

# The Ridgerunner

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## An Epitaph

### Boots In The Stirrups

Dr. Bernard B. Fall held a somewhat unpopular position concerning our involvement in the Viet Nam War, but his knowledge of the country made him an authority to be listened to by U. S. FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS.

His tragic death occurred when he and a Marine sergeant tripped a booby trap while taking pictures of a Marine operation in Viet Nam.

He was in Vietnam to write a sequel to his book STREET WITHOUT JOY. The sequel would have been titled STREET WITHOUT JOY REVISITED.

Many Asheville-Biltmore students who heard him speak last May are walking a street without joy. He was a dynamic speaker. In all probability he knew what he was talking about when he said that the National Liberation Front for South Vietnam was controlled by North Vietnam as a political arm for the Viet Cong.

However, his ideas were not always popular.

Dr. Fall, however, was a popular man on this campus.

He fell with his boots in the stirrups.

## An Editorial

### The Cost Of Good Teaching: You Get What You Pay For!

The issue of teacher salaries is the most discussed and "cussed" item on State legislative agendas. The ranking of the different states according to teacher salary levels has a popular emotional appeal and this appeal is exploited by various interested groups prior to each session of the State Legislature. Periodic increases are appropriated and the North Carolina salary rank rises a few notches, and falls a few notches, during each biennium; but always staying within the 35th to the 45th extremes. This continuing low rank may cause an observer to surmise that the biennial legislative tumult with its attendant salary increase is hardly worth the "sound and the fury."

In other words, if no one pushed for salary increases how bad would it get (and how low would N. C. rank) before our leaders took a new look at our educational responsibilities? How cheap is a good education? How expensive is an inferior education? What is the worth of an excellent teacher? What is the cost of an inferior teacher?

When you are in serious legal difficulty do you seek out the cheapest lawyer in town? When you suspect a crippling illness do you rush to the cut-rate medical doctor? What determines our sense of values? Which is the more serious --- a child's broken arm or a child with a reading difficulty? Who really wants the "cheapest" teacher for his child?

For the current year it would require a beginning salary of at least \$6,000.00 to attract large numbers of bright young people into public school teaching. This could easily be justified by guaranteeing summer school teaching opportunities for those who were the chief financial support of a family. For those teachers seeking a higher degree in summer, one-half pay could be given as an incentive for improvement. Currently, a salary of at least \$9,000.00 would be necessary to attract and hold the top person with a Master's degree and fifteen years teaching experience.

For years we have said in effect: "As soon as teachers are worth more, we will pay them more." This approach has not worked. Let us adopt a professional salary schedule of \$6,000.00 - \$9,000.00 with an eleven-month contract and let competition weed out the inferior people and raise the standards of education. Anything less expensive is too costly for us to pay.

Dr. Jesse McDaniels

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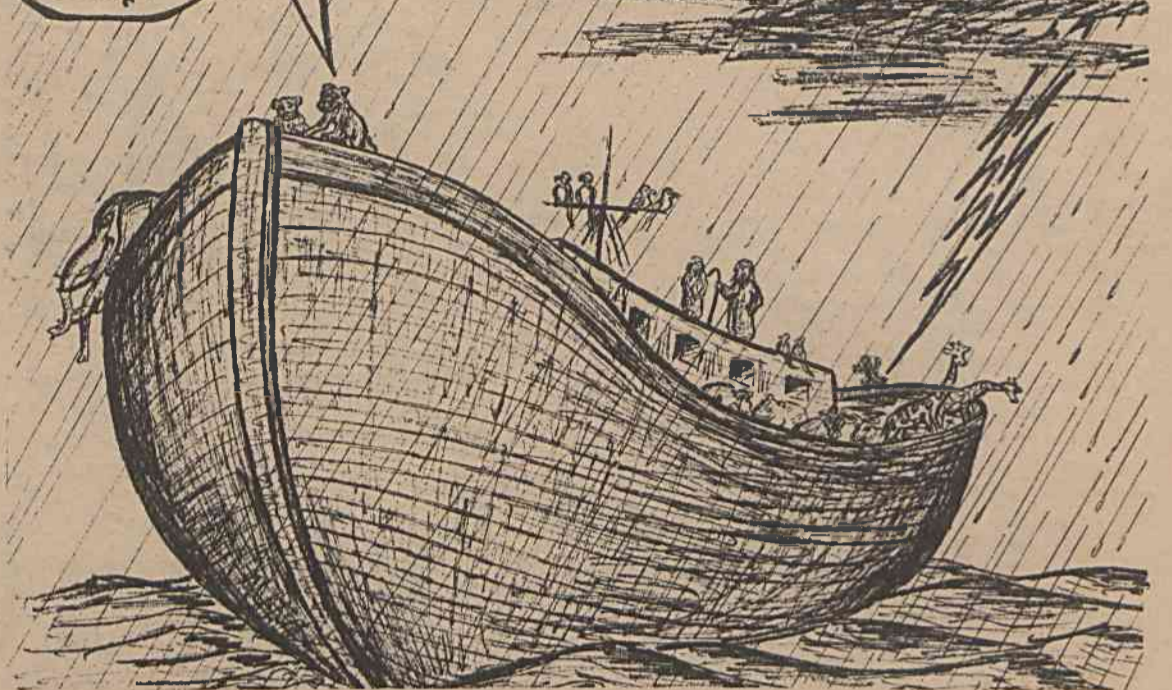
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"... You know he ain't never had that kinda money — not enough to buy all this lumber! An' another thing — I ain't never seen a rainstorm like this before . . . you mark my word, man, the CIA's behind this whole damn thing!



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Ginger:

Two suggestions are made in the editorial of the February 10 RIDGERUNNER, "In Keeping With A-B Aims". One of these, one in which I have a particular interest, is the recommendation that a "Dean's list" be established. A-B did have a Dean's list as a junior college; when the senior college curriculum, with its attendance rules, regulations, etc., was established, the Dean's list did not reappear in the catalogue. No positive decision was made to eliminate the Dean's list, it simply was not taken up affirmatively and therefore did not appear from that day to this.

About one month ago the question of reestablishing the Dean's list was taken before the Executive Committee. I asked the Committee to examine this matter and recommended that they ex-

press their concurrence and indicate what criteria they thought should be followed in assembling such a list. No action was taken at that time and the matter was referred back to me for further study and recommendation. It is with me now; further action on this matter is expected in the near future.

May I say also that I agree heartily with the implications of your editorial. Suspension rules and regulations are never intended to be negative or punitive, however much they may be taken that way by some students. The other side of this coin, specific and public recognition of academic achievement sometime prior to graduation, has been neglected altogether. I do not think it could be neglected longer.

Sincerely,  
/s/ W. W. Kaempfer  
Dean of the Faculty

## Florida Hassle

### Is No Nudes Good Nudes?

A faculty committee convicted coed Pamela Brewer of the University of Florida for what the committee called "indecent and inappropriate conduct."

Miss Brewer, a sophomore with 38-25-38 measurements, posed nude for an off-campus humor magazine with her parents permission. The faculty felt that Miss Brewer's portrait on a persian rug might disrupt the academic goals of the university. We seriously doubt if academic goals are the goals in question. If this was Pam's intention, she could have played it from another angle, as only her breasts were displayed. All other spots were appropriately covered.

Whatever her intentions, she has stirred up a student rights controversy which Andy Moor, editor of the campus newspaper, "Alligator", believes could become another Berkeley.

The Berkeley controversy stemmed from the students' right to use four-letter words.

Articles in student publications from across North Carolina indicate that not only Florida students are concerned with what can be called without euphemizing, infringement on individual rights.

Debbie Bennett, a U. of F. coed, commented: "She was within her rights. It was off-campus."

We agree.

As one A-B student said, "First, I am myself; secondly, I'm a student . . . or maybe lastly."

It must be conceded that students are expected to observe campus regulations. But off-campus activities are the prerogative of the student.

That the name of the University of Florida was connected with the photo is merely coincidental and a matter of student identification. It was not likely that Miss Brewer would have been cited as a member of the First Baptist Church or Walabashi Community. Reflections usually are absorbed by the institution of higher learning.

## Runnin' The Ridge

MARGARET KEITH

We were all sorry to see the snow the other day, but not half as sorry as Guy Batsel. Last time the white-stuff descended upon us Col. Straine handed him the chains for one of the school cars and left. I guess the Col. didn't know that Guy's hometown is Ocala, Florida.

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ATTENTION S. S. FACULTY AND S. S. MAJORS: Unless your coffee lounge begins paying for itself and the lounge is kept a bit cleaner, it will be claimed as office space.

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Don't let the Marine game discourage you from riding the bus down to Maryville Saturday night to see the Bulldogs' last game of the season.

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Speaking of awards, it's clear that no one deserved it more than did Guy but I think that other people deserve recognition also. For instance, I think that the Most Loyal Supporter of the Jr. Set award should go to Jeff Gilpin. This young man, in desperation, dumped his popcorn over the head of an enthusiastic Milligan supporter sitting in front of him.

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Remarks overheard and worth repeating: (Tom Lindley after the Milligan game) "I knew we were in trouble when I saw the ref singing the Milligan alma mater at half-time."

## Briefs

The Smith Drug Company will have representatives on campus Thursday, March 2.

Seniors and advanced Juniors will be informed and interviewed about jobs with the company.

The representatives will be in Humanities 228.

Judicial Board meetings have been moved to Friday at noon.