

Editorials

'Judge Not, . . .'

It is 154 years since Abraham Lincoln opened his eyes in a one-windowed, dirt-floored cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky: No statesman ever grew more sturdily than he; from a prairie politician to the beneficent dictator of a great nation in its most terrible crisis. He was a farsighted national chief-tain, but never an astute planner. The sagacity with which he has always been accredited did not lie in a simple grasp of what was expedient but in his ability to pierce to the heart of a complex problem, where right and wrong seemed mingled with unerring logic. The supreme illustration of this wisdom is offered by his proposal for meeting the terrible national disease of slavery. He preached of the nation not enduring half slave and half free people; that a crisis must be reached and passed before it could be safe. What did passing the crisis mean? Not a decision to abolish slavery immediately. No, a simple decision to put bounds around slavery, accepting the principles that within a reasonable time it must be gradually erased; and meanwhile, to sit down and calmly consider ways and reasons for erasing it.

This was the one courageous, morally sound, and practical remedy ever proposed for the difficulties of racial readjustment, economic revolution, and regional strife bound up in slavery. Its sagacity, had America adopted it, would have saved the country a million lives, a mountain of treasure, and a retardation of growth.

This proposition of Lincoln brings to mind the recent explosion of his biggest fear. Negroes, whites: where do they stand in relationship with one another? Is one a slave, the other an owner? What distinguishes the two: narrow minded people who have the concept that a color changes the blood and stagnates the air? We are not speaking to the South or the North or the East or West. We are speaking to you—a supposedly conscientious person, who only by the grace of God, lightened the pigment in your skin. Now, isn't that remarkable; the same blood, the same breath of air, the same feelings, the same heart and mind. This makes one stop and think, doesn't it? Oh, we are not advocating "white-washing" a race; we are advocating sterilization of the minds for the purpose of emplanting THINK on the foreheads of every human being.

It is a rather refreshing note, however, to see that Rocky Mount is beginning to bulldoze itself from the grave of backwardness in a somewhat uncowardly fashion. Mr. Thomas Pearsall, well known author of the Pearsall Plan, and the Rev. George Dudley, a Negro minister, have recently written a 6,000 word document concerning "The Bi-Racial 'Blueprint of Progress'." This document emphasizes education and training for the Negro and embraces an access to public facilities, recommends a cease in discrimination by the downtown merchants and urges Negro representation on public and civil bodies.

Many Negroes are not educated, trained or qualified for work other than manual labor, the report said, but there are, also, Negroes who are denied employment because of their color.

Moreover, Mr. Pearsall and Rev. Dudley only proposed this document—they cannot approach an irreproachable situation if they do not have a stabilizing guy-wire held by the people.

Lincoln did not directly meet these arguments which we are discussing. Instead he made slavery into a moral issue. The argument was too telling because it was so simple. He was so much the moral intellectual that we see the Civil War now as he saw it then—as an almost Biblical conflict between right and wrong.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BUT YOU GOT A 'D' ON THIS PAPER! YOU SHOULDN'T DROP AS LONG AS YOU'RE SHOWING IMPROVEMENT."

The Council Speaks

By BONITA PITZER

The other day we were showing a little old lady through the Student Union. She didn't say anything, but we found ourselves looking at the building through her eyes.

We've been living in pig pens we suddenly realized. After our visitor had gone, we sat in the office trying to decide how we had allowed our "home" to become like this. We definitely agreed that part of the problem was our weakness.

Here we are, away from home, and no parental dictatorship, trying to make good on our own and what do we do—muff it! We are so busy trying to prove that we are adults that we overlook the simplest, yet one of the most important ways. We've been shouldered now with the responsibility of doing things

without being told. Mother was in control telling us what to do, what to pick up and when. Now, having parted from the apron strings, it's up to us to do it for ourselves. How "adult" can you get?

We also suggested that maybe we are spoiled. Mother and the maid always picked up after us, so we expect the same service now. We thought that perhaps our carelessness could also be a rebellion against authority. Maybe we resent having the adult world demand that we not litter our "home".

In review of all of these, we really felt that we needed something to remind us of our responsibility in becoming adults, that we needed to outgrow our spoiled existence, and that we needed to put away our hostilities. It is time for us to do something about cleaning up the pig pen we call home.

The Community Council, in searching for such a reminder, is sponsoring a Litter Bug Campaign. As part of this campaign, a contest is being held in which two posters, using the Litter Bug theme, are to be submitted from each class. Peoples' Bank and Trust is offering a \$10 prize to the winning class. These posters will be placed in strategic locations on campus to serve as reminders, and will be judged by an outside group from Rocky Mount.

The Council has elected its officers for the year, and they are: Dr. Raymond Bauer, chair-

Circle K Group Plans Activities

The Wesleyan Chapter of International Circle K has begun an active year of service to the college community. Having already supplied ushers for several college functions, the club will provide members for such services throughout the coming year.

Several new members have already been accepted this year. They are Carl Alderman, Perry Lowry and Al Rexroad. A membership drive will be initiated next semester to receive freshmen and transfer students. Anyone desiring membership can contact any member of the club for further information concerning requirements.

The Chapter's first major project for this year is a car wash which will be held October 12, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. at the Auto-Violet Spray Car Wash on the corner of Reese and George Streets in Rocky Mount. The price for a cleaning inside and out is \$1.75.

On November 5 and 6, the Wesleyan Chapter will cooperate with the Kiwanis Club of Rocky Mount in their annual peanut sale. Plans are being made for the Circle K to give a gift to the school at the end of the year. All of these plans are definite and much more will be forthcoming in service to the entire student body and the college community.

Mrs. Nhu To Be At N. C. State

(Ed. note: We hope that the student body will take interest in events important in world affairs, and thus we reprint this article from the Raleigh, NEWS AND OBSERVER.)

Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu, the temptuous Vietnamese beauty whose political activities have upset international relations in recent months, is coming to Raleigh.

She will deliver a major address on the North Carolina State campus October 17.

Her visit will be sponsored by a student lecturers' committee of the Erdahl-Cloyd Union at State. Steve Johnson, chairman of the committee, said Mrs. Nhu's visit was confirmed late Thursday by the Vietnamese embassy in Washington after an invitation from the student committee had been presented.

She will arrive at N. C. State in mid-afternoon. Her address is scheduled for 6 p. m. in the Union ballroom. A press conference is scheduled there at 4:30 p. m.

Mrs. Nhu, sister-in-law of South Viet Nam president Ngo Dinh Diem, is an acknowledged power in her nation's political policies. She has been an outspoken critic of United States policies in South Viet Nam where American troops are involved in efforts to defend the country from Communist aggression.

Coed Going To Meeting

Louise Kepley has been selected as one of two representatives from the N. C. Conference to attend the Christian Vocations Conference.

The conference will be held on the campus of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., October 25-27, 1963. She will travel via air with all expenses being paid by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

While there, Louise will examine the opportunities for service through the agencies of the Methodist Church. The program will include field trips, conversation with missionaries, fellowship dinners, and a service of Holy Communion in the Upper Room Chapel.

man; Albert Boone, vice-chairman; and Bonita Pitzer, secretary.

Friday, September 27, the Council called a meeting of the freshmen to explain the principles of the Community Council and Wesleyan Code. Dr. C. Edwin Harwood spoke informally to the class telling them how

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MEMBERS of the Circle K Club prepare for a year of activity. Seated (from left to right) are the officers: Ronnie Ragsdale, treasurer; Steve Petlitz, vice-president; Dennis Schulze, president; and Larry Alford, secretary.