

DTH Editorial Page

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Wake Forest's Challenge Is Big

One of the most promising events on the spring collegiate calendar comes up this weekend at Wake Forest College when "Challenge 65," the Wake Forest Symposium, tackles the imposing topic "The Emerging World of the American Negro."

from Greenville, Miss. Carolina students who are interested will surely find it worth the time and effort to drive to Winston-Salem and take in some of the sessions, all of which will be held on the Wake campus.

Ring, Ring, Ring, Ring . . . Ouch!

Making a telephone call has never been an entirely pleasant experience in Chapel Hill. For four years now we have suffered through long distance operators who connect us with Goldsboro rather than Greensboro, girl's dorm phones that stay busy for hours on end, and other assorted woes.

ritating the most patient phone users. Granted, it's a small point but we are not so much concerned about the sound itself as the danger it represents. As it is, telephone manners are not what they could be, and listening to the new "ring" for thirty seconds is guaranteed to make an irritated caller even less disposed to courtesy.

Let's Stand Up For Chapel Hill

The following editorial comment appeared in The Chapel Hill Weekly of March 7, 1965. The Daily Tar Heel reprints it here for our readers' benefit, and urges students and all Chapel Hill residents to join in the appeal to preserve the beauty that has made Chapel Hill a distinct and lovely place to live.

range plan that will preserve the natural beauty of the area and the character of the residential and business districts.

The present danger of hamburger places in the heart of Town and stripping away the area's natural beauty for apartment projects is vexatious and frustrating to those who have been able to appreciate Chapel Hill's great charm. The assault is especially distressing to those who decided to live here because in large part, of the distinction the Town is threatened with losing.

We have no idea what legal problems are involved, but it seems that additional safeguards should be possible in the business district. If the Town Board can prohibit a pool room or bowling alley anywhere in Chapel Hill, it seems reasonable that it could also assume the power to prohibit such things as construction of a hamburger walk-in next to a church. If permissive legislation from the State is necessary to erect such safeguards, now is the time to seek it, while the General Assembly is in session.

And yet, with all the vexations, frustrations and distress, the present danger might be exactly what Chapel Hill has needed. With the danger aimed at the heart of Town and at one of our most pleasant residential areas—a threat that is all but impossible to overlook—the Townspeople have been alerted.

Possibly even more restrictive zoning of residential districts and those suburban areas ripe for development will prevent further spread of unsightly construction and will slow the encroachment of commercial establishments into residential neighborhoods.

What is obviously needed is a long-

term

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Campus Radio Near Completion

By DON CARSON

The need for a campus radio system has been apparent for several years. In fact, some discussion of a student-operated station goes back to the administration of Inman Allen in 1962-63. Through the proposed system, students could be provided a source of entertainment and diversion which they presently lack (especially at night) due to poor signals from nearby radio stations.

campus radio station on the air some time late this spring. The present political atmosphere, however, has compelled us to delay further legislation on campus radio until after the spring election. This project is one which can be of great benefit to the entire campus, and I have hoped that it would never become a political issue. I deeply regret that it has been injected into the present campaign.

ment Offices in the hope that those who presently find it politically inexpedient to support campus radio will be able to do so after the spring election. No matter what the outcome of the election, I will continue to support the Campus Radio project. Student body cohesion and campus "spirit" will be enhanced through the systematic presentation of events themselves and information about events on the campus. Programming of the station will be determined by a Campus Radio Board

which will use campus opinion polls in deciding what type of music will be offered. Research already done in this area indicates a heavy emphasis on popular music. Not the least purpose served would be the opportunity for student leaders and the University administration to have an extremely rapid means of reaching a very large portion of the student body on matters of urgency or in emergencies.

Table listing equipment costs: AM "Carrier Current" Transmitters \$ 8,250, FM Transmitters and Receivers 3,600, Installation of AM and FM Equipment 800, Electrical Outlets 800, Studio Equipment 4,300, Office Equipment 900, Test Equipment (FCC Required) 1,100. Total: \$19,750.

In order to obtain competent and responsible people the station will be operated by salaried personnel. The cost of operating the station each year will be \$11,628 which should be broken down as follows:

Table listing annual operating costs: Technical Department Salaries and wages \$ 1,928, Mileage 200, Tubes and parts 520, Program Department Salaries and wages 2,160, Records 1,200, Tapes 400, Telephone lines (for relaying programs) 60, News Services (this item may be reduced) 2,380, General and Administrative Expense: Postage, tel & tel 150, Dues, subscriptions, and memberships 75, Stationary & supplies 150, Maintenance and repairs—Office 45, Travel 100. Total: \$11,628.

I am aware of the existence of a good bit of distortion and confusion about the initial cost of the radio station.

It should be noted that the initial cost of \$19,750 is more than \$8,000 less than the original figure which was given several months ago. There are several reasons for this difference.

The original figure contained \$2,000 in remodeling to Swain Hall which the University administration has now agreed to underwrite. Also, the present figure does not contain a \$2,000 contingency fund or seventeen weeks operational cost which were included in the original estimate. There will, of course, be other capital improvements to the station from time to time, but these will not place any serious burden on Student Government finances.

It has not yet been determined if it will be necessary to ask for an increase in student fees in order to provide this service. Any increase in the fees, however, will be submitted to a vote of the student body.

This entire project has already been approved by the Chancellor and the University Board of Trustees.

'Do They Charge When Wounded?'



Letters To The Editors

Pub Board Misses Point

Pratt Deserving Of Endorsement

Editors, The Tar Heel:

The refusal of the Publications Board to approve the candidacy of Norwood Pratt for editor of the Daily Tar Heel reveals a quaint and nearsighted attitude of what the editorship requires.

The chairman of the Pub Board said Pratt "did not have a record of the prior experience and ability that would be necessary to get the Tar Heel to press every day." The incumbent editors, in a recent editorial and before the Pub Board, have urged the selection of candidates who "are qualified to put the paper out every day."

But the real issue is not Getting the Sheet Out. The issue is: What kind of paper will the candidates put out?

And that question of DTH content must be left largely to the campus electorate. The issue for the Publications Board was to give all the candidates a fair break. The board's responsibility should be to ensure that the editorial candidates themselves can write, and that they can build staffs which can write. And Mr. Pratt's most carping critics will concede that he is intelligent and can write.

The frantic question, "Will the paper come out?" is extraneous. For 70-odd years, it has always insisted on coming out—despite everything lazy or confused or misguided staffs and editors could do to stop it.

In past years the Pub Board has endorsed several candidates who have never set foot in the DTH office. Three or four of these have been elected, and a couple have even made good editors. A future shoe salesman and a gas-station-attendant-to-be were endorsed and elected, among others. And the paper still came out, with the

only difference from year to year being the quality of the content.

The Pub Board verdict also fits into a pattern—in which both the newspaper and the student government "establishment" have had a hand—of making the DTH staff self-perpetuating, breeding on itself, finding new editors from the old staff year after year. A new face saying "I want in" brings shrieks of terror and much scurrying around.

But the students have the last word. And they should not be-

Faculty Member Blasts Library

Editors, The Tar Heel:

As a long time faculty member and interested participant in school affairs, it is my ardent desire that the University community function as smoothly as possible. One very important facet of university life is the University Library and it appears that it is not operating quite as smoothly as it should, or could.

It is a widely known and silently suffered fact that the library operates under a terrific amount of pressure and bears up very poorly. As if aware of this fact the people in charge of hiring new staff members have, in the last year or two, hired some very hardy specimens indeed. So hardy in most cases, that they spend a good deal of their time on the playing fields and very little in the library. What they lack in an intelligent and interested approach to their jobs, they more than make up for in physical prowess.

The library must wake up to the fact that an all masculine facade is no substitute for honest and intelligent service to the University at large.

Name Withheld

come mesmerized by the wolf-cry that there is imminent danger the paper will not come out if so-and-so is elected. To be decided in the content: will the paper be lively, exciting, informative? Or will the only thing you can say in its behalf be: "Well, it comes out every day."

Jim Clotfelter Former DTH Editor

Otis Whistling In Wind On Ban

Editors, The Tar Heel,

The argument over the speaker ban, Mr. Otis (DTH, March 2), is not one concerning the rights of the General Assembly but rather the extent of the damage thus done to the University. Moreover, the assertion of a minimal loss of knowledge is simply whistling in the wind; come over to Phillips Hall someday, sir, and let me bring you up to date.

Finally, I am happy to provide an answer to Mr. Otis' query as to the motives of opponents of the ban. Most of us are simply trying to maintain a first-class university in Chapel Hill.

Lawrence Shifkin Physics Dept.

Editors Supported On Gardner Issue

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In light of the criticism being heaped upon you for your editorial stand on the Gardner "affair" which was ludicrous from the outset—and symptomatic of something more dangerous than laughable—let me add one small voice in your support.

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Junk Standard For Gaullefingee

By ART BUCHWAD

The New York Herald Tribune President Johnson is trying to beautify America. President de Gaulle is trying to make us go back in the gold standard. Fort Knox is in terrible shape. What does it all mean?

It means the United States has to find something besides gold to support its currency.

The answer has been staring all of us in the face for years. The biggest problem America faces today is what to do with its junked cars. An estimated seven million of them are clogging up every yard and highway in the U. S. If we could get rid of them we could beautify America and make a great leap forward into the Great Society.

Anyone who has seen the film "Goldfinger" knows that in a matter of minutes you can, with the aid of a giant press, take a used car and crush it down to a bar the size of a shoebox. Here lies the answer to the gold problem.

The first thing President Johnson must do is announce that instead of gold we are going on a junked-car standard. He will give everyone 30 days to bring in their junked cars. During that period he will order the U. S. Army to dump all the gold in Fort Knox into the Pedernales Rives to show we no longer consider gold of any value.

Giant crushers and presses will be set up next to all Federal Reserve banks and the junked cars will be pressed into bars and then sent to the Fort Knox where they will be valued at \$30 an ounce.

In no time at all Fort Knox will be overflowing with car-bars and the United States can back the dollar with junked cars to kingdom come. No one could ever catch up with us.

At first there may be cries of

dismay from our allies. The French will complain that since their cars are so much smaller than ours they would suffer financially from a junked car standard.

The Swiss, on the other hand, would complain because everyone would be sending their junked cars to Switzerland to be deposited in their numbered accounts.

The British and Germans would have to go along with us, particularly if we hinted that the junked car standard was aimed at wrecking the French economy.

The Italians never junk their cars. We would have to give them long term junked car credits.

But the ones who would be hurt most would be the Russians and Chinese, who have no junked cars at all to speak of.

They would be in terrible shape and would probably be forced to sell the British buses that were recently sold to Cuba.

The jewelry industry might gripe at the beginning, but arrangements could be made to sell them junked car bars for the manufacture of watches, bracelets, necklaces.

Economists whom I discussed the idea with can't see any flaw in the plan. Their only regret is that they hadn't thought of it themselves.

While this is being written, a messenger is delivering the full plan to the White House, and unless there is some resistance from the gold-producing states the country will probably be on the junked car standard by 1966.

Even if it doesn't solve our monetary problems, it will take care of our junked car problems and, as far as President Johnson is concerned, half the battle will be won.

Best of all, it will give President de Gaulle something more to think about.