

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 fighting.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tired, 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

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.

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 is 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.

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 cliché 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.

alleged ballot box stuffing. From all appearances, someone certainly cast 10 illegal votes, and we hope further investigation will bring the culprit to light.

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.

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.

Ban An Insult To Student Maturity

Editors' Note: The following are excerpts from a statement by the resident judge of the 17th Judicial District, Superior Court of North Carolina. His home is in Reidsville.

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.

We cannot afford at this late day to pussyfoot with communism. 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.

As we approach the subject, let us lay aside any notion that extremists on one side are soft on communism on the other.

Then followed the question and answer period. The cross-examinations, the searching inquiries, the unanswerable questions, were more than the Communists could stand.

They do not believe that the youth of our land should be subjected to the insidious influences of Communist propaganda. They believe that by closing Communist mouths, the Communist ideas would have less chance to take root and grow in the minds of our people.

Strong men have spoken fervently for the law. Equally strong men have spoken against it. Of one thing we may be certain: They are all against communism.

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.

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companied by smiles of embarrassment.

As I returned to my hotel that night, even as a Duke man, I was proud of Wake Forest and her student body. They had routed the Russians. They had prided the lid off the Communist ideology.

Those fine young American students had proved, to my satisfaction, that they had done their homework; that they had learned something besides what is written in books; that they were capable of thinking for themselves.

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.

A Time To Think

In 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

should receive its strongest support. We think of academic freedom as synonymous with dedication to the search for truth. Is it not a fact that what we need, and what the world needs, is the truth? Could there be any doubt what we need, and what the world needs, is the truth?

Our strongest criticism of the Communist curtain is that it closes the ears and minds of an enslaved people to the truths of freedom.

In this battle of the minds, have we found any better way to settle issues than to talk them out? Can you kill an idea with a gun? Is there any substitute for open debate in the public forum?

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 looking for people who are intentionally subversive.

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 understand the difference, is just plain half crazy anyway.

The wise and usually victorious 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.

So, away with the Gag Law. It suggests that our trustees and administrators are less than competent to do the job. They do not deserve to be thus slapped in the face.

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before he came to America. After he came to the United States and saw with his own eyes our millions of happy, hustling people; after he saw for himself that we were in fact peaceful, having ill will toward nobody on earth; after he visited our great industrial plants and our vast corn and wheat fields of the West; after he ate hot dogs and hamburgers changed his mind.

So much of the American way has been transmitted to Russia through friendly communication that Russia's chief ally, China, has become alarmed that Russia may become a capitalist country and as such an ally of the West.

It would be difficult to conceive of a more favorable place to bury the Communist idea than the public forum in North Carolina.

Will any sane person contend that the ideological conflict can be won by military armaments? Can we hope to reduce the back-breaking expenditures of billions of dollars for defense until we get it through the heads of people that ours is the best system 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 in our state institutions.

It is popular, of course, to speak up for the Speaker Ban Law. It stamps one as being opposed to communism. But those who have thought through the subject see that it accomplishes the exact opposite of what we intended.

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I've Been Looking for This Fleece for 3,000 Years, So Hand It Over!



Letters To The Editors

Pratt Thanks Supporters

DTH Candidate Praises Backers

Editors, The Tar Heel:

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

I am especially grateful to 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 Gardner" is partly in error. He contends that the YMCA Caineit decided to sponsor James Gardner's speech forum, but this is not true.

When 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.

The Y wants to make the opportunity available to anyone - Gardner, Clark Crampton and Otelia Connor included - for free expression of thought. However, the Y does NOT intend, as Pete Wales has said, to "rise out of the ashes 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, determined that you were trying to tear down your Confederate monument.

So he was a New York polemic? What perversion! Weren't there any good looking Carolina gentlemen? By any means, remove Yankee Sam!

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 Gholson:

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 imply.

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 Gholson has presented a fairly broad picture of what represents the opinion 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.

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mes whose U's are cut like V's 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. Keehaul the poets in the vestry chairs. Renovate the Abbey of cold storage dreamers. Get off the culture wagon.

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Karl Shapiro "The Bourgeois Poet" Random House

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