

# REVIEW: CAMPUS STATE WORLD

## Personality Of Week Dr. Warner Lee Wells

Robert Bartholomew

When Dr. Warner Lee Wells was named winner of the O. Max Gardner Award here Friday night, the opinion of the people here at the University community was, "It could not have happened to a finer person."

Dr. Wells, an assistant professor of surgery at the UNC School of Medicine, is held in high esteem by his associates, his students and all other people who know the genial teacher.

Dr. Wells is a familiar figure in the corridors of the School of Medicine and the N. C. Memorial Hospital. He is usually seen, wearing a white coat, hurrying along to a class or meeting, but never in such a hurry that he does not have time to stop for a friendly word with a student or colleague.

His office walls are covered with pictures of friends and colleagues from all parts of the world. A visitor to his office will usually find him working at one of his two desks. One desk holds his paper work, a microscope is one of the other.

The modest doctor is a pipe smoker, a corncob being his favorite. He talks as easily on the qualities of a good pipe as he does on the history of medicine. He is a scholar of note in the latter subject.

Dr. Wells was the ninth winner of the Gardner Award, which was first given in 1949.

The award is given each year "to that member of the faculty of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race."

The award was established by the will of the late Governor Gardner. It is in the form of a citation and carries a cash grant of the annual income from a \$25,000 trust fund.

Dr. Wells won the award for discovering, translating and editing "Hiroshima Diary." This is the story of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, as kept in the diary of Dr. Nichihiko Hachiya of Hiroshima.

Dr. Wells was in Japan, 1950-52, when he heard of the diary. After seeing it, he felt that it should be read by all people. He began working on the diary and it was published Aug. 6, 1955, the 10th anniversary of the historic bombing.



for Hiroshima Diary  
DR. WARREN LEE WELLS

Dr. Wells' citation read, in part: "When 'Hiroshima Diary' was published and acclaimed by leaders in all walks of life in the United States, when it sold large quantities in this country and in Great Britain, and when it appeared in translation in 11 (including an English edition) foreign languages, Dr. Wells showed his unselfishness by refusing all royalties and by helping Dr. Hachiya devote them to the establishment of a foundation for the education of Hiroshima war orphans."

Last year's winner of the award was Merib Ethna Mossman of Woman's College. The first winner of the award was Louise Brevard Alexander of the Woman's College. The other winners have been Robert Ervin Coker, UNC, 1950; Donald Benton Anderson, State College, 1951; Albert Coates, UNC, 1952; Howard Washington Odum, UNC, 1953; Franklin Holbrook McNutt, Woman's College, 1954 and Zeno Payne Metcalf, State College, 1955.

## Earthquake, Mid-East In World News

Walt Schruntek

A major earthquake shook one part of the world last week while tremors from what might have been the greatest upheaval in the history of mankind were decreasing in intensity and frequency in another area.

San Francisco, victim of the famous disaster which virtually destroyed it in 1906, was hit by strong earth tremors shortly before noon Friday which had skyscrapers swaying like trees in a gale, sending thousands of terror-stricken people into the streets.

Reported as the strongest earthquake to hit the area since the 1906 disaster, the series of tremors which followed continued throughout the afternoon causing no major damage over a 200-mile stretch of northern and central California.

Famed Golden Gate Bridge was set "galloping," the metropolitan area was showered with broken window glass and highways were cut by landslides and buckled from beneath. Buildings cracked, gas mains were severed and more than a dozen persons were reported injured by falling debris.

The world of Mother Nature had turned topsy-turvy while in other areas the world was reverberating still from man's chaotic treatment of his fellow-man.

Two weeks ago the Israeli army pulled out of Gaza. The withdrawal was followed close by Arab demonstrations against the U.N. Emergency forces for the return of the strip to Egypt.

Tension gripped the world and the big question marked hovered over Egypt's intentions on the strip and in the Gulf of Aqaba. Last week, the question mark was partially erased and tension eased somewhat as several of the technical and "ticklish" aspects of the altercation seemed closer to solution.

Egypt conceded to allow Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and stipulated that it would not send troops into the Gaza strip.

In the first interview he has granted since the Israeli evacuation of Gaza, Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion stated his belief that peace will "eventually come" to the Middle East. He reiterated, however, that Israel will defend its rights to passage through the Gulf of Aqaba to the Red Sea.

On another face of the Middle East problem, President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan met in Tucker's Town, Bermuda, for discussions dealing with the controversial dues on toll payments through the Suez Canal, the U.N. role in the Egyptian-Israeli dispute and the general Soviet threat in the Middle East.

In a news release Friday, it was learned that Eisenhower assured the British statesman of the U.S.'s willingness to join the Baghdad Pact's military committee in a move to check the spread of communism in the Middle East.

matter of fact, has seen only four of our feathered friends to date. (Other reports from the field are unavailable at this time.)

And those people who are responsible for our daily and long-range forecasts are telling us that the future doesn't look too sunny. Increasing cloudiness with chance of rain and temperatures in the high 50's or low 60's is their way of saying you can't believe everything you read in the calendar.

Anyway, spring did officially come to Chapel Hill this week. But if you aren't particularly friendly with the birds or a clairvoyant of the plant world of Mother Nature, you might still have your doubts.

It has been a little chilly lately, hasn't it?

## ON THE CAMPUS:

# Basketball, Famous Poets, Politics Appropriations, Jazz Fill Week Here

Walt Schruntek

The focus of attention swung dizzily about last week as campus politics, the Carolina basketball team, a couple of visiting poets, the Joint Appropriations Committee in Raleigh, and the perils of Fearless Fosdick caught the

limelight for brief moments of prominence.

Even the weather got into the act as spring was officially ushered in on the calendar with a few sparkling days of sunshine, a day or two of unseasonable cold and, of course, the inevit-

able rain of Chapel Hill.

Student politics picked up the tempo as election day (April 2) begins to draw increasingly near. Exceptions and disagreement mingled together in the political air and "misunderstandings" and "misinterpretations" were

cast about with growing abandon.

One candidate even called it a day campaign-wise.

Sprinkled posters and banners began to appear in various nooks and crannies of the campus proper, giving evidence to the fact that the tempo will pick up even more as elections draw closer still.

In announcing their platform, around which SP candidates will campaign, the Student Party pledged its support to:

1. Separation of investigation and prosecution powers of the Honor Council Judiciary Branch.
2. Establishment of an arm of student government to assist in processing campus parking violations.
3. Removal of parking restrictions at the earliest possible time.
4. Faculty and administrative support to and payment of parking fees.
5. Efforts to secure TV coverage of all sell-out home basketball games.
6. Efforts to establish later hours in the Monogram Club and Scuttlebut.
7. Cash payment to student workers on unused meal tickets.
8. Extension of date-ticket rebates.
9. Re-establishment of the campus humor magazine.
10. Efforts toward completion of a building program for a new student union building.

UP candidate Bill Baum reiterated his platform for the establishment of a Student Senate, to be selected from all areas of the campus, and spoke out against what he considered a "misleading and unfair" Tar Heel editorial last week.

His opponent, Sonny Evans, as the front-running advocate of the SP platform, elaborated on the individual planks presented earlier in the week and outlined his support for an extension of GM activities (i.e. Victory Village programs and a new student union planning program).

The Daily Tar Heel editorial race produced the withdrawal of one candidate—Frank Crowther—and an exchange of approaches to and definitions of their respective stands by the remaining two.

An exchange of statements underlined by "misinterpretation" and "mistaken" served to color the editorial campaign to some degree. Candidate Sloan's critical retort to an earlier statement concerning closed meetings by his opponent, Neil Bass, produced the first real "sparks" of the campaign to date.

No one need be enlightened to the fact that the nation's number one undefeated basketball team made its way to Kansas City last week where it readied itself for the final stages of the NCAA championship.

Robert Frost, the snow-haired man of American poetry and New England vintage, made his 15th annual visit to Chapel Hill on Monday and gave readings before a capacity crowd in Hill Hall which delighted and, as usual, captivated his audience.

The week of literary appreciation was complemented Thursday by the appearance of Dame Edith Sitwell, poet of international renown and recipient of the highest honors presented by literary circles in America and England.

President William Friday held the campus spotlight and a significant limelight in Raleigh when he presented a Consolidated University request for \$1.5 million dollars for increased faculty salaries and more library books.

President Friday cited the increasing numbers of professors and instructors who have left the University for better paying positions and the need to meet this crisis if "we are to maintain our excellent position in the academic world."

And Fearless Fosdick, unpaid detective hero non-parallel, seems once again to have toppled from the brink toward disaster. Foiled by the cunning of Ezio the Pincher, Fosdick is faced now with the loss of his badge and the cancellation of his pension.

Dum-da-dum-dum.

## Problem: President's Disability

The New York Times

More than a year ago President Eisenhower asked the Department of Justice and Congress to study measures to resolve the ambiguity in the Constitution on these points:

When the President is in a "state of inability" to perform his duties, who shall determine and announce the fact? When this condition has ended, who shall determine and announce that? Since the Constitution authorizes the Vice President in the interim to exercise the powers and duties of the Presidency, how shall it be assured that these will revert to the President at the end of his "state of inability"?

The Attorney General's proposal, as thus far revealed, is for a constitutional amendment. In this the President will be empowered to make his own decision that he is in a condition of "inability"—which could arise from conditions ranging from ill health to capture by an enemy—and to depute his powers and duties to the Vice President for a period the end of which the President is also empowered to determine. At its termination, the amendment will prescribe, the powers and duties of the office will revert to the President.

This wholly neglects the supremely important point raised by President Eisenhower that deals with a President who, though unable to perform his duties, is either not conscious of that or mentally or physically unable to certify it. And there is the other conceivable consideration of a President who, no longer competent and conscious of this, declines to step aside.

The Celler-Keating proposal would amend the Constitution to provide that the Vice President could summon a joint session of Congress to proclaim, on his own determination, the "inability" of the President, and take over the Government with or without the approval of Congress. This naive idea assigns to the chief party in interest, who might be the President's worst enemy or an outright villain, the power to supplant the President. And it leaves only the long and difficult process of impeachment to get rid of the usurper.

One obvious reason for the failure of both plans to repair this serious defect in the Constitution is that apparently they are approaching the remedy by only one route—that of amending the Constitution. But there is also a statutory method of filling the gap in the Charter.

By one statute that has been proposed Congress, acting under the authority of the constitutional clause that provides for the delegation of a disabled President's office and powers to the Vice President, would set up an Inability Council. This council would be empowered to determine when the state of Presidential inability existed and when it terminated, thus also limiting the acting tenure of the Vice President or, in the absence of a Vice President, the temporary incumbent of the White House already prescribed by law. In a recent article in the Saturday Evening Post Beverly Smith reviewed the whole issue and the several kinds of inability councils that have been suggested to resolve it.

This statute once enacted the constitutional amendment submitted by Congress to the states need only confirm the power of Congress to enact the statute. The legislative actions could be taken simultaneously. This procedure would squarely meet the serious problems which both the Attorney General and Congress thus far have evaded.



Sound And Fury Grinds Toward Opening Date

Sound and Fury, student dramatic organization, was applying the makeup last week in preparation for opening night next Saturday. Left to right around the piano, members of the cast include Miss Pee Wee Batten, Ken Callender, Hal Henderson and pianist Cecil Harstoe. (Photo by Fred Powledge)

## Pay Increase For Teachers, School For Year Heads State Newsfront

Patsy Miller

The North Carolina Board of Education recommended a teacher pay increase of 19.3 per cent before the Joint Appropriations Committee of the Legislature Tuesday.

The appropriation is \$27.1 million beyond the 1957-59 budget recommendation. The Board of Education's request would provide a salary scale of \$2,900 to \$4,500 for Tar Heel teachers.

Sen. J. Spencer Bell of Mecklenburg warned a Senate Judiciary Committee early in the week that failure to reapportion the Legislature might lead to Republican dominance within 10 years.

The Committee held a hearing on a reapportionment bill pro-

posed by a study commission. Action will come later.

The proposal calls for an increase in house membership from 120 to 130 members. Senate seats would remain at 50 with senatorial districts redrawn on the basis of population. There would be restrictions on senatorial redistribution.

Rep. John Kerr of Warren County introduced a bill to the Legislature Wednesday that could lead to year-round school operation on a staggered basis in North Carolina.

The measure would permit students to attend school from September to June, December to September, March to December or June to March. Teachers and principals could be employed on a 12-month basis.

The Senate killed a bill to permit lowering of the voting age to 18 Wednesday.

On Thursday the Senate approved a bill to create a new Dept. of Administration suggested by Gov. Hodges.

The bill combines the Budget Bureau and the Division of Purchase and Contract under one agency with powers to create other divisions.

An organized effort is under way to retain Flora Macdonald College as it is, Virginia Frank, president of the Flora Macdonald Alumnae Assn. revealed Tuesday.

The move results from a decision by the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina to establish a four-year Consolidated Presbyterian College at Laurinburg.

L'il Abner



Pogo



By Walt Kelly

## The Daily Tar Heel

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