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Shouldn't Professors Be Teachers

By ALBERT F. PLANT
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A couple of weeks ago, I happened to read an editorial, which after removing the frills, made a push for published work being a major criterion for granting tenure to the staff members of a university. With this, I wholeheartedly disagree. Consider for just a moment what is the major purpose of any academic institution. It is to teach and train, to create an individual who can take a viable, valuable place in society. This should be the guiding purpose of all the staff members and they should be judged on the basis of their performance in this

respect — not on how many papers they publish.

The editorial in question made the comment that university administrators could not judge how good a teacher a person was and that, therefore, they should use publications as the basis since this indicates a vital interest in the field, which then translates into a good teacher for that field. It even indirectly suggests that a series of bad papers is better than no bibliography at all. This is upside down thinking.

I think that if university administrators cannot presently judge how good a teacher a staff member is then they had best do some more homework and come up with some method rather than substituting a bibliography as the guiding light of tenure. Too many university members tend to believe the direct rather than the indirect. Why be a good teacher and hope for tenure, when you can concentrate on publishing and be assured of tenure? One of the poorest teachers I had was one of the most widely published individuals in existence. I see no way to equate publications with teaching ability and if teaching ability is the important thing, then let's judge it on that ability not on something else.

Besides, most publication results from research performed by the graduate students under a teacher's direction rather than research done by a teacher on his "free" time. I don't actually consider this as a really valuable addition to his bibliography. Such publication

belongs more to the university than to the teacher, since it is being done on university time and is, in essence, required of the teacher.

I'm not sure I even agree with the concept of tenure because tenure tends to protect an individual regardless of his performance after the granting of tenure, but we will leave that subject for another time and place.

I think the university administrators and staff members should get back to the concept of teaching, good teaching, and still more teaching, and forget about publication as anything but a very minor criterion for granting tenure. And we need to place more emphasis on undergraduate level teaching and less on the graduate level. Let's put our best teachers, where they will do the most good with the most students.

BUT NEVER ON SUNDAY

The sexy voice says, "Hi would you believe I'm sitting here completely nude waiting for you ..." The telephone recording is that of Miss Blue Orchard Studios in Kansas City. She or any of her friends will model nude for \$15 per half hour with "camera and film free." The studios are open 11 a.m. to midnight daily but "never on Sundays." She finishes her sales pitch by saying "I enjoy my body so much, so should you." Miss Blue Orchard Studios may be reached by dialing 816-756-3838 and paying Ma Bell \$1.15 for the call.

Big Business Booming Real People Hurting

By BRIGGS PETWAY

If the average American would come out of his shell, he would immediately see the source of his nation's problems. The same element is behind the scandals of government and the inflating economy.

Big business. Two words sum up the difficulties the United States is having. Corporations too large to manage effectively are running wild, using the country like a play ground.

One of the current scandals is political financing. Who else but ITT, the major oil companies, and the airlines are up to their profits in illegal campaign contributions?

The fuel crisis can very easily be blamed on the huge oil industry. There is no real fuel shortage; this is not to be confused with the coming (in some cases, present) crisis of non-renewable resources. Texaco, Exxon, Mobile, and friends are holding back on transporting crude oil to their refineries for one simple reason. They want more money, so they can make more money.

By no stretch of the imagination, the large fuel interests are behind the Arab-Israeli farce. The Yom Kippur War was motivated by American oilmen far more than religious and territorial disputes. Exxon and friends wanted Arab oil. But they refused to sell it as long as America backed Israel. So when Egypt inevitably attacked Israel, the oilmen could not afford to have good old USA back the Jews. A timely fuel shortage grew up in the States so the Americans told Golda Meir and Mosha Dayan, "This is your war!" Notice how there was no overwhelming Israeli victory this time.

And big business knows whose back to scratch. As oil prices grow higher, new cars get lower gas mileage. The mailman is in the hands of a private concern and one sees first class postage going to ten, and soon fifteen cents per ounce. How about insurance companies and their lovely treatment of young drivers? The list isn't too short.

If the average American would express a little indignation now and then, the world could be saved from big business. In all seriousness, what the United States needs is a good old-fashioned tax rebellion; then perhaps Uncle Sam would control a few over-anxious corporations.

A need for God's Children

By NINE JONES

At the beginning of the year the many opportunities that A.C.C. needs for God's children was pointed out in this column. In our midst, A.C. has a group of church vocation students who are opening up opportunities for others.

Through the leadership of Dr. Pausell, a group of thirteen students have joined together in a wish to let other's know of the opportunities available in the church vocation field. The members of the group are Debbie Steeves, Ricky Clayton, Cathy Turner, Kathy Leggett, Cindy Stovall, Nancy Howell, Fran Couch, Mary McDowell, Julie Leach, Cynthia Overman, Spencer Smith, Terri Osgood, and Joe Roverson.

Before the year is up, these students will have traveled to Christian Churches in Smithfield, La Grange, Rocky Mount, Greensboro, Williamston, Wilson, Elizabeth City, Stokesdale, and Arapahoe. In the near future, this project will carry these students to Raleigh,

Plymouth, Goldsboro, Winston-Salem, Hassell, Kinston, Washington and the Baptist Association in Henderson.

On the appointed Sundays, Dr. Pausell and three students travel to their destined Church and give a presentation on church vocations. The purpose of these presentations is to make others aware of the many available openings in this field and to clear up any misconceptions concerning a church vocation.

Each student gives a short talk on his reasons for entering the church vocational field. The students relate any past or present experiences that have affected their decision in entering this field.

The presentation also includes a slide narration that deals with the social and spiritual problems that are presently confronting the human race. The slide presentation makes people more aware of reality and illustrates the role that the church has in solving human problems. The presentation goes on to emphasize the fact that God does

exist and is in the world. It further shows how we can be a part of His work and Love.

Music is also a part of this program. Three of the students, Debbie Steeves, Kathy Leggett, and Spencer Smith, perform with their voices and talents at playing the guitar.

This program was done in the past by Dr. Pausell. It is because of these presentations that some church vocation students are presently at A.C.C.

It is through the efforts of these students that the eyes of others have been opened. These students have related God's love and work to the lives of others.

This program has not only helped others but has also helped each participating student as related by Kathy Leggett. "These Sunday night excursions have proven, thus far, to strengthen my faith in God, myself, and other people. I have learned to share my faith with others and, at the same time, receive guidance and love from them. I have profited from these experiences and feel confident that others have also."

