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Students' Dilemma

Colleges operating on the quarter basis have already suffered substantial enrollment losses and those operating on the semester basis are anticipating similar losses when terms end late this month.

For those students who are not making passing grades, the problem, is and should be, a simple one. They are subject to the draft and have only to choose between letting nature take its course or being drafted very quickly.

However, students with passing grades are exempt from the draft until the end of the present school year in June and have an assured opportunity to complete and receive credit for college work up until that time. They too, however, are faced with the prospect, although a deferred one, of being drafted eventually and being placed in a service which they would not choose if allowed to make a choice.

The dilemma is a real one for students. Naturally, they are being encouraged by the colleges to complete as much work as possible before entering military service. On the other hand, many students feel that the sooner they get into the military service, the more progress they will make in that service and the sooner they will be able to complete that service and return to their studies.

The whole situation is complicated by uncertainty as to what changes Congress will make in the draft law and in the present exemptions for students.

One rule seems to be a fairly safe one. A student who has shown his ability to take and profit from a college education should be encouraged to complete that education or come as near to completion as possible. But, there should be no encouragement for those students who have shown themselves to be misfits in college. That distinction is recognized in the present law to the extent of deferring those with passing grades and not deferring those with failing marks. Many people hope that there will be even more recognition for good students and less recognition for poor students, including those who "barely get by," in any amendments which may be made in the law.

In a speech to the Association of American Colleges this week, Gordon Gray, president of the University of North Carolina, outlined a program for separation of those qualified for college training from those not so qualified.

Mr. Gray, who as a former Secretary of the Army, understands the viewpoint and problems of the armed forces as well as those of the colleges, would have all 18-year-olds given four months of basic training, after which the best qualified would be allowed to attend college.

Duke University is now in the process of establishing a system under which the usual four-year course can be completed in three years during the emergency and other institutions are expected to establish similar plans.

Various plans will be offered to the Congress during consideration of amendments to the present draft law. It would not be in the best interests of the country for the colleges to be closed down or limited to the physically unfit during the period of an extended emergency. Nor would it be in the public interest for colleges to serve as a haven for those who merely want to go to college and are financially able to do so.

Any plan to permit qualified students to complete their education must be based solely on qualifications and eschew anything remotely resembling favoritism, if it is to be equitable or successful.

Cultural Opportunities

Two cultural fields have recently opened for UNC students, and they are fields that should be looked into by aspiring collegians. One is the Carolina Quarterly's short story contest, the other is the University Theater, a new dramatic group being sponsored by Graham Memorial.

The Quarterly contest is open to all students and pays $50 for the best work. The dramatic group will put on short plays in Graham Memorial. It needs technicians as well as actors and actresses. Both these cultural pursuits will pay dividends to culturally inclined students, both in experience and enjoyment. They are something that should get the wholehearted cooperation of those who would make the arts their life work.

NONPLUS

by Harry Snook

"Good God, Cecil. These are the papers, all right."

The stocky American was emphatic without being excited. He had the competent look of a man to whom excitement was beside the point. But his companion, the diplomat, allowed a flicker of elation to cross his thin, somber face.

"I was sure they were the ones," he said, then added grimly: "Brimkov guarded them with his life."

They were silent, as the one man read and the other waited. Both heard the noises of the search in the neighborhood of the small Slavic village. The Russians were close.

"We've got to get them to the White House, Dan!" burst out the diplomat. But the secret agent finished the last page of the document before answering.

"You're right—these must get to the President. Think of it, Cecil—not even the wildest guessers in Washington have any idea that the Russians have such a schedule as this!

"And it can work. It's happened according to the schedule so far, and this paper dates back more than three years.

"The Russians were to direct Red satellites to draw American troops and equipment into action. They wanted to gauge our strength, see what kind of equipment we had, and judge the attitude of the American people.

'So, in 1950 and '51, Korea, Indo-China and Iran. The Russians keep up relations in the UN to hold out the prospect of peace that paralyzes any real mobilization, although we do take some steps toward preparing.

"Then in late '52 or early in the following year—the all-out blitz in Asia and Europe. Catching the US forces spread thin and helpless before devastatingly superior man-power. They plan to *invade* England in 1953.

"It's all figured out. They cleverly retard our mobilization while they gain strength. They stay in the UN. They don't let Russian soldiers into the fight until the last moment. They perfect the atomic and hydrogen bombs and . . . bacteriological warfare.

"And they give us enough time to spread out enough arms and equipment over so much of the world an ocean from our country that they get a rich prize for their own when they do strike.

"With the control of the Eastern Hemisphere, the Russians have us in a fatal way. The Reds have the men and the resources to burn—and all of Europe's productive facilities.

"At home we have few troops and little equipment, compared to what has been annilhilated or trapped overseas. Trapped by the submarine fleet the Russians have been building in secrecy for years.

"By 1954, a rain of atom bombs and bacteria on the United States and Canada—South America has seen which way the wind blows and goes Red.

"And that's the end—for us."

"Cecil, nothing must stop us from getting these papers to the U. S."

But the diplomat's accord was never expressed. An English speaking, Russian accented voice hailed them from outside.

"You Americans! We have you surrounded. Will you come out alive or . . . ."

On Campus

Roses, roses, who's got the roses, it what Daily Tar Heel Business Manager Ed Williams is wondering.

Seems that Ed had several of the red beauties of the ready-made, everlasting variety decorating his office for purely inspirational purposes. That is, until they began disappearing, one by one, and wound up in a certain coed staffer's room in Spencer Dorm.

But the shock come when said coed came to work next day to find the roses back in their place again. A check revealed that sure enough they had disappeared from her abode—overnight.

Ed refuses to talk, but says for a price he'll give with the secret of a little-used fire escape.

"Good Morning, Sir. You, As The Head Of The House——"

Tar Heel At Large

by Robert Ruark, '35

It is hard to find much to admire in our Administration today, on any side, but once in a long while you wish to knock off a fan letter. Mine would be directed at Mrs. Bess Truman, a lady who, somehow, has managed to keep clear of all the slings and arrows and deadfalls of being Mrs. President.

The nicest thing about her is that, in all the hullabaloo surrounding her old man's occupancy of the throne, you would scarcely have known that Mrs. T. was on board. She has promoted nothing, to the best of my knowledge. She has joined nothing. She has not preyed upon the Presidency. She has behaved publicly with the admirable restraint of Queen Elizabeth of England, of Mamie Eisenhower, of Mrs. George Marshall or Mrs .George Patton, which is to say with charm, decorum and a sense of propriety.

Somehow, Mrs. Truman has remained generally unscathed by the talons of the Washington witches who delight in scratching their initials on the higher echelons. According to the best reports—I have never met the lady—nobody's got a tough knock against her, since in her simplicity and modesty there is nothing to knock. This is a minor miracle for Washington, a town in which the canard is never out of season.

During Mr. Roosevelt's regime I greatly admired the public energy of his spouse, and also the economic energy of his spawn. But sometimes you got the feeling that FDR was competing for prominence with his own family, none of which was actually elected to federal office. This seemed a mite peculiar, to say the least, for FDR was a large man, with plenty horsepower of his own.

In the Truman household, there have been three women only, and none has affected competition to the office. Mr. Truman's devotion to his late mother was idyllic. Bess, as mentioned, has played the part of admirable helpmeet. And Margaret's worst sin has been an attempt to hew out a career of her own with her voice. Up to now she has leaned little on the White House.

cert, television and radio would attempt to corcert, television and radiow ould attempt to corral Miss Truman, if she sang no better than Donald Duck, merely for the name-drop value. But seems to me that Margaret has picked her spots pretty well. She has hustled no flea circuits and has done nothing so far to cheapen her father's position.

The outside vote pronounces her an extremely nice girl, who has never passed even close to escapade. She has been modest and awfully well poised in the face of the usual rumors which continually harass princesses. So far as kicking the can-can, another Margaret, King George's young'un, has already passed her in the stretch.

Margaret Truman is a healthy young woman of decent, middle-class parents, who went to school and studied the do-re-me-fa-so-la's for many a weary hour. She has averted colorful matrimony, so far, and her papa will not be President forever. It scarcely harms the function of the White House if she takes on a television program or some such and confines her activities to sharps and flats—you should excuse the expression, Harry, I'm no music critic—so long as her daddy's critical appreciation of his duckling does not distract him from his duties at hand.

I have observed Miss Margaret in some of the flossier bean joints of New York at close range, and she has always appeared stone sober, demure, and a credit to her raisin'. To my knowledge she does not deliver impromptu arias in odd places. Certainly no cur of scandal has nipped at her heels.

It is possible to criticize Mr. Truman for many of his actions, and to question his devotion to some of his associates, but he is blessed with practically a flawless family. Which is just as well, because in such strident times, I don't think any of us could stand it if Bess were second-guessng the government and Margaret were mlitating to take over the WAC.

CPU Roundtable

by John A. Sullivan

The Carolina Political Union will discuss "U. S. Foreign Policy Debate" tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Graham Memorial. Visitors are cordially invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Events of the past five weeks have shown a fundamental split in ideas on our foreign policy. The debate has pointed out two opposing camps —the Hoover-Kennedy group and the Administration supporters.

In December Joseph Kennedy, former ambassador to Britain, and Herbert Hoover both made speeches attacking the Administration foreign policy. Hoover stated that it should be our goal to preserve the Western Hempisphere as a "Gibraltar of Western Civilization." He further stated that it would be a needless waste of men and dollars to attempt to stem the Communist tide in Asia and Europe. He stressed the fact that European nations were giving only token aid in Korea and were showing little inclination to build up their own defenses. The Kennedy speech closely followed the ideas of Hoover's speech.

The Administration has shown itself to have quite different ideas on foreign policy. The Truman-Acheson policy proposes that we fight the spread of Communism wherever and whenever we can. The Administration says that we must realize that Europe cannot defend itself without American aid in the form of troops and arms. Furthermore, the European nations will show little interest in rearmament until we give them positive assurances of aid. The supporters of the Administration are convinced that we must prevent the conquest of Western Europe by the Soviet Union at all costs. They assert that should the Soviets achieve control of Western Europe, they would possess a greater industrial potential than the United States. This superiority in productive capacity coupled with the vast Red armies would place the U. S. in an extremely precarious position.

Administration critics have vigorously assailed the enormous expense that military aid to Europe would entail. They caution against sending troops to Europe lest they be overrun by the Communist hordes. They have demanded that the Europeans make some progress in rearming before we commit either men or dollars to that area.

Just two weeks ago Senator Robert Taft continued the Hoover-Kennedy argument. Taft's point of view is that we cannot possibly match the land armies of the Reds, and we should therefore concentrate on rebuilding our Navy and Air Force. He also stated that the President had exceeded his powers as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces when he ordered troops to Korea. This controversy has increased with the beginning of the 82nd Congress. Let us hope, however, that some measure of unanimity can be reached on this vital issue.

The Editor's Mailbox

More On Self-Help Situation

Editor:

I once read in one of those "Believe It Or Not" books that there was a fire somewhere in the world every minute. Well, I dunno about that, but I'm well aware of a fire that has been lit on the Carolina campus that is now too big for students just to throw glasses of water or words at. It needs public opinion and official authority to handle, so if you're included in either of those groups, lend a hand.

The fire started a short time ago at the Carolina Inn, and now the blaze at said place is getting too hot. At the beginning of the quarter, 67 students were given part time employment at the Carolina Inn. Very gradually, the number was dwindled down, throwing over a dozen Carolina students out of jobs. And now, without any notice all students who were employed on any of the wash machines have been, overnight, disemployed.

One of the boys came through the cafeteria line the next morning, only to discover he had to dish out the appropriate sum in ready cash for his meal. And he thought he worked there.

At present there are 37 students left. And that covers three meals from sunrise to sunset. Now, you ask how has this been possible.

Well, without any consciousness of prejudice on my side, I must say that Negro fulltime employment has been procured in the students' place. Now, were it a question of white students versus colored students, I say give 'em all an equal chance, but here it's part-time students against full-time outsiders being employed in an enterprize supported by the University itself.

What's the object, you ask? Well, perhaps to save money, but a proposal to cut the student's eating sum down so all could be employed was met with an emhpatic "NO." Well perhaps, inefficiency is the answer for the change. If this be a factor, I ask what is the end of education at North Carolina or any institution of this kind? Is it to discard, what I cannot believe to be, inefficiency, or is it to better our students, to improve their talents, to decrease their lack of perfection?

Now, let's not get emotional—however there are other factors to be mentioned. For instance, 90 per cent of those disemployed students will have to leave college. I know one who has to go back to New Hampshire. Another will lose the little scholarship he had which was helping him along if he has to leave now. Another is transferring from our mighty Tar Heel North Carolina to a little, less expensive school somewhere in Ohio.

The Carolina Inn is supported, affiliated, and directly connected with this University. Without this University it would be as vacant as an athiest's cerebrum. At least it would amount to about as much.

Moreover, leaving college now means the Army or some other branch, and though every Tar Heel will answer his call to colors without self-regard when the time comes, it seems unnecessary and completely inconsistent with the progressive educational policy this college and country has to erase one more candidate from what might well be a contributing future if he holds a college education.

If at the Carolina Inn, student help is replaced . . . then students will have to leave this college, will not contribute that "$76 plus" each quarter to North Carolina, and in the end, this school we all love will not continue forward.

Student help at the Carolina Inn has been here quite a while, just as it has at Lenoir Hall and all the rest. If a student is not allowed to show himself worthy of, if not completely, at least partially, paying his way through, then though he may win knowledge, he will lose self-respect and confidence.

How about it South Building . . . or isn't this in your department?

Name withheld by request.

Respects Neighbor's Self-Respect

Editor:

As a "foreigner" who has come to feel not a little affection for this campus and its inhabitants I have been greatly distressed by the results of Chuck Hauser's report on the UNC-USC football game.

It struck me when it was written that this report—like so many of Hauser's writings, in my opinion—was unnecessarily and unfairly critical, stressing the negative aspect to the exclusion of the positive. But like most other people I had no idea what a storm it had aroused elsewhere.

What our own writers say about us and our affairs on our own campus does not usually have serious repercussions elsewhere, but the effects of this case have been disconcertingly widespread. This university has now been tarred with a brush of Hauser's choosing—as the home of a body of smug, snobbish, sneering students, complacent children of a relatively wealthy and soliticous parent. And that is grossly unfair to this student body as I know it.

For Heaven's sake, Chuck Hauser, when you get home from visiting do you normally criticize your host's financial status, his house and his furnitiure? Do you neglect to mention and acknowledge the most important thing—that you were received graciously, treated hospitably and invited back? Unfortunately it is not you who have been hoist with your own petard. It is the UNC students who will visit USC in the future. It is they who will have to rebuild the edifice of goodwill which you have so wantonly damaged.

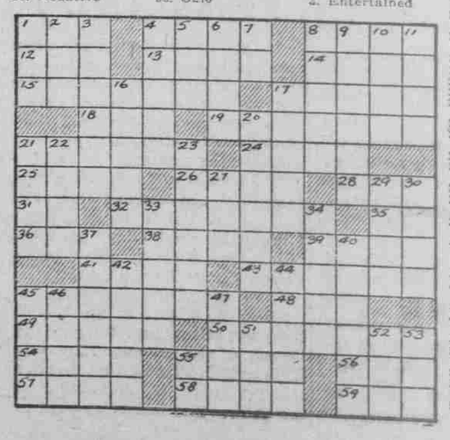
Our neighbour's freindship we value more than his wealth. His self-respect is more precious to us than our own pride.

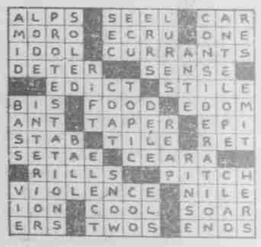
Jim Wilson

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Mountain in Crete
4. Lure
8. Fish
12. Gypsy
13. Singing voice
14. Shelter for small animals
15. Joint of the finger
17. Ecclesiastical law
18. Catch sight of
19. Institution of learning
21. Implores
24. Bohemian religious reformer
25. Covers
26. Dress
28. Make into leather
31. Article
32. Passes
33. Negative
36. Cluster of fibers in wool
38. Single thing
39. Roman date
41. Direction: Scotch
43. Legislative assembly
45. Serious in purpose
48. Carpenter's tool
49. Talks thoughtlessly: colloq.
50. Kind of rays affecting photographic film
54. Portended
55. Toward the sheltered side
56. Epoch
57. Crystal gazer
58. Ozle
59. Condensed atmosphere moisture

DOWN
1. Annoy
2. Put on
3. Entertained
4. Cooked in an oven
5. Entire
6. Genus of shrubs
7. Toward
8. Clear lakes
9. Tonight
10. Minute particle
11. Assert to be untrue
16. Stop
17. Produce
20. Strong boxes
21. Scheme
22. Cover the inside of
23. Sinner
27. Finial of a spire
29. Dilleseed
30. Olfactory organ
33. Entices
34. Biblical mountain
37. Formal procession
40. Begin to grow light in the morning
42. Bury
44. Compound ether
45. Diminishes
46. Drug-yielding plant
47. Story
51. Third English letter
52. Anger
53. Note of a crow
55. The Indian mulberry





Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle