

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

We ask your momentary indulgence this morning on the very serious subject of Halloween, which, if you have not noticed, is suddenly upon us.

Reader's Repository

Editor: 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.

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.

T. R. B. Reports

Fate was unkind, we think, to Soviet ambassador Mikhail Menshikov. He has gone home on "vacation" with some well-publicized ailments. Washington waits to find whether he comes back or joins Mr. Molotov in some lively, unusual spot like Outer Mongolia.



Crusade Against Fraternities

Editor:

Re Wade Thompson's two-part series on fraternities from The Nation just completed in The Daily Tar Heel, may I paraphrase his last sentence: "If this article serves to reduce my sentence by even one day, it will have been worth the writing."

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 Did you quit with a sour grapes attitude because you got your wrist slapped and your chapter's charter withdrawn?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, 'less up.

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 of 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.

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 an 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 do it.

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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.

Dear Mr. Smith: I am very sorry to have missed classes 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.)

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-semester.

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.

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.

This, 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.

(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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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.

Editor: Frankly, I'm nonplussed by Theodore Crane Jr.'s article entitled "Thirteen Steps to Christianity" which appeared in the October 13 issue of the Daily Tar Heel.



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