"Any time that people from those new

While the "cause" groups argued for free speech, they and the crowd exercised a considerable share of it in what can only be described as a rather innocuous atmosphere.

But if the rally can be described as neither wild nor sensational, responsibility did not exactly carry the day, either.

Gardner did put at ease some of the anxiety surrounding his attack on the Speaker Ban when his "violation" turned out to be nothing more than a Red bassoonist asking the way to the men's room. If the General Assembly fails to recognize that Gardner's tongue was well in cheek throughout this revelation, then its collective sense of humor is terribly unsophisticated.

Still, some of the charges leveled by the speakers were noticeably lacking in supporting facts, leaving us firm in our belief that the SAE incident, the James Farmer affair and similar situations should be unraveled through careful, cooperative investigation and discussion rather than in front of the TV cameras.

Further, and perhaps more blatant, irresponsibility was demonstrated by several spectators. Granted, a public speech in an outdoor setting is subject to heckling, but all too many of the interruptions were intended to drown out, rather than complement, the remarks from the platform.

Even more conspicuous and disgusting was the discharge of fireworks, which constituted a threat to the safety of everyone present. Campus Safety Officer Arthur Beaumont indicated yesterday that he has photographic evidence which should lead to the apprehension of the guilty parties. If so, their sentence should be strong enough to make them realize that they jeopardized many spectators and broke a state law in the process.

countries of the world come to this country they are going to find very different circumstances than those that are used to and we're not so, let's say, sophisticated that we always accord them the courtesies that they expect. And so if you get a sensitive individual, you may have a problem anywhere in this country.

"We can not identify the individual who hurled that insult. He was passing through a very heavily populated area and it was a regrettable incident. And the dean of men informed me at the time that he told me of this that he would offer apologies. And of course we do not condone that sort of thing. But someone just in the frame of mind that kids talk to each other offered that jibe which of course was insulting and we are very sorry for it."

Again, our apologies to Dean Cathey, an honorable man and a capable administrator.

Confusion Reigns

We were thinking of writing an Editor's Notebook on the current campus political situation for today's issue, but as you have doubtless noticed such was not the case.

The reason is quite simple—the campus political situation is in such a state of confusion that no one would dare attempt an analysis.

Even if they did, and it was accurate, it probably would be voided by the day's developments, as things are changing faster than a coed with five minutes to go before her date arrives.

But we'll try next week, as the political conventions set for Sunday and Monday should clear the air somewhat.

Also, we might add the Student Party convention is Sunday and the University Party nominates Monday, so our news stories will appear Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Until then, your guess is as good as ours.



'Gardner Was Bad Enough, But Your Fireworks Were Ridiculous'

Hubert Stays Home

Where Can We Go—Out

By ART BUCHWALD
The New York Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON—The scene is Washington, D. C., a typical house in a typical neighborhood where a typical American couple are watching television.

"Hubert, what's happened to us? We never go out anymore." "Hush, Muriel. The Secret Service men in the basement will hear you."

"You told me when you took this job that we'd travel to Rome, Paris, London, that we'd meet kings, queens, prime ministers, Buddhists. But all we do is sit around watching television."

"Now Muriel, I know being wife of the Vice President of the United States is not as exciting as some jobs in the government, but it will pick up. After all, he promised to make full use of my talents."

The red phone rings. Hubert jumps up. "That's him now." "Hello, yes sir. This is the Vice President. Yes sir. How's your cold? I read about it in the newspaper. . . . Muriel's fine. I know we haven't seen each other since the swearing-in ceremony. Muriel was just saying that. . . . What are we doing? Nothing, just sitting around talking about the good

old days. . . . I mean the days when I was Senate whip. I guess these are the best days for us. . . .

"Was there anything special you called about? . . . A photograph of me in 'Life' Magazine? I don't know how it got there. I told them to clear all photographs with you."

"They must have shot it when I wasn't looking. Yes sir, I'll carry a newspaper with me next time and hide my face. . . . Does Muriel have to carry a newspaper too? Just me. I understand."

"The coronation of the King of Swaziland? Yes, I did hear about it. . . . Whom do I think you ought to send? Gee, I don't know. . . . Well yes, I imagine that Perle Mesta would be a good idea. . . . No sir, I've got all the time in the world. What else did you want to ask me? . . . You have to send someone on a summit. Do I have any ideas on that? Well, I hadn't given it much thought. It's a very touchy subject and requires someone with great experience and prestige. . . . I agree one hundred per cent. It should be somebody very close to you—somebody who has your confidence and can speak for

you. . . . You're thinking of sending Lynda Bird's boy friend? I hadn't thought of that. Yes sir, it's a wise choice. . . . "Was there anything else? A trip to Russia? . . . Yes sir, I think it's about time we sent somebody there to meet with the 'new' leaders. It's Finny I was going to suggest something like that myself. . . . Whom did you have in mind? . . . Your cousin Oriole? . . . I'll have to say it's different. . . . No, I have no objections. As a matter of fact I'm flattered you'd consult me. . . . "I see where the Shah of Butane is paying an official state visit to Washington. . . . You may not have time to see him? Well, Muriel and I could. . . . I see. You've already asked Dean Burch to fill in for you? . . . "Yes sir. . . . Well, it's been nice talking to you. . . . You'd like to have lunch one of these days? . . . I'd like that. . . . No, I'll be around Washington for the next few months. My best to your family. . . . I'll bet Lucie's a real grown-up girl since we saw her last. . . . Thanks for calling. I'll tell Muriel. . . . It's funny, we were talking about you and Lady Bird only yesterday."

For A Resurgence Of Teachers

(Editor's note: Paul Goodman is a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D. C. The following article contains excerpts from a speech delivered to the regional meeting of the National Students Association. The essay was published in full in the New York Review.)

By PAUL GOODMAN

The function of administration is to expedite the essential academic business of teaching and learning, e.g., as secretary and janitor; and protectively to represent the academic community in its external relations, e.g., in court or as fund-raiser.

When administration becomes the dominant force in the community, however, it is a sign that extra-mural powers are in control—State, Church, or Economy—and the administration is their agent. Notoriously, image-burnishing and fund-raising disregard or even prevent teaching and learning.

At Berkeley, the students gripped that the University of California has become a "factory, disregarding faculty and students," a factory to process professional licenses and apprentices for technological corporations, and to do extra-mural contracted research.

The particular bone of contention, the Free Speech ban, seems also to have been extra-murally instigated, by backlash elements, persons like Senator Knowland, etc. The administra-

tion certainly acted with panic under outside pressure and out of touch with its own community.

At present in the United States, students—middle-class youth—are the major exploited class. (Negroes, small farmers, the aged are rather out-caste groups; their labor is not needed and they are not wanted.)

The labor of intelligent youth is needed and they are accordingly subjected to tight scheduling, speedup, and other factory methods. Then it is not surprising if they organize their CIO. It is frivolous to tell them to go elsewhere if they don't like the rules, for they have no choice but to go to college, and one factory is like another. . . .

The extension of Academic Freedom to the claim to Freedom-to-Learn implies a revolutionary change in the status of American college-going. Up to now, American collegians have been regarded, and have regarded themselves as late-adolescents; but the claim to *Lernfreiheit* (freedom of students to ask for what they need to be taught, and if necessary to invite teachers, including advocates of causes) means that they are young adults who are capable of knowing what they ought to get.

This is, of course, the (non-English) European and Latin tradition. It goes with early sexual maturity, with economic independence (often in bohemian poverty), and with active

involvement in politics. Classically in Europe, it has also involved drawn-out education, many moratoria, much changing of schools and career plans, and "being a student" as itself a kind of profession of young adults, especially of the upper class.

Some of these changes are evident in this country. Whatever parents and administrators say about extended sexual tutelage and in loco parents, the young are practicing earlier sexual maturity without apologies. The past 10 years have witnessed a remarkable resurgence of youthful political engagements.

And since the selective service, it becomes far-fetched to deny the 18-year-old vote. It is hard to see how the university can welcome recruiters for Peace Corps or Army and disallow CORE and SNCC. (Incidentally, since the Supreme Court's "abatement" decision the illegal activity has turned out to be legal after all!)

Administration itself has dealt a mortal blow to the notion of late adolescence by its persistent attempts to abolish the fraternity system, which was a bulwark of Youth House and Social Life ideology (leading for instance, to trivial student governments).

I do not think the aim of Administration has been to treat the students as young adults; rather, the abolition of fraterni-

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Don Quixote Jeff Vs. The Windmills

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I was delighted the other morning in discovering Jeff Byrum's furious (although somewhat illogical) attack on religion. The timeless match of Don Quixote vs. Windmills is usually quite amusing, and Mr. Byrum provided me with a good chuckle to start my day.

I feel, though, that much would have been added to this article had the author included the words of Kenneth Pickthorn, a Conservative member of Parliament, who concluded a speech with the memorable words: "On this subject, as on so many others, I am amply provided with profound prejudices and superficial information."

Donald W. Lojek
Chapel Hill

Conrad Adenauer, Charles de Gaulle, Billy Graham, Jacques Maritain, and Graham Greene.

Finally, let us worship modern man in place of God. Like Mr. Byrum I ask why must we sacrifice our humanity to religion? Modern man with all his achievements has a right to be his own deity. True, there have been a few setbacks in the past 50 years such as Dachau, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and two massive, bloody world wars; but on the whole modern man has much of which to be proud.

Mr. Byrum has performed a valuable service to our community and to the Nation by uncovering these corrupt and sentimental activities of organized religion. But now there is much work to do—shall we start with the churches in Chapel Hill?

Art Dodson
207 Teague

Start The Fires, For All Believers

Editors, The Tar Heel:

This letter is in reply to an article by Jeff Byrum entitled "Religion is Mass Opiate." Mr. Byrum delineates religion as a crippling and stifling force on modern intellectual thought and freedom.

He finds "fundamentalist Protestant and reactionary Roman Catholic groups" guilty of such heinous crimes against modern society as having an FCA meeting at UNC, printing religious mottoes in coins, printing religious tracts with their own money, censoring books and films where "unmarried couples are portrayed as happily sleeping together," and using the radio for biblical readings.

Anyone who reads Br. Byrum's article must admit that both Protestants and Catholics are guilty of these fiendish and foul practices which have undermined the childhood, womanhood, and manhood of the nation. Even the most casual observer knows that these abominable practices are a far greater threat to humanity than human living conditions, lack of free and adequate schools, sub-human living conditions in slums, lack of relief to depressed areas in the world, or even the deterioration of international peace.

Unlike Mr. Byrum, who offered no alternative to fill the void left by religion, I would like to propose a plan which could change the world.

First of all, burn the churches! How can any self-respecting man sleep calmly at night knowing one of these insidious establishments lurks within the shadows of his home? Secondly, there must be mass executions of all persons refusing to give up their antiquated beliefs. Many will die rather than give up their idle dreams—so, unfortunately, mass executions will be necessary to establish the new order. This includes erasing the memory of such men of shabby intellect, who were devout Christians, as John F. Kennedy, T. S. Eliot, Gregor Mendel, and Louis Pasteur—and executing those living who are guilty of "sentimentality, hypocrisy, and downright deception" by belonging to religious faiths, such as

Grow Up Byrum, Agape Will Win

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Mr. Byrum doth protest too much. He is intelligent and obviously well-read. Agnostics keep plugging and criticizing, so I recognize he is no atheist.

But the writer is a sophomore, perhaps not at UNC but at life. God truly is everywhere, or He is nowhere to be found.

Attacked and vilified, His words live within searching hearts and consciences. Let Mr. Byrum see his firstborn, watch his mother die, fight illness, help another not so well-born or educated, humble himself distributing Christmas gifts to hungry kids.

In short, have a long and happy life. Jeff, and Agape overcomes momentary bitterness.

Marshall Smith
staff—Univ. Serv. Plants

Ban Petitioners Thank Signatories

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In explanation to those students who signed the independent petition asking for repeal of the Speaker Ban Law (HB 1395) (GS116199) it is here necessary to recount the passage of the petition into the hands of the trustees.

With the issue of the petition by Student Government, which though worded differently, was partially instigated by our independent petition, the decision was made to submit the independent petition to Student Government to be added to its petition. To my understanding, the petitions have now gone by way of President Friday to the trustees, who are to present a recommendation for action to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Due to the fact that the majority of the individuals working on the independent petition were members of the Student Peace Union, I, as chairman of the SPU, took the responsibility of coordinating the efforts and of seeing that the petition would be sent where it would have the best effect. To all who gathered signatures or aided in any manner, thank you for your efforts toward restoration of freedom of speech.

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