

No Row But Action

The facts on the town rooming situation were not printed to raise a row. We were admittedly surprised that conditions, although not ideal, are as good as the report shows.

What the administration might have done back in the summer to prevent the conditions under which some students are now living is water under the bridge. The University must look forward to the vast shakeup that will occur as soon as the War Department announces plans for drafting American colleges. Any ex post facto wrangling about what might have been done is a little absurd.

But an immediate attempt to remedy the worst of these conditions is not absurd or ex post facto. Student leaders working with the administration can call for adjustment of rents from the Defense Rental Committee as soon as the ruling comes in from Washington, can call for the Health Department to investigate inadequate toilet and ventilation facilities, can work in an organized way to get students placed in empty dorm rooms or rooms nearer the campus.

We have the facts, wait only the action.

Strange Bedfellows

Experiment Shows Students Favor Nazis over English

By Ernie Frankel

Carolina psychologists conducted an experiment last week to test the social attitudes of students in the University. The results of that experiment can now be examined; the meaning of it places pertinent questions before Chapel Hill's "liberal, democratic" population.

We're at war with Japan, yet students taking part in the experiment indicated a more favorable attitude toward the Nipponese than toward the Negro. American and British soldiers are chasing Rommel's fleeing Nazis in North Africa; yet more favorable reaction was noted toward German than toward England. Russian allies are holding off the swastika in eastern Europe, but reaction toward the Russians was much less favorable than that toward the Italians.

Twenty years of isolationist-directed sentiment against "imperialist Britain," and constant waving of the "red herring," is largely responsible for the attitude shown. It appears that students still can not settle into a feeling of comradeship with the British, still can not place their intellectual shoes under a Russian bed.

Average student attitude toward

the Italians has been that of contempt. Mussolini's people have been characterized as a race of spaghetti-bending, gondola-gliding easy-going individuals who have been taken advantage of by Hitler.

Most significant aspect of the entire experiment is definite feeling toward the Negro. Here the North-South reactions differed, showed how regional prejudices govern student thought. Also evident was the effect that education has had on attitude in the South. Those points stressed by educators—equal educational opportunity, equal housing facilities—were accepted by both northern and southern students. The slow-working propaganda has, at least, dented the conscience of students; yet the Japs, Germans and Italians are more welcome in our homes than are English, Russian and Negro.

There's room for wonder about these facts, about the part they'll take when we sit down with allies to draw-up peace terms, about the importance they'll have in the building of a new world, about the significance they have in our battle for what we choose to call the four freedoms.

Strictly Detrimental

By Bob Levin and Jud Kinberg

The sight of a bottle of nail polish sitting on the office file yesterday reminded us that the newspaper business—never the most stable of trades—was quivering under another change.

No longer is the Publications Board the big wolf. We regret to inform our readers that the copy boys are girls now.

Copy boys are, under the normal definition of the word, manly young men who are told to go out for cokes, hurry over to the 'Y' and cash the editor's check, wangle bottles of beer on credit, lie to coeds over the phone and, in general, learn the fundamentals of the craft. In their spare time they carry copy.

The ones we grew up with were, so to speak, career copy boys. They came in as freshmen and were polite in a hairy sort of way. Their conversation made the older reporters blush and occasionally, one of them would punch the managing editor in the nose and quit. Those were the good old days.

But they have drifted away to de-

fense jobs and the Army. Since then some of us have never got over the shock of yelling "Boy" and then looking up to find somebody in a pink sweater floating athwart the desk trilling "Yes sir."

"Why . . . er . . ." we would reply, "would you like to share a coke and if you aren't tired rewrite this story. That is, if it isn't any trouble."

We are, to be frank, a little worried over how the DAILY TAR HEEL is going to thrive when it has been completely done over in pastel tones. Nothing takes the heart out of a good reporter arguing over the phone with a leg man so much as the knowledge that phrases devised to scare all hell out of the freshman are audible at the other desk where a sister act is going on.

We accept it all without complaint. We are prepared to mind our manners and check our talk as a sort of contribution to the war effort and changing scenes of our office. But when they start putting pink satin kewpie dolls over the telephones we shall retire defeated from the trade we once regarded as the most secure male stronghold on earth.

Here Are The Facts on Town Rooming

Editor's Note: In an attempt to determine the true living conditions in town, the DAILY TAR HEEL, on Saturday morning, October 10th, distributed questionnaires in freshman chapel dealing with the various phases of student living in Chapel Hill. Of the blanks distributed, 198 were filled in and returned by freshmen living in town.

Students were asked: "How many blocks from South Building do you live?" This question was aimed at determining the extent of the "campus-break-up" and general disintegration of campus life.

It was found that 47 of the 198 students lived six or more blocks from South Building (taken as a central point). Several students in this group were a mile or two out in town.

"How many occupants in your room, including yourself?" Only four students replied that four or more people occupied a room.

"What rent do you pay per month?" The average rent was found to be \$12.50 a month, but 77 students were found to be paying over that figure. Of those paying more than the average \$12.50, six students reported paying \$20 a month, and one student reported \$25 per month. These seven are certainly cases that seem way out of proportion and that would be brought up before a defense rental committee.

This is in contrast to University dorm students. Contrast the above figures with these released yesterday by the cashier's office: Students rooming four in a room in Steele and BVP are paying \$46 a year! While a majority of dorm students living three in a room, in Carr, for example, are paying \$61 a year. Rents in Smith are slightly higher.

"What arrangements were made concerning contracts?" Ten students replied they had signed written contracts, while 147 reported they had verbal contracts with their landlords. Thirty-six students wrote that they specified they would remain where they were for one quarter, while one specified two quarters, and 46 specified a year's residence.

"If you found a more satisfactory room, how long would you feel obliged to stay?" Of the total group, 98 answered they were under no obligation, but 19 said they were obligated for one month, 31 were obligated for one quarter, five were obligated for two quarters, and 46 were obligated for a year, and two felt obligated for four years!

These figures indicate that warnings issued last summer by the TAR HEEL were correct—and were ignored. Student leaders through the paper urged the University to warn students not to contract or obligate themselves to Chapel Hill landlords, for that would leave them unable to take advantage of dormitory space that might become available.

At present there are 34 vacant dormitory rooms, and students in the above classification may not take advantage of moving into them, because of commitments they were forced to make early in September. So the University suffers too, for rent is not paid on the vacant rooms.

Asked, "Do you plan to move?", 31 answered they would move at the end of the first quarter, two at the end of the second quarter, 18 at the end of the third quarter, and two "as soon as possible."

Of the 198 who returned the questionnaires, 66 signified they were fraternity pledges, and 59 were self-help students.

Thirty students complained that toilet facilities were inadequate, and 12 said they were only fair. Here is a matter for public health authorities to look into.

Similarly, 22 students complained that heating and ventilation were inadequate, while seven said they were only fair.

Students were asked to give any other pertinent information on the adequacy or inadequacy of rooms, or any other pertinent information with which they were acquainted.

We have selected three instances of "abuses," that students report they are undergoing, and which could have been and still can be avoided.

Wrote one student: "I have just moved from (address withheld) into a fraternity house, and since I have a verbal contract to reside at that house for one quarter, I am paying double rent to the fraternity, and to the House until I am replaced there. It is proving very difficult to find replacement for my old room and I must continue paying until I do."

Another student reported: "Both room and closet space are crowded; beds are none too comfortable, cleaning is irregular . . ." This student also complained of the attitude of the landlady, and stated that other "inmates" felt the same way.

A third student declared: "My only objection is that I am paying much too much for my room, but I guess I'm stuck."

Eighty per cent of the men in the new freshman class of the University of Michigan's college of literature, science and the arts have been enrolled in mathematics or physics courses, or both.

Intertown Council Cements Town Students into Unity

By Walter Klein

A young organization on the Carolina campus, begun last summer; has a big job to do.

The organization is the Intertown council; the job is to bring all the students in town into a united cooperating body, to give town students adequate representation in campus activities and the student legislation, to furnish entertainment for town residents, to coordinate town boys into expanded sports programs, and to give town students power to gripe and argue and do something about campus and town problems.

President of the council is Barry Colby, from the island of Curacao and lately from New Jersey; Mr. Kear's right-hand man in the student activities fund office. He took over the post when Johnny Snell, one of the founders and first president, resigned a few weeks back because of a tough schedule.

Colby has since turned the council into a permanent organization. The town has been divided into four districts and subdivided into about 30 sections, each district with a manager and intramural director and each section with a student representative and intramural delegate. Meetings of the elected council are being held periodically in Dean Parker's office. Plans are beginning to take shape.

This week the Intertown council is being put to its final acid test when councilmen aid in passing class budgets and picking up talent for the Sunday Night Session. Week after next the council goes to work on the Community Chest drive. In cooperation with the Interdormitory council Colby's group will sponsor a winter quarter dance for all town and dorm students.

With a slate like that Colby is a worried man these days. He's worried about the lack of guts in his council and the obvious lethargy of town students in cooperating with the council's program. So far the council members haven't done their job of getting town students together to meet each other, and elementary necessity.

And so far town students themselves haven't given a damn for the district meetings they are supposed to attend.

Colby needs cooperation from his own council and from all the students living in town. Without it, the Intertown council is only a name, and its activities are the efforts of only one worker.

Sweden's most famous conservative student society, the Heimdal society at Upsala university, has adopted a change in regulations according to which Nazi sympathizers cannot belong to the society.

Retreads

By Stuart McIver

Ever since the island of New Guinea became news I have been worrying about the Owen Stanley mountain range. I wanted to find out whom it was named after. After looking it up in the encyclopedia, I found nothing except that it was not named after the Stanley who later got a fat movie contract. Nor was it named after the Stanley of the team Laurel and Hardy.

I was getting pretty rundown when I enlisted the services of geology major Wallo DeWitt. Wallo suggested that it might be named after two guys named Owen and Stanley. He also informed me that it was not named after David Lee Owen, the famous geologist.

Then by an odd coincidence, I happened to be looking at a September copy of Time. A footnote at the bottom of a page read: In 1846-50, sailing in the South Pacific, H. M. S. Rattlesnake touched at New Guinea. Her commander: Captain Owen Stanley.

The other night I was sitting up in Bynum gym, the journalism building, playing red dog when I heard the phone ring in a nearby room. Always the public servant, I bounced over and answered it.

"Is Joe Bynum there," a dark-sounding voice asked.

"No," I replied, This building was named after a different Bynum."

"Wass say?" he stammered.

"No," I replied wearily. "Joe's not in just now."

"Yassuh, boss," he said and hung up.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE . . . Jack Benny.

So did the audience.

THE NAVY COMES THROUGH . . . George Murphy, Pat O'Brien.

It seems to me I've seen this picture before only it was called, "Tom Brown at Culver," or "On Tetherhooks with the Leathernecks" or some such title. This time Pat O'Brien is a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy instead of his usual sergeant role in the Army or the Marines. The change hasn't done him any good.

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