

Guest Editorial

"A Plague On Both Your Houses"

Editor's Note: Mr. Frank Harvin, Professor of Social Sciences at Brevard, has reviewed the results of the recent poll on integration and presents his interpretation of the results in the following editorial.

The student poll last week on the subject of integration came out about as expected, although it did contain a few surprises. That there was a shift in student opinion in favor of integration within the last six years was obvious to anyone following the results of such polls taken at other colleges, even in the South. Equally unsurprising, there remains a significantly large minority which, despite all efforts at persuasion, are yet unconvinced and unconverted.

What was surprising was the relatively large number of those who persist in remaining "neutral" toward the whole issue. It could be that, as one observer commented, "they didn't want to vote for it but were ashamed to vote against it"

Yet on second thought, maybe the neutrals — or should we call them the "unaligned"? — chose this way in which to register their disgust with the extremists of both factions: toward those who would, in effect, ram integration down Southern throats by sheer physical force, and those who (in the words of W. D. Workman) would "substitute meanness and muscle for the intellect which, by rights, ought to be the South's defense"?

The unlovely cohorts of CORE — the Congress of Racial Equality, to give it its proper name — has hardly endeared itself to the men of good will, whether white or colored; and their fist-swinging, torch-wielding opponents are not exactly the paragons of Southern defense to be honored alongside of Stonewall Jackson's foot-cavalry.

There are some other unlovely characters to be found on both sides of the issue.

There are, for instance, some members of the clergy who read their Bibles after 1954 — but were monumentally silent prior to that date — and now trumpet that every case of discrimination is a religious issue, and any person indulging in it is no Christian. Their opposite numbers, equally vociferous, firmly ground their case on the Old Testament scripture and the concept of a chosen people (white, of course.)

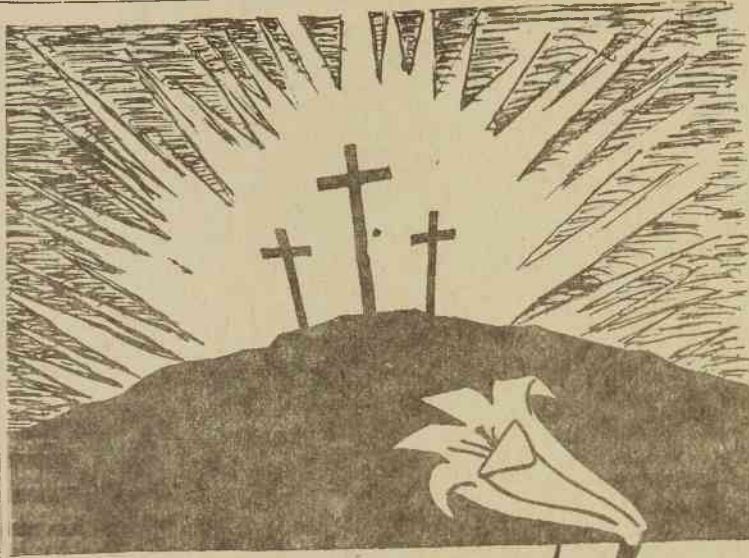
In every case, Reverend? We always thought that "pride was a Christian sin — and where the conflict is between exercise of two kinds of pride, where is the moral choice in that?"

There is the self-conscious liberal who neglects his personal obligations, but having held up a cautionary finger to the winds of public opinion, now loudly proclaims his position on what appears to him to be the fashionable side of the fence. His opposite number is the self-deluding, stone-bottomed complacent individual who comfortingly asserts, "The Negro doesn't really want integration, you know."

The heck he doesn't. He wants the principle firmly established even if he has no immediate desire to rub shoulders at Potomac Joes' Lunch Emporium with a white man. For just like the rest of us, he likes to feel that he can go anywhere he has the price, the time, or the inclination. Or the internal copper plumbing to stand up to one of Joe's dinners.

Then there are the large metropolitan publications which send "war correspondents to cover expected racial outbreaks in the South. They are matched by certain Southern papers which take the position that, even if Lee surrendered his sword at Appomattox, they didn't surrender their pens, suh. By gum, they

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In His Death
Is Life ...

GOLDILOCKS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD!

RANDY MCKNIGHT

Not long ago, the world was shocked at the discovery of "payola." It was learned that certain radio and T. V. personalities had been accepting money for plugging certain records or products.

If mother goose were still alive, would payola have affected her stories? Let your imagination go and listen to this mother goose story payola style.

Once upon a time there were three bears; a male bear, a mature female bear, and their little delinquent son. One day, while mama and papa were taking their weekly twist lesson and their son was hiding in the woods enjoying twenty wonderful smokes, a young blond (only her hairdresser knows for sure) wandered up to the bears' Gold Medallion Home. She knocked, no one answered, so she walked in.

Once inside she noticed the plush wall to wall carpeting (the home means more with carpet on the floor.) Her name was Goldilocks as you have probably figured out by now!

She strolled over to the refrigerator (it was one of the type you can be sure of) where she found several bottles of beer for light-hearted living, some soft drinks for those who think young, four chicken pot pies with no soggy bottom crust and a cold pizza with the chef's touch in it.

Goldilocks, who had been smoking more but enjoying it less, realized that it's what's up front that counts and decided to get some taste for a change.

After finishing her cigarette, she climbed the stairs to the bedroom because she was, "oh so tired." After taking off her shoes, she climbed into bed and fell asleep.

Meanwhile mama and papa bear arrived on the scene. After a close examination of the living room, papa bear said, "someone has been sitting on my Danish modern type chaise lounge!" Then mama bear said, "someone has been eating our P-nutiest peanut butter."

A futile search turned up

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LORRAINE MARTIN

In view of the recent death of Kid Paret, do you think boxing should be outlawed?

Sammy Snyder — I guess they should have more capable referees.

Gene Gossett — There are so many boys who are planning a career in boxing, and have worked so hard that it should definitely not be outlawed.

Jack Phillips — Boxing is an art. There have been more injuries in football in the past year than in boxing.

Bill Clary — The decision was up to Goldstein. Had he considered Paret's condition such that the fight should be stopped, Paret possibly would not have died.

Mel Hunt — No, because that was just an exception, and there is an exception to every rule.

Poochie Harris — No, but it should probably have a few more restrictions put on it.

Judy Robinson — I think boxing is a sport to be enjoyed, and the fighters shouldn't enter into it mad or upset as seems to have been the case here.

Hariett Carey — No, but I think the rules should be a little more strict; a lot of men enjoy it and make their living that way.

Katy Fouts — No, think what it would do to the underworld!

**Kampus
Komment**

By JOHN GOINS

It happened about a year ago. This person had two years of training in one of North Carolina's quality junior colleges. This person later got an undergraduate degree from one of the best-known Washington, D. C. Universities.

This person then got a master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina.

This person did a job as a staff member of the city library in one of the state's biggest municipalities. This person's work for about two years was of high quality.

This person would have been available for employment as a school librarian. But it could not be arranged. The reason: The highly-qualified librarian had not taken required education courses.

You make your own Komment.

The Administration's Letter to the student body concerning the conduct of students on campus has stirred up quite a bit of controversy. It seems strange that the actions of a minority group of students on campus should, by their uninhibited actions, be able to dictate terms of conduct to the majority. Those who can enjoy a light-hand-on-shoulder walk must now forego even that pleasure. But before taking up arms in the matter, I suggest that we wait until all the smoke dies down and see how strictly the issues will be interpreted and enforced.

My Nomination for an Academy Award for the best acting (if I had a vote) would go to Channel Three's "Live Championship Wrestling" . . . and my Oscar for best acting would go to the announcer and emcee, "Big Bill" Ward; if he didn't seem so intelligent I could almost think that he believes in "The Great Bolo," George Becker, "Big Indian Chief," etc But it is good slap-stick comedy.

The Special Easter Services conducted beside the lily-pond each morning this week will, I believe, stand out as one of the "college remembrances" for those who have attended Who could forget sitting on those ice-cold bricks and benches at 7:00 a. m., being slowly warmed by the student messages?

The End: Asked what he thought of one of Dean Roberts' Lit lectures, one person replied, "I was very uneasy the whole time; I kept looking out the window for the white-coated men carrying the butterfly nets to come and drag him off."

CHRISTIAN WITNESS ON CAMPUS

By BOB SPENCER

Easter, as far as many Christians are concerned, is a paradox. Attendance at church on Easter Day is always higher than the regular attendance. This occasion draws people together in a remarkable way. Both young and old love Christmas, but no single Christmas observance has the public appeal of Easter morning. Many may not fully understand what Easter means, but they are sure it is important, and they love it.

What does Easter mean? I would say that you are getting close to the true meaning of

Easter when you recognize the overwhelming joy in a Christian as he views life. There is much that is sad in life. Christianity recognizes this, particularly in its emphasis on the cross. Tragedy is real. It must never be overlooked with optimism. Pain, disappointment, and defeat are genuine. What we hold, as Christians, is not that these evils are not real, but rather that they are not ultimate or final. Easter is a way of saying something that most people need to hear: No tragedy is so great that it cannot be turned, by God's grace, into victory.

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