

## DTH Editorial Page

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# The Gag Law Strikes Again

All too often, the Speaker Ban is discussed by its supporters and its opponents as if its effects upon the University will be confined to some rather nebulous emotional and attitudinal changes spread over a long period of time.

Proponents of the law argue that eventually the University will become a haven of hatred for Communism, a situation which they claim will evolve naturally from the fact that no one on campus will be allowed to challenge a Red face to face.

On the other hand, some voice their discontent with the law solely on the presumption that all free thought has been destroyed by this singular incident of intrusion into the world of academic freedom by the General Assembly.

But while such overly enthusiastic individuals scream insults at each other from opposite ends of the political spectrum, certain events are taking place right under our noses which point out even more graphically the consequences of having such a ridiculous law on the books. We refer to the boycotting of the University by a growing list of academic groups who feel that the law is an insult.

The name of the American Association of Physics Teachers was added to the list this week when it was announced that the body's national convention will be withheld from the campus "as long as the law is in effect." Such a refusal

## Take It Off!

We always thought chicken pluckers were just a figment of someone's imagination. In these times, what with automation and all, we took it for granted that our poultry at dinner had been defeathered by some device or other which needed only the push of a button to produce enough feathers to fill a fraternity house full of mattresses.

Well, we were wrong. A young lady with the improbable name of Gypsy Drenetta Diane Terry made the news yesterday, and her occupation is plucking chickens.

That isn't what got her in the news, however. She was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday night for leaping on the stage during a rock and roll performance and plucking herself—that is, taking off her clothes.

We don't know what prompted such an act, but we do have a suspicion.

Maybe one too many people asked her what she did for a living.

## The Editors Get A Possible Successor

The campus political parties have nominated their candidates, and after months of speculation and infighting the campaign is ready to start. It will be a tough one, as the election is some four weeks away.

Yesterday another candidate entered the race for a major office—his name is

by the AAPT is understandable, but it is also terribly regrettable for several reasons.

In the first place, it brings to national attention the fact that things are not what they should be in Chapel Hill, a long-time center of freedom in the pursuit of truth. Certainly other academic groups, educational societies and political forums will be inclined to take to heart the implication that the University of North Carolina is a place not to be frequented by enlightened men. No one can deny that there is a real basis for such an implication, but it is doubly hard to stomach because the University had nothing to do with it.

Yet it is forced to suffer the immediate as well as the far-reaching consequences while those who initiated the problem remain virtually immune.

A second point concerns the recruitment and retention of faculty members. In the past, one of the foremost competitive factors which the University could offer prospective teachers to supplement a barely competitive pay scale was the spirit of total freedom which surrounded all its campuses. Now, however, some of this spirit has been abrogated, and the dismal fact is that North Carolina does not have the economic foundation which will allow us to compete on the basis of salary alone.

Finally, there is the very real economic loss which results from the absence of large conventions and meetings such as that of the AAPT or the Southern Political Science Association, which also has declined to visit Chapel Hill. The AAPT convention alone would have brought 200 delegates and their pocketbooks into the state. Call it crass commercialism if you will, but for a state whose third largest source of income is from its travel industry, such a loss is inexcusable.

It thus becomes clear that the Speaker Ban is more than a localized or emotional issue. It is more than a battleground for conflicting ideologies concerning academic freedom, though many have attempted to restrict it to that. Clearly, it is also a source of injury to the University's image and reputation, and an economic blow to both the institution and the state.

And while some of our legislators may not care much about academic freedom, it seems inconceivable that they should also be unconcerned about the picture which North Carolina presents to the nation.

Ernie McCrary and his goal is to be editor of the Daily Tar Heel.

As of yet, he has no opposition. Indeed, there doesn't seem to be anyone in sight to challenge him, but this should not be construed to mean McCrary is being foisted upon the campus.

Ernie McCrary is qualified, a fact anyone who has come in contact with him will attest. If there are other candidates, we hope they will be equally qualified, as the job is demanding and requires professional knowledge as well as determination and an ability to take just about everything with a grain of salt.

The first criteria for a candidate for DTH editor should be, "Can he get the paper out?" Political views should matter little, as it is better to get a DTH you don't agree with than not get it at all.

McCrary's political views are, according to his campaign manager, "moderate." Of course, everyone has his own definition of "moderate" (for instance, Marquis Childs calls Earl Warren that, and conversely Dean Burch said the same of Sen. George Murphy.)

We urge all who think they can do the job to run for the office. It is a good one, and the satisfaction is worth the many hours required.

But please, please be qualified—that's what counts.

# Gardner's Rally A One-Man Show

By DAVID ROTHMAN

FSM — one of whose goals is to find the student's place in a university — seems to be experiencing its own "identity crisis."

This became evident after an exhaustive series of telephone interviews with members of CORE and NAACP — the two groups supposedly most closely connected with the UNC Free Speech Movement.

The first person contacted was UNC - NAACP Secretary Billie Jean Barnes.

According to Miss Barnes, FSM per se does not exist on the UNC campus. Rather, she said, it is a loose coalition of CORE, NAACP and like-minded groups (This was to be an oft-repeated statement).

Miss Barnes said she did not know when the FSM "coalition" had come into being. As far as she knew, there were no officers, no dues, nothing whatsoever to suggest a formal structure.

She finished the interview by giving the phone number of NAACP member Frank Anshen. Anshen repeated Miss Barnes' story about FSM's being a loose coalition.

Like the NAACP secretary, he was unable to supply many details. But he had his own facts to add.

FSN, Anshen said was of a spontaneous origin. To Anshen's knowledge, there was no communication with the Berkeley group. Indeed, he said, FSM had been born the Sunday after the incident involving the Librarian.

That was all Anshen said he knew. He suggested that Charles Miller, CORE co-chairman, be contacted.

Contacting was an easy task, for Anshen and Miller live at the same address: 407 West Franklin St. Also living there is Herbert W. Bilick, another CORE co-chairman. The extremely active civil rightists in Chapel Hill appear to be a tight-knit group.

Miller, like Miss Barnes and Anshen, did not know who had attended a Feb. 14 meeting supposedly held the Sunday following the incident at Fraternity Court. He also did not know whether FSM representatives had been present, as James Gardner was said to have told the DTH.

Miller, Miss Barnes and Anshen, at least outwardly, had been very cooperative. However, the next person reached — a Mrs. Joan Drake — was anything but willing to help identify the mysterious Free Speech Movement of Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Drake apparently has

impressive standing within the CORE hierarchy as a member of the organization's National Action Council. It seemed she could easily prove a source of final information because of CORE's close relationship with FSM.

But Mrs. Drake, whose only connection with UNC is through her husband (who is taking his Ph.D.), refused to reveal any relevant facts.

"The DTH," she said, "is not part of the free press. I have no comments to make."

Was she certain, then, that she would not confirm Gardner's DTH statement that FSM, together with CORE and NAACP, had met Sunday, Feb. 14?

"Yes," she said. "The remarks of James Gardner need no verification. I accept them as fact."

She was asked other questions, but generally, the "answer" was the same: "The DTH is not part of the free press."

Mrs. Drake became a record player, constantly expressing her confidence in Gardner — and constantly blasting away at the DTH.

In fact, she got so carried away that she was still repeating her harangue when the phone was hung up.

But what about Gardner himself — the man most severely criticized in the local press?

Gardner, contrary to expectation, was the most cooperative person interviewed. He spent 90 minutes discussing FSM over the telephone.

During this time, he revealed his philosophy. It was idealism in its purest form.

Gardner even said that he was not alarmed by the heckling at the Feb. 19 FSM rally. Personal attacks, he felt, were what one should expect when active in movements such as FSM.

Free expression, favorable or unfavorable — that was all he had in mind.

But if Gardner was idealistic, he was also inconsistent and extraordinarily vague.

Gardner, for instance, explained that he had never advocated demonstrations like the one at Berkeley. This contradicted his statement that appeared in the Feb. 16 DTH.

"Should (permission to hold a political rally) be denied, we intend to follow the successful policies of the Free Speech Movement at the University of California, which has successfully won the assurance of an open forum for the expression of ideas of any nature."

Civil disobedience — i.e. demonstrations — was the cornerstone of FSM policy at Berkeley.

Gardner reportedly informed the DTH that the UNC protest rally had been assured of "simultaneous sympathy rallies at the University of California."

However, here he conceded that a California rally to protest the situation in North Carolina had not taken place to the best of his knowledge.

To be sure, he said, there had been a rally last Friday at Berkeley. But this rally had been planned without UNC in mind.

Instead, Gardner said, the Berkeley rally was held to protest the United States handling of the crisis in Viet Nam.

Then how had Chapel Hill communicated with Berkeley?

Gardner revealed he had gotten in touch with his brother, currently living in Berkeley. His brother, in turn, had contacted Mario Savio, FSM leader.

Savio sent Gardner a good-luck telegram, and shortly afterwards, Gardner received messages from other FSM groups. Telephone calls were made and letters sent, but all this had taken place before last Friday's rally.

Thus, Gardner did not maintain the on-the-spot communication he had promised when quoted by the newspapers.

Who had supplied the link between Chapel Hill and Berkeley before the rally?

Gardner said that as far as he knew, all the telegrams were addressed to either him or Charles Miller.

This situation appears strange in view of Miller's supposed ignorance of the intimate workings of FSM, or the so-called FSM coalition.

Gardner, however, said he had in his possession an FSM telegram addressed to Miller. In this case, Gardner quite likely is in the right — at the expense of Miller.

When quoted in the papers, Gardner usually spoke of FSM as if it were a separate group. Nearly always, he talked about CORE, the UNC-NAACP and FSM.

But over the telephone, Gardner merely repeated what other interviewees had said: that the Chapel Hill FSM is merely a coalition of CORE, NAACP and other groups.

How about the Feb. 14 meeting, the one of which he reportedly told the DTH?

At this point, Gardner became very vague. He simply could not recall exactly who had been at

the meeting. In fact, he was soon saying he had "met" with civil rights leaders merely by walking down Franklin St. or by talking with them over the phone.

Another question: Was Mr. Gardner absolutely certain he did not know the main moving force behind the Chapel Hill FSM?

Yes, he said, he was certain he didn't. The local FSM, according to Mr. Gardner, was run by many individuals.

Who, then, had talked with Chancellor Sharp? Who had consulted with attorney Floyd McKissick (national chairman of CORE)? Who had spoken to a group at Everett dorm? Who had invited many UNC students to come to the rally in the name of FSM? Who had addressed the rally?

All these things had been done by Gardner. However, he said that at the next FSM rally he did not intend to speak.

Obviously, Gardner had great fears about FSM's being tagged a one-man operation.

The last person contacted was CORE chairman McKissick. Like Mrs. Drake, McKissick refused to provide any useful information. However, he was more subtle than Mrs. Drake, relatively speaking.

What had Mr. McKissick discussed with Mr. Gardner during the consultation of Feb. 14?

Oh, he said, that was legal business, the specifics of which were not the public's business.

That was what he said early in the conversation.

But later, he denied ever having made such a comment. Certainly, he said, he would be quite willing to be open.

Then, what did Gardner and he discuss on Feb. 14?

McKissick rattled off an entire string of topics: their college days (Gardner and McKissick's association goes back over a period of many years); the future role of CORE and NAACP; the condition of the Negro in the United States; maybe even the rally at Y-Court and the Librarian's difficulties.

How much these last two topics were discussed McKissick would not say. He sarcastically remarked that he had not kept track of the precise time devoted to each subject.

Then, with Mrs. Drake's bitterness, he exploded.

"I'm a Negro, and I know when people are out to get me." Several other questions were asked, and the interview was ended.

The more cooperative Gardner (who, as mentioned before, did his best to be helpful — even if confusion prevented him from being so), as well as the campus civil rights leaders, had stressed the role of the CORE-NAACP coalition in the Free Speech Movement.

Therefore, until Mrs. Drake and McKissick become more informative, FSM's identity crisis probably can never be truly resolved.

## Convention Madness Hits

By PETE WALES  
Associate Editor

Springtime is convention time and time for the wheeler-dealers to display their art. Some of the dealings and vote-swappings and the seriousness with which they are taken are indeed impressive to us more naive folks.

We sat in on the convention of the Cool Campus Cutie Party the other evening and were literally blitzed. A young gentleman who identified himself as Quang Duc came dashing up, his small eyes darting from side to side and his brow furrowed with extreme tension.

"How's your delegation voting for secretary? Are you committed?"

"Well, ah, we were thinking about . . ."

"Don't vote for her, Comely Halters. She's part of the great plot. Besides, she'll never get the women's dorms."

"But she's comely," we said. "That doesn't matter. It's the KK's, the Phi Pi's and Armswell Mayhem. Armswell's running for something too, and he made a deal."

"If this goes through, the CC-CP will be completely subverted." He ran off into the crowd.

The next gentleman to visit us was none other than Mayhem himself. We could tell right away he was a candidate by the suave three-piece tweed suit the Ipana smile, and the casual blond forelock swept down across his forehead. The upper right, red, white and blue corner of a magazine protruded from his inside pocket.

"Hey, I'd like to urge your support of my candidacy for class vice president."

"Which class?" we asked. "Why, our class, of course. The upper one."

"I think we've got a real strong ticket and I promise to work for it with all my heart. Grit Boredom just got nominated, and he's a sure bet against Spawn Willful of the Sleeper Party. And Dawn Wholesome looks like he'll beat out Slick Fixum for President."

"Right now, we need your support for Comely to fill out the slate."

"We'll think about it," we said. "Sure was nice of you to come talk to us."

He turned to leave and in a flash, Quang Duc was hanging over our shoulder.

"The dirty rats, they've fixed it, they've fixed it. They're all bloc voting. I've never seen such dirty wheeling and dealing in all my life."

"We've decided to vote for Comely," we said. "She looks real cute."

"What? You too? You can't do this. Big Daddy Spearmint won't like it one bit. That's the end of your friendship. Just wait and see if you get any more appointments." He dashed for the door.

Things were dying down and we decided it was time to crawl back to the ivory towers of Graham Memorial. As we neared the door we spotted the newly dominated Comely and Quang Duc.

"Comely, you won fair and square. I'll back you now. You can count on my whole-hearted support," Quang Duc said.

"Don't you ever speak to me. You're a sneaky devil — the back politician. You're against consensus and you can go to hell."

"Comely, I've tried to restrain myself. I've always been a loyal CC-CP man. But now it's subverted and all my work has been undone. I'm going over the Sleeper Party. You can just forget the whole thing."

Like magnets of like poles, left back from one another and fled in opposite directions. A tall, slumped figure edged forward from the wall, his cheeks coated with the bristly beginnings of a beard, and muttering out of the side of his mouth: "Forget, Hell!"

## Pages At UN Missed Dallen

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In reference to Jane Dallen's letter of Sunday, Feb. 21, I would like to review several of my statements in my letter of Feb. 17.

I inferred from Miss Dallen's letter that she took my previous statements as a personal insult to the pages. If one will carefully read my letter, he will see that I nowhere stated that the pages did anything but a fine job under the existing circumstances. I think they did a superb job and deserved the ovation and appreciation they received.

However, it seems that a number of pages were recruited after the mentioned orientation meeting. The majority of these came from Alderman Dorm. I was ignorant of the fact that the meeting had taken place until the appearance of Miss Dallen's letter. Therefore, the only fault was that these pages had no opportunity to learn the procedures.

All pages had to go to the main office at the 'Y to get instructions as to where to report. I, myself, did this, contrary to Miss Dallen's statements and was thence told my assignment.

I, and the pages I worked with, did not censor any of the messages we delivered except under the circumstances mentioned in my letter of Feb. 17.

I would like to thank Jane Dallen for the information she provided and to apologize if I made it seem as though she fell down on the job. She probably did a fine job with the pages she worked with.

It is my hope that my stand is now clear and that there is no confusion as to what I have criticized. Except for these statements, my views of the previous letter remain the same.

Irah Maureen Murray  
304 Alderman

## A Place For Violent Words

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I have had it in mind to write to you that some truths are hard to understand, but that would have been written at a time in which under the weightlessness of events I might have flattered you by taking you seriously. Now it seems better to say through you to those who are listening that some understandings are hard to truth.

Coleman Barks said that to us in his letter to you, and that letter is the only thing of any beauty to come out of these last days. It should be read and reread not for how it puts the right thing in the right place but for what it reveals of how a mind, filled for the moment with the sense of a right place, can search, and I think on occasions, find the right thing to put into it.

William Butler Yeats wrote once to Ezra Pound what turned out to be rather unnecessary advice: "Do not be elected to the Senate of your country."

Speaking of his own experience in the Irish Senate (and North Carolina has many analogies with Ireland though I have none with Yeats), the artist Yeats said of the political figure Yeats, "Whenever I stood up to speak, no matter how long I pondered my words . . . I was ashamed until shame turned at last . . . into physical pain."

When we have all come to understand what he meant by his shame, we may not all, in impotent rage at human folly cease speaking; but those of us who by the flaws in our natures must always be speaking will have learned the true modesty of violent words and will have

abandoned the bad Southern poetry of consent, conciliation and flaccid concord.

No one to my knowledge has so closely united the poetry of life with the life of poetry as Rabindranath Tagore, that man so strange to our ways we have given him prizes rather than read him. The violence of his gentle life is astounding.

I will write above my door Tagore's 295th STRAY BIRD "Blessed is he whose fame does not outshine his truth" and you must write above the doors of your Greek letter houses or your Roman columned buildings his 303rd dictum: "God's silence ripens man's thoughts into speech." Here lessoneth an ending.

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