

## DTH Editorial Page

EDITORIALS

### And Away We Go... Again

With the spring nominating conventions less than two weeks away, speculation on the various candidates is starting to get hotter and hotter.

At stake are a variety of posts—the top four officers of the student body, the officers of the Senior Class, the four delegates to the National Student Association convention, all 50 legislative seats, the DTH editorship and a sprinkling of Honor Council posts.

Our concern is two fold: that the campaigns will be conducted on a high level and that our two political parties will seek to nominate the most experienced people.

### Our Apologies

Yesterday in an editorial concerning the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans and its position in support of the state Speaker Ban Law, we said that the YR's College Council was on record in opposition to the law. We gleaned this "fact" from an Associated Press wire report of the Federation's meeting in Charlotte last weekend.

Yesterday, local YRC president Charles Hooks informed us that this statement is incorrect, and that the YRC College Council has never taken a stand on the law.

We herewith offer our apologies to the Young Republicans for inadvertently misrepresenting their position, and to our readers for giving this false spark of hope about the thinking of college Young Republicans.

### Jesse Gets A New Challenge

Monday's announcement from Raleigh that former Gov. Terry Sanford and a group of associates are applying for a UHF television channel in the Research Triangle market raises some interesting possibilities for contemplation by local tube addicts.

No one knows, of course, whether the application will be successful. But there is something to be said for giving Terry and his cohorts a Raleigh station, especially in light of the television situation currently existing in the area.

Not the least important consideration is that we might at last obtain an outlet for the NBC programs so long lacking in the area and have restored a normal network schedule.

The most fascinating prospect, however, is that of an editorial voice to take issue with Jesse Helm's "Viewpoint," the editorial expression of WRAL-TV, which consists largely of being against every-

### A Good Step In Viet Nam

President Johnson's decision to take immediate retaliatory action Sunday against the Viet Cong answers at least one question about that far-off war. We now know exactly what attitude the President intends to take in Southeast Asia.

The action, taken after the Viet Cong raided several bases on South Vietnam, sent 49 Navy jets into North Vietnam to blast a Communist staging area.

We have always favored a hard line in that troubled area, and have urged the administration to take action there—at least one way or another. Our past method of fighting the Reds was to sit back and let them come to us, and we spent most of our time trying to straighten out the muddled political situation in Saigon.

But now, apparently, we are going to be more forceful, and we doubt our actions will precipitate a full-scale war like Korea.

We do believe President Johnson's decision to take the offensive, even as small an offensive as was taken will cause Ho Chi Mihn and Mao Tse-tung to give some consideration to the thought that perhaps the Americans aren't as stupid and cowardly as they thought.

Our President has shown he will not tolerate too much in that area, and that the straw which will break our patience is not far off.

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We do not, at this writing, intend to express a preference for one candidate over another. The Daily Tar Heel is a monopoly of sorts, and for it to become an advocate of one party or the other would be a grievous mistake indeed.

We do intend to weigh each candidate's merits and speak out. In our years at Carolina we have seen excellent people vie for the various posts, and we have seen totally incompetent people try and pass themselves off as a qualified candidate.

For instance, a young lady who ran for Secretary of the Student Body some years back, who did not know how to type. Unfortunately, she was one of the reigning campus beauties and defeated an exceptionally qualified girl.

The winner later quit the post, throwing the administration into a bind.

That is what we want to avoid. Student Government at Carolina is too big, too complex and too worthwhile to be placed in the hands of people whose first concern is for their own glory.

There are good people who are considering running for office. We urge them to do so, and leave a bit of their excellence behind, in the form of better student government, when they graduate.

And we wish the potential office-seekers and office-holders the best of luck. A month-long campaign is taxing and requires great endurance, but the campus deserves every opportunity to hear each candidate and weigh his views.

Let's have the best candidates, so the student body cannot go wrong whichever they choose.

thing. Assuming that "the truth will out," perhaps "Viewpoints" will soon be up against some "newpoints" and the outcome of this conflict will be some long-overdue "true-points" for Raleigh-Durham viewers.

### Move, HUAC

From The Durham Morning Herald

A Georgia congressman, of all people, has called on the House Un-American Activities Committee to pull its investigative nose out of the political left field temporarily and probe the field of the Ku Klux Klan.

The congressman, Rep. Charles L. Weltner, is a new member of the Un-American Activities Committee. His call was backed up by another Southerner, Rep. George W. Grider of Tennessee. But the surprise of a Georgia congressman making such a plea isn't likely to be followed by the near miracle of committee action any time soon.

Still, the idea is intriguing for several reasons. It would be healthy for the South and the nation to focus the hot light of publicity on the Klan. Here is an organization which by its traditions and its inflammatory philosophy is at odds with the American ideal of a society ordered by law.

In states like North Carolina the klansman's facial mask has been removed by law. But the mask of demagoguery and delusion remains in place. And the House committee could, as Rep. Weltner says, do a genuine service by revealing the true nature of "this invisible empire."

Ironically, Rep. Weltner's proposed investigation would inadvertently disarm the noisy critics who want the committee abolished. Except in the unlikely event that groups such as the fuzzy-brained "Mothers' March for Peace" were prepared to denounce the committee for investigating the Klan, they would deny their own confused charge that Congress has no right to maintain an Un-American Activities Committee.

By the same token, the committee would promote the wholesome understanding that threatens to the "American way" can spring from places other than left field. Indeed, they spring up regularly in the murky doings of the Invisible Empire. And it is a bitter irony that even the unexpected voice of reason from Georgia is unlikely to move the House committee to turn its attention there temporarily.

### Chicken Feed For Athletics

By LEROY CURTIS  
(Ye Olde Fabler)

Once upon a time, there was a great big farm. On the farm there were lots of animals—all kinds of animals. Once in a while there were problems in raising the animals, but for several years the biggest problems occurred in the chicken yard.

The chickens were always the favorite animals of the children on the farm. They liked to pet the chicks, watch them peck around the yard, and boast about them to kids from the other farms.

Especially, the children liked the chickens in the big coop. The chickens in the smaller coop were ok, but the children paid most of their attention to those in the big coop.

The farmer was very economy minded, and when he hired men to guard the chickens from the many beasts that lived in the area, he chose men who would work for fairly low salaries.

Some of these men did very well, notably in the smaller coop, killing many foxes, and saving almost all of the chickens entrusted to them by the farmer. This made the children very happy.

Two men were unpopular because many beasts were able to mangle the favorite chickens in the big coop. The children cried and begged the farmer to spend more money and to get better guards to watch over their chickens.

The farmer scolded the children, asking them what made them think that the chickens were theirs. He told them that the chickens belonged to the farm, and the farm couldn't afford to hire really good guards.

"Besides," the farmer added, "there are lots of other animals on the farm more important than the chickens, and they need lots of protection." "Another thing," the farmer said, "I think the big coop guards are doing fine; they usually only lose half of the chickens."

"And what about last year, when the autumn guard was able to take his fine chickens to a big national show — and win?"

"Yes," the autumn guard butted in, "And what about this year, when I stopped that big cat who'd been getting after my chickens ever since I came here? That beast was only one of the devils that I outsmarted this year."

The children did not cheer up any, because they knew that the autumn guard had lost all the chickens this year that he'd saved last year — and the year before his record was even worse.

The winter guard was eager to point out that he was saving at least half of the chickens, successfully protecting them from a wildcat or two, and that he had warned off that notoriously huge blue beast that hides in the rocks.

The children only cried more. They were very unhappy, but the farmer continued to ignore them.

Soon, the children lost interest in the chickens. They stopped petting them and were even ashamed to talk about them to the kids from the other farms.

This suited the farmer and the chicken guards just fine. They were happy to be left alone to take care of the animals as they pleased.

Only the children were unhappy (except for maybe a chicken or two).

MORAL OF THIS STORY: Don't count... on your chickens, kiddies.

By GARY BLANCHARD

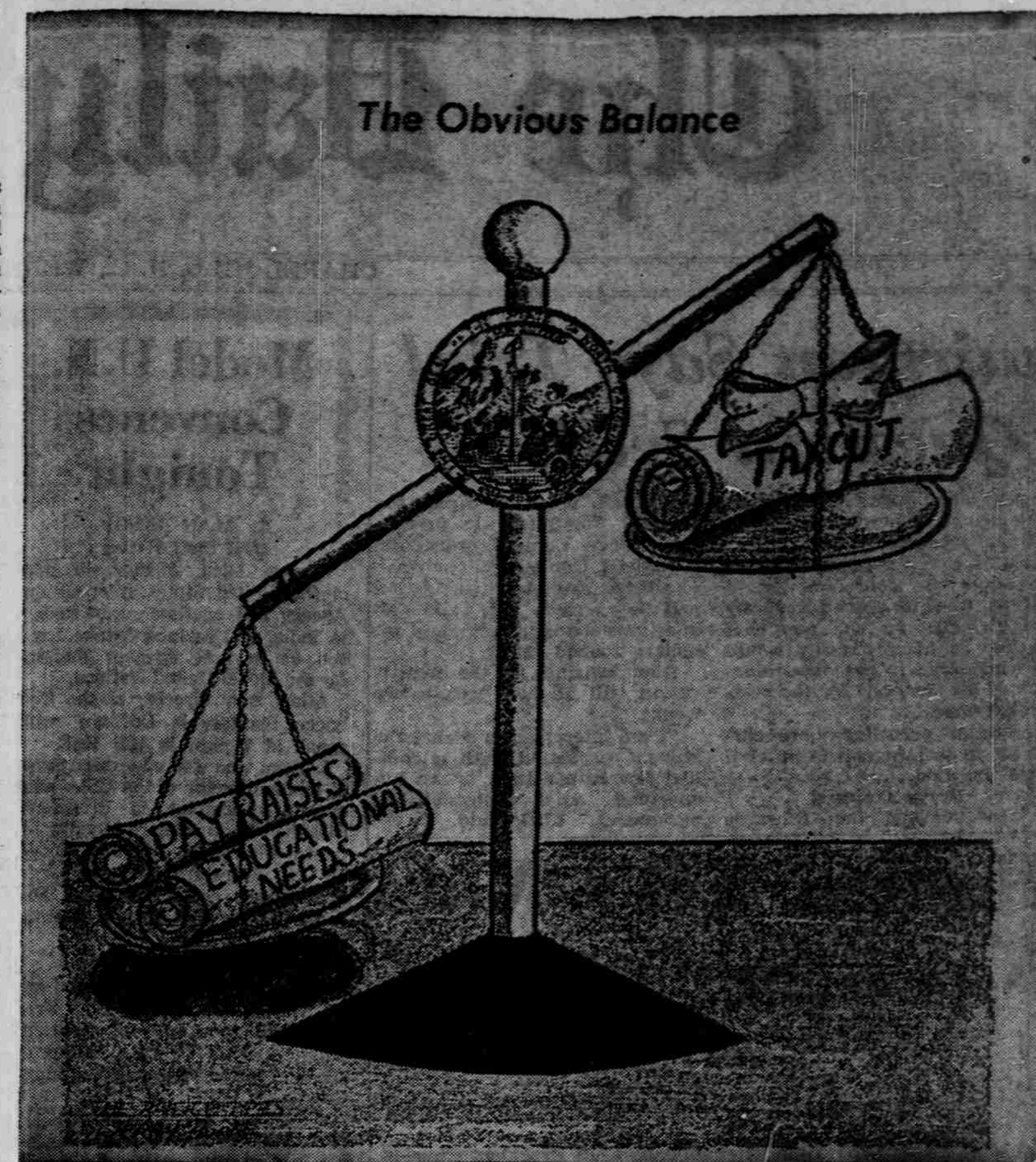
PRINCETON, N. J. — Dear John Hart, Law School, UNC:

Although derogatory is spelled with only one r, and although I no longer suck my thumb, you nevertheless hit one or two nails on the head in your (hopefully cathartic) emotional hammerings at my recent article on Conservatives.

But, all in all, old friend, I think you merely proved my main point, and several others I would like to have made, to the effect that most so-called Conservatives are so busy justifying their label that they resort to the silliest of generalities and contradictions.

Conservatives, in other words, are in general so preoccupied with irrelevant railing and rationalization that their potential effectiveness in the general area of public affairs goes unrealized. My point is that this is bad not only for them, but bad for the rest of us who are trying diligently to cast off the ideological blinders that all of us unconsciously pick up in the process of growing up.

Why is it bad? Because the exceedingly complex nature of today's world requires that as much intelligence as possible be mustered to cut through the



### Letters To The Editors

## Two Courts Under Attack

### Honor System Goes Half Way

Editors, The Tar Heel:

In regard to the recent two-part editorial, "The Air Force and Us," I have two comments.

(1) The men expelled were guilty for violating THAT "Honor System," since they had agreed to abide by its rules.

(2) Any "Honor System" that requires one to be an informer is, at best, a quasi "Honor System," though it is binding on those that agree to abide by it.

The Naval Academy does not require one to be an informer. This is right. Honor is an absolute. When it ceases to be an absolute, it becomes something less than honor.

If one is required to be an informer by a given system, that system, by its own self-contradiction, cannot be an honor system. In requiring one to inform on another, the system presumes that the party being informed upon will not turn himself in. This is something less than honor.

If the system were a true honor system, a man's word would be his bond. If a person did not turn himself in, this very act would be equivalent to the statement "I am not guilty." At the instant that a man's word is not accepted, the system becomes something less than an honor system.

In any true honor system a man's word will be the "truth."

If he says he is innocent, any judicial proceeding (Honor Court trial) that attempts to prove other wise relegates the system to something less than a true honor system.

In conclusion, I am neither attacking nor defending the Air Force and UNC "Honor Systems;" I am bound by that system. I do feel that the Daily Tar Heel should realize that at UNC and the Air Force Academy, the system is a quasi-honor-judicial system, not a true honor system, since a true honor system cannot require one to be an informer.

One might note that the "Honor System" is not in effect in this nation. Our lives are governed by a Judicial System that has survived more than a century of rather turbulent history.

George Carson  
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### Williams Is Right Monroe Wrong

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I am not certain when you print editorials from other papers in your editorial column whether they reflect the editorial opinion of the DTH, or merely the fact that the editors of the Tar Heel have nothing to say. In either case, I wish to object to the editorial reprinted Thursday from the Charlotte Observer.

Four years ago a number of Negroes and a white freedom rider were indicted in Monroe,

N. C., for kidnapping. One of those indicted was Robert Williams, who fled the country, claiming that he would not receive a fair trial due to the anti-Negro and integration workings of the Union County judicial system.

This week, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the other defendants, those who didn't flee the country, had in fact not received a fair trial, due to the anti-Negro bias of the Union County judicial system. In order to obtain this ruling, it has cost the defendants an undetermined amount of money, and three years of their lives.

Now, somehow, the Charlotte Observer, and I assume the DTH, have proclaimed that this agreement of the North Carolina Supreme Court with the contention of Robert Williams, somehow puts Williams in the wrong, and somehow demands that he return and take a chance with North Carolina justice. If he does not get a fair trial this time, presumably he and the other defendants will invest another three years of their lives, and perhaps another, and another.

The accuracy of Williams' position has been proven. It would seem to me now to be the duty of Union County to show that Williams will receive a fair trial, not Robert Williams' duty to spend the rest of his life undergoing unfair trials.

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## Blanchard Replies On Conservatives

complexities and work out equitable, effective solutions. This goal obviously is thwarted to the extent that anyone's intelligence is hobbled by adherence to dogmas, such as today's conservatism, which all too often have little if any relationship to reality.

Your letter in the DTH of Feb. 4 actually is a slightly more constructive, intelligent response than I had expected from such guardians of the status quo, such as avenging angels of the unexamined assumption, as most Conservatives seem to pride themselves on being. I can only conclude, somewhat cheerfully mind you, that all is not yet lost where Conservatives are concerned.

In fact, friend Hart, you might well be justified in thinking of yourself as a potential Moses of sorts, perhaps destined to lead your less rational buddies out of the ideological wilderness and into the promise land of reality. (You have my best wishes in that arduous effort, sir.)

As for some of the specific points made in your missive (and I hope this reply does not frighten you into not responding), would you kindly inform me of the particular qualities possessed by fiddles which make them so terribly democratic as

opposed to, say, a fife? (I am of course delighted that you find it flattering to be termed a fiddler, and I do not intend to impair your happiness by calling you a "fifer" without your express consent, sir.)

Secondly, the fire I was referring to is not that of idealism, which burns within the breast of all good men, particularly Americans, but that of problems and situations caused by the friction of many different kinds of people trying to live together in happiness and justice. By putting out the fire, I meant solving those problems, or making intelligent attempts in that direction anyhow.

Forgive me for being so unclear as to mislead you: I am new at this writing game, as you know, and I can only promise to try and do better in the future. Anyway, I join you in being in favor of the fire of idealism.

Thirdly, I am well aware that law students, particularly at UNC, are men of many talents indeed, but I had not supposed that dividing with exactitude the "spirit" of our frontier forebears was one of those talents. Beyond pure intuition, sir, or mere idle speculation, how is it that you know this? What strange conditions existed in

those earlier days that made every man a gentleman and every woman a lady, and nowhere a rogue or blackguard?

Fourthly, I am positively enthralled to know that you share my belief in "one of the main tenets of Democracy — that every man should be able to go as far as his brains, drive and guts can carry him and have equal opportunity to do so, regardless of his color." However, I must confess that I find it difficult to square that statement with the one that follows in your letter: "In fact, I even believe in integration and equal opportunity wherever it can be supported without invading the domain of that free man and his land."

You seem, sir, to be saying that you believe in integration and equal opportunity without qualification, except that there are some qualifications. This, I submit, is one of the curious contradictions of even such seemingly coherent Conservatives as yourself. I invite you to re-examine that point and reflect upon it. Surely an analytical legal mind such as yours is capable of recognizing and resolving that contradiction.

Fifthly, you beseech me to recognize that if the government can "invade the domain of that

## Free Love Takes A Dive

By DAVID ROTHMAN

An elderly DTH columnist recently suggested free love as a possible solution to the problems of adolescence.

We wonder if she has heard this story:

A young man and his girl sat in a dimly lit corner of Chapel Hill's Ratwelder Restaurant.

They were kissing and holding hands — nothing else, nothing else.

Suddenly an 86-year-old woman got up from a nearby table. With the assistance of a cane, she painfully walked the seven feet between her and the couple, who were unmarried.

"Young man," she said, "you are kissing and holding hands. Is that all you want to do?"

"Yes—that's all we want to do," replied the boy and the 19-year-old coed simultaneously.

"Well, my name's Orealia Saunter," the woman said. "I'd like to tell you about the idea of free love. It's very popular in Sweden, you know."

"Yes—we know," replied the young man. "But all we want to do is hold hands and kiss — nothing else, nothing else."

"But haven't you heard," asked the 86-year-old woman. "That there's no disgrace attached to illegitimate children — at least, not in Sweden?"

"The Swedish are very liberal," the 19-year-old coed stated, "and if they want to, they can keep their system. But as for us — we're old-fashioned."

"Really," Orealia exclaimed, "I can't understand your attitude! Here you are — both of you under 25, both of you still in school, both of you too poor to get married. Yet you are not interested in free love."

"No — we aren't," the young man said. "My girl and I are Baptists, and we have strong religious convictions."

"But my boy," the 86-year-old Orealia patiently inquired, "are you sure you are following the right path?"

"Certainly we're sure," the boy said.

The girl agreed. "In people your age, natural instincts are particular strong," proclaimed Orealia. Her dental plates were hurting her, but the pain's only effect was the masking of her arthritic suffering.

Orealia continued: "Only a few eggheads are willing to sublimate the sex life for the intellectual career. Are you two eggheads?"

"No — I'm not," the boy said.

"Me neither," said the girl. "Then," declared Orealia, who was waving her cane to make her point clear, "why do you only kiss and hold hands?"

"Morals are our private business," the 19-year-old replied. She and her male companion started to leave the restaurant.

Orealia followed them as they passed through the door.

"Listen," she said, "This is your last chance. Please do something for me and listen to your elders."

"We definitely will not," the couple replied in unison.

Orealia, however, would not give up. She followed them all the way down Franklin Street to a bank.

It was there that the young couple in desperation took out a \$10,000 loan to get married.

To this day, they have remained good Baptists.