Ban An Insult To Student Maturity

DTH Editorial Page

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The Bonds: A 'Must'

A proposed capital improvements bond issue for higher education in North Carolina may never see the light of day. but at least it is going to go down fight-

State Senator L. P. McLendon Jr. of Greensboro is trying to drum up support for the \$100 million program to finance improvements at state-supported colleges and universities, despite the reluctance of Governor Dan Moore to support the idea. In outlining his two billion dollar budget last week, the governor threw his weight behind a \$300 million bond issue for highways, but said a \$12 million "windfall" had been found to support capital improvements for higher education.

Even as he spoke, the governor must have known that he was selling higher education short, and with it the children of North Carolina. For example:

-College enrollment in North Carolina, public and private, will rise from 93,000 last year to 160,000 in 1970. Much of the press for increased admissions will be exerted upon the state-supported institutions. If the same student population ratio between public and private institutions is maintained, state colleges will be faced with a total enrollment of 97,000-more than the total enrollment

-Nearly 10,000 qualified students will be turned away from North Carolina colleges this September, including several thousand who will be rejected by state institutions.

-If we start building today, many facilities will not be available before 1970, by which time the crush of admissions will cause a total of 50,000 students to be rejected. The approximate time require dto erect an average college building, from planning to occupancy, is about five years.

-If 50,000 qualified students are rejected between now and 1970, the approximate loss of earning power to them will be \$7 billion.

-The prestige and excellence of our state's public educational system must be upheld in the face of growing competition. Duke University's trustees recently announced a huge expansion program in excess of \$150 million. Yet all the campuses of the state-supported schools are expected to meet their needs from one-third that amount.

The awful truth, then, is that thousands of children who will someday attempt to enroll at state schools are being cheated. Money for their educational betterment is not just desirable—it i s necessary, and necessary right now.

North Carolina is a poor state, as states go; but its people have long demonstrated hearty and widespread support for education. It would be very unlike them to reject an opportunity to give their children a boost. Yet, Governor Moore is apparently so unsure of his political force that he has declined to give the people such an opportunity.

This decision borders on hypocrisy, since the governor has expended a heroic effort on behalf of elementary and secondary education while higher education is allowed to go begging.

Now Sen. McLendon has shouldered the difficult burden of campaigning for the bond issue without the governor's support. If North Carolina is to maintain its position in higher education, he must succeed.

The old cliche that "North Carolina must run hard just to stand still" has never been more true than today, especially in education.

The Governor has chosen to walk into the future; Sen. McLendon has chosen to run hard.

We should all run with him.

Oh, Yes, There's More To Come

For some reason, elections at UNC breed re-elections, and last Tuesday's vote-count proved to be no exception.

Three legislative districts will have to go to the polls again—one because of an apparent fraud, another due to a tie vote and a third because of carelessness on the part of the Elections Board.

The Constitutional Council yesterday ruled that new elections must be held in Districts I, II and VI. Their decisions were wise and just, and we hope the voters of the three areas will take the time to cast a ballot.

We suspect the members of the affected areas will turn out. One candidate, who came out ahead the first time around and now must risk his victory, commented yesterday he was against another election because most of the people who voted for him would not be attracted to the polls. This is hogwash, of course. We do not know what attracted them in the first place, but apparently it wasn't this particular candidate.

We do not know the full story of the

alleged ballot box stuffing. From all appearances, someone certainly cast 10 illegal votes, and we hope further investigation will bring the culprit to light. We are certain, however, the candidate who benefitted from the fraud was not involved, as he is a man of integrity and certainly would not stoop to such a feat.

The carelessness of the Elections Board in not providing a polling place with enough ballots is readily excusable, and should not be a detraction from the excellent job the board did during the past year. Bill Schmidt should receive the congratulations of all involved for his dedicated and impartial work, and the many hours put in by the board should not be unnoticed.

So, again, we ask you to vote, if you live in one of the three districts. It is imperative to have a good Student Legislature, and the people already elected are of good quality. We hope the candidates emerging victorious Tuesday will be the same.

Tired, Tired Of Luci And Paul

From The Charlotte Observer The dating habits of presidential offspring are fascinating, but we are tired, tired, tired of hearing about Luci Baines and Paul Betz.

Luci and Paul are pinned. They date, with the Secret Service lurking in the background, and the nation drinks up details of the romance.

The age seems to be one of excesses: overkill, oversell and also the phenomenon of overtell. We are told too much about the Kennedy family, and the resulting public familiarity bred public

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contempt-commercial mimicry, imagetrading, general impertinence.

It is curious that while President Johnson's own relations with the press are somewhat distant, not to say ocasionally cool, his daughter apparently is readily available as grist for the reportorial mill. Somewhat of an imbalance

We know little about Lynda Bird, and that's the way it should be. We know too much about Luci. She is not a movie star. She is the President's daughter, and something raffish, gaffe-ish and unpresidential emerges from the sight of a 17year-old being bandied about in public (evidently with parental consent) like a piece of major legislation.

Presidential dignity has taken a severe beating in recent years, and we hate to see it all go completely to smash. As far as we are concerned, all Betz are off on Luci's love-life. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson may be two of the town's most prominent and upstanding citizens, but we wish they'd see it that way too.

are excerpts from a statement by the resident judge of the 17th Judicial District, Superior Court of North Carolina. His home is

By Judge Allen H. Gwyn In the fading hours of the 1963 session, a patriotic legislature, in an effort to strengthen democracy against its world enemy, took a parting shot at communism. It enacted Chapter 1027 of the public laws, and in so doing lowered an iron curtain against Communist speakers in state institutions. The utility or futility of such a law is still the sub-

We cannot afford at this late day to pussyfoot with commun-The ex - Communist. Whittaker Chambers, warned us that the two irreconcilable faiths of our time, freedom and communism, have come to grips in a total conflict, and that we stand in danger at all points. If he was right, and I believe he was, it is time for our best brains to do their best thinking to straighten us out in our quandary

ject of debate through the state.

in Reidsville.)

As we approach the subject, let us lay aside any notion that extremists on one side are are soft on communism on the other Nobody can fail to respect the motives of the probonents of the Speaker Ban Law. They do not believe we should afford the Communists a platform from which to expound the Communist doctrine.

(Editors' Note: the following They do not believe that the companied by smiles of emyouth of our land should be barrassment. subjected to the insidious influda. They believe that by clos-Communist ideas would have They had routed the Russians. less chance to take root and They had pried the lid off the

> vently for the law. Equally strong men have spoken against it . . . Of one thing we may be certain: They are all against communism . . . we approach the issue, therefore, let us accord to any onposition full faith and credit for their patriotism and their good intentions.

If I had ever- entertained doubt that our public platforms should be afforded to Communist speakers, that doubt was soundly laid to rest by the student body of Wake Forest College. While holding a session of Superior Court in Winston-Salem in 1962. I learned that two Communist speakers were to deliver public addresses at Wake Forest. I attended. The auditorium was packed jammed. I got standing room. The speakers expounded the more favorable aspects of the

Communist philosophy. Then followed the question and answer period. The crossexaminations, the searching inquiries, the unanswerable questions, were more than the Communists could stand. Their evasions were often ac-

Tve Been Looking for This Fleece for 3,000 Years, So

Hand It Over!'

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ing Communist mouths, the Forest and her student body. grow in the minds of our peo- Communist ideology. The had taken it apart and picked it Strong men have spoken fer- to pieces. They had exposed

searching for the truth. Those fine young American students had proved, to my satisfaction, that they had done their homework; that they had learned somethings besides what is written in books; that they were capable of thinking for themselves; that they knew the meaning of freedom; that they were sold on it. They had proved, to my satisfaction, another thing: that the Russians didn't have a chance with them, except to learn the lessons of freedom themselves to be transmitted to the Russian people.

I was more at ease thereafter because they convinced me that our young college students are more mature in their thinking than we give them credit for being. I had no further fear of exposing them to known Communist speakers

A Time to Think turbulent times like these, when the world struggle is at its height to capture the minds of men, it seems to me that the time honored policy of academic freedom

ences of Communist propagan- that night, even as a Duke dedication to the search for eyes our millions of happy, man, I was proud of Wake truth. Is it not a fact that hustling people; after he saw its inherent evil. They were verdict of mankind would be he ate hot dogs and hamburgcommunism and freedom? Is ed to his native Russia, not irreconcilable doctrines? Is ship of Peaceful Co - existence. cisive battle must be fought in way has been transmitted to the minds of men?

the Communist curtain is that ally, China, has become alartruths of freedom. Does the such an ally of the West. Should Speaker Ban Law not embody we not continue to win the batthe same principle? Is it not tle of the minds, rather than based upon the assumption that the less we hear from the Communists, the stronger we are? Is it not a confession to the world that we are afraid to bury the Communist idea to hear the Communist side of than the public forum in North

the controversy? In this battle of the minds, haps the staunchest citizenry, have we found any better way the least subversion and the to settle issues than to talk most stable government of any them out? Can you kill an idea state in the Union. We know with a gun? Is there any sub- that the truth is on our side. stitute for open debate in the When the Communists come public forum? Is there any bet- with the Communist label, and ter method of sifting evidence not as spies or underground and arriving at the truth than agents, we can work with them the art of cross-examination? in the open, as we did with Can we make our best defense Mr. Khrushchev. We can let without our knowing our en- them hear, see and feel the emy? Can we win by sticking naked truth. We can fix in our heads in the sand and, ttheir minds the real meaning ostrich - like, hoping that the danger will go away? Since back to Russia with a friendwhen do we have to fear for ly and more powerful mestruth in a fair fight with fal- sage than we could hope to

The Russians (those in au- at our command... thority who expoit the people) Will any sane person conare afraid of the truth. They tend that the ideological conbuild walls and jam radios to flict can be won by military keep it out. They are fearful them free". The Communist ideas cannot stand the light of intelligent scrutiny. Like bats that flit in darkness they van- ple that ours is the best sysish in the light of day.

The American audience is ready. Our people will back freedom to the limit, and there can be no doubt about it. Throughout my long years of public service, I have been dooking for people who are intentionally subversive. I have in our state institutions. I know mot found them. I tell you in all sincerity that I don't believe they are here.

Of course, in any free society will be found a few fanatics and crackpots; and anybody who would turn down freedom for communism, if he has had an opportunity to un-derstand the difference, is just plain half crazy anyway. The overwhelming, controlling core

of our people is sound . . . rious general is the one who is able to make his own selection of the field of battle. We have the privilege of selecting the American forum for this crucial intellectual conflict, right here at home, in freedom's backyard, where the attributes of freedom may be heard, seen and felt by everybody. Cound we find a more favorable arena to pit truth against falsehood? Could there be any place on the face of this earth more advantageous place of freedom's birth?

Our enemies are prople who do not understand us. Khrushchev once promised to bury us. Remember? That was

should receive its strongest before he came to America. support. We think of academic After he came to the United As I returned to my hotel freedom as synonymous with States and saw with his own what we need, and what the for himself that we were in world needs, is the truth? fact peaceful, having ill will to-Could there be any doubt what ward nobody on earth; after he we need, and what the world visited our great industrial needs, is the truth? Could plants and our vast corn and there be any doubt what the wheat fields of the West; after if the truth were known about changed his mind. He returnnot true that the spirit of with renewed determination to man instinctively rebels bury us, but with a purpose against a condition of servi- to foster a brand new relatude? Can there be any hope tionship, a relationship therefor peace to settle upon this tofore condemned by all Comearth until the truth is estab- munist philosophy and Comlished as between these two munist leaders - a relation-

not true, then, that the de- So much of the American Russia through friendly com-Our strongest criticism of munication that Russia's chief closes the ears and minds med that Russia may become an enslaved people to the a capitalist country and as rely solely upon the battle of bombs?

> It would be difficult to conceive of a more favorable place Carolina Here we have perof America. We can send them end by all the physical force

armaments? Can we hope to that the truth might "make reduce the back - breaking expenditures of billions of do llars for defense until we get it through the heads of peotem yet conceived for peace and happiness of mankind?

I never attended our state university, or any of our state institutions of learning. Throughout the years, however, I have worked with men and women who were trained of no better way to judge an institution than be the character of its products. By this standard, the University of North Carolina, and other state institutions stand ace high. Every patriotic citizen of the should have pride in them.

It is popular, of course, to speak up for the Speaker Ban Law. It stamps one as being opposed to communism. Bu those who have thought The wise and usually victo- through the subject see that it accomplishes the exact opsposite of what we intended

So, away with the Gag Law. It suggests that our trustees than competent to do the job. They do not deserve to be thus slapped in the face. They are, indeed, in better position than others to mobilize the intelligence of our land in this all - out fight against communism. After all, do they not constitute our strongest defenders of freedom? As for me, I am unwilling to impose upon them statutory control of their thought and action. Such control smacks too much of comm-

Pratt Thanks Supporters

DTH Candidate Praises Backers

Editors, The Tar Heel:

want to thank every one who supported me in the recent elections.

the many people who volunteered their time and effort to help me. When everything else about the campaign has been forgotten. I will remember the kindness and enthusiasm of these friends

Norwood Pratt

YMCA, Gardner Not Connected

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Timothy Ray's second article View of James Garnder" is partly in error. He contends that the YMCA Cainet decided to sponsor James Gardner's speech forum, but this is not

Whe I made the motion in Y Cabinet to sponsor a "YMCA Open Platform," it was made apparent that the Y had no in-

tentions of becoming involved in the Free Speech Movement, the Free Speech Forum, or any of the organizations which Gardner has created for the UNC campus.

Letters To The Editors

The Y wants to make the opportunity available to anyone - Gardner, Clark Crampton and Otelia Connor included -I am especially grateful to for free expression of thought. However, the Y does NOT intend, as Pete Wales has said, to "rise out of the askhes of James Gardner's free speech movement."

> Sandy Hobgood 206 Joyner

New York Sam Should Be Moved

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I just happened to stop over in your pleasant village, and upon reading your newspaper and asking questions, deter-mined that you were trying to tear down your Confederate

So he was a New York policeman? What perversion! Weren't there any good looking Carolina gentlemen? By any means, remove Yan-

> George Wise. Clayton, Ala.

Gholson Newsweek Article Defended

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In reference to John Gill's letter concerning the March 22 article in Newsweek magazine about UNC co - ed Matilda

I felt after having read the article that Miss Gholson had given an intelligent, moderate and universal response to the questions of the writer of the article. And I don't necessarily feel that her views are confined to the mind of a Southerner as the article tends to

The writer, however, had a real field day playing up the Old South image especially with the description of the "Chi O" house with its white columns and magnolia tree. I thought that part was rather humorous myself, but what sort of image does a college student in New York get from the article?

No thanks to the writer of the article, Miss Ghelson has presented a fairly broad picture of what represents the opion of the average Carolina student concerning "mixed couples" - not just the opinion of one Carolina belle.

> Tom Murray E. Franklin Street

Shapiro To Open Fine Arts Festival

Karl Shapiro, controversial Pulitzer Prizewinning poet, will open the University of North Carolina Fine Arts festival with a reading and discussion of his poems. "To Have Been a Poet" is the title he has chosen for this initial event in Carroll Hall, 4 p.m, March 30. The reading will demonstrate his development in the "prose poem," and his challenge to American poets and their readers to . . .

Lower the standard: that's my motto. Somebody is always putting the food out of reach. We're tired of falling off ladders. Who says a child can't paint a pro is somebody who does it for money. Lower the standards. Let's all play poetry. Down with ideals, flags, convention buttons, morals, the scrambled eggs on the admiral's hat. I'm talking sense. Lower the standistic approach. Let weeds ards. Sabotage the stylisgrow in the subdivision. Putty up the incisions in the library facade, those names that frighten gradeschool teachers, those na-

mes whose U's are cut like Burn the Syntopicon and The Harvard Classics. Lower the standard on classics, battleships, Russian ballet, national anthems (but they're low enough). Break through to the bottom. Be natural as an American abroad who knows no language, not even American. Keelhaul the poets in the vestry chairs. Renovate the Abbey of cold - storage dreamers. Get off the culture Wagon. Learn how to walk the way you want. Slump your shoulders, stick your belly out, arms all over the table. How many generations will this take? Don't think about it, just make a start. (You have made a start). Don't break anything you can step around, but don't pick it up. The law of gravity is the law of art. You first, poetry second, the good the beautiful, the true come last. As the lad said: We must love one another or die.

Karl Shapiro "The Bourgeois Poet" Random House