

The Daily Tar Heel

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The Voice Of What?

The "Voice of Free Enterprise in Raleigh - Durham" has spoken again. Jesse Helms of WRAL-TV said it in an editorial Tuesday.

"... We think it unlikely that the legislature will receive a bill to repeal or amend the communist speaker ban law. And even if one were to be introduced, the mood of the people of this state will not be overlooked by the members of the legislature. The General Assembly will see no point in tampering with a good law possessing the political virtue of being popular with the people."

Rep. R. D. McMillan, chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education, said at UNC Wednesday night, "Maybe something can be done about it (the speaker ban) yet. We have not given up." He indicated there is strong sentiment in the House for at least amendment.

Senator Ralph Scott, chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, told an Ehringhaus audience Wednesday night that he did not fear communist speakers on any campus, and told the students the most effective way to work against the ban is to contact the legislator from their home district.

Obviously the Voice of Free Enterprise is not the Voice of the General Assembly.

Good News From Dickson

The best news to come from Student Body President Paul Dickson's office lately is that he is not going directly to the General Assembly with the University's problems.

At the Y Court rally Monday Dickson said, "Teaching is of primary importance. I intend to go to the administration and say something about it. I have been very concerned about this."

Great. The DTH supports him 100 per cent, and contrary to the opinion of some, shares his concern for teaching.

But then Dickson said, "I intend to go further than that. I have already contacted several state legislators. I intend to see if I can't appear before the Senate and House Committees on Higher Education and also the Joint Appropriations Committee."

No one advocates more strongly than the DTH the principle of starting at the top to get things done, but Dickson's remark was a bit hasty — and thankfully he has changed his tune a little now. He is going to talk to the trustees first.

We are suitably impressed with Dickson's contacts in the General Assembly, and trust that the rest of the student body is too. But in recent times the Assembly has done more than its share of direct intervention in University affairs. We prefer a trend toward less legislative involvement in problems which should be settled by the trustees or administration.

If this kind of precedent is set the legislators will take even more liberties with the authority which rightfully belongs to the trustees.

Apparently Dickson has been convinced of the same thing, because now he says he will talk to the Board of Trustees, probably late this month, before going to the State House.

Dickson says he wants to demonstrate to the General Assembly and the people of North Carolina that students are really concerned about teaching quality, teachers' salaries and other problems.

Fine, but we think it best for the University to handle its own problems from within. The idea of running to the "pals in Raleigh" completely contradicts the concept of a free university.

There is a right way and a wrong way to do almost everything. Dickson has chosen the right way by deciding to talk to the trustees before he goes shopping in Raleigh.

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'Blue Diapers' And Pink Faces

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Well, it's that time of year again, when our famed outdoor pool is open. Unfortunately, it is also that time of year for Carolina Gentlemen to appear in public wearing what may loosely be described as bathing suits. This description fits the blue diapers provided for male students to wear, for that is also how they fit the wearers.

One is led to wonder if these miss happen garments were donated to us by the USSR, for when wearing them we may not be Red, but we definitely are pink, and not from sunburn. To avoid this embarrassment the University should allow us the same privilege given to the females. Surely each male student would be willing to purchase a true swim suit, even if the powers - that - be set regulations as to color and style.

The sad excuse used, that of a problem of cleanliness, seems absurd. Most students clean the street clothes they wear, and I'm sure they would also, at least occasionally, wash their swimwear. In any case, let us hope the University will end this discriminatory practice and raise the Carolina Gentlemen to the same status as the owmen.

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Discrimination Against Faculty

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Last Friday night a faculty member, upon entry to the free flick, was requested by the ID checker to remain standing in the hallway until the students had been seated. Only then, if there were still vacant seats, would he be allowed in.

Thereupon this gentleman and a man not without some pride (although a mere professor) changed his mind about seeing Charlie Chaplin and walked out. It was not hard to see he had been offended, and rightly so. I protest this policy of Graham Memorial which says that students have priority over faculty members in gaining admittance to the free flick, a University function.

Although realizing that the poorly paid professors do not contribute to the student activity fees, I feel that as respected members of the University, and, moreover, as persons who have greater intellectual potential for absorbing and appreciating the high quality (and often artistic) films such as have been offered this year, that they should not be discriminated against, but rather should be welcomed to all cultural presentations of this University.

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Johnson Acted Thoughtlessly

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

After reflecting on the Dominican situation now that it has stabilized, I offer these thoughts for consideration:

1. That President Johnson acted too hastily (and hence thoughtlessly) in recommitting the United States to military intervention in Latin American affairs.

2. That the President was not initially candid with the American public about the real motives for displacing Marines to Santo Domingo.

3. That our fear of a communist takeover in the Dominican Republic, which actually inspired our intervention, was an unrealistic and even paranoid reaction.

4. That the landing of 19,000 American troops in the Dominican Republic will only further aid anti-American and pro-communist sentiment throughout Latin America.

5. That the OAS is being used as a screen for further so-called multilateral but actually unilateral American military actions in any future revolt - torn Latin nation.

6. That, if implemented, our new interventionist policy will prove highly unpopular and unworkable and extremely detrimental to hemispheric peace and unity.

Our actions have perhaps brought order to the Dominican Republic sooner than if the Dominicans had been allowed to squabble in isolation. However, the obvious deleterious effects on U.S.-hemispheric relations such actions are now having and will doubtlessly continue to have to an increasing extent argues for an immediate and rigorous reappraisal of America's new militant Latin American policy.

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Welcome Addition

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

There has been a welcomed addition to the past several issues of the DTH — movie reviews. Intelligent criticism has a lot of flavor and I hope the Tar Heel will continue to sponsor a critic's column.

There is no doubt that the Chapel Hill - Durham area is a movie conscious community and whoever the critic might be he will have plenty to work with — especially the Rialto in Durham. There should be something of an "established" critic every year in the Tar Heel.

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Reasons For Revolt

Where Are The Teachers?

By ART BUCHWALD
The New York Herald Tribune

There has been a great deal of discussion about campus revolts spreading across the nation. It is obvious the students are restless and it's making our educators very nervous.

The question is why, and I think I've got the answer. The reason the college students are doing so much demonstrating is that there is no one in class to teach them anymore and the students have nothing else to do. Almost every full professor is either writing a book, guest lecturing at another university, or taking a year off to write a report for President Johnson.

Therefore, he has turned over his course to a graduate instructor who is either working on his Ph.D., traveling on a Fulbright scholarship, or picketing in Montgomery, Ala. So he in turn has turned the class over to one of the brighter students who is never there because he works on the college newspaper, is a member of the student senate, or is a delegate to his national fraternity.

When the students arrive at class there is no one in front of the room, so usually a socialist student takes over the class and tells the students it's about time they revolted against the system.

The students pour out on campus heading for the administration building to protest to the chancellor of the university who, unfortunately, is away trying to raise money for a new business administration building.

The vice chancellor is at the state capitol testifying on a new education bill and the dean of men is at a convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Fifteenth Amendment

Literacy And The Vote

The New York Times

The voting rights bill now before Congress has come under heavy attack from its opponents on constitutional grounds.

Many of these criticisms seem to reflect the tacit assumption long held by most white Southerners that the Fifteenth Amendment is an inferior section of the Constitution that can safely be ignored. Ratified in 1870, it was expressly intended to protect the Negro's right to vote in the South. For 80 years, from the end of Reconstruction in 1877 until the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the amendment was indeed ignored. But now, for the fourth time in eight years, Congress is working on legislation that would implement it.

In this bill, as in the three previous acts, Congress is, in effect, making a finding of fact that substantial discrimination does exist against Negroes attempting to vote in certain Southern states. As Professor Paul A. Freund of the Harvard Law School has observed, "Where a pattern of discrimination is found, Congress may act under the Fifteenth Amendment, which draws no distinction between state and federal elections."

It is therefore beside the point to argue that the bill conflicts with the constitutional guarantee to the states in Article I, to the effect that they have the right to establish their own voting standards. But, as far as Negroes are concerned, the Fifteenth Amendment was clearly intended to qualify that exclusive jurisdiction. This was precisely its purpose and its meaning.

The dean of women is addressing a garden club in the next state, and the only one left in the administration building is the chief of campus police who isn't quite sure what the students are yelling about.

So he arrests the ringleaders of the group (those standing in front) and this plays right into the students' hands, because now with the arrests they have something to demonstrate about.

In the meantime the chancellor flies home to see if he can settle the matter. The students present him with a petition demanding the release of the arrested demonstrators. He is about to do this when the board of regents holds an emergency meeting and votes to back the chancellor in meting out punishment to the "ringleaders."

The faculty, made up of visiting professors from other schools, votes to support the students and the chancellor finds himself in an impossible position.

The state politicians call for an investigation of the student demonstrations to discover if they were communist-inspired.

Finally, the governor makes a statement pledging full support for law and order, whatever that means.

By this time the demonstrations start petering out. The students begin wandering back to class hoping there will be someone to teach them something. But even the socialist student who started the demonstrations is not there. He's been booked on a lecture tour to talk about free speech at other universities.

So everyone decides to go Washington and picket the White House over its policy on Viet Nam.

Barron Didn't Sponsor Vigil

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

I was quite surprised to see in your paper Wednesday my name listed in a group of clergymen reported to be supporting a silent vigil in front of the Post Office. The use of my name in this connection was unauthorized.

I did receive a telephone call last week, informing me that this vigil was to be held. I asked the caller to read to me the stated purposes of the vigil. Upon hearing them, I said (as I recall) that I did not see how any conscientious person could fail to support such objectives.

I then asked the caller to leave a written copy of the objectives at my office; and this was subsequently done. This was the extent of my contact with the proposed vigil. I do not recall that I indicated whether or not I would participate; but I am quite sure that I was not asked to be a sponsor.

The objectives of the vigil, as given to me, were as follows:

- 1) To express before God and men the desire of the American people for a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam;
- 2) To express concern at the escalation of the war, especially the U. S. bombing of North Viet Nam;
- 3) To register our hope that the United States will continually press for a settlement through unconditional discussions involving all concerned parties;
- 4) To support and encourage President Johnson in a program of international cooperation for human welfare and economic development in Southwest Asia.

I am in hearty support of these objectives, and I would not hesitate to express my support in some kind of public demonstration. I have often been willing to participate in such demonstrations with various groups, some of whose other aims and objectives I could not support. But such choices have always been made with the knowledge of who the sponsors were, etc.

In this particular case, I knew nothing about the persons sponsoring the demonstration, and I was not asked if I would lend my name to its support. The use of my name in this connection was not authorized, and I herewith protest this irresponsible action.

For these reasons, I have decided that I will not participate in the vigil, even though I am in full sympathy with its stated objectives.

Vance Barron
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'Quiet College' Just A Fantasy?

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

In this day of student committee meetings, student socials, student activities, and student rallies, I think we are all too prone to forget the need for a quiet college.

All these aforementioned gatherings have one thing in common — they create noise! Noise! That deadly pestilence! That scourge of the human race!

It used to be that fraternities were the place where all the noisy students went, and these fraternities, physically separated from the campus, allowed to the remainder of the students the quiet atmosphere of study they came to college seeking.

But now, a new breed of student has arisen! The student bum! This vocal, psychologically callous, inconsiderate *** is constantly speaking out for social "progress" of one kind or another.

This would be O.K. except that, with beard and dirty Levi's, he, by a great deal of high pressure sales talk, and by display of signs, tried to proselytize every meek, mild mannered student he sees.

It is impossible for a student to walk across campus without having a participant of some kind thrust in his face by one of these audacious, unconstrained individuals.

Is a college or a university no longer a place where one can go to be isolated from the world that he must be constantly reminded of it by these brash, outspoken individuals? Has the "quiet college" merely become a piece of fantasy?

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U. S. Youth Miss JFK's Presence

Editor, The Daily Tar Heel:

Any conscientious person was bound to feel discouraged after reading the newspapers of this past week — American soldiers clashing with insurgents in the strife-torn Dominican Republic, more tragedies in the seemingly perpetual Viet Nam crisis, and flareups on the India-Pakistan border, not to mention domestic problems. It is during times such as these that I really miss the somehow comforting presence of John F. Kennedy, and an reminder of the profound loss inflicted on the world at the time of his death.

I am not trying to assert that his presence would have prevented the occurrence of these crises. But I do feel he had a certain grace which enabled him to communicate with Americans in a manner which left them reassured and convinced, that by our common effort, the free world might eliminate these tension areas, or at least bear them with a brighter hope for the future.

This special grace was particularly effective with this nation's youth — who perhaps miss him now most of all.

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