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Dr. Cone: A Logical Choice

Today might well be declared "University of North Carolina at Charlotte Day." A program this morning at the small Mecklenburg County school welcomed it as the fourth branch of the Consolidated University.

It was a great day for Charlotte, and an especially great one for UNC-C acting chancellor Bonnie Cone. Dr. Cone became president of then-struggling Charlotte College in 1958, and it is largely due to her foresight and effort that the school was accepted into the University.

Dr. Cone will serve as acting chancellor until that position is filled by an appointment from the University Board of Trustees. Dr. Cone is among those under consideration for the position, but two things stand in her way: (1) She is a woman. (2) Her doctorate is an honorary degree.

Dr. Cone has demonstrated time and time again that she is an intelligent and capable administrator. The fact that Charlotte College is today UNC-C is ample evidence of her tireless efforts in behalf of the institution. These considerations overshadow her not having earned a doctorate.

We find absurd the pre-Victorian thinking that a woman could not adequately fill the chancellorship.

We hope the trustees will gear their basis for selection toward ability and dedication. Dr. Cone will be the logical choice.

Hunt For Fun And Profit

Witch-hunting can now be carried on not just for fun, but for money.

Our neighbor, The Chapel Hill Weekly, has offered a \$100 reward to anyone "for every Communist he can finger at the University, students, faculty member or whatever."

Publisher Orville Campbell, a former Daily Tar Heel editor, said that with all the talk going around about Communists and left-wing groups "we decided we'd like to find a Communist and talk to him and find out what's going on here."

Commission, Legislature: **Cement Bond**

By MIKE YOPP **Tar Heel Editor**

Although the General Assembly has adjourned, five of its members still find themselves involved with a problem that plagued the Legislature during the entire session -the speaker ban law.

These are the five who will occupy a majority of seats on the nine-member commission which will soon undertake an intensive study of the gag law.

It was no accident that five of the nine members were selected from legislative ranks by Gov. Dan K. Moore, Lt. Gov. Robert Scott and House Speaker Pat Taylor. It was the General Assembly which passed the gag two years ago, and (unless a test case is carried to the courts) it is the General Assembly which will ultimately decide the fate of the law.

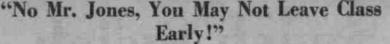
Although serving new roles on the commission, these members must still be viewed as legislators, for they will carry the first-hand message of the study group's findings into the next session where their influence will be important.

The one who will return with the most influence is Rep. David Britt of Robeson. Britt, one of the most respected members of the House, has served in key legislative spots and is virtually assured of taking Taylor's gavel as speaker of the 1967 House.

Britt's selection as chairman was the really crucial appointment. Legislative support of the speaker ban was centered in the House during the last session and there is no reason to assume that it will be otherwise when the General Assembly convenes again.

By placing one of the most powerful House members in the commission's leadership spot, Moore has cemented a bond between the two bodies and taken a giant step toward legislative acceptance of the commission's findings.

Britt has had little to say about the speaker ban, and cannot accurately be placed in either the pro-ban or anti-ban camp.





Rockin'And Rollin' With The President

(ED. NOTE-"It's What's Happening Baby!" was televised nationally from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Monday.)

By ANN STREIGHTOFF **Tar Heel Editorial Asst.**

Number one hit of the week, the tune that's crazing teens, the silver platter that's up to the billion mark-It's "New Chance" . . . by LBJ and the Rustlers.

For "something for you" write:

"New Chance"

20506 Washington, D. C.

. . . and this is what you'll

get: 1. "A second chance," pro-

viding you are a high school dropout or a nobody between the ages of 16 and 21.

2. All paid living expenses at a Job Corps camp. "Give us your ideas how we can help you be somebody."

suavely pulled off such remarkable statements as: "President Johnson wants to know how to spend your money."

In rapid succession with no advertisements or breaks except for Murray's witticisms, LBJ's program, "It's What's Happening, Baby!" flashed performances by over 20 singing groups, one right after the other. Viewers towards the end of the show could not help shouting, for more reasons than one, "stop In the Name of Love."

For the intellectual, the program included . . . satire. A dozen or so frantic dancers gyrated behind bars while a mop-haired singer strolled in front of the cages and various animals milled around loose on the walks, looking at the strange creatures in captivity. One cage featured the "Pony-Tailed Herring."

"I remember how fellow dropouts used to swag brag in high school about how well they could walk," one swinging comedian cracked to the audience. "You ought to see how well they crawl now." Evidently meant to establish audience appeal, the dry humor became a slap in the face. "It's What's Happening, Baby!" was ironically entertaining, but even more shocking because it inadvertently ridiculed what it had tried to boost. The expensive farce flatly defeated its own purpose. Directed toward the young, the show was intended as an informative plug for the President's opportunity program. (The Job Corps is designed to train high school dropouts so that they will be able to earn a living and was established to aid the national employment situation.) The absurdity of the entire idea of the United States government sponsoring a bee bop show plus the none too subtle remarks of the not too bright Murray the "K" left many views ill. Johnson's "New Society" bandwagon seems to include a "something for everyone" plan. With last week's excise tax repeal, the million dollar set could purchase their diamonds for less. Mountaineer folk even obtained new antipoverty benefits recently. Now, the dropout set has gotten its lollypop.

Editor James Shumaker said that in effect the Weekly is "betting there is no foundation to these charges."

The Weekly is challenging that group which makes a perennial practice of hurling charges and insults at the University. We sincerely hope that the prize offered will encourage some of them to take a close look for themselves.

But should hoards of the witch-hunters descend on the University's campuses with fine-tooth combs in hand, the Weekly's money will remain quite safe.

Preserving Alabama's Peace

It really wasn't necessary for national CORE Director James Farmer, at a convention in Durham, to answer the charges made Tuesday by an Alabama legislative committee.

The special committee took verbal swings at most leading civil rights organizations, including CORE. As might be expected, the committee found them either "an important arm of the pro-communist conspiracy," "extensively communist-dominated" or something equally sinister.

The study group had an odd name-the Commission to Preserve the Peace. The title suggests an admirable goal for, after all, peace is well worth preserving. But with the Ku Klux Klan and segregationist legislators stirring the people's emotions, Alabama hasn't had much of it lately.

However, the other two Representatives named to the commission seem to have taken sides.

Rep. Lacy Thornburg of Jackson is not regarded as a strong opponent of the ban, but most observers feel he would vote for repeal or amendment.

Rep. A. A. Zollicoffer of Vance, while not a prominent supporter of the ban, is alligned with pro-gag forces in the House.

During the last session, Zollicoffer teamed with Sen. Tom White of Lenoir to push passage of a bill to give the Advisory Budget Commission control over all money going to state agencies and institutions from sources outside North Carolina.

Had the measure been approved, it would have given the commission power to accept or reject out-of-state grants for University projects. He is therefore not considered a proponent of allowing the University to run its own affairs.

Both of Scott's selections, Sen. Gordon Haynes of Forsyth and Russel Kirby of Wilson, can be listed as opponents of the gag.

Both Haynes and Kirby are known for their energy and willingness to accept tough assignments. They have also been relatively free from the controversy that has raged over the gag, war-als

Monday night, the United States government sponsored its first rock 'n' roll show. The milestone had all the trimmings-discotheque, a go deluxe. For one-and-one-half hours only, spectators could have jerked the Johnson administration, provided they could stomach such intermittent comments as: "The high school I went to was definitely bad. I mean bad with a capital B. Most of the kids became either killers or priests."

Fiendish road runner, Murray the "K," LBJ's goodwill ambassador for the evening, popped in and out of the cyclonic television hit parade, his mouth running faster than his legs. Appropriately attired in dirty sneakers, Como sweater and golf hat, he



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