

by Harry Snook
Nonplus

"To believe is to be saved"—this concept has led to more trouble than anything else among human beings.

It is the magic phrase used by the organized religions to ensnare the multitudes. The appeal of it is so simple, so easy and seemingly so foolproof that the ignorant and the weak find it irresistible.

Credulity is the great virtue, according to the powerful dogmas, while doubt is the vilest sin. Small wonder that the churches have had an easy time perpetuating themselves. By compressing doubt and doubt's inevitable inquiry into the truer state of affairs, the organized religions have kept the people blind for centuries.

"To believe is to be saved"—this is the very essence of what we have been led to believe is the only "real" religion. And the blind have led the blind by casting the children of every generation into the churches to have their eyes closed before they have a chance to open and see for themselves.

Religion in the conventional sense has come to be a very complex thing that cannot be understood through rational means or, and this makes it so very insidious, natural means either. Organized religion uses ceremonial rites and coined phrases to hold the interest and attention of the unwary. This is the religion, that is, of the chanting preachers, brick churches and inflexible dogmas.

So religion is not a personal, continually intimate, understandable thing at all to many of the people—this is a weakness of the collective worship of a vague God. But the real danger of the conventional dogmas lies in the subordination of intelligent doubt and inquiry.

Yet without the initial doubt when the world of man was young, the human race would be living under the most primitive codes, eating raw meat, worshipping pagan idols and digging holes in the ground as toilets.

In using emotion as the base for orthodox Christian concepts and moral laws, the churches place our entire culture on shifting sands. Emotion is too tricky and unreliable to serve as a cornerstone of religious theory and practice. Through appeals to the emotions great nations of people have fallen for evil in the guise of good.

Religion must be predicated upon the effort to learn, the use of doubt in initiating inquiry, and rationality in adopting a course of action subject to change in meeting new circumstances.

"To believe is to be saved" only if the belief accidentally happens to be true and sufficient. Which admits of infinite possibilities for error and confusion.

The boundaries of the University campuses are the boundaries of the state. In addition to students and residents, the University has approximately 2,000 students enrolled in correspondence courses and some 1,500 students in off-campus extension classes and college centers. The University Extension Division serves more than half a million citizens of the state annually with its various publications, lectures, institutes, conferences, contests, and radio programs.

by Walter Dear
Over The Hill

Education and athletics mix. It's just a question as to which one gets the most emphasis in colleges.

Looks like athletics here will take a second place in the standings of University activities. When the presidents of the member colleges of the Southern Conference met last week, they indicated that they would take a personal hand in sports. Besides banning bowl games, they are taking steps to curtail off-season practice, and eliminate freshman play in varsity sports.

With President Gray presiding and Chancellor House taking a noticeable part in the meeting, the group actually decided that presidents and not athletic directors or members of the Physical Education department would run the conference.

The Southern Conference, in the past, has had a notorious reputation throughout the country in spite of its strict transfer rules and other regulations making its athletics above the board. These recent steps by educators should let the sports world know who is taking a lead in preventing athletics from getting out of hand. In fact, the SC leaders hope that other conferences will follow their lead.

This meeting at the Morehead Building last week doesn't mean Carolina will start playing Slippery Rock Junior College next September. But it does mean that athletics will not continue to get bigger and bigger and out of control. You might call it deemphasis, but Gray put it this way,

At the outbreak of the War Between the States, the University stood at the forefront of American universities and had the second largest student body in America. Half of the enrollment came from other states. It survived the war, but was closed for five years during Reconstruction.

"These steps are steps in preserving the relation between athletics and education." He inferred that the president's proposals will help, not harm, sports.

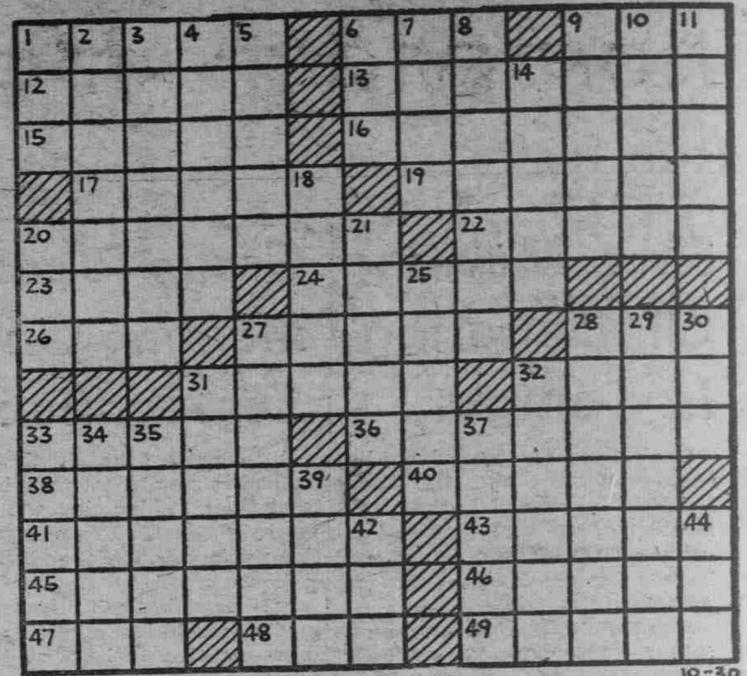
Two days after the Conference meeting, Controller Carmichael made known how much football meant to sports last year. With only varsity football and basketball, and freshman football making money, the Athletic Association lost \$20,803 in the other sports played here. Does that mean if we dropped football or started playing on a small-time basis, we would have to drop our athletic program. Maybe not, but certainly curtail it. So, football helps in some ways.

Carolina has a high percentage of athletes who get degrees. Of course, \$12,527.08 was spent on tutoring last year to help athletes who don't have much spare time to study.

Coupled with Carmichael's report was a story on sports of the Big Four with answers from House and Chancellor Harrelson of State College. In an article by Herbert O'Keef, House was quoted as saying he wasn't "worried" about the difference in salaries paid football coaches and those paid to professors. I wonder how professors feel about that.

House said that football was not being over emphasized here and that athletics are in a healthy state. Just so long as we beat Texas, that is.

House answered most of the questions in short, curt sentences while Harrelson answered at length on some points. It is interesting to note that while House helped put education in the front at the SC meeting, he indicated by his remarks in O'Keef's article that he was in favor of the Educational athletic scholarship fund Foundation, that competition for high school players between colleges is unavoidable, and that there isn't too much pressure on having a winning team at all costs here.



HORIZONTAL

- 1. small civet
- 6. the heart
- 9. symbol of quick death
- 12. use
- 13. preventer
- 15. roofing tin
- 16. daydream
- 17. large farm
- 19. purify
- 20. cut small surfaces on a gem
- 22. mellow
- 23. dyeing apparatus
- 24. slightest
- 26. haunt
- 27. honorable
- 28. prevarication
- 31. amount of assessment
- 32. grown coarse
- 33. mark of omission
- 36. flowerlike ornament
- 38. reckoning-table
- 40. hesitate

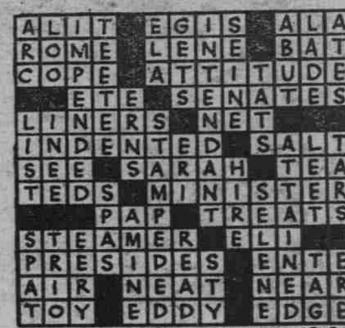
VERTICAL

- 1. rodent
- 2. usual
- 3. Moslem enemy of Crusaders
- 4. transgressor

49. re-lease

- 5. prefer
- 6. floating box for fish
- 7. in excess
- 8. opposite
- 9. sheeted home (of sails)
- 10. fish-net
- 11. dress with beak
- 14. prepare for use again
- 18. slave
- 20. craze
- 21. exclude
- 25. let
- 27. inborn
- 28. of the side
- 29. encroach
- 30. piece out
- 31. redvide
- 32. reawaken
- 33. western U. S. plant (var.)
- 34. Manila hemp
- 35. badgerlike animal
- 37. rescuer
- 39. bristle
- 42. kind of cloth
- 44. appoint

Answer to Saturday's puzzle.



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