

Principle, Not Emotion

When the fall semester editorial staff of *The Gamecock* assumed their responsibilities it was understood they were competent enough to decide the newspaper policy, to present accurate and objective news and to take a definite stand on editorial matters.

However, the editorial endorsement of the presidential nominee Sen. Barry Goldwater in the Oct. 9 issue, brought *The Gamecock* under a barrage of severe criticism by a segment of the Carolina Community. It is our contention that these critics are irritated Democrats and people who have misunderstood the role an editor plays on a campus or national newspaper.

Had we endorsed Lyndon B. Johnson, we would have received similar comments from disgruntled Republicans.

It is the duty of the editor and editorial staff to take a definite position in local, state and national affairs. It is their prerogative to determine just where the sentiments lie. We cannot recall *The Gamecock's* ever having advocated a policy that has been in complete discord with the student body. Although we do not have the time to poll every student before taking a stand, we feel what we have said in the past has been indicative of Carolina student opinion.

The petition that has been circulated on the USC campus accusing *The Gamecock* editor of "running amiss of her responsibility" by endorsing a presidential candidate has shocked us. Many of the signatures are those of the so-called "liberals." We had always been under the impression these "liberals" believed in and advocated freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the other tenets of the Bill of Rights. But, we were wrong.

Now the question remains—just what are the beliefs of these "liberals?" Do they feel a campus-wide election should be held each week to determine what stand should be taken in all editorials? These "liberals" are continually fighting a cause, despite the magnitude or minuteness of a problem they are forever crusading. Now they are demanding suppression of this particular newspaper. Does this make sense?

In due time, the tenure of *The Gamecock's* "Yankee Carpetbagger editor" will come to an end. Perhaps the next editorial staff will follow the policies of the aforementioned "liberals"; however, until then, we will continue to set the pace and we will continue to present our side at all times, being guided by principle rather than emotion.

—Reardon



Yankee, Go Home!

Elephant Talk

Humphrey --- Mr. ADA

Jamie Cockfield

SINCE the Democrat Convention, there has been much and varied speculation as to why President Johnson picked H. H. Humphrey as the vice presidential candidate.

Some say he was forced to do so by the party bosses. This is likely. Others say it was to balance the ticket. This, of course, is preposterous. We have even heard that it was because Johnson knew that with Hubert as vice president, nobody would assassinate the president—certainly a thought! Let's take a look at this Hubert Humphrey.

Humphrey was born in South Dakota. Class 1-A, but a radical pacifist, he left the fighting and dying of World War II to other people while he held several comfortable jobs. In Minnesota he was often referred to as "Hubert, the draft dodger." We are sure all the survivors of the Japanese "Death March" would hold a warm place in their heart for Hubert if they knew this.

the speech, leaving Hubert in a position of great embarrassment.

HE helped form the A. D. A. (Americans for Democratic Action), perhaps the most left-wing organization in the United States today, next to the Communist Party. Other members are/ have been Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

"The Progressive," a socialist magazine, ran an article on Hubert, praising him for his contribution to the magazine. Other contributors are such men as Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate for president in 1948, and Walter Reuther, head of the U. A. W.

Hubert is a supporter of the American Committee of Africa, and his name is listed on their stationery. This organization has endorsed Holden Roberto, head of the Angolan Army of Liberation. This army has destroyed whole villages, dismembering bodies of the citizens, and raping the women and even the children. Incidentally, this Holden Roberto is a good friend of the "very reverend" Martin Luther King.

In a "Saturday Evening Post" article in 1959, Humphrey is quoted as saying he had to stay out of uniform because of his large family. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, he had only one child. This is hardly the case of "the little old woman in the shoe."

He was elected mayor of Minneapolis in 1945. In 1948, he managed the Truman campaign in Minnesota, merged the Farmer-Labor Party, a socialist organization, into the Minnesota Democratic Party, and was elected U. S. senator.

Upon arriving in the senate, he decided to do a complete reform job on it. He delivered a blistering diatribe against the great conservative Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia. The majority of the senate walked out of the senate chamber in the middle of

WITH all this evidence presented, we think we are justified in calling a spade a spade: The vice presidential candidate of the Democratic Party is a socialist, dedicated to the destruction of free enterprise, the abolition of free press and free speech, and the general end of our democratic way of life. Today we have "believe it or not."

If men as Humphrey controlled our government we would have "believe it or else." In ending we wish to leave this thought with you: "Lyndon Baines '64, Heart Paines '65, Humphrey gains '66."

Donkey Talk

Goldwater: A Threat?

Bill Medlin

THE National Defense Education Act provides thousands of students with low-interest loans, repayable five years after graduation, so that they may continue their college education. This semester alone, USC students received over \$150,000 in NDEA loans.

The NDEA program also provides graduate fellowships, and aid to language and science laboratories. Lyndon Johnson voted for and has consistently supported the NDEA program. Barry Goldwater voted against and has consistently opposed NDEA. Students who receive aid under this program should seriously consider the consequences if Goldwater were elected.

On August 17, 1959, a handful of ultra-conservative Republicans in Congress attempted (unsuccessfully, thank goodness) to eliminate federal loans for construction of college classrooms and laboratory equipment. Lyndon Johnson led the fight to preserve this vital program. Barry Goldwater voted to end it forever.

LYNDON Johnson strongly supported the Federal Aid to Education Act of 1961, the Higher Education Facilities Act, and the significant Education Act of 1964, which were vital to the very continuation of our University and of higher education in South Carolina. Barry Goldwater opposed all of these bills.

The Johnson Administration threw all of the influence at its command behind the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which is making it possible for thousands of students from lower-income families to attend college on work-study programs. Barry Goldwater voted against this important bill.

In a speech in Jacksonville, Florida, Oct. 3, 1960, Mr. Goldwater said, "The government has no right to educate children. The

parents, you and I, have the responsibility. In most cases, the children will get along very well without it." Can anyone who makes such unrealistic statements be a serious candidate for the Presidency of the United States?

TO those Doubting Thomases who will claim the above is out of context, we suggest an examination of Mr. Goldwater's long record of opposition to federal aid to education. To those who argue that "government control" follows federal aid, we ask what control has been exerted in the 135 years that the federal government has aided education.

To those who point to the desegregation decision of 1954, we in turn point out that the basis of the court decision was that states could not aid segregated schools.

South Carolina would have no educational system without federal aid to education. For every four dollars we send to Washington, we get seven dollars back in federal aid. In fact, the very purpose of federal aid to education is to help those areas which lack financial resources to develop a minimal educational system.

SURELY, no one could argue that we have yet approached this minimum in South Carolina. Yet, Barry Goldwater would have us cut off all federal funds tomorrow. South Carolinians will have their opportunity to indicate their choice November 3. They will examine Goldwater's long-standing record on aid to education, minimum wage, social security, war and peace, the United Nations, the textile problem, and cotton and tobacco allotments.

They will not be fooled by a last-minute switch on issues which affect their very lives—and whether they live.

LETTERS... WE GET LETTERS

KSK "THANK YOU"

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

We, the members of Kappa Sigma Kappa, would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Graham for his cooperation and for the fine effort put forth by the Pinkerton Agents during the game last Saturday.

We felt that the opening of the third gate coupled with the easy and friendly manner of the Pinkerton men toward the students solved all of our previous problems. We are sure that the student body greatly appreciated your efforts also.

JOHN S. CLASEN
Corresponding Secretary
Kappa Sigma Kappa

GAMECOCK ENDORSEMENT

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

For a very forthright and timely editorial I congratulate you. You must surely know of the vile consequences that will follow your courageous act.

The liberals are out to smear the ones who dare to stand up against their perverted, socialistic philosophy. Therefore, be on guard, but realize that you have the student body behind you.

You have caused a stir in the apathetic consciences in the student body, for this alone you are to be congratulated. I am proud of our *Gamecock* and its worthy editor.

TOMMY CURLEE

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

In reference to your editorial of endorsement of Senator Goldwater—surely you jest!

GARRETT L. MORRISON
(Ed. note — We've never been more serious!)

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

I wish to take this opportunity to let you know that as a graduate of the University I resent your recent action. You have done serious damage to the institution you have attempted to serve. Many of us are contributing money and time to make the University a better school.

By placing the University in politics, and through such action condone the disgraceful conduct of University students during the visit of the President's wife to Columbia, you and those students concerned have brought disgrace to the school we love.

CARL T. DENTON

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

I wish to congratulate you on your courageous and forthright editorial, "America Needs Goldwater." It took both skill and determination to write such an effective piece.

You will most probably (if not

already) be criticized or ridiculed for this piece—but isn't that the price we must pay if we stand up for our convictions, especially if we are right?

The Democrats may criticize it because it harms their cause. However, it will also meet criticism from those who believe in appealing a Communist enemy who is mellowing and in erecting a super state, an all powerful federal government to solve our problems.

Your words describing Goldwater as a "fiscal conservative, a vigorous defender of personal freedom and a man who will bring honesty and integrity to the federal government" is the best summation of his political philosophy I have read in this entire campaign.

So despite criticisms and pressures brought on you, don't despair. Keep up the battle and take the criticism in stride. Live to battle another day—your cause is right.

Best wishes from one who admires courage.

DONALD SENESE

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

Congratulations for your editorial on behalf of Goldwater. Had your comments been favorable to Johnson it would have been OK with the "hacks" who run the University.

Keep up the good work.

EDWIN B. TURNER

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

"It has been the practice of newspapers across the nation to announce their position with respect to the party they plan to support editorially and news wise. There are many factors involved in making this decision: the policy of the paper in the past, the financial backing and investments involved in the paper, and the reaping of the benefits when the election is over, are but a few aspects to consider.

"Unfortunately, *The Gamecock* feels as a campus publication, this decision is beyond our realm. The entire student body contributes to the financial support of this particular paper; consequently, it would be out of character for one person to act as spokesman for the students, faculty, and administration of USC."

The above, Miss Reardon, appeared in the September 25, 1964 edition of *The Gamecock*. Has something drastically occurred in these last two weeks that has made the editors of *The Gamecock* feel that this paper is no longer financially supported by "the entire student body?" If not, I'm afraid that you are guilty of being "out of character" by acting "as spokesman for the students, faculty, and administration of USC" in your recent endorsement of Senator Barry Goldwater.

This endorsement makes one wonder if you are having the same problem Senator Goldwater is having. Do you have a special staff to tell you today what to say you said two weeks ago? It

seems that neither you nor the Senator can make up your minds as to what you really mean. Tell me, Miss Reardon, were you "out of character" in your editorial of September 25, 1964, or in your editorial of October 9, 1964?

Please explain, I'm confused.
PAUL R. CHARRON

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

I am certainly glad to see that the editorial with its scarehead "America Needs Goldwater" on the front page of the October 9th issue of *The Gamecock* endorsing "Seary Bilgewater" for president is appropriately bordered in black.

HARRY BOOTH

P.S.: I made this letter brief in hopes that if you print it you will not delete half of it as you did my last.

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

You are doing fine. All editorials worth their salt are controversial. In fact, all people who have opinions are now called "controversial." So, just stand your ground.

VIRGINIA GOURDIN

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

Your delightful half-hearted editorial was as the proverbial mast in a sea of animosity.

I would like to qualify "half-hearted" by saying that though you moved with tenacity through the epilogue, I could not help but think that you do not firmly believe in all the generalities and clichés integrated into the lines.

Reading for context on the second time through, I found it a refreshing, smoothly-worded "ode to a Republican."

I fully advocate Goldwater's right wingish philosophy and only wish that he had been placed in a more advantageous position by his legions of supporters.

Unfortunately, the powers behind the people, i.e. newspapers and other news media, tend to sway this nation of sheep. Goldwater's aides have not been to such a great advantage either.

Your editorial is one that must be read between the lines for someone to decipher the unadulterated strength of Barry Goldwater as a man and as a

future President. Again, unfortunately, most individuals will not take the time from their supposedly busy schedules to study the relatively new and all important conservatism.

There are so many fine books and editorials and periodicals that present the true picture, that one would need only an hour a day for perhaps a week to completely understand how much Barry Goldwater and his ideologies and philosophies could benefit this country.

This is more of an appeal than anything to solicit the American citizen to find for himself his choice by his own methods; to no longer rely on the bigoted hypocrisy of those pseudo intellectuals who profess so much yet know so little.

CHRIS KEANE

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Miss Reardon:

While this letter is meant in no way to question the right of the editor of *The Gamecock* to take an editorial position supporting a political candidate, I feel that I must disagree with the implication that the controlling interest of the paper (the students) and *The Gamecock* staff (myself included) support the challenger in the forthcoming election.

Both the position of the article and the statement "In so doing (supporting Goldwater), *The Gamecock*, as the official student newspaper of the University, urges all students to aid and help select the Republican nominee . . ." force me to pen this denial. As a member of the staff, I am proud to count myself among the many members supporting the incumbent, Lyndon Johnson.

It is inconceivable to me that the staff of the newspaper of an institution of higher learning could contain a majority of supporters for as anti-intellectual an individual as Barry Goldwater. It is also difficult to believe that "veterans" of courses in American History, Economics, Political Science, the social sciences, and International Relations could support some of the irrational statements of the Republican candidate.

I find it regrettable, but essential, to demand a clarification (public) of the origin and nature of this *Gamecock's* political ven-

The GAMECOCK

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