

# New Trend In Big Business; Investments In Education

In this time when people openly consider closing the public schools, it is good to see somebody taking an active step toward improving the state of education in the nation.

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If, in an era when states wail about sovereignty (a word it might be well for some politicians to look up), maintaining the "purity" of the white race (look at what the white race did to the purity of the Negro) and in the same breath run for the federal government after every explosion, drought or fire, private businesses and industries are willing to take over the maltreated burden of the state, this nation is sure to be here a long time.

These grants are said to be "awards," or are "given to," but what have the states done to deserve gifts or awards? Very little. UNC received grants, because the School of Education has pioneered in setting up certain courses specifically for the training of school teachers. North Carolina has of course supported the school in

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Certainly the big businesses of America have no such intentions. An educational institution with hard-driving executives calling the support is little more than moral. Is the child growing away from the parent? Will schools someday be supported mainly through the benign gifts of industries which cannot prosper without educated personnel?

The population of the United States is growing prodigiously, less youth are dropping out of the schools, and marriage is no longer a deterrent to getting a college education. Young people are getting better ideas earlier. An accumulation of years is no longer requisite for wisdom. When the venerable individuals in charge of such things realize this and provide for the mental development of the nation's youth, the soundness of investments from people like DuPont will be proven.

# Youth Deserves A Chance

In spite of crowded conditions in the schools American youth is showing its talents of ingenuity and learning earlier than ever. Ability to organize, administer and maintain are becoming everyday characteristics of young people.

However it seems that the long-incumbents of American society, the people who have had to struggle against economic busts to make a way in the world, are afraid to let the new youth speak out. The condition takes on the air of trying to box all youthful exuberance in a container so loosely constructed that teenage sadism, muggings, unmarried mothers and all the other unpleasanties of 20th century growing up spew out in a constant stream.

Looking a little deeper into this imperfect container we find a different element. Heavily padded by rhythm and blues, Elvis Presley records and dual exhausts is an insatiable curiosity. Back in the so-called "roaring 20's" this became the drive of youth to "try anything once." Actually this willingness to risk life and limb for the sake of experience is not all bad. It goes farther than seeing how fast a car will go, how much alcohol is necessary for complete inebriety. Experience is also available on the athletic field, working on a entertainment troupe, organizing and carrying-off a fund raising drive for a community hospital or playing in a band.

Apparently the men and women

who have logged a greater number of years think youth is all drag races and gang wars. They are very wrong. Further, they attribute these qualities to the influence of comic books, throbbing music and tight levis. At least they are standing on a little firmer ground here, but they are still wrong. This concept that the dress makes the delinquent is one-sided. It is more a question of which came first, the chicken or the egg.

Tight levis, long hair and the other paraphernalia reformers concentrate on are only extensions of the independent personalities of the individual, and really don't make a kid a criminal. It is hypocrisy for the elder Americans to be suspicious of all youth because of youth's pugs, when the elders themselves can't stamp out the vice, corruption and generous stock of pugs of their own age level.

The time has come for a kind of integration not in the headlines. An integration of age levels. A green brat is as capable of a brain-storm as a hoary-haired patriarch, and he shouldn't be lumped in a classification with teenage gangs because he is inferior in years.

Most young people have not suffered the privations of depression and poor educational background. This is much to the credit of men and women who have lived the Horatio Alger stories and don't want to see their offspring do the same. But at the same time they must realize that today's generation has had a wealth of blessings, and for the most part are more mentally mature because of it.

Sure the drunk's son at the depth of the depression matured in a hurry, but it was a one-sided maturation. It lacked the nodding acquaintance with the poets, statesmen and great people of literature and history which fertilizes the growth of today's men and women. With this earlier and more complete development the youth of America is capable of greater things than murder and rape. Somebody should give them the opportunity.

# Tradition At Old Dook U.

Duke University has a new bookshop. What's the name of the new bookshop? Guess. "The Gothic Bookshop." What else? That's what we like about Duke: It has a Bridey Murphy approach to all things modern.

### OTHER NEWSPAPERS SAY:

# Race Problem Must Be Worked Out

The Christian Science Monitor

"If everyone over 35 would just keep his mouth shut the rest of us would get this thing worked out in three or four years."

This quote from a young Southerner referring to the issue of desegregation is probably authentic. But it has been requested so often that it has taken on somewhat the dignity of a folk saying.

There are several significant things about this sentiment. One is the characteristic confidence of youth as yet unsobered by the stubbornness of great problems.

Conversely, there is youth's impatience with the generations ahead which manifestly haven't solved all difficulties with neatness and dispatch.

These characteristics should be taken account of and the proper, discount figured. But they must not be allowed to overshadow the positive content that is there. Note, for instance, that this unknown youthful sage did not say, "The rest of us will abolish all consciousness of race in three or four years." He said, we'll have this thing "worked out." He sensed that here is a problem which could not be disposed of simply by erasing the figures from the blackboard.

Perhaps this recognition that a problem by definition has an answer, and that the answer is findable is the most important thing about this youthful, off-hand statement. For it presupposes the open mind. And the open mind is above all the product of education.

This is borne out by systematic opinion polling and by just shrewd observation. It is not to say that the "better" educated always and automatically come up with the right answers to the world's difficulties. That would be claiming too much. For there is sometimes an over-educated detachment from human experience that can work against the necessary balance of vision and practicality.

By and large, however, and in proportion to the soundness and extent of their schooling educated people are not afraid of new ideas; they know that while all change is not progress, progress inevitable brings change.

So they are more willing to try for solutions than are those who, less fortunate in their contact with ideas and with other people's experience, fearfully expend their energies in fighting back change—and with it, progress.

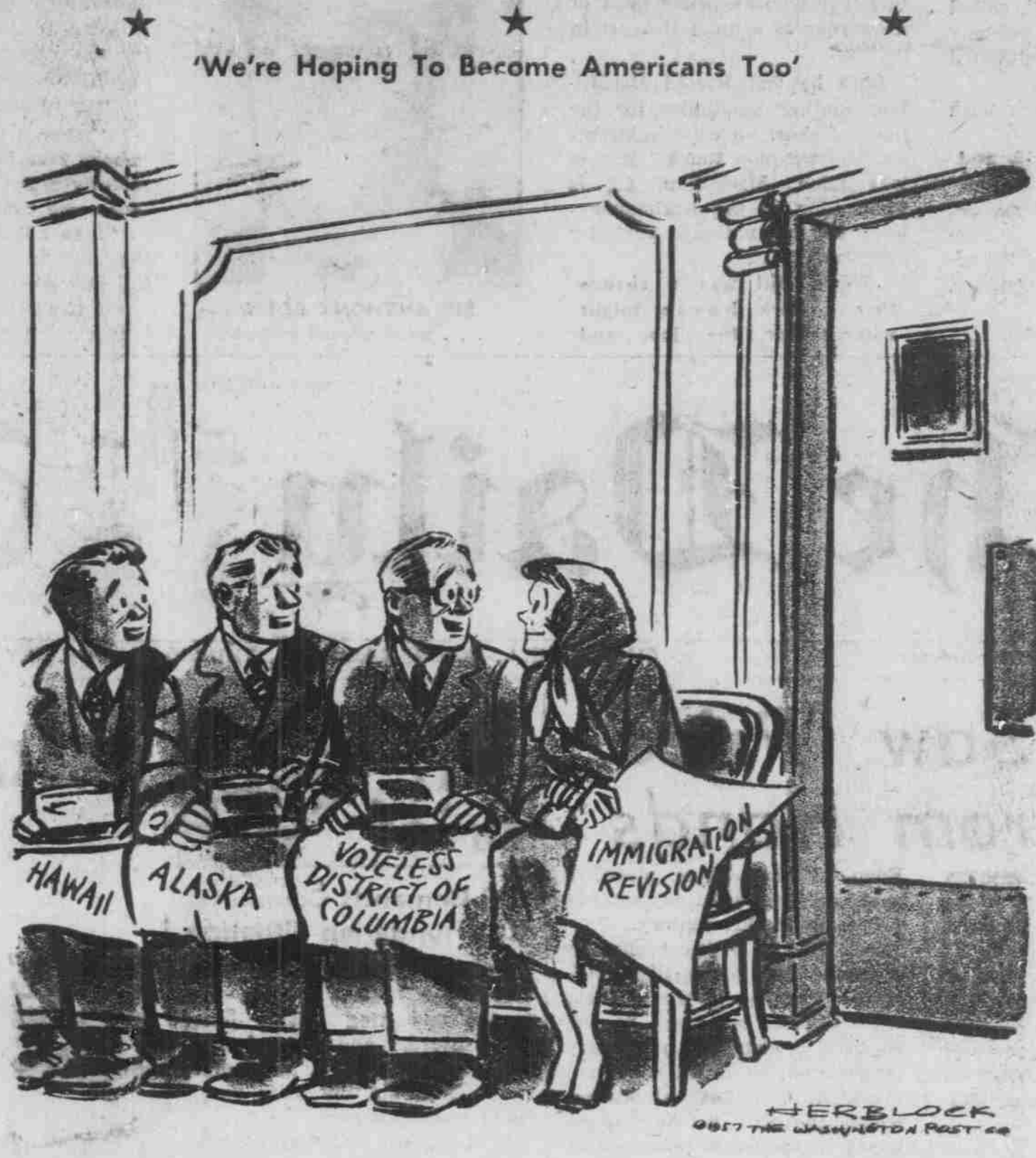
This priceless virtue of the open mind is not a touchstone for this one problem of domestic racial adjustment alone. It has proved the solvent for innumerable difficulties that have threatened to block the onward flow of progress.

Nor is it a product solely of books and laboratories. The process of education usually brings with it a multiplying of human associations and a broadening of social experience—from stepping beyond the family circle into the schoolroom, to "going away"

to college, to its modern extension; exchange of students and teachers between nations. The educated, the open mind

may put together better answers because it likely has amassed greater stockpiles of the ingredients. Or it may simply provide

friendly soil to good answers when they come along. For either reason, it is a goal worth seeking.



### PROSPECT & RETROSPECT:

# Bob Young Rings Office Belle

Neil Bass

Not many, if any, schools throughout the country can boast of the close working arrangement which our executive branch of student government has at Carolina.

This became evident during Christmas when President Bob Young presented a sparkling engagement ring to Secretary Jackie Aldridge.

The date for official "student union" in the executive branch has been set for early summer, we understand.

Heartfelt congratulations to the fine executive.

OPPORTUNITY One of the most outstanding opportunities for service to the campus is now open.

That is to say, positions on the Orientation Committee are now open and available.

Nowhere may a student use his talents, whatever they may be, to better advantage toward perpetuating the fine tradition which we like to call "Carolina Spirit" and nowhere may students be more helpful toward instilling the highest traditions

of our Honor System in the forthcoming student generation. Volunteer your services. You'll be surprised at the advantages and pointers which you'll pick up as you serve others in this vital capacity. The number to call is 4352, or drop around student government offices in Graham Memorial.

### HOUSING SHORTAGE

Probably the leading candidate for the dubious honor of "Most Discouraging Announcement in Short-lived 1957" is the recent headline in The Daily Tar Heel: "Little Easing of Housing Shortage Seen for UNC's Spring Semester."

This is indeed a low blow after a publicized announcement earlier in the semester that three-man rooms would be practically nil after the present semester.

The University should proceed as rapidly as possible with construction of new dormitories which a \$2 million loan from the Federal Housing and Finance Agency made possible.

More appalling is the housing situation for married students.

In this area, University officials and trustees should hurry through the proposal for "200 additional Victory Village units." Even this action will far from completely alleviate the housing problem.

### DI WON'T DIE

Congratulations to the Dialectic Senate for a superbly planned inauguration. Functions like this are certainly a necessary shot in the arm for the fading oratorical art.

And, with the rhetorical brilliance of men like Ol' Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun softly fading in the twilight, now Northern Liberals within the Democratic Party want to stamp out the filibuster.

Oh, for the golden-tongued days of old, when throats were bold; when Lewis Brumfield called the Daily Tar Heel "The second Daily Worker," and Ed Yoder and Louis Kraar called Jim Tatum a "parasitic monster."

We're being facetious, of course; but let's rescue the art of rhetoric from the gray obscurity of To-Hell-O-vision screens.

### CAROLEIDOSCOPE:

# Knowland's Plans Disturbing Knight

Frank Crowther

Sen William F. Knowland's revelation Monday that he will not seek re-election was not too unexpected, even though many of the papers referred to his action as "dramatic" in its nature.

It was reported, also, that the Senator refused to close the door on the possibility that he may seek the Republican nomination for governor next year, which, undoubtedly, would be a stepping stone towards the Presidency in 1960.

Knowland may be doing one of two things. He is either getting out of the stew and wild melee of congress or he is being a very shrewd politician and, as they say, "going for the bundle," i.e. the Presidency through the governorship.

Gov. Goodwin Knight, the present governor in California, will undoubtedly sprout a few more grey hairs now that he supposes Knowland is sneaking up from the East and will swoop down on his little domain within the hour. Knight has also been mentioned as preparing a witches' brew which would be digestible by the old guard Republicans who most likely will have to be pacified before consenting the nomination of 1960 — even if Knight is just looking to be Nixon's running mate.

Knowland won't accept such a position. If he goes at all, he will go for the top. This leads one to speculate that Knowland is being extremely foresighted by getting out while the frost is on the cherry trees. A man who has been both a senator and a governor — even if for only a short while as the latter — would most assuredly be looked upon as a popular, administratively well-versed individual. We shall see what we shall see.

"Students have become infatuated with gutter bourgeois literature, formalistic painting and wild jazz music."

So charged the Trade Union paper in Moscow on January 8th, according to an Associated Press story.

It seems that the Russian students are finally making their mark known — a mark that well may flunk the Soviet system.

The Trade Union paper went on to list five colleges and institutes from the Baltic to the Urals which had supposedly disgraced themselves by condoning to "rude and slandering attacks on the Soviet press." By these attacks, the report went on, the students had placed the Komzomol (the Communist youth organization) in a position which seemed to oppose the Communist party, and, at a mining institute, the students, who are given money to cover their living costs for services to the institute, "turned every pay day into a drinking day."

The five institutions are: The Leningrad Institute, Moscow State University, Polytechnical Institute at Sverdlovsk in the Urals, Leningrad Polytechnical Institute, and The Moscow Mining Institute.

The Supreme Soviet can pacify the peasants by giving them more consumer's goods, but what will they offer the students — salt mines or servitude?

### YOU Said It:

# Coed Defends Dressing Habits

Editor: In reply to the letter in the Sunday edition of the Daily Tar Heel from "Mr. Name Withheld By Request" concerning the dress of the UNC coeds, I would like to say a few words.

First of all I would like to inform the writer — if he doesn't already know it — it is winter, and at this time of the year it is a little difficult for a young lady to try to be beautiful.

Sometimes it turns so cold that most of the fairer sex would rather stay cuddled up beneath their blankets, but instead have to go out to get their learning. Just what does he expect her to wear — a bathing suit so she will appeal to his eyes?

It seems to me that he must have stayed up nights trying to think this up.

First the Carolina men complain about their dates wearing high heels to a football game — when I assure you she is not comfortable but merely trying to put in a pleasing appearance — saying they would like to see their dates dressed more comfortably, then they turn right around and complain if the coeds try to keep warm in the winter.

And certainly they do care what they wear, for they like to keep warm just like he does. (Or is he an iceberg?)

But before he starts worrying about the trash in his neighbor's yard, he'd best be cleaning up his own yard.

Coming from a coed at another college we coeds might be able to take it, but coming from a Carolina "gentleman" — and a freshman at that — I would say he had best take stock of his own sex before he starts criticizing the others. Has he, I wonder ever paused a moment to see just how the young men dress around here?

Of course some try to appear in the latest Ivy League styles, but on a closer observation he will probably find their socks have holes in them or they haven't shaved in a week.

Then there are those who forget to have more than one haircut every three months, or who absent-mindedly come to class with their shirttails out. Even the best of them have faults, and yet he spends his time criticizing the coeds.

After all, he has to remember this is more or less a man's world over here at the Hill, and the men are our example. If they can't do any better than is evidenced at present, what does he expect out of a coed?

And in conclusion, Mr. Name Withheld By Request, I would like to wish you a bon voyage to Durham. I sincerely hope your thumb doesn't suffer from the cold and that you find the Duke ladies, who, according to your insinuations, do care what clothes they wear. But, one last word of advice: Be careful how you dress, be clean-shaven and DO get that long over due haircut — they may know you are a Carolina man if you don't!

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