

Truman

Harry S. Truman perhaps was a courageous and outspoken president, but his trip to North Carolina this week gave no indication of this. He described the trip as one to bring votes for the Democratic Party, but if the party takes as many equivocal stands as Mr. Truman, the party will surely lose votes.

His non-committal policy shown out strong when talking about civil rights and Paul Butler, and the fairly obvious political pandering for votes in saying that the Democratic Party welcomes all people, which is indicative that Mr. Truman welcomes people such as Orval Faubus which Chairman Butler was not so willing to admit.

The two-party system depends eventually on divergence of point of view, and if this divergence is not achieved, the United States may as well have a one-party system devoted to the platitude of better government.

Finland

The fall of the 19th post World War II government in Finland is again indicative of the role that economics has to play in world politics. Finland's governmental fall was a direct result of the Russian withholding of needed trade from this country due to the viewpoint of its prime minister.

The economic issues in the world today are taking a more important role than ever before.

The United States, for instance, is finding that the idea of freedom is not as appealing to the people of Southeast Asia as the idea of being assured of a meal the next day.

The time for the United States to realize that military defense and pious statements are not enough to insure freedom for America and other peoples of the world is now. There must be a concrete aid program to meet the economic offensive that Russia is waging.

Christmas Decorations

Graham Memorial has gone whole hog on Christmas decorations and the end product looks very nice.

The production of the gigantic wreath on the front of the building took quite a bit of effort, and those putting in the effort are to be congratulated.

Best Dressed

Why is it that the winners of "best dressed" contests usually receive as their reward, a wardrobe of clothes?

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The World News In Review

"I'm Right Behind You, General"



Ed Rowland

The top news this week, and also the grimmest, was the Monday fire in Chicago which killed 90 students and 3 nuns teaching them in a parochial school.

The fire's suddenness caused fire officials to look for possible arson clues, but none have been turned up. The fire chief theorized that a sneak smoker carelessly tossed a cigarette butt into a pile of waste paper which caught fire.

The fire was the third worst school blaze in the United States in the last 100 years. It brought on a flood of school inspections across the country as officials sought to prevent a recurrence of the fire.

Officials here also suspect arson, although concrete evidence to that effect has not been found. Thirty or more homes, a few of them mansions owned by movie and television personalities, were destroyed.

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The launching missile itself is a Jupiter-C missile topped by three stages of small rocket rockets. Dr. Werhner Von Braun said the rocket will be aimed at the moon but that chances of hitting it are extremely slim.

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Ron Shumate

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Alone

Thomas Wolfe

A stone, a leaf, an unfound door; of a stone, a leaf, a door. And of all the forgotten faces.

Naked and alone we came into exile. In her dark womb we did not know our mother's face; from the prison of her flesh have we come into the unspeakable and incommunicable prison of this earth.

Which of us has known his brother? Which of us has looked into his father's heart? Which of us has not remained forever prisoner? Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?

O waste of loss, in the hot mazes, lost, among bright stars on this most weary unbrigit cinder, lost! Remembering speechlessly we seek the great forgotten language, the lost lane-end into heaven, a stone, a leaf, an unfound door. Where? When? O lost, and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again.

O lost, and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again. Thomas Wolfe, LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL

Letters
To Mr. Patrick Marnane:
From your letter I wasn't sure exactly what you were criticizing besides the YMCA, the Quarterly, "beat" magazines, and everything except letter writing but in case you are criticizing the Spectrum, as a member of its editorial board, I am inclined to write you a few opinions of my own.

Pip's Quips

Pringle Pipkin

When the State Student Legislature meets next week and begins its business, undoubtedly the question of whether the N. C. Delegation of the SSL represents what the students think will come up.

Controversial issues will be discussed and the stands taken probably won't please everyone. However, it must be allowed that the delegation be accepted as representative of the group who had the most interest in applying for positions.

All students had a chance to apply for the committee. If you assume that the delegates were chosen fairly (I think they were), then it follows that delegates represent the different viewpoints roughly (radical, liberal, moderate, conservative and reactionary) proportionally to the number of students who applied.

To be truly representative the UNC delegates could be elected, but since there are 39 members of the delegation, this system does not seem too practical.

Consequently, if you feel that your ideas and opinions were not voiced by the delegates, then, when the SSL delegates are chosen next year, you should apply and make an effort to have those who feel the same way you do to apply also.

There is some question as to what the proper attitude of UNC delegation be. Should the delegates attempt to represent what they feel is the general opinion of the students or should the delegates attempt to lead and shape student opinion?

I think that the majority of the delegates feel the latter attitude and that their action will generally be "liberal." The "moderates" and "conservatives" who tend to think of themselves as composing the majority of the student body will be unhappy, will complain (I feel this contention is correct though the majority is not by a large margin).

Their unhappiness really won't be justified. This group of students too often takes a negative attitude and too often is content to let the "liberals" control policy making committees without making a determined effort to see that their own viewpoint is represented.

More complaints are not enough; some action is needed. This article is not intended to be a defense of any action which the SSL delegates may take, but rather it is meant to show that those persons may not be pleased with the results of this year's delegation might take efforts next year to see that their ideas are represented.

Letters
Editor: Today was a black day in the history of our University. Today was a black day in the history of the world.

Today was a black day. Today Dr. Erkenbraaker hurled an eraser at one of two dogs who were barking during his lecture on Egyptian hieroglyphics.

This was an act of gross inhumanity. Dr. Erkenbraaker threw the eraser at the strawberry colored dog. He did not throw the eraser at the more common variety of Black and white dog.

This was an act of gross color discrimination. All liberal minded students of the University must rise up in one shout of protest against such heinous inhumanity and discrimination.

Or liberalism will surely die forever on our campus. Something must be done about this. We must send a telegram. Chuck Nisbet

Letters
Editor: Just what is the slowdown on the proposed constitutional amendment which would give the student government the power to select our head cheerleader? The student legislature has approved this amendment, but in no way has it supported its action with basis or reason.

Does the proposal possess any merit whatever? Evidently it does not since we lack information about it. This may be an attempt to hoodwink the student body. Our right to vote and elect our own head cheerleader is at stake. The legislature is hastily willing to take this right away from us and is just as hasty in leaving us uninformed on the reason why. The legislature is there to do some things for us students, but not everything. We can choose our own head cheerleader. We have done it before and we can again. Are we capable to elect our student government leaders, but incapable to elect our own cheering leader? Our abilities are not that inconsistent!

This scheme does an injustice to our intelligence. I hope the students will think about, then vote according on this proposal.

Letters
Editor: I would like to compliment Mr. Roy B. Goodman on his letter to the Editor, of November 26, 1958. I am sure that everyone was very pleased by Mr. Goodman's editorial on the subject of independents in the last election, and it is my opinion that unless the two parties on this campus put forth some hard-working candidates in the Spring election, that this campus will have a large number of independent candidates elected.

I was very impressed by the election of Dewey Sheffield. I think that he will be heard from more on this campus and that the parties on this campus would be wise to try to get him join, as he will prove a great asset to the party to which he belongs.

I had never met Dewey until the campaign, but he made a lasting impression on me, as I am sure that he did on many, many students on this campus, as was clearly shown by the large vote which he received, in the past election.

I feel sure that I can say that the two political parties on this campus clearly have their job cut out for them in the Spring election, if they expect to capture many positions. Ronnie Bull