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by Barry Farber
Personally

It's amazing how interested in the war news I became the day they classified me 1-A. I bought maps, studied famous battles, listened to Gabriel Heatter, argued with my political science teacher, learned to pronounce "Panmunjom", and worked out a quick solution to every problem facing the world today.

From the Library I procured thick black books by Churchill and John Gunther and read just enough to keep myself misinformed. Now I'm a regular cocktail commentator. Every day I tell the boys exactly what's going to happen and the next day I tell them why it didn't.

My new hobby is fascinating, but there's something bothering me that maybe you've noticed too. For instance, when one side retreats, why does the enemy always "reel backward in disastrous defeat" while we merely "tighten our defense perimeter?" On the attack how do we always manage to "smash triumphantly through tenaciously held Communist strongholds" while the enemy merely "probes ahead." When one side executes a bold strategical maneuver, how is it the Communies are "helplessly trapped out on a limb" whereas the Americans are just taking a "calculated risk?" Did somebody say we pulled an "evacuation" at Hungnam last year? Oh, no! Watch your language. That was strictly a "re-deployment."

I hope this column comes to the attention of whoever is in charge of our propaganda service because I'd like a job reporting the war news. We could take a defeat, and sugar and spice, turn it once over lightly, and come up with a gripping account guaranteed to please the readers. For example, the next time our boys' retreat (you should pardon the expression) we could phrase it something like this:

"All Communist efforts to halt our systematic advance to the rear have been successfully smashed." Or better yet, we could say our boys aren't actually retreating. They're just heading south for the season to the bathing resort of Pusan.

Let's face it. The communist hordes in Asia have forced the armies of the United Nations to a sickening stalemate. An evacuation by any other name still means "Come on, Joe, let's get the hell out of here." The intelligence of the American people is somewhat above that of the average ox and we like our news raw and untarnished. While our boys are dying in a war they don't want against people they don't know in places they can't pronounce, the nation here at home is plagued with strikes, draft-dodging, walkouts, tie-ups, complacency, and confusion. The quickest way to rally Americans behind the war effort is to scare us with the icy facts. Husband and wife tend to quit fighting each other when they realize the house is on fire.

Besides, our brothers in Korea have managed to fight an enemy, vastly superior in manpower, to a successful deadlock and no sweet-talking commentator has to apologize for them. I rather have "alarmists" like Winchell slap me squarely between the eyes than be soothed by a candy-coated Kaltenberner.

The Military Mind

The following was written by a high ranking member of the armed forces who must remain anonymous—Editor.

There is much being said these days concerning the military mind and how it completely differs from the civilian. I am sure all the brain experts in the world could not tell, by autopsy, the difference between the brain of a general, a private, or any given civilian. The difference which makes one prefer to a military mind must then be found in the training which a military person receives and the problems he is called upon to solve in comparison to that which the civilian mind is required to solve.

What are the problems that a person in the military is required to solve that is not common to the civilian. Let's look at this from the standpoint of the military mind that is foremost in the news these days. What problems has this mind faced in the past fifteen years? What decisions has it been called upon to make? The following might be called a partial list of the problems and decisions.

(a) Do the men I am ordering into battle have adequate materials to do the job I order them to do? (b) Have I procured sufficient material in peacetime so that MY COUNTRY can be defended against any and all aggressors in case of war? (c) I am to be separated from my family for the next year, Have I made adequate plans and preparation so that in the year of separation my family will be provided with satisfactory living conditions? (d) Am I fully prepared to receive and issue any and all orders in the discharge of my office?

The first question was answered by Jeb Stuart in his maxim "Get there fustest with the mostest." The modern military mind thinks of this in terms of fire power. The eternal problem of the military mind is how much fire power must my me have in order to subjugate the enemy? To this question there is no definite answer. The newspapers are constantly criticizing the military for waste and inefficiency in procurement. Will the five hundred mile per hour plane be sufficient to combat the plane which will travel eight hundred miles per hour? Will the destroyer which could make thirty knots in the last war combat the battleship that has been developed by the enemy and will make thirty five knots? The answer to these questions are obvious even to the non-military mind. In wartime, the development of any new weapon which will win the war is sought feverishly by all and cost is no object. The waste and inefficiency is done completely by

the military mind. No civilian mind would accept the juicy contracts the military mind offers because it certainly would not be a partner to such waste and inefficiency. Johnny Meyer, of wartime fame, never existed and certainly wasn't a civilian mind, at least.

The military mind was at fault for Pearl Harbor because it didn't have sufficient material to repel the attack and because it wasn't alert on that peaceful Sunday Morn. After all the civilian mind said "There is going to be peace with the Japs, we will negotiate and arrange it."

I am sure all men with the Military Mind are anxious in time of peace to receive an assignment so that he can be separated from his family and home. I wonder what there is that causes a man to pursue a military career. Riches? The average military man dies and leaves very little for his family. Glory? The average military man receives little recognition except in time of war when all civilians are glad that he exists to withstand the onslaught of the enemy until the nation can be mobilized. Patriotism and love of country? If this is true, the average military man will not admit it. Maybe the man who pursues the military career is different from the civilian who does everything he can to avoid even two years of military service. The military career assures one of many moves, many inconveniences in finding a place to live, higher rentals, and putting his roots down in some place he can call home and develop lasting friends.

How much anxiety must the military career man undergo concerning his wife and family? What will the wife do if she gets seriously ill in a strange town where she has been left while the military man is overseas under orders? The military mind must, if his career is to progress, put such things out of his mind to satisfactorily perform those duties assigned in the service of his country.

The military mind, in times of great stress, must be prepared to carry out all orders received immediately and without question or the defense of his homeland and country could be seriously endangered. He must be prepared to order armies of men into battle with the equipment at hand, knowing full well some of the men will not return.

In closing, I should like to point out that approximately one third of the Minds that have served this country as President have been exposed to those things that make UP the so-called military mind.

The Case

For A Student Union—III

The desirability of having continuity in the life of the University community has, to our knowledge, never been seriously questioned, the feelings being that a college atmosphere has something of a positive nature to offer in the proper development of good citizens.

With the rapid growth of the student body at the University, and with the great increase in the mobility of that student body due to the widespread use of automobiles, the continuity of campus life, from Friday afternoon until Monday morning, is largely imaginary.

There has been voiced, on the part of a large number of students, a feeling that there is "nothing to do" in Chapel Hill on weekends. While we cannot concur with the statement (since a student should be properly concerned with his studies on weekends), it is apparent that most of the healthful activity which hundreds, possibly thousands, of students seek on these weekend excursions to their home-towns is not available to them in Chapel Hill.

Facilities in the dormitories for meetings and rooms for relaxation are the first steps in the development of a comprehensive program with a view toward integrating student social life into the University community. These recently announced plans are to be heartily applauded. But the great step, the most significant one, we believe, in producing a continuous positive force in the area of student welfare, is the construction of a new Student Union Building.

Already, in response to changed situations such as that existing on this campus, the Woman's College has constructed a new building, and the State College Student Union is now being built.

What would constitute a dynamic Student Union program at the University of North Carolina?

Perhaps this question can best be answered by listing what we consider to be the basic functions of an adequate student union program.

To provide:

- I. A rich variety of recreational and social activities.
- II. A campus center around which student activities can focus.
- III. Opportunities to participate in organizational work which will be useful in home community leadership.
- IV. Student self-discovery through development of skills.
- V. An informal "at home" atmosphere, thus assuring more continuity and satisfaction in the life of the University community.
- VI. Full expression of the University's traditional hospitality to its many friends through a building which is dignified and beautiful, friendly and functional.
- VII. Profitable utilization of the students' leisure time so that it will be unnecessary to leave the campus on weekends.
- VIII. An atmosphere conducive to the development of student responsibility towards the University and the campus community.

Off Campus

If you're tired of the same old monotonous football yells, heed our suggestion to Bo Thorpe and co-horts for originality in Kenan next year. The University of Illinois has suggested the following:

1. Instead of "Get the ball": Obtain the oblate spheroid.
2. Rather than "Hold the line": Impede the foe's forward thrust along the two demensional entity.
3. For "Go, team, go": Proceed, oh valiant, proceed hey!
4. Instead of "We want a touchdown": We demand a thrust forward, maintaining as our ob-

jective the passage of our adversary's goal. 5. And for "Hit 'em again harder harder": Henceforth, smite them more fiercely than you smote them heretofore.

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From "Bigger and Better Boners", compiled by Alexander Abington:

An outline of history: "The Boer was a pig fight put on for the pleasure of Louis XIV."

Antiquity and Myth: "Venus was the goddess of pencils."

Who's Who: "Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock."

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