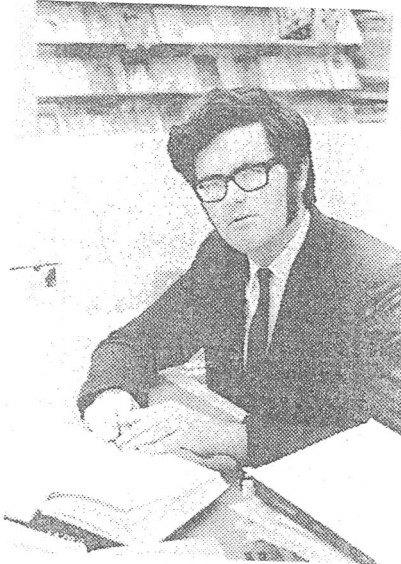


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Elvis, Is It Really You?



FROM THE TULANIAN

Gingrich at Tulane in the late '60s.

Long before he was lighting fires in Congress, Newt Gingrich was fanning flames as a defender of . . . nude photos.

As a grad student at Tulane, the future House speaker, looking a bit like Elvis (see photo at left) stormed into the university president's office to demand that he allow the school newspaper to publish a photo of a nude sculpture.

"The student newspaper was produced with student fees," Gingrich recently told the school's alumni magazine, the *Tulanian*. "Our argument was that it ought to have intellectual freedom because it was a student newspaper. . . . I told him that we were paying for it and had a right not to be censored by the people who were *not* paying for it."

But Gingrich had better luck with the "Contract With America" 25 years later. Asked if he prevailed at Tulane, he hesitated and admitted, "Ah . . . no."