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Agnew's speech writer once fought policemen

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WASHINGTON—The young man who writes most of Vice President Agnew's scathing speeches on law and order and student violence has had personal experience with both. He was kicked out of college for a year after a street brawl with two policemen.

The speechwriter, 32-year-old Patrick Buchanan, was involved in a traffic accident in the heart of Washington's Georgetown on an October night a decade ago. Buchanan had passed a car in an intersection just after midnight. At the time, he was a senior at Georgetown University.

When the police arrived and tried to talk to the young student, Buchanan "became disorderly," according to court records. He "began to fight and kicked the arresting officer about the body. Private Booth was treated for trauma to the abdomen . . . Private Nedrow treated for possible fracture of the left shoulder," the records show.

Buchanan was charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer and released on \$2,000 bond. He then hired noted Washington criminal lawyer Clifford Alder whose clients have included George Raft, Jimmy Hoffa and Mafia chieftains Sam "Mooney" Giancana and Anthony "Tony" Accardo.

Charge reduced

By the time the case reached trial three months later, Alder had been able to get the U.S. Attorney's office to whittle down the charge of assaulting a police officer to the much less serious offense of "disorderly conduct."

The disorderly conduct charge said that Buchanan "did . . . use profane language, indecent and obscene words . . . and engage in loud and boisterous talking and other disorderly conduct." Buchanan pleaded guilty and paid a \$25 fine rather than spend 15 days in jail.

Although the records show a guilty plea, Buchanan told this column he had pleaded "nolo contendere," or no contest to the "disorderly" charge, a plea which allows the defendant to avoid an admission of guilt.

Broke his hand

Buchanan recalled ruefully that he had broken his hand. "I left school for a year while this thing was being taken care of," Buchanan said, adding that his departure was "pursuant to a discussion with the dean. It could be described as a suspension."

The Donnybrook and suspension proved

to be no more than an interruption in Buchanan's otherwise brilliant academic career. He returned to Georgetown the following year and graduated with honors at the top of his class.

The next year, he attended Columbia Journalism School on a \$1,500 fellowship. He earned his master's degree and polished the

colorful style which would later earn him a job as a White House speech writer. Recently, he has been assigned to Vice President Agnew.

If his collegiate trouble with the law failed to deter the gifted Buchanan on the road to success, it apparently failed also to imbue him with understanding toward today's wayward college students.

In his speeches, many of them prepared by Buchanan, Vice President Agnew has employed some of the most vicious official invective heard in years to condemn students—particularly those who become embroiled in fracas with police and other authorities.

Champagne and soda water

A shirt-sleeved Florida populist's campaign for the U.S. Senate has sophisticated congressmen re-thinking their own home-stretch drives for re-election.

Lawton Chiles, a Democratic unknown, is running against suave Rep. Bill Cramer, R-Fla. Cramer tossed a ritzy but conventional \$1,000-a-ticket gala at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, with Atty. Gen. John Mitchell and his wife, Martha, among the notables. The delicacies ran from champagne to caviar. A "modest" \$100-a-couple affair was held immediately afterwards.

Chiles could hardly afford a room in the plush hotel, much less a reception. But when he heard of Cramer's extravaganza, he quickly announced he was having a competing \$1-a-plate chicken dinner in the public Dante Fascel park in South Miami. His "notables" were anybody who had a dollar for chicken and sodas.

Cramer's lavish affairs brought in \$145,000 less costs. Chiles, who has walked through much of Florida on his campaign, got only \$1,776 from his hastily called chicken dinner. But he got so much free publicity out of his event—most of it along the lines of Cramer being the rich man's candidate—that Chiles is now given a chance of upset-

ting the well-to-do Republican.

Angela as heroine

The Communist party is trying to make a cause celebre of Angela Davis. She is the communist glamour girl who has been picked up on a fugitive warrant for allegedly purchasing weapons used in the kidnap-murder of Judge Harold J. Haley in San Rafael, Calif.

The Communist party has lost its appeal to most black militants and white radicals.

Angela Davis, however, is a heroine to the new left. The Communist party therefore plans to capitalize on her popularity by running an all-out propaganda campaign in her behalf. The Communists already have formed "Angela Davis Defense Committees" in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities.