



The Hot Line New Case For Ratman

By ELLISON CLARY, JR.

Last week we read about Ratman getting a call on the Ratphone from Chief Hord of the Queen City explaining that the Pilferer, arch enemy of humanity and motherhood and fatherhood and even foster-parenthood, is believed to be behind the festering crime wave there. We read how he is suspected of kidnapping the missing Commissioner Waldron.

Later on, we read about the Ratmobile being stolen right under the noses of Ratman and Rodent. And, of course, those of us who stuck it out to the end read about a lot of other silly nonsense.

"Holy hitchhikers! We're up Sugar Creek without a Ratmobile. What are we going to do, Ratman?"

"Don't worry, Rodent," replies Ratman. "We'll hail a cab."

Ratman calls down a taxi and, as the Pitiful Pair get in, Ratman nudges Rodent and says, "Don't let the driver know who we are. We don't have time to sign autographs."

Just then, the driver says, "Hi Ratman! Hi Rodent! Where to?"

"Follow that Ratmobile," orders Ratman.

Rodent punches Ratman and whispers, "Jumping disguises, Ratman. How did he know who we are? Do you think it's because of the way we're dressed?"

"No Rodent," Ratman replies. "I imagine he picks up three or four people a day who wear mouseketeer ears and longjohns with block "Rs" on the seat flap. He probably guessed us by our speech mannerisms. You're a dead giveaway with your banal interjections, you know. I wish you'd learn not to use those sick expressions or keep your stinking trap shut!"

Rodent is stunned and hurt but soon finds words to express himself. "Holy irritations, Ratman. Leapin' triteness, I didn't know it bothered you. Jumpin' apologies, I promise not to use those interjections anymore. Holy inanities, I'm sorry!"

The driver interrupts to say, "Hey Ratman and Rodent, the Ratmobile is stopping in that driveway up ahead."

"Great work, driver. Who lives there?" asks Ratman.

"Clark Kent, alias Superman," comes the reply.

"Aha," exclaims Ratman. "Ingenius of the Pilferer to disguise himself as Superman. I'm going to rush in and surprise him while you stand in the front yard in case he tries to run away, Rodent. Driver, you pull off so he won't suspect the cab company is after him."

Ratman streaks away but suddenly halts in his tracks. Looking over his shoulder, he yells, "What's that? Oh pay the man, will you Rodent? I left my Ratwallet with all my Ratmoney in my other Ratsuit."

Ratman turns, races to the house, and crashes through the front door. He meets his foe and a hair-raising fight ensues.

SOK WHAP CAMP ZAP WHAM CAMP KAPOWIE BIFF KABAM CAMP KAWHAP KAFLOOIE CAMP, etc.

Ratman staggers out the door. His ratface is a glob of ratblood. His ratsuit is battered and torn and his ratflap hangs open, blowing in the wind.

"Holy mutilization, Ratman," exclaims Rodent. "What happened?"

"He really is Clark Kent and he's the one who's behind the crime wave. He says he's not going to return Commissioner Waldron until the draft board promises to change his draft status from 1A back to 1Y since he's a conscientious objector. He's very conscientious about objecting."

"Holy Muhammad Ali, Ratman. What are we going to do now?" Wonders Rodent.

"What can we do when Superman goes bad? I'm going back to stately Mouse Manor and train for another fight. A rematch clause was in our contract all along and Superman has no choice but to honor it. I think I can beat him next time. All I need is a different attitude," says Ratman.

As Ratman and Rodent drive slowly back home, Superman holds a news conference.

"Like I said," says Superman, "I'll give you back the Commissioner if I don't have to join the army. I beat Ratman and I beat him bad. I'm the champ. I am the greatest, the prettiest, and the strongest. For my next fight, I want to take on the Phantom, Tom Terrific, and Wonder Mother all at the same time. Ooh, I'm so pretty..."

As Ratman said, "What can we do when Superman goes bad?"

Changes Sought For Vacation

A petition is circulating asking that the administration reconsider the scheduled dates for the Easter vacation.

The petition points out the fact that UNC-CH students receive a week for a combined spring-Easter vacation while UNC-C students get only a five-day weekend.

It also points out the fact that for accreditation an institution must hold 15 weeks of classes, while UNC-C holds classes for 16 weeks.

The petition reads:

"We, the undersigned, petition the administration to reconsider the dates scheduled for Easter vacation. Whereas, the Southern Association requires only 15 weeks of class meetings for accreditation and whereas the present UNC-C calendar schedules 16 weeks of class meetings and whereas our sister institutions, UNC-CH in particular, schedule only 15 weeks of classes and whereas a need for a longer vacation is evident because of student and faculty fatigue. We do hereby submit our names in good faith and as evidence of our concern."

A copy of the petition has been placed at the Union information desk.

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the University Party's candidate for the position.

The Student Party candidate, Sam Scott, expressed his view that "only an experienced VP can successfully chair a sophisticated Student Legislature. Unquestionably, I am experienced in that direction. I have introduced 40 per cent of all of the proposed S.L. bills. Never have I forgotten the students whom I represented, and never shall I forget," he said.

Willma Happy will bear the Student Party's endorsement for the position of Secretary of the Student Body. Miss Happy is a rising junior and sees the main qualification for the office as being experience. "I feel that this experience (recording secretary for the Student Legislature this year and recording secretary of the Young Republicans Club for the past two years) alone qualifies me for the position of Secretary of the Student Body. But I have also worked closely with the present Secretary, and am well aware of the duties which I would be expected to perform."

Martha Caton, who is running as an independent, is also a candidate for Secretary. The Journal was unable to reach Miss Caton for a statement before our deadline.

As of the Journal's press deadline only one candidate had filed for the position of Treasurer. Miss Sue Garrett is seeking that position on the Student Party ticket.

"In seeking the office of treasurer," she said, "I offer you (the student body) experience in both legislative procedure and budget planning."

Miss Garrett has been a representative to the Student Legislature for the past year and is past national secretary of the Luther League of America.

Frank Jones is seeking the chairmanship of the Union unopposed and Nelson Lemmond is unopposed for vice chairman. Neither candidate was available for their comments.

The only candidate for the position of Carolina Journal Editor is Ellison Clary. Clary stated that he considered "it an honor that I should be a candidate for the editorship of the Carolina Journal. The position of editor is a challenging one. If elected I intend to do my utmost to meet the challenge. Of course I will draw on my three years of experience with the Carolina Journal to do so."

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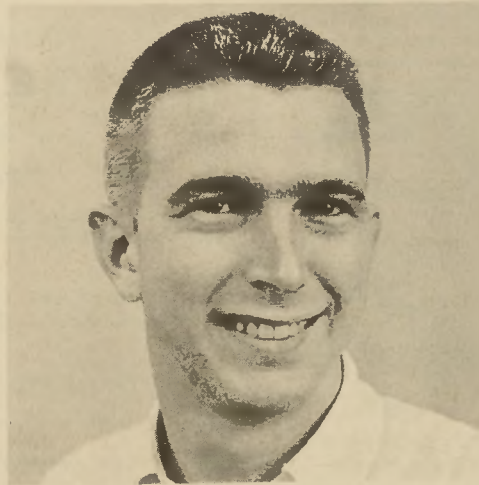
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