

# No Shortcut to Wisdom

Unless God is an American dollar, a permanent peace is the Valhalla dreamed of by most American citizens, citizens who have completed recently the emergence from a second world-wide holocaust in the last two decades. If, however, self-advancement is our goal, then it would be proper that American universities follow the advanced theory of eliminating languages from their curricula so that our students might pursue trade educations that would sharpen the facilities necessary in the battle for monetary gains.

To those who remember why the blood of two generations of our men have fertilized foreign soils, the establishment of "One World" based on peace, justice, and understanding comes before our individual goals in life, is worthy of sacrifices in time which we must make.

For the "One World" dream can only be established through unselfish co-operation of individuals as well as nations. Co-operation leads to understanding and understanding of other nations can only be garnered through the studies and appreciation of the esoteric mind.

Courses in history as well as travels through other nations prove highly educational in a physical sense. But the philosophy of nations eludes all but those students who are able to read original writings of intellectual leaders such as Voltaire, Kant, Spinoza.

Lofty ideals are not held by all. Many may argue that hard realism will defeat these ideals. Such an excuse is not effective. Failure of some persons and nations to strive towards a workable peace does not give to any the right to ignore their dutiful heritage handed them by our dead or to jeopardize future generations.

While sobriety must temper our perspective of the task before nations, a note of joy may be injected through the realization that American universities make available the knowledge and wisdom that must be our weapons if war is to be averted and if peace is to be—not a dream, but a reality.

Understanding must be promoted. Students cannot gain this second hand, through translation into their mother tongue the brilliance of foreign thinking. There is no shortcut to wisdom and understanding.

# Veterans' Voice

"The voice of the veterans" is the motto of the University Veterans' Association. Their motto is a good one, and a true one.

In the past year, the UVA has grown into a strong, effective voice of the student veterans. Under capable, efficient leadership, the UVA has become a factor to be reckoned with in all campus functions. The organization has won the respect of both students and administration in its dealing with both and has worked hard towards bringing about better cooperation between the two. Its members have worked hard to sponsor programs and meetings to further the interests of the veteran students.

Now that the UVA has reached an important place on the campus, it is essential that it maintain the high standards it has set in the past year. With the state legislature and the United States Congress soon to convene, the organization must see to it that it keeps its voice loud and powerful. Increased subsistence allowances, increased appropriations for education, and other objectives are among its aims.

Therefore, the importance of selecting new officers at the UVA meeting tonight cannot be overemphasized. A hard-working, efficient, alert, intelligent president is necessary to the Association's proper functioning. All of its members should be present to help choose carefully the men who will direct their voice for the year to come.

If the same judgment is shown in electing officers tonight that gave the president's job to Jim Chesnutt several months ago, no one need worry. Chesnutt has guided the Association over the rough spots and made a strong organization from a handful of veterans. He is worthy of commendation for a good job well done.

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# Slings and Arrows

## Protect the Root of Freedom From Which Opinions Spring

By J. S. O'Neill

There is an old and usually quite trustworthy saying that proclaims, in effect, dead rats are better left buried. But it is to our great advantage, I am sure most of you will agree, to exhume any rat which might, by examination on our part, serve as a stepping-stone to progressive thinking. Granted this, I can proceed to disturb the earth so recently churned with a clear conscience and with an utter disregard for any slight putrefaction thereby encountered.

In this case the altercation to which I refer, at first appearance a tempest in a teapot, concerns Daily Tar Heel columnist by the name of Margolis and an assailant who signs (quite) "Frankly yours, Bill Patterson." Mr. Patterson, after firmly establishing to his satisfaction his own loyalty, a term he most likely could not define if called upon to do so, proceeded to label Mr. Margolis' position as "disloyal" and let it go at that. Nothing can be more dangerous than for one "loyal" citizen of our free country to throw such a stigma, such a mark of infamy, on another inhabitant of this country, whether he be a citizen or not.

If Mr. Patterson has proceeded through our educational system so far as college (I assume he is a college student; I know not why) and has not learned as yet that flagrant generalization, backed by no specific particulars, must be regarded with extreme distrust, I suggest that he start with kindergarten and try again.

The type of writing represented by his letter illustrates pointedly the greatest danger of the written word; with attractive ferocity Patterson implants a brand that will wear its indelible mark on the minds of the readers, a brand that will always crop up when Margolis' name is mentioned. The reader has no chance to judge whether or not that brand is appropriate. Mr. Patterson, are these the fair, aboveboard tactics that might be expected from a self-styled "loyal" citizen?

You are quick to challenge Margolis to "defend" himself, to refute this claim of disloyalty. Would you accuse a man of murder and have him hanged with no corpus delicti, with no one missing, and with no

evidence of foul play? A man is innocent until he is proved guilty, not guilty until he proves himself innocent. It would be far better for you to take into more serious account of few of the principles of the government to which you profess your loyalty than to spend your time composing empty and destructive accusations.

I am certain that all Daily Tar Heel readers, including myself, would give the utmost consideration to any criticisms you have to offer based on fact and dedicated to constructive purposes. Undoubtedly Margolis' political philosophy is as full of holes as all the various other philosophies are. It is up to you to probe those holes and expound upon the fallacies you can point out, for only through the melting pot of various opinions can we approach the nearest perfect solutions to all our political problems. Mr. Margolis and you should voice your opinions with equal intensity, earnestness, and freedom, and with the necessary respect for each other's intellect.

I hope that the reader can see that this article is not intended as an approval of one political philosophy or the condemnation of another. "Left," "right," "liberal," "red," "conservative," and all the rest of these hackneyed, distorting tag names have no place here. The matter rests, rather, with the protection of that root of freedom from which spring the vitally important plants of political opinion. My one hope is that any who might read this through will never attempt the condemnation of any man, regardless of creed, in a two hundred and fifty word statement that contains only one glaring fact, the writer's name.

# Letters To The Editor

## Language Is Necessary

Dear Editor:  
 Before the great avalanche of approval of Mr. Hoffman's letter descends on the second page, I would like to register one small protest. I am aware of the fact that many of my classmates and friends are of the same opinion as expressed in this letter. Therefore I wish to present another side, because I see a fallacy in it.

The main function of universities is to develop and mold the student into a well-rounded person. Through the ages our great students and thinkers have recognized certain subjects as being requisite for this to come about. Evidently one of them is a language.

What Mr. Hoffman seems to want is to purchase a sheepskin that entitles him to command a high salary at a particular type of job. If this is true then I feel that he is in the wrong kind of institution. If he doesn't wish to work at a trade then I do not know of any school that would offer him a degree in a specialized course.

Perhaps there should be a college for individuals who merely wish to specialize and who do not wish to think or study. There should also be a social school to take care of financially fortunate who are just passing away time until their fathers are ready to teach them the business. Please, however, let's leave Carolina as it is: an institute of learning.

Let's also leave the "Letters to the Editor" column free for the innumerable important issues that confront the student today and likewise those of tomorrow.

DON SNOW.

## "GALS"

Paste this on your mirror, Write it on your brain, A lot of clanking bracelets Give the boys an awful pain. And unless your little tootsies Are less than number seven, Bright red sox on ugly legs Look more like Hell than Heaven.

CAROLINA VICTORY MARCH  
 There'll be a Carolina victory,  
 When' cross the field the foe has fled.  
 Cheer the team to victory,  
 For we are Tar Heels born and bred,  
 RAH! RAH! RAH!

## On Thanksgiving

Dear Sir:  
 We want to know something. What has happened to the Thanksgiving holidays?

A careful perusal of the calendar in the catalog and inquiry at South Building have proved that there is to be no Thanksgiving holiday this year.

We are sure that if The Powers That Be look in the fine print under the Four Freedoms, they will find something about "the freedom of gnawing on a hefty drumstick at the parental sideboard on the day of Thanksgiving." Or is this the army, Mr. Jones?

Let us have some hasty clarification on this issue.

Sincerely,

HARRY HONDROS  
 JOE PROCTOR  
 BEN POWELL  
 SHELTON STANLEY  
 H. D. STANLEY  
 NORWOOD BAKER

## Anonymous Censor

Sir:  
 On Monday the Southern Conference for Human Welfare posted a sign on the Library bulletin board in its drive to aid the strikers of Thomasville. Some person took it down, without authority, the same evening.

I am sure the Southern Conference thanks this anonymous censor. People will now ask: what is this strike that someone must suppress its notice? To have one's signs taken down furtively is like having the Dies Committee or the Ku Klux Klan as enemies; it assures one that he is in the right, and that he is radical, at the root of things.

KENNETH MACROBIE

## D'JEVER CONSIDER

You can change your appearance By changing your clothes, Or your make-up, or hair-do, Or even your nose, But the thoughts that you think, And the life that you lead, Are writ on your face For the whole world to read!

# Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

## REPUBLICANS HAVE CHANCE TO ABOLISH SENIORITY BUT PROBABLY WON'T

Washington.—Most important question to be decided at the Republican organization meetings to be held on Capitol Hill today will be the time-honored matter of "seniority." In other words, does the ablest man sit as chairman of a committee or the party back with the "mostest" service? This was one thing which handicapped Congress under the Democrats. The old-timers usually were Southern conservatives who, because of seniority, were given charge of important committees.

The Republicans have a real chance

to change this. In the first place, a new broom can always sweep clean. Secondly, there was much talk when the Congressional Reorganization Act was passed about abolishing seniority.

If committee chairmen were picked on the basis of brains, not seniority, hard-working, trigger-brained Albert J. Engel of Muskegon, Mich., would be Chairman of the important Appropriations Committee, instead of moss-back Congressman John Taber of Auburn, N. Y. Engle's watchful eye on War Department spending was described by Gen. George Marshall as one of the healthiest influences on the Army.

Again, if brains rather than age prevailed, able Representative Daniel Reed of Dunkirk, N. Y., would become Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, instead of babbling, bumptious Harold Knutsen of Minnesota.

## BRAINS DON'T MATTER

First test of seniority may come if Senator Joe Ball of Minnesota attempts to leap-frog over Vermont's George Aiken as Chairman of the Senate Education and Labor Committee. This happens to be one case where the man with the seniority—Aiken—is thoroughly qualified for the job.

Ball, on the other hand, is branded by both AFL and CIO as the "friend of U. S. Steel." Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, who had a fine record on the War Labor Board, might also be picked as Chairman of the Labor Committee should seniority be cast aside.

If seniority prevails, chairmanship of the highly important new National Defense Committee (merging the Military Affairs and Naval Affairs Committees) will go to Senator Chan Gurney of South Dakota, a brass-hat bellboy. Senators Charles Tobey of New Hampshire or Owen Brewster of Maine, both able men, would be logical choices over Gurney if brains were considered important. But, according to many solons in both parties, they aren't. The Republicans have a real chance to break with hide-bound precedent, but the betting odds are they won't take it.

## WILL ROGERS ON BENCH

Last spring, California's popular Democratic Attorney General, Bob Kenny, was defeated in the State's gubernatorial primary by Governor Earl Warren. This week, Kenny received the following wire from defeated Democratic senatorial candidate, Will Rogers Jr.:

"Dear Bob, Please move over."

Replied Kenny: "Dear Will, Frankly there's no more room on the mourners' bench."

## CAPITAL CHAFF

Harold Ickes, stalwart of the Roosevelt Cabinet, strongly opposed the appointment of Elliott Roosevelt to the Committee of Progressives to carry out Roosevelt ideals. In the end, Ickes was overruled. Friends of Senator Bilbo say he is suffering from cancer of the mouth. Some believe this is only a smokescreen to arouse sympathy during the investigation of

Bilbo's war-contract scandals which smell to high heaven. . . Secretary of War Patterson requires a top aide to be on the job in the War Department when he leaves town; therefore Under Secretary Royall, Assistant Secretaries Symington and Peterson drew straws to see who would stay home during the Army-Notre Dame game. Symington lost. However, it will now be his turn to see the Army-Navy game. . . Something strange is going on inside the Federal Communications Commission. It recently awarded a radio station to J. Harold Smith, whose radio programs were such that the Scripps-Howard station in Knoxville dropped him from the air. Now, thanks to the FCC, Mr. Smith can go to town on his own station. . . G.O.P. Chairman Carroll Reece was greatly surprised last week when Bob Hannegan called him on the phone and offered his congratulations. "You fellows fought a good fight," Hannegan said, "and as long as you had to win, I'm glad you won by a big majority. Congratulations."

WAR SECRETARY ENTERTAINS  
 Three G.I.'s from Walter Reed Hospital are still talking about the big week-end they spent with the Secretary of War at the Army-Notre Dame game.

Mrs. Robert Patterson, wife of the Secretary of War, works among wounded G.I.'s at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital, and selected three of them to go with her husband to the game. The lucky veterans were PFC James O. Wilson, Winston Salem, N. C.; Sgt. Gerald R. Groves, Meadville, Pa.; and Cpl. John English, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Not only did they ride in Secretary Patterson's private plane to New York and see the game as his guests, but afterwards, Wall Street financier Floyd Odlum and his wife Jacqueline Cochran invited them to lunch at their ornate Park Avenue apartment.

## UNDER THE DOME

Retiring Speaker Sam Rayburn tells friends that he will serve in the House only one more term. Sam has been a Congressional fixture for 35 years, now wants to retire. . . High up on the list to succeed Bob Hannegan as Democratic National Committee Chairman is astute Governor Bob Kerr of Oklahoma. His appointment would break a Democratic tradition that National Chairmen must be Irish and from a big city.

Thirteen of the 29 Senators who voted against the Case Bill were up for re-election this year. Three were licked in the primaries, five beaten in the general election, and Senator Jim Mead of New York was defeated in his race for Governor. That means nine out of 13 pro-labor Senators fell by the wayside. Other Senators consider this significant. It is one reason why a lot of them will lean anti-labor in the next Congress.

# Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- Light coat
- Things to eat
- Shallow places
- Moat
- You and I
- Game fish
- Weight of India
- Roman bronze
- What old bucket was
- Butt into
- Egyptian god
- Pine sap
- Cubic abbr.
- Suggests
- Early Mormons
- Car
- Betray
- Fortune teller
- Shouts
- Forward
- Carried on
- Narrow opening
- Boy
- Seris among
- Angle-Saxons
- Pen
- Military dagger
- Head (fr.)
- Total (abbr.)
- Emphasis
- Royal color
- Warms
- Trap

DOWN

- Milk product
- Naga Hills tribe
- Short sleep
- Medley
- Oriental ridge
- Mother
- Printing measure
- Actors do this
- Norse god
- Comfort
- Sutor
- Branch of nerve
- Supplemented
- Hemp fiber
- Biblical character
- Simplification
- Remnant of tree
- Nests
- Steps over fence
- Bridge tea
- Suit's condition
- A dance
- One opposed to government
- Canvas shelter
- Small
- Fashion
- Ocean depths
- Chop up fine
- Astound
- Body of water
- Age
- Night (abbr.)
- Tennis strength
- Price (abbr.)

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