"Five Hundred Million Of Them-All Expendable"

Tar Heel At Large by Robert Ruark, '35

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#### Year Of Decision

Along with the rest of the world, the University is faced in the new year of 1951 with an uneasiness and insecurity that seems to have no immediate solution. With total mobilization becoming a reality, the futures of many students seem to be dark with the prospect of military service, and there is a general attitude of hopelessness and "what the hell" type of thinking.

Truly, the situation is one of uncertainty. But we would like to think that the situation will not be worsened by the type of attitude described above. If there is any time when clear heads and resolute action is needed, it is now. And that goes for college students just as it goes for political leaders and people generally.

The year 1951 should be a real "year of decision" for college students as well as for others, and we believe it will be for students at the University. The proper decision should be clear to everyone. Our course is one of making the most of a bleak situation, and doing our proper job for a country

And right now our job is to put to good use the opportunity that has been granted us for gaining education and training at the University. Our leaders have recognized the great need for college-trained people by making it comparatively easy for collegians as far as military service is con- troops would force the Reds to cerned. But we can only deserve such an opportunity by using it in the manner for which it was granted. That is our job in the immediate future, and that is what we owe to ourselves and others. To do less is falling down in our part of the total effort.

University students and University administrations have always faced up to bleak situations with a determination and resoluteness that has been encouraging to see, and, what is more important, has been successful in its purpose. The situation of today, and the situation of the immediate future, is one that requires such determination and resoluteness. faced with total mobilization.

#### Another Casualty

The plans for a Daily Tar Heel engraving plant have, unfortunately, fallen through. We hope students will scratch the collapse off to war. The plant would have been a great addition toward the interest of a campus newspaper dedicated to good service, but the financial situation, largely caused by the impact of the current national and world situation on the campus, has made the engraver an impossibility.

The Daily Tar Heel, being the biggest money-user on all extra-curricular campus activities, naturally feels the pinch of money difficulty before any other organization. Such a situation now exists. The Daily Tar Heel will continue to do inent University official took its utmost to bring to the campus a newspaper it deserves and needs, but we hope that students will be tolerant of our situation, and meet our difficulties with the determination with which we intend to meet them.

#### For Good Of Freshmen

The decision to do away with freshman dormitories, reached at a meeting of the Student Welfare Board a few weeks back, is one that should be welcomed by everyone, and certainly gets the plaudits of The Daily Tar Heel. .

The decision was reached after a thorough study of the worth and unworth of the present arangement, and the doing away with the arrangement was based on excellent reasons. The inability of the present freshman dorm advisors to effectively aid first-year men in their studies and their other problems was one of the biggest arguments put forth against freshman dormitories, and we think that that will be remedied by the new arrangement. Most folks improve by example, but when there are so few examples, such as a half dozen advisors to 300 freshmen seeking guidance, it is pretty hard to make an improvement, either in mind, manners, or morals.

By sprinkling freshmen in with upperclassmen, there will not only be an improved chance for first-year men to really get to know people other than those in their own age group, but an improved chance to gain knowledge and understanding by association with comparatively mature minds.

The gaining of maturity, knowledge, and richer experience on the part of freshmen will be made easier, more effective, and speedier with the doing away of the freshman dorm-

#### the Carolina

#### FRONT

by Chuck Hauser

A lot of Americans didn't feel like celebrating the advent of the new year when 1951 showed up the other day.

And a lot of Americans couldn't if they'd wanted to. They were six feet underground in the frozen soil of North

Here at Chapel Hill, it was with no particular pleasure that I tacked up the bright new calendars in the office and tossed the gaudy bulletin board Christmas cards in the wastebasket. I kind of hated to see 1950 leave

Because 1950 will long be remembered as the last year in which there was any hope for peace in the world. Not only the last year in which there was hope for peace, but also the first year of World War III.

And if you think World War III hasn't started, that it didn't start last June 24 when North Korea moved south, then you've got your head so far in the sand it'll take a derrick to get

And talking about getting out of things, isn't it about time to pull out of Korea altogether? Don't get me wrong. I don't mean pull out of the Far East and curl up in our Western Hemisphere shell as Herbert Hoover suggested. I mean pull out of the bloody little penin-

sula where so many American GI's have died and so many more are scheduled to die. Only on one condition would I advocate remaining in Korea. That condition is that Chiang Kai Shek be allowed to invade the mainland of China with the

300,000 troops he has at his dis-

posal in Formosa. An attack on China by those pull enough divisions away from the Korean front so that our armies would have a chance to retake the twice-lost ground above and below the never-tobe-forgotten 38th parallel.

Otherwise, let's withdraw to the Japanese line of defense and count on our air and sea superiority to prevent an invasion of those islands.

It should be clear by now. Unless something drastic happens (such as the proposed invasion of the Chinese mainland by Chiang) we are doomed to defeat in Korea and thousands more American troops will die while we are sitting in comfort, drinking beer in the Rathskeller, and joking about the war.

#### On Campus

When the student who delivers the Winston-Salem Journal here left Chapel Hill for the holidays, the son of a prom-

But one Sunday morning the boy woke up with a case of flu, and was unable to deliver his papers. So his father offered to fill the breach.

Setting out on the job after breakfast, the man headed for the Carolina Inn, left his bundle of newspapers,; and headed downtown for his next stop, a

The man at the counter spotted the bundle of Journals and asked the substitute carrier, "Why the hell didn't you bring the Durham Heralds?"

The man replied he wasn't supposed to. He was only delivering the Winston-Salem

At the next drugstore stop, a little farther downtown, the man accidentally knocked another pile of papers off a counter onto the floor when he set his

"Hey, Mac, what's the matter with you?" yelled the clerk behind the counter. 'Sorry," the new paper boy apologized meekly, and he

stooped over, picked up the papers, and placed them carefully on the counter. It wasn't until the next day that the word reached the various businessmen up and down Franklin Street that their new

had never really hit home to where it hurt. That is, until I went to New York for the Christmas holidays. It was there I discovered my old faithful, dependable, and completely indispensable friend, the nickel cup of coffees had gone up to paper boy had been Gordon Gray, president of the Univer-

something like that happens. It's like finding water and two straws.

Even slight heed to the Baruch prescription, a few months back, might have at least seen us prepared at the moment, might even have averted the Chinese intervention. But the elec-

HERBLOCK

As opposed to the distinguished records of our incumbents in Washington I hesitated to present the old boy's credentials as an adviser to Presidents, his conduct with war mobilization, personal finance, the atom and the rubber shortage of WWII.

Baruch lies fallow today, as a herd of very experiences of the past three small people dash aimlessly about, making big mistakes for such small people. His vast common sense goes begging while the fumblers fumble. This is only because he affronted the large vanity of Mr. Truman, over a matter of personal integrity. Personal integrity is a hard word for some politicians to spell.

This started out to be a piece about quail shooting. The South Carolina bobwhite weighs less than half a pound, gets off the ground with a tremendous noise, and is out of your sight in five seconds. He flies about 60 miles an hour.

It takes a very able man to hit a quail, even if-he can hear, which Mr. Baruch cannot, without his special hearing aid. He does not wear the aid when he shoots quail. His big "difference" is that what he sees he generally knocks down.

I asked him recently for a prescription for defense of America against Communism.

"Arm yourself, first," he said. "Then, figure out how to use your arms."

Mr. Baruch never goes quail hunting without a gun. He figured out, a long time ago, that it

## Rolling Stones

By Don Maynard

If you sit down and think a moment, which is a dangerous thing these days, you come to the ever-remarked-upon conclusion that this certainly is a strange world we live in.

(discredited by the Truman Administration,

which still employs Harry Vaughan and Dean

Acheson) has returned triumphantly from the

Mr. Baruch, well past his 80th milestone, has

ust reported, over the signature of four wit-

nesses, the deaths of 15 bobwhite quail with 13

shots. For a 16-year-old genius with all his re-

flexes intact, this is impossible. For a deaf old

gentleman past 80 it is nothing less than black

But it seems to me that there is a wonderful

analogy between Mr. Baruch's career, the 15

dead quail, the Truman Administration, and Mr.

Baruch's record of never being wrong. If we

concede that anybody can rack up a million

bucks on his 30th birthday we prove nothing, but

a man who can perform the impossible with a

shotgun at 80 is wasted when a vindictive and

cynical government refuses to use him in an

quail with 30 shots? Which, as Gen. Omar Brad-

ley will attest, is better than shooting in the low

seventies on any golf course. Few pothunters,

armed with unplugged repeaters, can bang down

15 birds with 20 shells. Mr. Baruch has hunted

quail for 60 years, and his best record until re-

full-scale mobilization, months ago, on the day

of America's entry into the Korean War? Who

screamed for, and almost pushed across at a

Senate hearing, all-out everything, including

wage and price controls, full war powers for the

President, full drafting of manpower? Baruch

did, and was ignored, or nearly so, because of a

Whom do you know today who called for

cently was 15 birds, 16 shots.

Whom do you know today who can slay 15

southland with a fresh record.

Things are going on all around us and we never notice them until we are hit in the head with the fact that something you never thought would change has. Like the high cost of living.

I was well aware that butter had risen to somewhere about 80 cents per pound, that bus fares had been increased, that the old familiar six cents air mail stamp had dropped to five cents and gone back up to six.

But I shrugged them off with a sigh and the words, "Well, that's life." The cost of living

A guy doesn't realize he's lost a friend until

your parked car with a flat tire the next morning, or like the first time you found out there's no Santa Claus.

Coffee has gone up to 10 cents . .

Some happy New Years ago I had resolved never to pay that price for such a few moments of pleasure. Like going to school on Saturdays, I fought the idea of an increase in the price of

But when the Automat in New York says it can't furnish the usual quality of coffee for a nickel, then cuts down on the size of its cups, doubles the price and lowers the quality of what was hailed as "New York's finest." broth-

Next we'll have sugar rationing, and cream will become another mobilization casualty. The thrill will be gone.

Woe unto the restauranteur in Chapel Hill who gets such ideas into his high-priced head.

If he does, I'll pull out my plastic-reinforced teabag with nylon dunking cord, order a cup of "Cha Block Bay and Bus Station

# The Editor's Mailbox

#### Defense By Greenbaum

In the Dec. 7 issue of The Daily Tar Heel, Ronald Younts, a freshman football player, feebly attempted a rebuttal of my article which appeared on the sports page. Mr. Younts, who probably had good intentions, stated that the article which concerned the "Golden Era" of Carolina athletics, had pierced him to the quick.

The column that appeared on the sports page was purely fact. As far as the fans (mostly the public) are concerned, the enthusiastic interest expressed by them between 1946 and 1949 has van-

No matter how many faithful rooters there are, most of them decided Carolina's winning fortunes have ended for the present. I am whole-heartedly for the betterment of Carolina spirit which Mr. Younts elaborated upon in his letter. But this does not alter the fact that the "Golden Era" is over for the present.

When Carolina fails to draw sellout crowds for the five home games, something must be wrong and it's not exactly the spirit Charlie Justice and his cohorts may have been the drawing card for four years but his tenure has ended. You, Mr. Younts, have the problem to solve. If you have the fortune of making the varsity next fall, let's see what you can do to improve things.

As for the quick: the dictionary states that it is figuratively the seat of emotions and feelings. I hope it pierced you higher

Art Greenbaum

### The Guest Box

peared just prior to the holidays man were sitting in the front in The Davidsonian, student newspaper at Davidson College in Western North Carolina. We think it is important and even timely enough to warrant reprinting here.—Ed.)

The approach of any holiday season brings with it a spirit of joy and happiness in the hearts of everyone, but this spirit should not entirely overshadow some sober reflection on a drama in which three Davidson students have played the leading role during the past three years - Death on the Highway.

ing impending doom is generally unpopular and the subject of no little amount of ridicule; but be that as it may, the fact remains that some student, perhaps you or me, has a rendezvous with death if we can use years as any standard for judgement. Traffic accidents have taken the lives of three students, and all three occurred during the holiday season, one during Christmas and two during spring

each student who drives a car must realize fully the potential deadliness of the machine in his hands, and exert every effort to see that Death's victory streak among Davidson students will stop at three. This can be brought about by not driving with an overloaded car, obeying all traffic regulations, being parspeed limit in short, driving as among the student body.

(The following editorial ap- you would if a highway patrolseat beside you.

The time has come when

Unfortunately, looking out for yourself on the highways is not enough today. The highways

are crowded-particularly during the holidays - with idiots who have not comprehended the responsibilities they assumed when they became licensed to operate an automobile. They drive about with reckless abandon, passing on hills and curves, creating a general menace to other drivers and pedestrians as well. There is little an innocent driver can do to combat One who goes about preach- this situation but to remain constantly alert so that instantaneous action can be taken if the need arises.

A look at some staggering figures on highway deaths will give some indication of this wholesale slaughter. During 1949, 10,540 persons were killed in cars as a result of collision alone. It has been established by the National Safety Council that in the majority of the accidents it was one driver alone who was breaking the traffic laws, usually by speeding, and furthermore, that nearly 60 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were violating a traffic law of some kind at the time

None of us can know when serious accidents or death may strike. But all of us can, by us ing a little horse sense and obeying traffic laws, decidedly ticularly careful when driving lessen the chances of Death's at night, keeping within the claiming another victim from

of the accident.

#### Crossword Puzzle

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37. Electrified 28. Character in

M. Jananese tree

9. Separate

57. Letter of the

59. Summer