

## Some Came To Xnadu

Recent criticism of the so-called "lost" or "beat" generation has prompted me to analyze the topic under consideration, and to attempt a defense or explanation of it.

The questions the adults ask are: Why the despondency in the present generation? Why the lackadaisical attitudes? Why the popularity of eastern religions and philosophies?

Of course it is difficult to understand the generation. It is especially difficult for the older members to understand the "beat" cliques. How could they understand when they have created the world of situations in which we exist? We have been left with no sense of probable reward; we must face life, often, as a futile thing with little opportunity to "be" rather than to "exist." This world — this sphere we occupy — is filled with war, with constant revolution, constant dissension. We are faced with the knowledge that we must be constantly alert or lose what we claim as our freedom. But the hardest blow is still manifested in the form of racial conflict. Men cannot live together as men, but must exist in the realm of misunderstanding, hate, and fear. Here, we must bring forth the question of eastern religions. I am of the opinion that Christianity teaches the brotherhood of man. Zen, existentialism (in its "beat" form), and other eastern ideas have infiltrated the thinking of many of the members of the younger generation. It is popular because of the failure of Christianity to answer the problem of philosophy so as to avoid contradicting certain apparently obvious facts and important truths. Christianity will not re-evaluate her platform and discard what is not true and incorporate in the platform what is true.

Someone has said that today is an isthmus connecting the continents of memory and hope. But for the young — where is the hope? Billy Graham said, "They are rebels without a cause, looking for a flag to follow." I agree with Dr. Graham's belief that we are looking for a flag, but I cannot concur with his opinion that it is rebellion without a cause.

Some of the more progressive rebels have chosen their prophets and follow them ascetically. They are Ferlinghetti, Ginsberg, Eliot (although he discredits the beatnik movement) and Pound, as well as Rand, the most recent.

I do not defend their malicious attacks on society, but can we truly say they are wrong?

I must return to my bankrupt world of Xnadu, and gaze, as the day fades, on grey, grey night.

## Which South?

One hundred years ago the South fought a war — and lost. We fought for the preservation of the "status quo", which we thought was essential to our livelihood. We have learned — but how much? Would you fight today to enslave the Negro — or any other man?

In the South today demonstrators are waging a war against the United States Supreme Court decision to integrate public schools. Why? A minority group of uneducated Southerners seem to feel that their children are "better" than the Negro children; but this view is instantly seen to be quite ludicrous and comical, for since God is the Father of all mankind, we are actually all brothers.

There is yet another group in the South today, slightly better educated, who feel that integrated schools will hasten intermarriage between the races. Maybe so, but it's a fact that educated and intelligent Negroes and Whites alike are opposed to intermarriage, not simply because of racial prejudice, but because of certain biological principles of genetics. Knowledge will remove racial prejudices and replace

## When You're Alone

By Vandalyn Brown

You step into a cold shower some morning, or wake suddenly from a weird dream. Or maybe you just look into a mirror and see a stranger. And it hits you, the age-old question, "Who am I?" And then it starts, not just this one question but many of them covering the complete mystery of existence — your existence.

You see your life for what it is, and you know it should and could be better. With a sharp pain you hear your bored voice making unkind, cutting remarks about others. You see yourself refusing to do something to help someone else — a small act that would take little time, but you just couldn't do it. You see your potentialities and then you see

what you are, what a long way to go before you can even begin to fulfill the promises of your intelligence, spirit, and personality.

The chances you've had, and not taken, the plans you're making now, the picture of what your life will be if you go on living as you are now — they all flash before you and they find their mark. For once you're awake; you're seeing and feeling and hearing with clarity and up-to-now hidden insight.

Life is there in front of you. No, it's not waiting to be given to you; it's waiting for you to live.

But it will mean a lot of changes. It's your choice — what do you do?

them with facts backed by sound reasoning.

To which South do we owe our loyalty? To the South of a hundred years ago, a South ruled by blind prejudice? Or to the South of today, and of the future; a South ruled by education and knowledge?

One hundred years from now our grandchildren will look back at today's headlines and wonder — Wonder first of all what all the fuss was about. Were we all so blind that we couldn't see? Wonder next about our "educated" leaders who failed to materialize; who stood by and let those whodidn't understand lead the South into the crisis that it now faces.

America fought two world wars for the sake of freedom; and the end was inevitable. Today the Negro is fighting for freedom; the end is also inevitable. Freedom will win.

The mark of a truly great man is his ability to accept the inevitable.

## Vote On April 26

The election of officers for the Student Government Association for the 1961-62 term will be held April 26. The importance of each student's vote cannot be overemphasized. A large measure of the success of Brevard College, not only next year but in the years following, will depend upon the ability or lack of ability of these persons.

It is not easy to determine whether the candidates have potentialities of true leadership or only an air of superiority. It takes deep thought, but the matter is serious enough to warrant it. Only with a slate of the most able officers possible will Brevard grow as it should. Only with such a slate will the duties of the students be fulfilled. Only with such a slate will the entire college enjoy a year which comes close to fulfilling its greatest potentials.

Think carefully about the candidates, weigh their abilities, make your decision, and vote.

## Lois Frazier Is Candidate, BPW Office

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BPWian in the Brevard Club, where she served as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and President. While in Brevard she also served as Secretary-Treasurer of District I of the North Carolina Federation. Moving to Greensboro, she served the Greensboro Club as co-chairman of its Bulletin Committee, and later moving to Raleigh, she served as Parliamentarian of the Raleigh Club.

One dedicated to her chosen field of endeavor, and now serving as an Assistant Professor of Business at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, she is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, where she earned her B.S. degree. She received her M.S. degree from the University of North Carolina, and is now completing her doctorate work at the Indiana University. She

has held teaching positions in the Leaksville High School, Leaksville, North Carolina; Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina; Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, North Carolina.

In our state federation . . . She served as Assistant Recording Secretary from 1946 to 1948; Recording Secretary from 1948 to 1950; Parliamentarian, 1950-1952; Second Vice-President, 1952-1954; First Vice-President, 1954-1956; and President, 1956-1958. In 1958-1960 she served as a member of the Headquarters Committee, the State Handbook Revision Committee, the Legislative Advisory Committee and the Finance Committee. She continues to serve as a very valuable member of the State Headquarters Committee."

# Kampus Komment

By JOHN GOINS

Let the old fogies who continuously express their "dour concern" for this younger generation take note: Nearly 500 college students, spending their Easter vacation in Florida, found time to listen to Dr. Billy Graham as he delivered a sermon especially for them. As Mr. Graham put it, "This older generation often forgets that they were once young themselves." Sometimes we wonder . . .

**Vacation Snapshot:** Can you imagine the picture: dear old Dad, standing hatless out on the lawn, looks sadly into empty garage, as his son, just home from college, disappears in a cloud of dust. Mournfully shaking his head, he starts slowly for the house, half murmuring to himself . . . "And I can remember the day when he went into the garage and came out with a lawn-mower!" Ah, the good old days.

**Spring has Sprung . . .** and Brevard College Campus is blossoming: Trees are turning green, grass is growing tall, baseballs are competing with the robins for air space — Ah Spring. 'Tis the time when a young man's fancy turns to what women have been thinking of all year. And it isn't baseball.

**Clarion Spring Bouquets** are awarded to the members of the veterans club, who have toiled all year, through rain and snow, to keep our flag flying properly; to the members of the two house councils, who work hard, and often risk their popularity, to preserve peace and order on Brevard Tech Campus. But it 'tis an honorable job; to the "guys and gals" who co-operate in presenting the Wednesday night Vesper services. Have you ever stopped to consider how much time is spent planning the program?

**Clarion Brickbats** go to these: The guys and gals who throw their ABC chewing gum on the walks and in the fountains, to the "table hop" who goes from table to table in the cafeteria pestering hungry people; to the people who seem to have forgotten that to "knock before entering" is a courtesy admirable even among close friends.

**An Idea** — Most people who attended seemed to enjoy the Easter Sunrise services: during the warm months before the close of school, why not have special vesper services there, too?

**The End** — Then there's the one about the father trying to make conversation with his daughter's date: "Emmy Lou tells me you're from Creepsville."

## Appreciation

Dear Mr. Butterworth:

Please extend our thanks to the Brevard College Students who gave us such valuable assistance on the Forest Fire in the Penrose section March 17, 1961.

With their help we were able to bring the fire under control much sooner than we had hoped for.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Clark Grissom  
Transylvania Co.  
Forest Ranger

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