

DTH Editorial Page

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The Legislature Watches Baring

The Chapel Hill Weekly

In a couple of weeks or so, hundreds of North Carolina citizens and taxpayers are going to start raising Cain. They are going to raise Cain because their sons and daughters can not be admitted to the University of North Carolina. And these sons and daughters can not be admitted, even though they are qualified in every respect.

The reason they can't be admitted is because there aren't enough dormitories, classrooms, teachers and other necessary facilities to satisfy the demand. At Chapel Hill, existing facilities will allow admission of only a fraction of those students — qualified North Carolina students — seeking enrollment.

A disgruntled parent who has been paying State taxes all these years might reasonably ask why there aren't facilities and teachers available to educate his child. The answer is simple: the Legislature hasn't seen fit to appropriate the money. One of the reasons the Legislature hasn't seen fit to appropriate the money is that we haven't had a Governor in recent years inclined to exert pressure equal to the need. Unfortunately, we don't have such a Governor now, either.

Top Secret: End For 'End Up'

The Martha's Vineyard Gazette

These are two phrases, unrelated, so usual in speech and writing these days that no one seems to challenge them, yet they raise the gravest grammatical questions. One is "top secret," which we suppose is intended to mean the most important secrecy and actually means, many times, the best advertised secrecy itself, it admits of no degrees, top,

bottom, or in between; you either have it or you don't.

Is it possible to make anything more secret by referring to it as "top"? Certainly you can make it more a mystery, and suggest to more and more people that they keep guessing what it is, and thus perhaps incur a greater risk of what is known as spilling the beans. A "top secret" is presumably known to all or most of the top people, and since it is amazing how many of those there are in our world of importance and self-importance, it may be imagined that a "top secret" is in a subtle sense less private than an ordinary or bottom secret which may exist in lowly fashion between you and me alone.

The other phrase is "end up." Nothing seems to end any more; it always "ends up." This does not mean it concludes in a vertical position but only that it ends positively and no fooling around. But if something ends, can there be any question of finality? An end is an end, and ending is ending, no matter how you look at it, and whether the conclusion is reached by slow degrees or by sudden resolution.

Just the same, most of us have fallen into the habit of saying "ends up" as a means of gaining emphasis, though already the emphasis is mostly lost through over-use and we are left with one more maiming of clear, forthright English.

- Notebook: Why Dickson Won -

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a return to the fact of Carson's popularity.

It is true that Dickson lost big a year ago; it is also true that Carson won easily a year ago; but they were not running against each other, and there-in lies most of the explanation.

Last Year

The grand - slam won by the University Party last spring is a unique event in the history of Student government; the SP was buried, clearly and simply. And most of this debacle was brought about by the presence on the UP ticket of one Robert Worthington Spearman.

Spearman — brilliant but not flashy, intelligent but not glib — emerged from one of the most hectic and wasted years in Student Government history unscathed by a frantic civil rights tussle. He was a candidate who could not be beaten even by one of the most rousing campaigners in years.

When Spearman swept into office on the crest of one of the largest popular mandates ever, he carried Don Carson with him. This is not to deny Carson his own hard - fought victory; he earned it and he got it. But he

got it by beating one of the least inspiring candidates ever to vie for a campus - wide office, and while he captured his share of dorm votes, it was the fraternity districts that gave Carson almost all of his margin.

False Impression

Thus the UP and a lot of others have labored complacently for a year under the false but reasonable impression that Carson — dorm man, Spearman man, and incumbent — could flail the daylight out of Paul Dickson — loser.

They were dead wrong. Yes, Carson is a "dorm man," and the originator of the Residence Hall Improvements Committee's major successes; but in a sense, Paul Dickson is a dorm man also, for he has been president of Everett and is an advisor in Ehringhaus.

Yes, Carson was the incumbent. But the vice-president's job, which consists largely of chairing the legislature, is virtually overlooked by the campus unless it becomes a seat of controversy. Carson, more than anything else, avoided controversy like the plague. While Spearman (and Dickson) was out

fighting for NSA's life, Carson straddled a fence, just as he would do several times during the year. It kept him out of trouble, true; but it also kept him out of the lime-light.

Spearman Magic

As a result, the Spearman magic never rubbed off. It remained within the boundaries of Bob Spearman's own image, and when election time came, Carson stood alone.

He had only the UP's great organization and some traditional stalwarts such as Maupin and King on which to rely. They were not enough, even though fraternity men by the hundreds flocked to the polls to vote for a dorm man just because he was on the UP ticket.

Carson needed more than these things. He needed to win against his own element in order to become president. That he could not do it is a tribute to Dickson and to the grass roots appeal of the SP.

That Bob Spearman could do it last year is no less a tribute to him; for if Don Carson's loss proved nothing else, it proved that Spearman beat a good man last year — a darn good man.

Fraternity Blamed For Pledge Trip

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I was disgusted by reading in the DTH about four fraternity pledges receiving probation after stealing objects from other universities. My disgust was not so much with the facts as stated as with what was not said.

The story cited the urgings of the brothers as a mitigating cause in the case, the implication being that they were "led astray". So, why were not THE INSTIGATORS punished, also?

In the opinion of most commentators upon Shakespeare's "Macbeth," he is less guilty of murder, although he actually committed it, than Lady Macbeth who taunted and urged him to do it. Similarly, a pledge to be accepted must let himself be guided by the moral (?) values of his "brothers."

To me, the instigators should not only be punished, but more severely; for they were the cause of these reprehensible acts rather than the somewhat stupid effectors.

Let I be accused of being anti - fraternity, let me state that often fraternities are excellent organizations deserving nothing but praise. However, this depends upon the membership and values stressed by each particular chapter. In some, citizenship and scholarship are stressed, in some the ability to consume beer, and in some the art of "swiping."

In a large city recently, four members of a "gang" watched as a fifth killed a passerby with

a tire chain to "prove" himself, and thereby earn the right to wear a leather jacket with the gang insignia. In my opinion quite properly, the police arrested not only the murderer and his companions but the leaders of the gang as well. They were just as culpable.

Therefore, since this particular fraternity seems to operate like upper - class juvenile delinquents, is it not just and proper for the instigators of this silly episode to be punished also?

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Editors' Note: The fraternity is being tried by the IFC Court.

Silent Sam Idol

To An Ideology

Editors, The Tar Heel:

When I first read Al Ribak's letter urging the removal of "Silent Sam," although I felt inclined to agree, I felt that the letter was at least tongue - in - cheek. But what is amazing is that Ribak's half - in - jest, half - in - earnest effort has cut through the mass of presuppositions and unexamined assumptions which fill the atmosphere like fall - out, and are at least as dangerous.

What is amazing is that the only argument anyone has been able to put forth for letting "Silent Sam" stand, is that he represents some people who had the courage to act decisively for their beliefs. If this is the only reason for which "Sam" is allowed to remain, then I think he

should be removed on those grounds alone.

I must point out that such an ideology would make a hero of Adolf Hitler, for surely there was a man who had high and idealistic convictions, and who fought long and hard for them (although perhaps they were "wrong by modern standards"). Although it is convincing, it is not sufficient to quote such an extreme example in order to expose the danger in such thinking.

My point is that the nature of such justification is ideological. An ideology is a formula, a set way of thinking which may be applied to any number of situations. It is by ideologies that the minds of men are enslaved.

I was born in Charleston, S.C. and reared in Raleigh. I have ancestors who fought on the side of the Confederate States in the Civil War. But in spite of the fact that I am a Southerner, I refuse to be a slave to the ideology of the Southern Mystique.

My ancestors fought and were killed for their convictions about slavery, state's rights, and the agrarian way of life. I cannot praise them merely because they had the courage of their convictions. It is their convictions before which they must stand judged, and not their courage or cowardice.

We may continue our arguments by calling the Civil War "The War of Northern Oppression," or "The War of Southern Insurrection," but it remains what it was: a misguided struggle on behalf of some questionable convictions. Nor can I agree with the relativists

that this is merely judging by my own "modern standards," and therefore invalid (as are all value judgments, according to them).

I think that there may be a direction in man's life in the world which is neither modern, nor a standard, by which we may come to such a conclusion about the merits of the Southern struggle.

The issue is important because the struggle is far from over. Southerners still fight for the same convictions, although they are modernized. Instead of slavery, they struggle to perpetuate suppression of the Negro (unless he prove himself); instead of secession and nullification, they struggle to maintain each state's own voter registration methods; instead of a plantation economy, they struggle to maintain a rural way of life in the face of increasing urbanization.

And all this struggle is done in the name of an ideology, a Southern Mystique. It is the white man who has become the slave in the South.

If "Silent Sam" stands only to honor an ideology, he is an idol, and I, too, would call for the destruction of "Silent Sam."

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Statue Modeled After Irishman

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In reply to the "letter" appearing in the DTH on March 17 by Al Ribak, I cannot decide whether to agree with him and carry his proposal further or to reject his reactionary ideas as those of a childish prank conceived by one with nothing better to do.

Maybe we should do away with Silent Sam and all other bridges to the past. Why count heritage, why honor tradition, why be proud of our past? Perhaps we should do away with our national archives, our history books, our statues of Washington, Jefferson, Sherman, Lee, The Unknown Soldier, and other "Silent Sams."

These men only committed their lives, hopes, dreams to the preservation of liberty as they saw it.

After all, wasn't Washington a reactionary? Didn't he lead a nation's forces in a revolt against their government? Shouldn't we look upon him as willing to "destroy the union" with England to promote the rights of subjects to make decisions for themselves as to how their national affairs were to be carried out?

The same can be said for Jefferson, Lee, and Sherman. Yes, even Sherman who was so enveloped with love for his fellow man that he burned a city to the ground to show it!

But we can't criticize Sherman can we? He was a Northern leader and these "All knowing" gods from the North have no trouble in "their land" and can know no feelings of bigotry or hatred. The North doesn't have its ghettos, its Harlems, its little Italys, etc.

Why not do away with this "honor" called the Nobel Peace Prize? After all, even though Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others believe deeply that their cause is just, should we devote their "lives, hopes, and dreams" to the promotion of liberty and equality, should we deem it necessary to cast honors upon them?

The South indeed fought over the issue of slavery. However, even a more dominant reason lies in the fact that the North was attempting to force an economic and social system upon the South that was totally alien to the way of life known in the South.

If Communism were being forced upon us, would not we honor them? Just because consider it a disgrace to submit without a fight? Why then should we condemn the South for fighting for the truths in which she believed, even though there is a question, and a valid one, as to the morality of one of her "peculiar institutions."

Granted, slavery in ANY FORM is wrong and had it not been for the Civil War slavery would have persisted for a great deal longer.

In America we honor the person who stands alone and fights for his beliefs. For this reason we respect Rev. King — he fights for what he believes. If he did not, he would not count himself a man, an American.

This is also why we honor the Confederate dead as evidenced by Silent Sam. He stands on this campus not for "the primary purpose . . . to associate a fictitious 'honor' with the darkest blot on American history," but in memory of those young men from this University who gave their lives in the struggle to preserve their economic and social way of life.

Perhaps if Ribak would lay his bigotry aside, read his history, and make a serious attempt to look at the world with an open mind (assuming he possesses one), he might be able

to comprehend the actual reason for Silent Sam blessing our campus.

Point of information: Ribak might be interested to know that the model for Silent Sam was an Irish policeman from New York City who assuredly would not consider himself either a bigot or a racist.

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Bradley Article

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Curry Kirkpatrick's column on Princeton's Bradley is as fine a bit of sports writing as I have ever read. Congratulations!

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Should Illiterates

Have The Vote?

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I am writing about the recent demonstrations in Selma and in Montgomery, Ala., and Nobel Peace Prize holder, Dr. Martin Luther King.

Yes, our nation's Negro population is suffering injustices, but not just in the South. Look at the Northern Negro ghettos. Look also at the Northern record of police brutality and discrimination.

The Northern ministers, such as the late Mr. Reeb, should check behind their own ears before seeking to clean the ears of the South. Dr. King is a Southerner and a Negro. He has a right to help his people in the South. It is, in a sense, as though he were cleaning the dirt from behind his own ears, not his neighbors.

Dr. King began by preaching passive resistance, as did Gandhi. His people began by practicing passive resistance, and, perhaps, some would say that they still do, but actually their "passive resistance" of 1965 and Dr. King's "peace-making" have caused nothing but chaos through out the Nation. Therefore, to have given Dr. King a peace prize, especially the Nobel Peace Prize, is to make a fallacy of the late Mr. Nobel's efforts.

It has been said that the nation should concentrate its efforts at home to give its citizens voting rights. Perhaps it should be pointed out that if the United States didn't intervene and direct their major efforts toward places such as Viet Nam, eventually having voting privileges would mean nothing.

Also, we must determine just who is being discriminated against. Is it the Negro, or is it all uneducated people who have no knowledge of what they would be voting for?

And also, we must decide whether to take away the voting privileges of those who fail to pass literacy tests, or to educate the people so that they cannot wreck our nation's democratic system by following those who seek power for their own benefit, as can be seen throughout world history.

I ask the Negro demonstrators and the white martyr ministers to examine their actions and decide for themselves whether they are helping their cause or harming it.

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Bigotry Level

Falling Slowly

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Ciss-boom - Bah and Scooby - Doo - 22 to graciously outgoing doe - eyed, blond, intelligent, straight - B, "Carolina Sweetheart," senior Matilda Gholson, who, while reacting inwardly to mixed couples, is trying to accept Sammy Davis Jr. and May Britt (Newsweek, March 22).

Good Luck, Matilda, keep trying, perhaps some day you shall overcome.

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LETTERS

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"Frankly, I Think The Weather Is Gettin' A Little Out Of Hand"



Exchange Student Speaks

Peace Corps In Colombia

Gonzalo Arboleda, a junior exchange student and education major from Medellin, Colombia, is an outspoken advocate of the Peace Corps. He is equally outspoken in his criticism of some aspects of the Corps' program.

"In order to describe the Peace Corps' work in Colombia, I must distinguish between the programs in the rural and the urban areas. In Choco, which is one of the poorest rural areas in Colombia, the Peace Corps is working wonders. They are helping in the construction of roads and houses, in health programs, and in agriculture.

"In the urban areas, many people do not even know about the Peace Corps. Many people say that we don't need the Peace Corps in our industrial communities.

"The volunteers generally have no technical training that would help in the improvement of industrial techniques. In the cities, the primary service rendered by the Peace Corps is in the field of education.

"In the rural areas, there is a great deal of privation involved in Peace Corps work. In urban areas, however, where apartments are available, this is not the case.

"The three main areas in

fitting the Colombian people are health, education and housing construction.

"The Peace Corps volunteers in Colombia have a good attitude. They come into our country decided and willing to help. But, sometimes they find that they are unable to adjust to their new environment.

"Many of them do not know Colombia, the culture, or the people. Many know a lot; I would not want to generalize.

"One of the worst mistakes that the Peace Corps could make in Latin America would be to attempt to impose American culture on the native population. This has been done in some instances.

"The volunteers should be thoroughly indoctrinated in the culture, language, religion, traditions, history, climate and geography of the region to which they will be sent.

"Once they are completely familiar with their environment, they should try to help the people to develop along their own lines and not try to make American culture fit in where it doesn't belong. What's good in Chicago is not necessarily good in Colombia.

"One thing that is very important is caution about relig-

ion. 90 per cent of the people in Latin America are Catholics, and most Peace Corps volunteers are Protestants. Volunteers should avoid discussing religion with the local population, for this will imperil the good work they are doing.

"I have heard from many educated people in Colombia that the Peace Corps volunteers should be trained in more specialized areas. We already have many people in my country with fine general educations, but we lack good technicians.

"The Peace Corps is a mirror of the United States for the people in South America. These people will form impressions of the United States according to what they see in the Peace Corps.

"Let one American act discreditably and all the Peace Corps' hard - won successes in an area may be washed out; all Americans may again become just "Those Gingos."

"The Peace Corps is working toward an outstanding goal. The fact that the Peace Corps volunteers live with the people embodies a unique and important concept. Even our own upper classes do not know the necessities of our peasants. The Peace Corps knows.