Witches & Goblins: Some Advantages Of "Trick-Or Treat"

We ask your momentary indulgence this morning on the very serious subject of Halleween, witch, if you have not hoticed, is suddenly upon us.

We call Halloween serious in that Linus, of "Pe nuts" fame elsewhere on this page. has been preoccupied of late with the coming of the "Great Bumpkin." But we will forgive you and have patience with your lack of sincerity; you must be grayely concerned with matters of consequence, as the Little Prince says.

There are, however, certain advantages desirous of an education. Thereof playing the "trick-or-treat" game.

Tonight, you have an excuse to knock on the door of that house where the blonde lives. You have the opportunity to sneek up to Gimphoul Castle and spook the spooks.

And this is the only night of the year you. have to get even with Kemp.

For the ignominious doubters and scoffers in our midst, we might remind you that Brigitte Bardot may be lounging behind one of the doors your knuckles grace this magical evening. On the other hand, you may stumble into a Gravel Gertie. But that's what makes the game exciting.

At any rate, remember that it's not whether you win or lose that counts, but that you play the game. Let's all get out and haunt the Hill tonight.

(See you in jail.)

Plaudits For J. Yardley

Bouquets and plaudits are to be showered upon Germans Club President Jonathan Yardley for securing the services of the Kingston Trio for Germans. We understand that his winter lineup will be equally impressive. It's about time somebody took the Germans Club by the horns and got some top-flight talent here. It looks like Yardley is the man for the job, the prospects better than for many years. If the next two are anything as fine as this one. Yardley will certainly be the best president within recent memory.

T. R. B. Reports

Fate was unkind, we think, to Soviet ambassador Mikhail Menshikov. He has gone home on "vacation" with some well-publigized ailments. Washington waits to find whether he comes back or joins Mr. Molotov in some lively, musual spot like Outer Mongolia. For 40 years, Marxist dogma demanded a picture of a shaky, corrupt, decadent Anterica from Washington, and Soviet diplomats and Tass faithfully supplied the standardized demand. Then Mr. K came over to see for himself. Members of the press on the bectic trip know that all through those incredible 13 days Menshikov fought to defend his picture of the U.S. He was out to show America's gloomy side just as poor Cabot Lodge was out to show the bright. (Dramatic isn't it? - the little bad angel and the little good angel wrestling for rolypoly Mr. K!) Well, anyway Mr. K wears Communist blinkers, but he has shrewd, bright peasant's eves for all that. The traveling US press developed a wry affection for him. And now Menshikov suddenly goes back to Moscow, How about all those workers' cars, ch Mikhail; how about all those workers' homes in San Francisco which the Moscow press said couldn't be sold at the price? Come, come Mikhail! - there is an old Russian proverb that says, "Use too much poison on a dead rat and you end up in Outer Mongolia."

T.R.B. writing in "The Nation"

Three Items

This is the fourth home football game of the season. There are several things we would like to see today. In order of importance they include:

1. No throwing of cards in the card section. A lew of the more obnoxious and less mature individuals of the local student community have generally made themselves quite unbearabe over the past few games and seasons by liberally sprinkling the spectators with sharp-edged cardboard signs. This must be ceased pronto, unless serious injuries are desired.

2. A more refined attitude by the head che rleader, whose conduct at the first couple of games is open for criticism. It is too bad that a few profane utterences have otherwise marred a good performance. All in all Charlie Graham is the best head cheerleader in years, but could be better yet by

using more discretion, 3. A victory over the Vols.

Reader's Repository

One of the unnecessary regulations of this university is the rule that students must attend the great majority of classes, and take very few cuts. This is absurd. since college students are supposed to be mature enough to realize the importance of classes if they want good grades. The student who does not regularly attend classes will probably fail. and eventually be asked to leave the University. This kind of student should not be in college in the first place, since he is not fore, I advocate that students be. allowed to elect for themselves the number of classes they attend, and the number of cuts they take in each subject.

Unlimited cuts would serve two purposes: it would reduce the number of students in the University, and it would raise the quality of the students. The University is becoming quite overcrowded, as most of you realize. The dermitories are not being built last enough to accommodate the increase of students, classes are crowded, and instructors can not give the student the individual attention he should get.

allowing unlimited class cuts would be the subsequent rise in the caliber of the student. The serious student is not going to miss very many classes; he will attend regularly to assure himself many classes: he will attend regularly to assure himself that he understands all the material given in the individual courses. Therefore, he will probably obtain good grades. On the other hand, the nonchalant student will probably not attend as many classes as he should, he will miss valuable material necessary for good Editor: fill. UNC is in the same position that the majority of the other good universities in the country but not the paper it's printed on. are in; that is, they have many more applicants for admission than the best chance of deriving the maximum benefits from a college education Of course the admis-Most of these students leave be- stone of sanity. . fore the end of the freshman year or do not re'urn for their sophomore year. By having voluntary apart from the others.

The University has an obligation both to the state and to the nation to serve the people in the best manner possible. Those students who are not willing to derive the maximum benefits from a college education should not be allowed to remain in the University. Voluntary class attendance would be an excellent cri-*terion for removing unwilling students and leaving more places for the serious student who is determined to educate himself

Douglas Carrell Burkhardt

1 ditor:

Congratulations are in order for the freshman football team. They did to Maryland what the varsity

"Thirteen Steps to Christianity" which appeared in the October 14 issue of the Daily Tar Heel. Precisely what was he attempting to do? The essay was so poorly handled that I cannot possibly ascertain his intention. Was he labouring to attack Christianity, or was he attempting to expose, through satire, fallacious arguments against it and thus, like Ivan in book five, chapter five of Dostoevski's The Brothers Karamazov, build up a zealous sup-

I should welcome any enlightenment you may be able to give ? me. I have puzzled over it for an entire week, and still the article

seems a hopeless mess. George Stevenson



Crusade Against Fraternities

Re Wade Thompson's two-part series on fraterasked to leave the University, nities from The Nation just completed in The Daily since they occupy places hundreds Tar Heel, may I paraphrase his last sentence: "If of willing students are eager to this article serves to reduce my sentence by even one day, it will have been worth the writing," ...

It takes no great courage, I suppose, to join the evailable places. The admissions mass of "intellectuals" clamoring for the abolition committee has to pick those stu- of Greek houses; to the contrary it takes courage cents whom they think will have to stand up and say that they are important and that they can be made even more so. None are perfect, and there are some pretty bad ones, but sions committee is not perfect, together they comprise an important aspect of coland many students get into the legiate life that is useful, not as a last sanctum of University who should not be here, inaninity like Thompson suggests, but as a touch-

In my collegiate experience at Carolina, I watchclass attendance, the serious stu- ed individuals' violently anti-fraternty attitudes with cent would immediately be set several reasons: discrimination clauses, balling systems, hazing, pledge training, and generally narrow outlook. These individuals have come and gone and fraternities have lasted.

> But they have heeded some of the complaints, the ones that were and are valid. They are not static organizations as many independents will declare; they are constantly changing.

My own fraternity has voted out its discrimination clause not from outside but inside. The time perhaps has come when one cannot stand up and say "I'm a Caucasian," or "I'm a Negro," or a Catholic or Jew or Protestant or Athlest or American Indian, but a man, a human, and as such a brother to all other humans.

Fraternities too have decided to be more manly and dignified than their fathers' and grandfathers' John Jennrich were. They no longer think a pledge must be able to eat ten dill pickles, three raw eggs mixed with catsup, milk, salt and pepper, well paddled down Frankly, I'm nonplussed by The- to prove his worthiness for brotherhood. Fraterniodore Crane' Jr.'s article entitled ties have come to the conclusion that a pledge, as

SCARED.

ARE YOU?

PEANUTS

LM ... NO ..

NOT REALLY.

HALLOWE'EN.

800 HOO

LOOK! LOOK!

Thompson says, must be a gentleman, a brother in spirit, believing in the ideals of a man. Thompson belittles this as "joy-juice."

Hogwash, Thompson. What's the matter, didn't they let you run your own little chapter at Chicago like you wanted to? Did you quit with a sour grapes attitude because you got your wrist slapped and your chapter's charter withdrawn? C'mon now, 'fess

As for his assertion that fraternities and scholarship are as far apart as perhaps the United States and the moon, let me straighten him out. Fully 90 per cent if no more national fraternities demand their chapters be above certain standards on their own campus, usually above the all-men's and/or the all-fraternity average. Too many semesters or quarters below this mark brings on penalties that may be as drastic as suspension of social privileges.

No. scholarship isn't the sole aim of fraternities: Socializing may be. After all, they are social fraternities, not professional or class groups.

I really cannot answer in one letter all the things Thompson rattles off like air expert that may or may not be short-comings of fraternities. nor do I intend to. Much of it is patently unanswerable because of its absurdity

My association with a fraternity was pleasant, rewarding and if I may say so, fulfilling. It did not cloud my ultimate goal, that of obtaining an education, rather it aided that aim. Fraternities have been a boon to others, too.

And they would extend that help, if they were allowed to do so. But every time they try something new misguided radicals dismiss it as "not entirely" altruistic, and the project dies from lack of response.

They've done and are doing a lot for Carolina and other campuses across the nation, and the more they are allowed to do the more and better they'll

> Ed Rowland Carolina '59 Sigma Phi Epsilon

lireky lately? Heh heh. Just thought I'd drop you a line to tell you that everything is fine down here at God's Country and that your old buddy is doing real fine at school and is getting what's coming to him. By the way, old pal, I'm passing through New York this winter and I was just wonder-

How are you all? Everything is fine down here. I've gotten a couple of A's on pop quizzes and a B on an hour exam in Geology and things are looking up everywhere in general. Now about this letter you got from the Credit Bureau.

I am writing to enquire about the possibility of getting a job with your firm for the summer of 1960. Although I have had not direct experience in hog slopping. I feel that my work here on the Daily Tar Heel and the YMCA will be a big help in getting orient-

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you very much for your sweet invitation to the Mid-Semester Ball, I'm terribly sorry I can't make it, but it doesn't look as though I'll make it to mid-semes-

And so it goes. Remember, there is duty, escape it.

Post-Script

Jonathan Yardley

Every once in a while during the course of a school year there comes a three or four day period when the student is overcome with a rash of letters which must, at pain of death, be written. Some of them are of serious import, some of jolly levity, but all are important to the overall job of holding one's own in an increasingly complex world: the frightening world of post-adolescence, pre-independence, ante-Uncle Samus, ante-income taxus, post-blue suedeus, post-milk shakus. In an effort to help the confused and bewildered young man at the threshold of doom we herein offer our services as back writer extraordinaire in these stellar samples of how to evade important questions: Hi there

Well, it sure has been a long time since I've been in touch with you. Guess it must have been Myrtle Beach, wasn't it? Just last summer . . . Sure does seem a long time ago though, doesn't it? Gee, but time flies, Golly, Well, what I was writing about was you see, we're having this big concert and football game down here this weekend and I was wondering if you'd like to come? I know it's kind of short notice, and it is a long way from Boston but, well, the Kingston Trio is going to be ere and

Dear Dr. Jones:

I am very sorry to have missed c'asses on 10.5 - 10.7 - 10.9 -10.12 - 10.14 - 10.16 and 10.19. but I have been very sick in the infirmary with some disease they couldn't figure out. I tried very hard to keep up with my work and think I did pretty well. I've mastered everything through Chapter Three . . .

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have received your letter of October 10th and have given it my close and immediate attention. I am doing my best to pay my bill of \$198.63, but I am in a state of financial destitution and am even having trouble finding money for my meals. I've had to cut out breakfast. But I've worked out this little plan which I'm sure you'll think is pretty good and Hi there Joe-

How are you old buddy? Been ing if you had a little old bed . Dear Mom and Dad,

Dear Sirs:

youths of our fair land: whenever



What If It's You ? ? ?

The professor made his point or so he thought, and turned to look at the impact it had made only to find a large group of expressionless faces.

With the air of one who has been through the routine before, he began to illustrate. "I'm sure you have all read," he said not quite so surely, "about the figures recently released on nuclear testing fallout. I'm sure you've noticed that they tell a story of how, with each subsequent bomb there will be an extra 5,000 mutations at childbirth. I'm sure you've mentally calculated that 5,000 in 2,500,000,000 people who inhabit this earth is not a very large number. And I'm sure the problem has not greatly worried you."

And then he turned and faced the class directly: He pointed his finger at one student and exclaimed, "BUT WHAT IF ONE OF THOSE 5,000 IS YOU? What if that mutated individual with three arms is YOUR child?"

The class was quiet. A few squirmed in their chairs, and the person at whom the finger was pointing noticeably held his breath. The bell, however rang shortly afterward, and the one moment of truth, the one real involvement of a group of students was lost through the door into the warm and sunny air, and the green of the campus grass.

And yet the message was not totally lost, for it can be told here. It can be told that the problems of the world are yours. That the burden of responsibility for their solution rests on your shoulders, and the challerge to create a world in which peace and freedom are co-existent must be met by you.

And the challenge was never so great as it is today. It was announced in stentorian tones not very long ago when a Russian rocket cut the cool Russian night air and planted itself firmly on the moon affirming once and for all that the message dispatched October 4, 1957, with the first Sputnik had not changed; namely that in many cases of military endeavor the Soviet Union, not the United States was firmly in the lead. And although the message perhaps was missed in the United States with all the furor over the Khrushchev visit caused the United States to miss five rocket failures of its own, it was not missed by the countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America in whose hands the survival of the concepts of democracy and free

Thus, today becomes a time for a dual process of evaluation and action. It becomes a time to take stock of what has caused our failure to meet the challenge of the modern day world, what has caused the internal debacle that has found the United States reacting to challenge from without instead of creating the challenges through inspired leader ship. And once finding the cause, it becomes a time to take remedial action, to patch the inmended fences, and to build a new and clean

The cause is a lack of concern. It has been fortered by a lack of awareness and a refusal on the part of Americans in general and students in par-

(To Be Continued) Curtis B. Gans National Affairs Vice President U.S. National Student Assoc.

What About This?

1. The nation is at war.

2. The nation is losing the war, badly.

3. The nation must exert a vastly greater effort

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