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Student Column Affects Change

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When I was a WC student, I had a column in the student newspaper called "The Sharp Edge." One time I wrote a column criticizing the College's policy forbidding Communists from speaking on campus.

Shortly after that issue came out, then President Jim Read passed by me in his car and stopped and asked me to come into the car to talk with him. He said the policy originated when the Board of Trustees was controlled by members of the John Birch Society. He said that was no longer true, and it was time for the policy to change.

Not only did he get the Board to strike down the policy, but the College itself invited a Communist in to speak to students.



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