

Editor Answers Questions

Perhaps, to clear up the mind of the uniformed individual mentioned elsewhere on today's editorial page, the editor should comment on the questions asked. We feel we are in a better position to do so than Mr. Schruntek.

He asks: Will Doug Eisele run for the editorship of the Daily Tar Heel this spring? If so, what will he stand for THIS time?

If the current editor, come time for elections, is making grades sufficient to allow his continuing in that post, and if he feels the job being done is equal to the position's demands, he will again seek the editorship.

As for implications that he proposed a revision of the Bi-Partisan Selections Board because he himself is a sophomore, such a claim is totally untrue. It seems that if he were a member of that board, he could be instrumental in the rejection of candidates who might oppose him. In fact, he stands to lose more by his omission from the board than if he were a member of it.

Mr. Schruntek is correct in one declaration: it isn't right for a sophomore or junior editor, seeking re-election, to be a party to his own endorsement or rejection by a board of which he is a member. And he is correct in another: the current editor is a sophomore, if that's any sin at UNC.

And what will the editor stand for THIS time? That's an easy one to answer — for the same "competence" which won the election for him in November. And if there's any question about views on campus, national and international affairs, those who really care about the editor's views have only to read the Tar Heel editorial page between now and April. Because the editor will have the same views

next year, if he seeks re-election and wins.

"He (the editor) isn't doing any particular service when he corrects an error or deficiency in the Daily Tar Heel," writes Mr. Schruntek. "That's what he's getting paid for. That's what he was elected to do. He is, after all, a "competent" newspaperman."

Well, we're glad to see that, again, we agree with Mr. Schruntek. We were, as he says, elected to correct errors and deficiencies on the Tar Heel. And we agree with him that such action is not "any particular service." So until we fail to do the job for which we were elected, we shall continue in the post knowing that we are succeeding in the job that we're "getting paid for," what we were "elected to do."

As for our alleged failure to offer "competent" suggestions to improve the method of selection of editor, we would repeat a statement made as long as two weeks ago in our editorial column: we do not know of a plan which could assure the selection of a good editor every year.

If that is a sign of incompetence, then we plead guilty. But we doubt that it is. And if Mr. Schruntek, himself, can come up with a sure-fire method to improve the current plan for selecting editors, we will be among the first to give full support for his plan. But we doubt that even he knows all the answers.

Lastly, we would tell the student body that the "DTH facts of life" are always open to student scrutiny for those who have the time and interest to inquire of us about them. We particularly invite the uninformed, for distortion of truth breeds best on ignorance.

Eisenhower's Ship Of State

By FRANK CROWTHER

The picture of President Eisenhower in yesterday's papers resembled a man feeling his head to see if it still remained intact. Observing the strange reversals of the President's statements of the past week, we might wonder ourselves.

After appearing before Congress last Thursday a week to present a strangely non-committal state-of-the-union message (which was padded with sweet chauvinisms and nicely disguised burblings by an old hand at this sort of speech-spiking, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.), Mr. Eisenhower then sent the legislators a budget which called for an increase of only \$1.1 billion over the fiscal year of 1957, bespoken before Sputnik, courtesy Kurt Stehling.

His justification for this about-face is supposed to lie in the "change in emphasis" he plans for the allocation of defense moneys. Oh, I see, he is about to juggle not only the chains of command in the Pentagon, but he intends to play hide-and-seek with its budget. Money, money, who's got our missile money? Why doesn't he stuff the whole Pentagon into a Mix-Master, churn it up for several months and see what kind of abortion results? We surely cannot end up with any more conspiracy or maleficence than already existing therein.

The President also stated that "things can happen" in the financial and political world in the next 18 months. Well, we're glad to know this! At least one of the warnings of the gloom and doom journalists has hit home, but like seems to be contented with first base and plans to wait for the next batter. If we wait long enough, the game might be called on account of rain—in the form of mis- isles.

But he also went to assure us that his doctors had explained to him that his mind was functioning as usual. "As a matter of fact," said Ike, "in a matter of a couple of hours (after his stroke), doctors were reassuring me that... at least there was no damage to whatever intellectual faculties I have." Well, brother, I'll tell you that isn't reassuring to me, because I always have doubted what was inside that cranium.

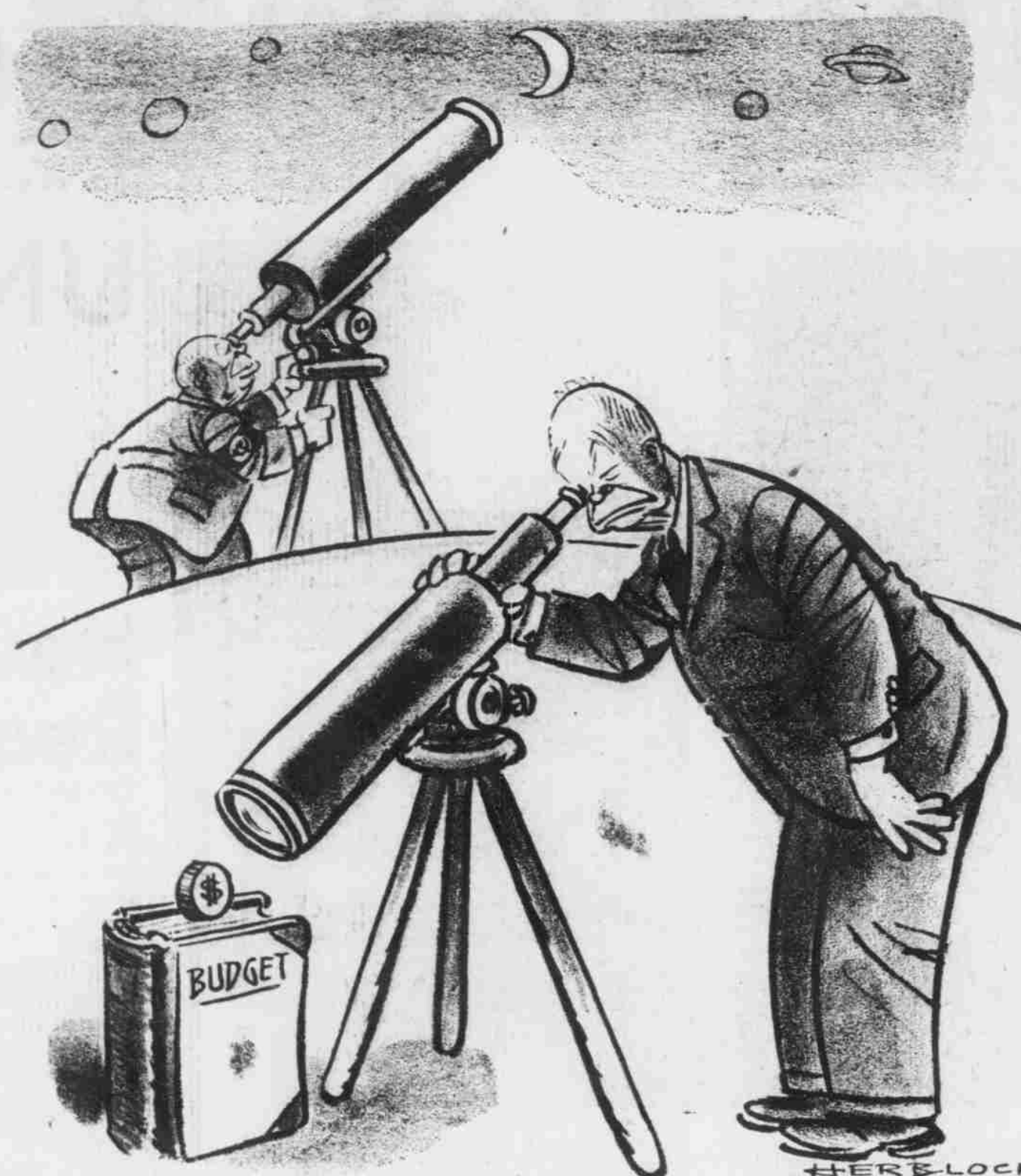
Finally, the United States' only globe circling satellite, John Foster Dulles, was brought into the battle once again. They say that Mr. Eisenhower's temperature shot up and he said, "The last person I would want to see resign is Mr. Dulles... I think he is the wisest, most dedicated man that I know." Lord preserve us. And he probably will, in formaldehyde.

Friend—Congratulations, my boy. You will always look upon this as the happiest day of your life.

Bob—But I'm not getting married until tomorrow.

Friend—Yes, I know. —Durham Sun

Different Worlds



THE BALTIMORE SUN

Don'ts For Congress Are Listed

(The following is an extension of remarks by Hon. J. Glenn Beal, Maryland, in the Senate last Thursday. It is reprinted here from the Congressional Record.)

Mr. BEALL. Mr. President, the Baltimore Sun of January 8 noted editorially that there are a series of "don'ts" which it might be well for all Members of the 85th Congress to keep in mind during our concluding session. This brief checklist presents such a compact and basic guide for us that I feel it should be "must" reading for every Member of both Houses, and therefore I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Appendix of the Record.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Congress reconvenes in a mood that bodes good in some ways and not so good in others. The mood practically guarantees a reinforced defense program, and that is good. But the rivalry between the parties (to show which is the least complacent) threatens rash and ill-considered decisions, too. Herewith, some "don'ts" for re-assembled Congressmen:

1. Don't delude yourselves into thinking that a reorganization in the Pentagon will pass a miracle. Some changes may be necessary. But too often a reorganization merely substitutes unanticipated evils for known evils.

2. Don't forget that the goal of our defense program is defense, not aggression. We are not out to start a war. We are out to make and keep ourselves just strong enough to prevent anyone else from starting a war.

3. Don't forget that the cold war is only part military. Economic weapons are just as important.

4. Don't forget that foreign aid of the right kind is a must in this cold war, and that the kingly of a sound foreign-aid program is the renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. By opening up world markets this helps other countries to help themselves.

5. Don't think that American science can be greatly strengthened merely by passing a law. Strength in science is strength in trained men. Scientific training comes slowly. If you don't think so, take a peek into any contemporary textbook of physics.

6. Don't think that the problems of American education will be solved by a big Federal appropriation. The wrong kind of appropriation would harm rather than help.

7. Don't underestimate the importance of solvency. Behind everything we do—in defense, in the improvement of education, in the improvement of science, in the improvement of our welfare schemes and public works—there must be the wherewithal, the wealth, which has no source whatever except in

our natural resources coupled with a thriving, expanding system of production. Don't forget the fab's about the goose.

8. Above all, in trying to correct past deficiencies in our pattern of living, don't make the mistake of abandoning it. To do that would be to lose the cold war without even knowing we had done so.

Mark Twain, being a celebrity, turned the famous erroneous announcement of his death into a well-known quip. More difficult was the situation of the obscure man whose death was mistakenly noted in his local paper. The "corpse" hastened to the editor to protest.

"I'm awfully sorry," the editor replied. "And it's too late to do much about it. The best thing I can do for you is to put you in the 'Births' column tomorrow morning, and give you a fresh start."

Bird-lovers should note this with special interest: it is really educational. A Connecticut lady called in an expert ornithologist to help her identify a bird whose strange cry she had been unable to identify. The learned gentleman plodded hopefully to the indicated spot, where a landscaping project was in process, and listened intently. Then he came back and reported. The bulldozer on the job was in need of oil.

Students Are Poor Sports

We hope that State College students will conduct themselves more honorably when the Tar Heels play in Raleigh than did a band of vicious Carolina students here Wednesday night.

It now appears that the UNC student body is not only a mass of poor losers, but that it is betraying the fine reputation of its fine basketball squad by seeking revenge when that squad meets with precarious defeat.

Last year all was fine — when Carolina went consistently undefeated on the basketball court. The team was hailed nationally for its good "sportsmanship." Happy students remained gentlemen. Woolen Gymnasium was synonymous with good behavior.

Now it is different. Our basket-

ball players remain good sports, even in defeat. They withstand antagonizing tactics aimed at undermining their national prominence. They impress people in Kentucky; they impress people at home. They are the same good sports who brought North Carolina fame in Kansas last winter.

The metamorphosis has occurred elsewhere. It has seeped down through the all-too-fake front of a student body plush with victory but which cannot withstand defeat. It has spread over and almost covered a shell of gentlemanly behavior that once made students and team a union of commendable conduct.

Overnight, the student body has become the poorest team at the University of North Carolina.

Despite persuasive alibies for behavior following Wednesday night's game, there is no excuse which commends the bully tactics of a whole University against a visiting college. Were it not for the Carolina student body, no incident would have followed Carolina's defeat by State.

But the incident has occurred, and now it has passed. It now behooves every student at UNC to conduct himself forthwith in a manner equal to the sportsmanship of the team which remains undaunted in both victory and defeat.

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The Trouble

From Raleigh has come the report that legal liquor outlets in North Carolina last year rang up sales totaling almost \$65 1/2 million.

This report follows not long on the heels of announcement that North Carolina, in 1957, remained the nation's foremost state in production and sale of untaxed liquor.

What remained untold in both accounts is the fact that "wet" counties in South Carolina reaped sizeable funds from legal liquor taxes to support the education programs in those counties. "Dry" counties did without the benefits.

But the "drys" kept on drinking untaxed liquor and even purchased alcoholic beverages in "wet" counties, taking precious dollars from home to help educate children across the county line. It almost sounds ridiculous.



Answers For Gregory

To The Editor: There's a young man wandering the walks of the UNC campus these days who, surprisingly, hasn't been told—an uninformed individual who doesn't know what's going on up there in those mysterious second-floor offices of GM from day to day.

Gregory, that's what I call him, has somehow formed the idea that the Newspaper Research Committee you spoke about recently is bent on taking your job away from you and starting another recall election. You see Greg reads the edit page religiously and he was pretty broken up when the last editor was shipped out. Perhaps this explains his ignorance about such things—his addiction to the edit page, I mean.

Unfortunately your job isn't in jeopardy but my friend, Greg, is nevertheless alarmed at the idea. His ignorance on the subject of some pretty vital campus issues has prompted me to write the following clarification which I hope will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Daily Tar Heel—for Greg's sake. Greg doesn't believe anything unless he sees it in print and in the pages of the DTH. It's his paper you know! (He pays for it out of student fees.)

This is for Gregory. I call it "God, Mother and the DTH," or "Stargazing into the DTH Editorship." I begin:

Will Doug Eisele run for the editorship of the Daily Tar Heel this spring? If so, what will he stand for THIS time?

In answer to the first question, YES, the recall editor will run again for the DTH post! How do we know? Why, Tuesday's lead editorial provides the answer clearly.

In his "Plan For The Probers," Eisele blandly suggests a revision of the Bi-Partisan Selections Board "for obvious reasons": namely, a sophomore or junior editor seeking reelection would, by virtue of his own membership in the selections board be a party to his own endorsement or rejection by that board. Now this isn't fair, is it?

What would he stand for if he ran in the spring? Tuesday's lead editorial holds that answer also. Everyone will remember how the present editor was shoohed in on a "competence" platform by the two campus political parties recently. He was never called upon to utter a word and became a Silent Partner to the Competence Crusade. He was never asked to give his stands or views on campus, state, national or international issues. That he was competent was enough and he was elected to the editorship by the aroused campus public.

Now, for some reason, Eisele has seen fit to tell us his views on some of those weighty problems of campus life. If I read Tuesday's editorial correctly, the DTH editor stands for MOTHER—selection of editor by popular election is the only fair way to fill the top newspaper posts—for the FLAG—we have a moral obligation, if not a constitutional one, to get the newspaper to all who are required to pay for it—and a STAR SPANGLED DTH—we need... a press camera for the newspaper."

Saturday, the DTH editor began his election campaigning when he uncovered the grossly unfair situation which exists with respect to circulation and receipt of the student newspaper in outlying campus areas.

After his amazing detection of this deficiency, Eisele said that something must be done—in the name of clean play, fellows. He intimated clearly that HE would see to its correction.

The sad and misleading fact concerning this situation, however, is that it is Eisele's job to correct such situations as undermining the newspaper's management, policies and circulation. He isn't doing any particular service when he corrects an error or deficiency in the Daily Tar Heel. That's what he's getting paid for. That's what he was elected to do. He is, after all, a "competent" newspaperman. But one of the saddest points contained in the aspiring editors' treatment of Tuesday's editorial was that he failed completely to offer "competent" suggestions—in print at any rate—to the Newspaper Research Committee when he appeared before it.

None of his "Plans For The Probers" were designed to benefit or improve the real difficulty which exists in the selection and election of "competent" DTH editors. They were merely platform planks for the coming spring election.

Eisele upheld salaries for editorial posts on the paper. He recommended that a program of cooperation and training with the Journalism school be worked out. Actually, both of these are in effect and are in no danger of being discarded, although the latter situation might be improved considerably. If more cooperation with the journalism school is desirable — and it is — then the editor should go about accomplishing that very thing. It's his job.

As I see it, the DTH editor has offered nothing new and has failed decidedly to point his finger at the real problem of the Tar Heel editorship. That is, what should be the qualifications for a Tar Heel editor. This is the consideration he and the Newspaper Research Committee should be giving their attention.

Too often in the past, the campus has been required to choose an editor without any foreknowledge of his experience and ability. Like so many popular elections, the appointment of the Tar Heel Editor has been on a personality basis, in part because the student body didn't care, and in part because they just didn't know.

Surely it's time for the campus to be let in on a few facts of collegiate life. The students might really be interested to know what the man they elect to the Tar Heel editorship each year is expected to know and do. With this little bit of intelligence, they might even be able to elect a "competent" editor instead of the nice guys with the winning smiles who have held the post in bygone days. (Let me point out that I do not include all ex-editors of the Tar Heel in this category.)

I charge the Newspaper Research Committee, therefore, with baring the DTH facts of life to the campus and I charge all aspiring editorial candidates — including Editor Eisele — with the responsibility of examining their credentials for the job much more carefully in the future. Because, who can tell, the student body might decide to elect somebody REALLY qualified for the job if it knows the facts.

Well, that's it Greg. What do you think? WALT SCHRUNTEK