

# The Daily Tar Heel

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by John Taylor

## Reviews

In an open discussion between playwright and audience after the first performance of "Liberty Flats," the Playmakers' final full-length experimental production of the year, Gene Graves, the author of the play, stated that the plot was supposed to have revolved around the attempts of Doug Barnes to break free from his family and entire environment.

Whatever the playwright's intention, the play centered around not Doug, the son, but the desire of Luke, the father, to leave Rose, the mother, in favor of a more desirable woman. This faulty emphasis was due equally to the writing and to the performance of Dick Snaveley, who played Doug, but we shall discuss the latter later. The plot, as it appeared to the audience, or at least one member of it, was an old, but very powerful one—one calling for strong characterizations. In a number of exceedingly effective scenes, Graves made living people out of his characters, but he did not sustain this high level throughout the rest of the play. It was at this point that the cast took over and made the show an arresting theatrical experience.

Frances Hogan has always been, in my opinion, a good actress. But as Rose, the distraught, pathetic mother, she far surpassed herself. Seldom have I seen a performance here that was as complete, minute in every detail, and affecting as was her's. With each tugging at her sloppy dresses, with each bewildered facial expression, she brought sympathy and complete understanding of the character in a performance that I shall long remember.

Not far behind Mrs. Hogan was Bill Trotman as Luke, the father. As a man who has lived twenty-five years with a woman whom he can't respect, he gave such a sincere and powerful performance, that he turned the audience's natural antagonism to the character into compassion. Dick Snaveley's portrayal of the son, on the other hand, was one of the weak spots of the evening. It was not a bad performance, for it was obviously an earnest one, but he failed to arouse the sympathy that this character must provoke.

Good in supporting roles were Charlotte Davis, Don Treat, Frances O'Neal, Hansford Rowe, Harold England, and Ruth Boyce.

by Joe Raff

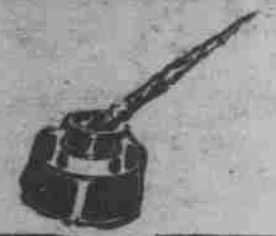
## Riff . . . by Raff

Sometimes column material is difficult to find, but nearly always when those times come I turn to the pile of college newspapers in The Daily Tar Heel office and try to seek out some interesting stories.

Usually there is a scandal somewhere or a humorous anecdote to be taken from these college papers. This made me think (a rare circumstance, indeed) about what other columnists must do when they need a column and turn to the exchange department for their sources.

I looked over a few copies of The Daily Tar Heel and right

Express Yourself



Editor:

You must have been scraping the residue out of the garage cans for your May 6 issue of The Daily Tar Heel.

I am referring to the three column spread on page five by the Human Betterment League of North Carolina.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

In the first paragraph of the advertisement, the League admits that some children born to mental defectives may possess normal minds. If this is so, who is to judge whether a woman shall be denied the right to give birth to these normal children even though she may run the risk of producing mentally defective ones? Even in the case of mental defectives, is there such a simple solution to the problem as sterilization? Is it legitimate to sterilize a person just because he has become a public expense? It is an accepted fact that a residual portion of the population will never be able to support themselves financially. What is to prevent state governments from enacting legislation to reduce the welfare expenses by sterilizing all of those unfortunate persons who will always be dependent upon public funds?

WHERE IS IT LEGAL?

The League states that all progressive states provide for the sterilization at state expense of persons suffering from insanity or feeble-mindedness which may be inherited by their children. Perhaps progressive is used too loosely by some people!

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

Usually a court of law will not convict a person of a crime if it is found that he is insane or feeble-minded. Why? I suppose that he is presumed to be unable to know right from wrong. How then is a feeble-minded person capable of making such an important decision as to whether or not he is to be sterilized for the good of the human race? It seems that he is only capable of making a decision by just influence of well meaning physicians and social workers who have no concept of the moral law involved. To say that a person has the right to make a decision is not even a half truth. It means that he has merely the right to give his consent. How can the League expect to insult the intelligence of anyone who has given thought to the subject of sterilization?

Perhaps many persons do not

agree with my philosophy but that does not prove them right or me wrong.

It seems to me that any newspaper which accepts such advertising most certainly endorses such a philosophy unless it gives both sides of the story in order that both sides will have the opportunity to decide for themselves what is right, what is legal, and what is good for everyone.

In conclusion it appears that such a society as the Human Betterment League of North Carolina representing organized sterilization does not permit the expression of a minority opinion. The League may contend that the manner in which they accomplish their goal does not openly transgress democratic principles. Unfortunately, this restriction of minority opinion inhibits considered discussion and the development of sound progressive thought. Hence organized sterilization procedures are notoriously reactionary.

James E. Marion

Acceptance of advertising of this nature does not necessarily constitute an endorsement.—ED.

Editor:

I am content with the literary situation on campus except for one thing—there is no humor magazine. I, along with many others, should like to see the Tarnation started again.

A majority of the students with whom I have discussed the matter agree with me. They think that since nearly all colleges with such a wide curriculum as Carolina's have some sort of humor publication, we should have a revival of the Tarnation.

But a few believe that the cost would be too great for the budget. Nevertheless, with adequate advertising, increased publications fees, and an appropriation from the \$15,000 book exchange profits, I feel sure that the Tarnation could thrive once more.

Certainly it cannot be said that the field of humor writing is getting fair consideration on campus. Another Tarnation, perhaps better than before, would give humorous literature its due place at Carolina and would be enjoyed and appreciated by most students.

Let's reincarnate the Tarnation and not label it a dead duck before the first copy appears.

Hugh Shull

"Betty Huris A No-Hitter As Zetes Win." At first glance the Texas or New Jersey reporter might think that the Zetes carried on quite an extensive pledging program last fall.

From a later issue of The Daily Tar Heel you may remember seeing the heavy black print—"Di To Debate Polygamy Bill Tonight" and right below that article followed the rather suggestive—"Wind Quintet Will Perform Tonight."

If you want to go back to older issues there must be loads of story origins. Perhaps other columnists have done this and gotten just as much fun out of it as I did. Anyway it's fun making a game out of another man's

## Stench, Smear, And McCarthy

Senator Joe McCarthy recently spoke at Princeton University. One of the students asked the Senator if he would repeat his communist charges against UN delegate Philip Jessup from the immunity-free podium. Whereupon several indignant ladies in the audience told the students they were "intellectually twisted."

Later on in the evening two sophomores expressed skepticism regarding the Senator's virtues and sincerity. "Some neighboring listeners" reports the Daily Princetonian, "demanded that the two students be ejected from the meeting. Others proclaimed 'Let the commies talk, let the commies talk.'"

"At this stage," continues the Princetonian, "a little man in a blue suit appeared and declared that he heartily wished that the two sophomores be sent to Korea and be brought back in a basket. The suggestion met with no objection from near by spectators."

The Daily Tar Heel feels that the actions of Senator McCarthy present a clear and present threat to American democracy equal in potency to a Soviet invasion of Long Island. We do not, however, confine our attack against the Senator to the cliché charges of "bigot," "character assassin," "reminiscent of Nazi Germany," "neurotic," and "pathological," which have been bandied about by liberal groups since McCarthy first began to exercise his immunity. The danger of McCarthyism strikes much deeper into American political thinking than the mere defamation of several outstanding national figures.

The Senator from Wisconsin is against communism. He apparently has chosen to implement his political convictions by assailing those Americans whose opinions, in the judgment of the Senator, stray uncomfortably close to the communist "line" prefabricated in Moscow.

To appreciate the peril to our internal well-being we must analyse the stereotyped tactics of the communist parties which have been repeated effectively on every continent. First, the followers of the Kremlin go into a community and spot out all the social and economic ills. (Nobody can say that any community in the world is entirely free from some social problems.) Then the Marxists rave, rant, and harp on these injustices longer and louder than anybody else. They seek, not to improve conditions, but merely to agitate. Here McCarthyism asserts itself. Other citizens who may be sincerely desirous of improving unsavory conditions are discouraged from expressing themselves for fear of being labelled a "commie."

For example, do you believe in peace, equality of opportunity, and slum clearance? Are you against trust combines, lynchings, and sub-human living conditions in colonial countries? Would you care to have your name attached to an editorial advocating the first three and disavowing the latter? If so, you may be interested in knowing that other Americans have been indelibly stamped with the crimson curse for stating their unfeigned views along the above lines.

McCarthy's influence has reached serious proportions. Republican candidates for the presidency are extremely reticent to disclaim the controversial Senator. Men like Jessup, Lattimore, and Tydings know that veracity plays a minor role in the drama of McCarthyism. All the perfumes of truth and sincerity can never obliterate the stench of a McCarthy smear.

Consequently, a large segment of the American population (anti-communist, pro-righteousness) remains silent. It is infinitely more comfortable to sit still. And in the eyes of the world the communists seem to have won a monopoly on progressive reform.

Another element, often overlooked by the anti-McCarthy-ites, is the possibility that if and when a genuine communist actually becomes entrenched high in our government, he can dismiss the charges against himself as "groundless McCarthyism."

We applaud the Senator's expressed intentions—to uproot those elements which threaten our nation's security. We emphasize, however, that the watchdog who barks at every mouse, keeping the household in perpetual confusion, is of