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The 'Plan For Competence'

length on selection of editor of The from office. Daily Tar Heel, only to be re- We do not think it is a sign of minded of an editorial, "Plan For incompetence when responsible Competence," which relatively re- people stand up to their mistakes cently appeared in a major North and attempt to correct them. And Carolina Newspaper.

Daily Tar Heel as a "practice after they get them. sheet" for his students, the editor- Such editorial opinion fails to ial claimed that students here recognize the broad differences be-"have pretty nearly decided that tween a privately-owned press and they are not competent to pick edi- one for which officials are populartors in the first place and won't ly elected. On a privately-owned keep them if their views are unpo-, paper, the owner or publisher car pular after they get them."

would like to have, as the editorial part of the owner or publisher? said, a "practice sheet" for his stu- We don't think so. The chief dents a laboratory in which, just - executive should have that power, as in botany or zoology courses, his and his decision surely is made for students could work.

with the Dean, we do not feel that the owners and publishers of the he is attempting to "take over" the newspaper, and similarly they poss-Daily Tar Heel as a publication on es the right to select or remove an which journalism students could editor from office. sharpen their teeth.

we'd rather have a journalism stu- rule in Tar Heelia. dent working on The Daily Tar Heel than a history major or a psychology major. And we feel that a working arrangemen can be realized with Dean Luxon's students without losing student control and operation of the Daily Tay Heel.

It is only natural to us that Dean Luxon would desire a "practice sheet" for his students, he it controlled by the Journalism School or by elected representatives of the student body. There are laborator- being used to the light. ies for the physical and natural sciences, and, similarly, there

Yesterday we commented at ing in their jobs can be removed

we do not concur with the editor-Asserting that Dean Norval Neil ial's opinion that students here Luxon of the UNC Journalism have come to recall editors when School would like to take over The " (editors') views' are unpopular

hire, or fire, an editor. But does Well, it's true that Dean Luxon that denote incompetence on the good reason. At the University of However, after talking at length North Carolina, the students are

If that is incompetence, then The newspaper has been in the surely incompetence reigns througpast and still is open to those tak- hout the North Carolina press. ing courses in Bynum Hall. In fact. We're glad that such is not the

## Lights For Library

Someone should see to it soon that lights are locused on the front steps of Louis Round Wilson Lib-THEY

For a student entering the library, his eyes adjusted to darkness. the steps are not hazardous. But they become extremely dangerous for the student who descends after-

Shadows produced by jight shining ontward through the Library doors make the steps look like one black mass, Conceivably, someone could fall and break a leg. To focus lights on the steps would be a meager expenditure. But in the long ture a little expense. could avent a major tragedy.

# CAROLINA CARROUSEL: New Book May Disturb Some, **Awaken Others**

THE DAILY TAR HEEL

By GAIL GODWIN There is a new book out that is going to be mighty disturbing to some people and like a light in the dark to others. It is rapidly climbing on the best seller list, in

spite of its gigantic length (1168 pp.), and has already been proclaimed a literary giant by such book reviewers as Richard McLaughlin. The giant is ATLAS SHRUG-GED by Ayn Rand. Miss Rand's story is about a man who decided to stop the motor of the worldby taking from it all the individuals who had minds and used them. One by one, he urges the "minds" to go on strike against the "looters," (those who live off of the efforts of their superiors). C 0 8

Among the strikers are: a woman who runs a transcontinental railroad, a concert planist who disappears on his greatest night, a playboy who owns most of the world's supply of copper, a philosopher who got tired of teaching that reason and logic still rule to blank faces and deaf ears, and a steel industrialist who has invented a new alloy tougher than steel.

After the strike of the "minds." the "looters" are left free to make a mess of their government and industry in no time short. They soon go begging for the "minds" to return and clean up their mess.

The book is a definite protest against today's increasing burea-

important message for college stu-

dents. In a time of increasing em-

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### "Maybe You'd Better Start Out With A Funny Story"



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#### LETTERS TO EDITOR

# **Reader Looking** For New Editor

To The Editor:

I agree with the editorial in the December 15th issue of The Daily Tar Heel . . . the comic strips should stay on the Editorial page. That page is a farce. However, you should include pictures of your cohorts Lowenstein and Crowther. That would make the comic section complete.

I am aware of the fact that you are not going to take a definite stand on controversial matters because you may jeopardize your job, but must we contend with the gibbering on page two?

You have discussed Fraternities, of which, only about 15% of the Student Body belong, you overworked "Judith", (You wasted time and space. Only two hundred people, a capacity crowd in Roland Parker Lounge, could have seen the play.) you gallantly defended a "poor, humilated Negro schoolgirl" in Charlotte, while on page one you ran the head "NEGRO Rapes Coaches' Wife." Come now, Mr. Eisele, are you torn between two loyailties?

You have elaborated on foreign affairs. You seem to be well versed in the problems of our Nation and its diplomacy. We have State papers to keep us informed on World events. What we need is a campus newspaper.

You give up editorial after editorial on the discussion of a comic-strip character, "Peanuts", and on occasion he's front page news. I find the strip amusing but Charley Brown requires no hero worship . . . . And you, and those backing you, labeled Neil Bass "immature" and "incompetent"!

If it were incompetence, it was a grievous fault, and grievously has Bass answered it.

The Daily Tar Heel has lost its color . . . its punch. There is nothing to cause disagreement. A former student, in a Greensboro news article, called the DTH a "paper doily". These doilies litter the floors of the dormitories. These "daily doilies" are collected each day by the janitors and destroyed. They should be saved. There may be a stortage of paper someday.

While stacks of DTH's lie on the floor unnoticed, and while you are busy "revamping", others, like myself, are searching for a capable editor . . . . Pass the petition, I'll sign

should exist some working ground for journalism students.

Consequently, the Daily Far-Heel should make room for Deau-Luxon's students with an eve to giving the journalism major poactical experience while using his services to produce a daily newspaper for the University community, It should not, however, give way to control or influence by the Journalism School.

As for the inference in the "Plan For Competence" editorial that stindents here aren't capable of elerting editors, we would point out that even on a national level there. exist means by which officials Lui-

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### THE DURHAM SUN Need Scholarship

Educators and others are taking a cautious view of President Eisenhower's new program of federal aid to education designed to speed up the nation's output of scientists.

The program, among other things, calls for the granting of to.000 federal scholarships a year for four years to provide college. education for falented yonths who could not get a college education. otherwise.

Among the things that bother some people is a fear that federal. aid might mean federal "domination" of the schools and attempts to establish and dictate American education policy.

There are some other possible problems which have caused many to adopt a wait-and-see attitude belore committing themselves for or against the plan. And nobody has come up yet with the answer to the question of how these additional thousands of students are to be absorbed each year on college campuses already badly overcrowded. and lacking in sufficient classrooms and other facilities.

No one, we think, denies the nation's need to accelerate its program of scientific research and development. More scientists are needed, but they cannot be turned out overnight. And the answer is not just numerical-quality is even

know, but it we are going to develop more and better scientists on a long-range program, we are going public schools. One of the weaknesses of our education system today, we think, lies in the fact that it is designed to accommodate the "average" child, and the gifted or

Somehow we are going to have to restore a desire on the part of

more important-han quantity.

cracy, dwindling personal liberty, VIEW FROM THE HILL:

#### declining capitalism, and the everpraised welfare state. Miss Rand Man Recovered; Democracy Lost ATLAS SHRUGGED has a very

By CURTIS GANS

Russia, according to Moscow reports, launched a human 186 miles and "conditioning," Miss Rand"s into space and recovered him sucphilosophy demands the return of cessfully The height of Sputnik I was between 100 and 500 miles in space. The chances for the can't help it!" and "You owe me Russians to have a man in a satelsomething because I need it!" As Phillip Rearden did, are not tollife before the year's end appear erated one minute by the men with excellent. The chances for the annihilation or surrender of the U.S. within two years are quite good. A book like this was needed to

answer those who are multiplying If there is at this time any hope their non-absolute ideas on college for peace in the world and hope. compuses: the ideas that nothing for freedom from any tyranny of makes sense, that we must feel, the individuals, it rests on the espousing democracy can keep the

27 E A U.S.S.R., from being able to at-Many days after reading ATLAS tack without fear of retaliation. SHRUGGED, the reader will find The day is rapidly approaching blueself looking for, and wishing when the Russians can be sure for perhaps, a John Galt. To that they can devastate the U.S. these readers the author addresses - before U.S. has a chance to retalthe following postscript at the end iate. At the present time a missile with atomic warhead can negotiate

"I trust that no one will tell the distance between the U.S. and me that men such as I write about my proof that they do."

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be all but eliminated. This must be contrasted with the U.S. failure to put up even a six inch satellite, and what is vehicle. It must also be contrasted against the fact that the one successful U. S. attempt to fire an Intercontinental Ballistics Missile was done only at laboratory range of 500 miles.

The net impression is quite grim, and a grimmer since President Eisenhower saw fit to add only one or two billion dollars to the defense budget of 1958, and proudly proclaimed that his budnot think, that we must accept and assumption that the countries get would be balanced with maybe a surplus and with no increase in taxation

If there was ever a time for prior to World War II drew the line when Hitler attacked Poland. The recent Afro-Asian confer-Russia in less than twenty minu- British Prime Minister Harold don't exist. That this book has tes, This missile guided from a MacMillan's cries for a neutrality

the curvature of the earth would tion of the waning influence of the U. S. in the world.

The latest Russian success will do little to enhance the U.S. reputation with the world-at-large. more important the U.S. failure. It might draw certain nations on to make a satisfactory satellite the U.S. side in the battle for a free world to neutrality or the Russian side for fear of the retaliatory power of the Soviet Union. The doors to freedom are rapidly being drawn shut, they being

drawn shut by a people willing to sacrifice some of their standard of living for their national integrity and for a high place in the world. Surely, the U.S. in order to preserve democracy must be willing to give equally or more to this cause

The time for sacrifice is now, Jan. 7, 1958 The time for a crash program in science, technology. urgency the time is now, before wise foreign policy, and overall the Russians are able to overrun education is the present. No the world. Even Great Britain amount of soothsaying will destroy Russian dominance of the world. The need is for dollars and action. Democracy is fighting for its ence's criticism of the U. S. and life. If policy does not change radically and soon, it is going to lose, and the freedom of any in-

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Disrespectfully yours, CHUCK CHAMBERS

## THE NEW REPUBLIC Ask Me No Questions

Paris, Dec. 18, 1957-The Atlantic alliance reached limited accord in principle tonight on the arming of West Europe with nuclear missiles . -The New York Times

Question: Is it your position, sir, that there should be an agreement in principle on missile bases at the NATO meeting? Dulles: No. I would not think so. I don't favor a great deal of these so-called "agreements in principle." I remember that my first important diplomatic experience was at the Paris peace conference of 1919. We largely used the French language and at that time whenever I was told that a proposition was accepted en principe I always felt discouraged because I knew it would probably never get anywhere.

Press Conference, Dec. 10, 1957

Mr. Dulles is a disaster. -Old Proverb

# **Tea And Symptomy**

#### By FRANK CROWTHER

I think that the time has come for me to pay a visit to Dr. Rhyne and his menagerie of mystics. My jungle has been sending out strange messages concerning things to come.

Last Saturday, for some ridiculous reason, I began thinking about the origin and meaning of several almost proverbial or cliched phrases. One that remained with me throughout the entire day was "dead as a door-nail." Now why being dead as a door-nail happens to have been so enticing, I don't know; in fact, it seemed that the more I thought of the phrase, the more absurd it appeared to be.

Saturday evening, I was in bed reading Cozzens' By Love Possessed (yes, there are those who sometimes stay in and read Saturday nights . . .O.K., so I was sick!) when out of nowhere came a thought about Albert Camus. I also had a dream that night that I was sitting in the warm summer sun reading a new book of criticism concerning Camus.

Sunday afternoon, after having a pleasantly late breakfast at Danziger's restaurant, I went back to the room to ramble through the Sunday New York Times. Two things in the book review section rather astonished me.

J. Donald Adams, who writes the very competent "Speaking of Books" column, led off with a lengthy discussion of the origin of the old saying "dead as a door-nail." This precipitated a bit of head-scratching, but page 13 of the same section stopped me quite cold. There, taking up the whole page, was an advertizement of a new book of criticism on the works of Albert Camus by the French critic. Albert Maquet. The title of the book was Albert Camus: The Invincible Summer.

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members of upcoming generations to delve into the more difficult basic science subjects, rather than be content to go along with the herd and take only the subjects which are required to "just get by." And restoration opportunities facilities and instruction for directed study.

Too long has there been too little premium on scholarship.



New my brother doesn't talk to horses and I'm sure there is no gypsy blood in my immediate family but if that happens again, I think I'll head for Las Vegas and wait for the spirits to move me . . .nonliquid spirits, that is,