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TIME TO CHOOSE LEADERS

With spring comes the time for the students to choose their leaders for the succeeding school term. April 11, the students will decide who shall be president and vice president of the Student Government and editor of the **Campus Echo**. Those who have clamored that the Student Government has not done anything can decide upon leadership which will get things done. Those who decried the editor of the **Campus Echo** will have another opportunity to get someone who will do everything they want done—if such a person exists.

Enough has been said about the complacency here on campus; little more needs to be added to the already too numerous words. Whatever the Student Government does next year will depend almost entirely upon what the chief administrators think and how well they initiate action from these thoughts. Mass student cooperation should not be expected. This makes it more imperative that leadership be asserted in a good personality who gets things done. Judgement is the providence of the voter.

The argument that letters to the editor should not be censored is well taken. The editor concurs and this has and shall continue to be the policy of this student newspaper. Any statements to the contrary are totally unfounded, spurious, and an affront to the integrity of the editor and staff. We believe that it is a damn shame that some students have to state their grievances by pamphlets which do not even have the authority borne out in a name. We note this, even though it does not deserve the dignity of comment. This is not an acceptable way of expressing oneself, especially when this newspaper would be the ideal place to present such an opinion. We hope that this medium will be used in future issues. Bear this out when an editor is elected.

Comes April 11, we hope that the campus leaders will not be chosen by a handful of students, but that they will in fact represent the entire student body. The true spirit of democracy lies in the rule of the majority with consideration of the minority. This can best be preserved in a person who has taken the student body to heart.

And last of all, we entreat you to vote as you please, but please vote!!!

IMPLICATIONS OF PROTEST

The South-wide student protest against segregated public eating facilities have gained world recognition and far-reaching implications.

The protests have even moved the mute President to speak, and while what he said was not entirely satisfactory, he has expressed what may safely be termed favorable concern. What this shows is that the President, like most others, has been forced to take a stand.

Then too, from the results of the votes in the North Carolina State Student Legislative Assembly, it is evident that the matured educated youth of today sees the faults and evils of the Southern tradition of separation of the races. The student leaders in the "white" colleges of North Carolina are overwhelmingly liberal, a fact that most students know from contacts in the summer. This in part bears out the belief, held by most Negroes, that the educated white man is not a die-hard segregationist, and that many "non-committed" are "liberals with families." Obviously America's classical sin of segregation is on its way out. It is only until the enlightened youth assumes the seat of power.

We, therefore, foresee a breakdown in the long-present social stratification here in the South. All the earmarks are present. We are living in a wonderful era, one in which God has caused an evolution in thought and a change of course in social customs.

COLLEGE-BRED DELINQUENTS

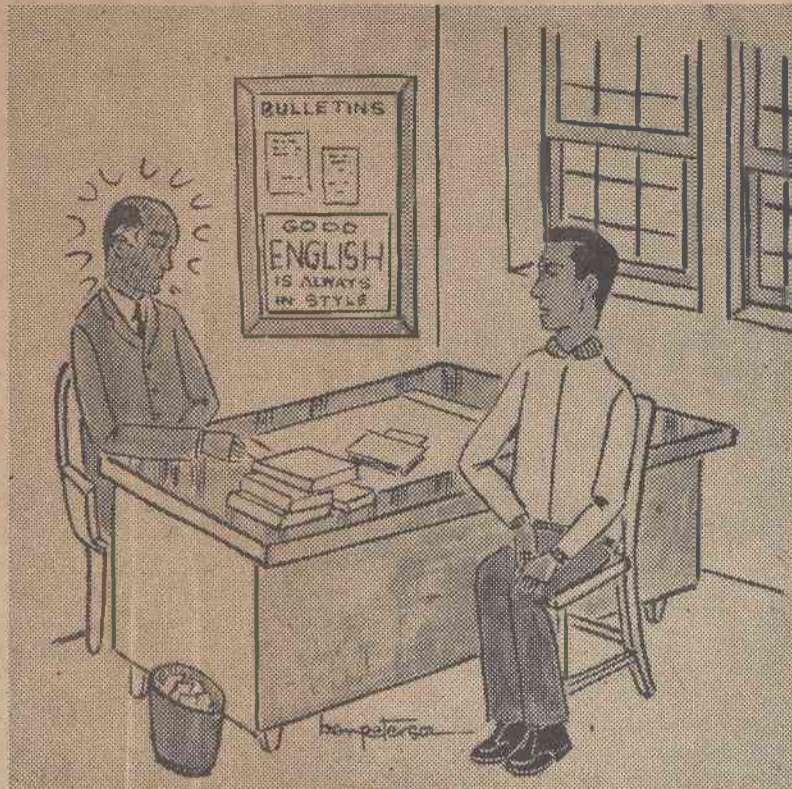
It is high time that someone did something about the college-bred delinquents here on campus. Persons who neglect to take their trays back to the window, those who kick out doors, knock out lights, and steal from fellow students, those who tear down needed equipment such as fire extinguishers and damage school properties, should be dealt with in a manner such as the misdemeanor demands.

"Misdemeanor" is certain too mild a term for some of the crimes occurring here. There is no reasonable explanation for a student even with some capricious whim to break out lights on campus. It is now dangerous to walk across campus to Chidley Hall at night when the moon is not out. For sake of dear limbs, avoid the steps. These acts are not the doings of intelligent college students. We therefore do not encourage the toleration of them.

What seems to be the biggest problem in that it involves most students is the dining hall situation. It shows a marked immaturity and irresponsibility on the part of any student who forgets to take back his tray. We hope that students will take this in mind. The reason that there is often a shortage of trays, spoons, and forks is that they are lying idle in a tray under some table or in some corner. Such acts of negligence cannot be considered as collegiate or becoming of intelligent men and women. We do ask that the students cooperate in making conditions better for all of us.

Delinquents who break out lights on campus and destroy fire extinguishers need to explain their actions to the Welfare Committee. We feel that they will receive deserving punishment. For the appearance of our community it is necessary that an end be put to roving destroyers of property.

RESOLVED: Stop the college-bred delinquents.



I'm not calling any names, Professor, but an hombre of this department shot me an 'F'.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

'Return To Peyton Place' Not As Bad As Predecessor

By T.L.C. Rotide

Grace Metalious' **Return To Peyton Place** is in every sense a continuation of her first provocative best-seller, **Peyton Place**.

Here is found all the sinful characters of small town, U.S.A., who caused the New England upheaval in Mrs. Metalious' first presentation. The author has certainly matured somewhat since her earlier novel, and this is reflected not only in the plot of the story but in the vivid descriptions. Indeed the book is not as promiscuous and does not have the endless cursing prevalent in the predecessor. The same themes, however, are treated, only better this time.

It was the second winter after Allison McKenzie returned to Peyton Place from her stay in New York City. And her efforts at writing a truly good novel are at the test. Well, Allison does get her book published, and by a tactful one named Lewis Jackman, one of the vigorous competitors in the world of business and a passionate lover.

Selena Cross, also of **Peyton Place**, is among those webbed in the multi-plot of this story of characters. She, after all this time, has not recovered from the horrors of rape and incest caused by her stepfather Lucas Cross; and the small-minded citizenry of this small town is neither forgiving nor forgetting. Selena fights a continuous battle for respectability, being thrown back by the dramatic persuasion of Tim Randlett, a traveling actor who always acts and tries his unwanted psychology on everyone, including his beloved Selena. She finally frees herself, and gives in to the pleas of the country lawyer, who has patiently waited while she sinned. They are married, and as far as this story goes, they live happily ever after.

The main character though is Allison, who after becoming famous and viewing the other world, that of wealth, and having her proportional share of admiration and pleasures, has thoroughly enjoyed herself.

She soon realizes that a book being good does not necessarily make it a sensation, but the fact that it is good must be propagated. She almost doubts herself. At any rate, this is where

the knowing agent, Paul Morris came in. He sold Allison's novel to the public.

From the title of the novel, it was evident to the inhabitants of Peyton Place that Miss McKenzie was writing about them and their town. In private conversations, they even identified one another. Samuel's Castle's undesirable reaction made Peyton Place notorious and Allison filthy rich. Allison, her mother Constance and her stepfather Mike Rossie soon found themselves in an enemy camp. The town divided, the usual saints (the tolerant ones) such as Matt Swain siding with Allison and the unfavorably involved against her. The prominent put the economical squeeze on the family, and Mike was accordingly out of his job as principal of the local high school and Constance's dress shop lost 50 percent of its business.

Even the town's hero (to those who did not know) returned. Ted Carter had married into a wealthy family as he and his status-seeking mother had desired. So, when Ted and his new wife Jennifer moved in, the caldron boiled. The lunatic Jennifer delved into the affairs of her parents-in-law, Roberta and Harmon Carter. Jennifer sexually teases her husband when she knows her mother-in-law is watching. And when Jennifer discovers Roberta's plot on her life and learns that Roberta also loves her husband even as she does, she murders the newly respectable antagonist.

Allison commutes often to New York in order to see Lewis Jackman and occasionally to transact business. She soon tires of the metropolis and wants to get back to her writing. So it is that she invites Lewis to her home in **Peyton Place** to meet her parents. During the stay the two go on a drive that ends in the death of Lewis and tragedy for Allison. She remains in grief until Rita, one of her newly acquired theatrical friends who has often told her of the ropes of the trade, visits, and renews her faith in herself.

As of **Act One**, there may be more to this story of the personifying characters of **Peyton Place**. Indeed Mrs. Metalious is now a professional writer, and

LETTERS

Campus Vandals

Dear Editor:

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

It is lamentable, but true that some people do not realize that fire extinguishers are protective devices and not gadgets for pranksters. Prior to coming to NCC, I assumed that everyone realized the importance of fire extinguishers, but this assumption has been unduly shattered by unintelligent uses of the fire extinguishers have been put to in Chidley Hall.

I recall a while back when someone carelessly threw a burning cigarette into one of the waste receptacles in Chidley Hall. Then these pranksters were nowhere to be found. One might suppose that their inaccessibility was due to the fact that a chance to put the fire extinguishers to constructive use had presented itself. But I dare say if a chance to empty the contents of an extinguisher under someone's door had presented itself, the Chidley Hall "frolickers" would have been right on hand. What do you suppose would happen if a fire were to suddenly break out in the dormitory; if all of the fire extinguishers were lying empty in some corner of the dormitory? Would not the results be disastrous?

Only a child or an ignoramus could fail to realize this, but alas, Chidley Hall apparently houses both. Ignorance is like a delicate fruit; touch it and the bloom is gone. I say let's not only touch it but let's crush it. Otherwise we may wake up one morning and discover (through the escapades of pranksters) that we all have gone!

Yours truly,
Gerald C. Simmons

Assemblies

Dear Editor:

Recently the Forum Committee asked students in Men's Assembly and Women's Assembly to refrain from sleeping, lounging and walking out during a visitor's speech.

I agree with the committee that students are not in keeping with good assembly decorum when they sleep, lounge, or walk out. However, I wonder if the Forum Committee tried to find the reasons for the over-all unrest in the Forum Assemblies. The students become restless when first, they hear a ten-minute introduction (mostly a list of honorary degrees), and then some unknown speaker proceeds to speak about some unknown subject.

I would suggest that the Social Science Department stop monopolizing the selection of speakers for assemblies and allow the Fine Arts Department, the Romance Languages Department, and maybe, the natural science departments a chance to present speakers.

This letter is written with malice toward none.

Sincerely yours,
Charles McNeil

she may enrich herself at the reputation of the New England provincial. This is a light and easily read book, which depicts life such as it really is. However, it is not the one for those of low morality.