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## OFF THE CUFF

Slowly, but surely the walls of senseless rules and regulations which have denied 10 per cent of our country's population their rights as human beings have begun to crumble. A break has been forced in the dam, and the relentless power of the triumph of right over wrong has begun to widen the trickle of enlightenment.

First, the break came in the school system; then, in the parks and playgrounds; and now, it has come in the transportation system. But doesn't it seem strange that the break had to be forced by legal means? If ours is such a great nation, if we can tell the rest of the world what is most efficient in the areas of science and technology, why can't we lead the world in the areas of human relations also?

And where is our so-called "religion?" Where is the Christianity about which we hear so much, not only on Sunday morning in our churches, but also throughout the week on the radio, on television, and about which we read so much in our daily papers? Or doesn't it work for all people, at all times, and in all places? It seems as though the uniting should have come in the churches first, but it didn't.

Then, if our Christianity were such a powerful force for good and for the uplifting of men, where was it when this whole abominable system of forceful denial of human rights began? And could it had been any more unfair, nonsensical, or illogical if it had been based on a man's weight, his waist measurement, his ability to lift heavy weights, or the number of minutes it would take him to hobble a mile backwards with his feet tied together? Silly? Certainly. But isn't the whole system just as foolish? And yet it came into being and has continued to exist although it was based on selfishness, ignorance, and the desire to dominate others, and not on careful, logical, intellectual planning.

And, as far as intermarriage is concerned (and that is the big issue that everyone seems so upset about, even though it is not discussed openly often enough for many people to form intelligent opinions concerning it) the more intelligent members of our society

choose their associates because of their common interests and backgrounds. And every woman still has the right to say, "No."

But, back to the original problem. The break has begun, and just as takes place in any other social change, there will be some resistance, particularly from those who see their cherished areas of bigotry and domination losing their importance and their power. But, being against integration is like " . . . being in Alaska and being against snow."

However, each of us must do his part to change the attitude of those who disapprove. While it is true that the law has said that the situation is illegal and can no longer exist, it is up to you and me to do every single thing that we can to show the majority of the persons (since we are a minority) that this situation should never have been allowed to develop and that humanity has suffered because we have not been allowed to contribute our full share to its progress. And remember that along with every right goes a corresponding responsibility.

—W. L. Jordan

## Pvt. Dorothy Horne Completes Training

WAC CENTER, Fort McClellan, Ala.—Private Dorothy V. Horne, daughter of Mrs. Annie L. Barnes of Stantonsburg, N. C., has just completed basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala.

She is a graduate of Springfield High School in Lucama, N. C., and attended the State Teachers College in Fayetteville.

The WAC Center, a new installation, officially opened June 10, 1954, is the permanent home of the Women's Army Corps Center. The Center, composed of 22 cream-colored modern functional buildings, is situated on rolling land with a view of the Appalachian Mountains. The newcomer is welcomed to her first Army post in a setting of tree-shaped lawns and attractive buildings.

Fort McClellan is also the permanent home of the Chemical Corps Training Command.

The Center's buildings are of concrete block and have large louver windows set in steel frames. All have built-in circulation fans and natural gas heating. Floors are of asphalt tile.

Each enlisted women's barracks houses an entire company with the administrative offices on the first floor, plus a dayroom which serves as the living room for Army personnel. A lounge with a kitchenette, a laundry room, and a drying room are provided on each floor.

The WAC Band, the only WAC Band today, is permanently stationed at the Center. Its regular mission is support of training activities of the Center but it is also a touring and concert organization.

The Center is the nucleus of the Women's Army Corps. Here all new members of the WAC are received, processed, classified and trained for Army life. The major training units are the Basic Course, which initiates the transition from civilian to military life; and the WAC School, which conducts all officer training programs and the Clerical Procedures Course for enlisted women.



PVT. DOROTHY HORNE

## IN PASSING

Do you ever sit and thumb through pamphlets, magazines, or books just for entertainment? Do you ever read sayings that you'd like to share with someone else? I do. I even clip newspaper articles. While thumbing through "The Notebook of Elbert Hubbard" a while back, I jotted these down, and I hope you'll like them as well as I did:

1. "An educated man is one with a universal sympathy for everything and a certain amount of knowledge about everything that is known, and who still is on the line of evolution and is learning to the end."
2. "Conduct, culture, and character are graces that go through life hand in hand, never separate or alone. Happy is he who has more than a speaking acquaintanceship with each."
3. "The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."
4. "Don't sit down in the meadow and wait for the cow to back up and be milked—go after the cow."
5. I would rather be able to appreciate things I cannot have than to have things I am not able to appreciate."
6. "If I supply you a thought you may remember it and you may not. But if I can make you think a thought for yourself, I have indeed added to your stature."

—Lillian Dorsette

## Are You Thinking?

When asked the question, "What is the most outstanding fault of our campus and how can it best be eradicated?" I began to think about the situation, and about a logical solution, if there really was one. My mind passed slowly over the different facets of Fayetteville State Teachers College and, in particular, the students. The physical facilities here have their short-comings, but they are more than adequate. The faculty and administration are above par, and the facilities, though not outstanding, are suitable for the purpose of securing a decent education. What then seems to cause the uneasiness that I know exists within me? Under closer scrutiny, I found the bothersome imp who was at the base of my agitation. He was an abstract being, esoteric in value, and rapidly increasing in growth. Listen while I tell you about HIM.

The most crooked man I ever met seemed by all odds the straightest, the most upright, and the most moral. His posture was always perfect, his manner always courteous, his reaction to the sorrows and failures of others always sympathetic and helpful.

But, as I have said, I have never met a more profoundly crooked man. I think I may suggest the enormity of his crookedness by remarking that only one man in the world, if HE happens to read this, will know whom it is about. What then is the nature of his crookedness? Does he lie, cheat, steal, kill? He does, but with unbelievable simplicity, earnestness, and virtue. He will never be in trouble with the law. He will never go to jail. He will never even be called upon to defend his character, or to prove his innocence, for he will never be challenged. Well, then, just what precisely is it that he does that is so crooked, so wrong, so evil?

He adjusts. He adjusts to everything, and does so with entire and perfect success. He knows that most of the things he adjusts to are wrong, but he plays the game, and plays it well. He never, never protests. I know him, and I think you know him, too.

He's the spirit of let-John-do-it-for-me. Fellow students, don't let yourselves fall into this undesirable position; don't adjust so easily and readily without asking logical questions about all situations. Don't believe everything you hear without checking for yourself. One of the prime objectives of college is to develop within you a curiosity, not only for factual data, but, also curiosity for equally important concepts of freedom, brotherhood, and democracy.

Don't you realize that if you go through life constantly adjusting, without questioning, without doing individual thinking, without using your abilities as human beings, your purpose for living (for seeking education and for existing) is complete lost? Don't let the theory of the great French philosopher, Rene Decarte, concerning animals hold true for us: "Merely robots with flesh and bone." Students of State Teachers College, don't be blind adjusters; instead, THINK. Try it once or twice; thinking won't hurt, honest.

—Ronald Kilpatrick

## AKMu's



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