

# Does Young America Care?

(Editor's Note: This essay is by Mike Brewer—a former student of Louisburg College. Mike is now attending UNC.)

As I sat at my window the other night and gazed up at the starlit sky, I wondered, Does young America care? Care! Care for what?

The stars and moon brought to my mind the race and conquest for space toward which man has turned his utmost resources and strength. This race—not a universal one, but one between two great powers, Russia and America — should demand much care and thought from each young individual in our great land. Why is this so? Facts and reports of scientific achievement today clearly show that Russia not only has the upper hand in space technology, but is rapidly expanding her industrial program to take over leadership in all fields. Why? The reason is simple — young Russians care! But what about young Americans?

Today's influence and significance on all great fields of science and education are encouraged by the numerous scholarships and grants for bright students who would seek higher learning. These programs hasten to lead the young man or woman interested in the arts, sciences, humanities, and all other fields to pursue his goals in life, whether they be for self or mankind. However, these young leaders-to-be are but a chosen few, for many — too many — brilliant young minds are going to waste in the "gutter of unconcern." (These youthful, would-be potential's entire motivations and desires are unbalanced.) There is too much time spent on things such as: Whose auto will run the fastest? Who is the best dancer? Who is the best ballplayer, and what is his average? Who is the best date? What is the coolest joint in town? How soon can one get there? Please don't misunder-

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could accommodate 90 per cent of the state's population.

Dr. Decker, whose headquarters are located in Nashville, Tenn., came to his present position in 1959 from the presidency of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Penn. Earlier, he served in administrative and teaching posts at Boston University and Union College, Barboursville, Kentucky. Dr. Decker has also held pastorates in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

After Dr. Decker's address the people were led outside to the new walkways which were donated to the College by Edward M. Bartholomew. In the past Bartholomew has provided the College with the recreation room in the basement of the gymnasium, the backstop for the base ball field, paved the three tennis courts and installed fences around them, and planted shrubbery on the front campus. Accepting the walkways for the College was Dr. Jonas E. Hickman.

Those in attendance then moved to the construction sight of the new Women's Residence Hall for Ground Breaking Ceremonies. The Rev. Marquis W. Larence presided. A scripture reading was given by the Rev. William K. Quick. After the Litany of Ground Breaking, the act of Ground Breaking was performed. A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication was offered by the Rev. Troy J. Barrett. The College Chaplain, Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Jr., then closed the morning program with the benediction.

Everyone then moved to the cafeteria for lunch and afterwards Dr. Robbins led a group of Trustees, and Alumni around the campus to show what new improvements had been made during the past year at Louisburg.

stand me. The things mentioned here do have their place in each young American's life, but today such things are being carried too far and are over emphasized.

What is the primary cause of this irresponsibility and the carefree ways of the American Youth? There are many reasons, but one that constantly stands out is the forgetfulness by the younger generation of the basic concepts on which our great land was founded: freedom, truth and faith in one another and religion. The first of these, freedom, means that we fail to realize and to take advantage of these concepts. Secondly, truth and faith in one another, go hand in hand, and through them we shall have everlasting unity in ourselves, our fellowman and God. Thirdly, indifference to religion is the handicap that hits our young society so hard; yet if this one problem could be solved, all other problems would automatically produce an answer. So many young people are confused and are groping in the darkness of confusion because they have not found God and his principles. Billy Graham, America's foremost evangelist, said sometime ago, "The American Youth need spiritual revivment." At a time when nuclear warfare threatens our land, Graham stated: "All youths of today would do well to memorize as many scriptures as possible, for even under foreign domination, when religious rights could be taken away, each youth would still possess a burning torch of inspiration with his heart."

From his neglect of the things mentioned here, and many more too numerous to report, it would seem that the young American is so concerned with his own "important little world" that he does not care what happens outside of it. However, the tragic mistake he is making is that it is so difficult to read only his life after he returns from the journey through his "World," for he can then only pick up the shattered pieces of his life — destroyed by the events of a fast moving world.

Our great freedom loving land will possibly someday fall — as did all the great powers and nations of the world down through the centuries. Rome once "The Master of the World"; Greece, ancient seat of thinking and wisdom; Egypt, "The Land of the Mighty Pharaohs"; and a modern-day England, who suffered a defeat at our own hands — help to prove the fact that no country is invincible. America can be destroyed. It is an alarming conclusion, but it is clearly a logical one. It is therefore our job as young Americans to take advantage of our opportunities to use our time more purposely and conservatively, to have more faith in ourselves, our associates, and most of all, our God. Our doing these things and even more may not stop America's future downfall, but it will halt this disaster, so that we shall have little fear of its happening in our lifetime, and at the same time, we shall be laying a firm foundation of freedom, liberty, and justice for our posterity and all men who uphold the ideas and beliefs upon which America was founded.

And now, I wonder, does young America care?

# Polio — Nation's Worst Crippler

"Forgive us our ignorance that prevents our helping you to climb a tree and swim a creek. Inspire us to redouble our search for knowledge to aid you."

These are the words of a young Alabama physician in writing of a little boy whose life is a struggle against the terrible disabilities inflicted by a crippling disease. Dr. Marion Sims knows all about this kind of suffering. Like the youngster, he is crippled by polio, totally dependent upon artificial breathing devices to keep him alive.

Dr. Sims speaks not only for himself, but for the entire "team" of scientists, physicians and lay workers who have dedicated themselves

to the conquest of crippling diseases. He speaks for the March of Dimes "team" that fought polio during the terrible years when the disease swept unchecked across the nation, the team that finally smashed down the barriers of ignorance and produced the Salk vaccine.

Today, with paralytic polio rapidly diminishing as a public health problem, the March of Dimes team is "redoubling the search for knowledge" to aid victims of other crippling diseases. A big part of its job is the work of rehabilitating the 25,000 polio victims who continue to need assistance from National Foundation chapters. But the knowledge and experience acquired in the polio fight have enabled it to take on other enormous problems of disease that have defied solution since the beginning of time.

The new targets are birth defects and arthritis. Man's ignorance of these conditions has been so complete that their occurrence has been accepted as an unavoidable tragedy. The March of Dimes "team" proved that polio could be controlled. And it is determined to find causes and cures and preventives for birth defects and arthritis, and to bring modern medical care and treatment to those already afflicted.

Using techniques developed through 24 years of intensive experience both with the immediate problems of the disabled and the long-range problems of scientific research, The National Foundation has organized its forces on local and nationwide levels. Supported by contributions to the March of Dimes, medical workers and chapter volunteers are teaming up to create special treatment centers where victims of birth defects and arthritis receive total medical care from teams of experts. Such centers will concentrate on early diagnosis, prevention of disability, rehabilitation and the expansion of knowledge of all phases of treatment. Chapters in areas isolated from large medical centers are joining forces in organizing local Evaluation Clinics staffed by teams of visiting medical specialists to help the disabled on an outpatient basis.

At the same time, a wide network of Clinical Study Centers is being established by the national office of the March of Dimes organization to do research as well as

focus intensive study upon patient aid problems in each of the three problem areas — birth defects, arthritis and polio. Here will be developed the techniques and the tools to eliminate the wastage of human life through crippling. Physicians, nurses and other specialists will be trained to provide total care for the individual patient. From these centers will grow an ever-increasing army of trained medical personnel, capable of dealing with the complex task of restoring the disabled to useful living.

Meanwhile, other members of the team are at work in the nation's laboratories, probing the mysterious world of microscopic viruses and human cells, adding to the mountain of new scientific knowledge already accumulated in the fight against polio, bringing closer the day when arthritis and birth defects will be listed among the health problems which man has learned to control.

"Forgive us our ignorance," Dr. Sims has said. He might have added that medical science will not tolerate that ignorance. The partnership of the American people, the scientist and the physician is a formidable team. It has worked near miracles in the past. And it will do it again.

Birth defects each year in the U. S. account for 15 times as many deaths as whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and polio combined, according to The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Arthritis is one of the oldest known ailments — it even afflicted pre-historic animals. The 1962 March of Dimes helps make possible mankind's all-out efforts to find its causes and provide care for its victims.

# Dick Bibler And LMOC

People who follow a cartoon series often wonder if they're looking at a caricature of the artist himself.

Dick Bibler, artist and originator of "Little Man On Campus," featuring buck-toothed, rumple-haired, downtrodden Worthal and the sadistic, student-hating Professor Snarf, who has dedicated his life to making students miserable, is no exception to this curiosity on the part of reader fans.

As a teacher at Monterey Peninsula College in California and a one-time student, Bibler has caught actual facets of life in his portrayal of sympathy-arousing Worthal.

Bibler drew his first cartoon and received his first rejection slip at the age of 12. He received his B.F.A. at Kansas University in 1950. He received his B.A. at Colorado State College and his M.A. at Stanford.

Worthal has had quite a face-lifting from the time he first appeared in 1947 in the University Daily Kansan. Worthal began as a composite of the most stupid characteristics of 14 Bibler-drawn faces. At the time he had a tall, boxy, head without a neck. His identifying characteristics, his hair, nose and buck teeth, have not changed.

Worthal's running battles with the Big Men on Campus and with Professor Snarf have just enough reality in them to remind students of their own experiences and enough exaggeration to show that college life is humorous.

It is Worthal's job to step on people's toes. Laughs alone prove his value. Some people claim that "Worthal's greatest value lies in his ability to give potential and actual Snarfs a look at themselves as others see them." Professor Snarf has to develop the ability to look the other way on Worthal's campus.

About 300 college papers use "Little Man On Campus." Most of these are daily papers. Mexico City College is the last added to the list. That makes Mexico, Canada, and the 50 states using LMOC.

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that the Republicans are creating a solid foundation for the two-party system throughout the South on both the local and national level. Remember . . . Talk, think, and act Republican — with "VIGOR."

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