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### Sea Breeze

By Ronald W. May, AS, V-12

Billy Koch, Proff Koch's youngest, is now in this unit, having been transferred to Chapel Hill from St. Albans hospital on Long Island where he was a hospital apprentice first-class. . . two of our own corpsmen are also in V-12 here this term: Warren F. White, PhM3c, whom you may have met pushing pills at sick call, and Brooks Harwood, hospital apprentice 1c.

Rumor says Aaron Jaffe had a spat while on leave in Philly and is disengaged. Also out of love since returning is Sandy Minnix. Perhaps now they'll give the local gals a tumble.

*Bill Crutchfield's theme song these days: Give Me My Boots And Saddle.* He isn't the first. . . Tommy Privette arrived with various parts of his anatomy carrying buckshot. He won't say, but my guess is he just couldn't get it over that fence in time. . . Johnnie Hawver, violinist extraordinary, carried his fiddle all the way to New York and back without opening the case. Perhaps it's because Fran Johnston, UNC graduate of journalism last term was in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Edgar, of the Bull's Head Book Shop, says sailors at UNC are reading more historical novels than anything else, except, of course, for "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Karl Pond, RM3c, USN, radio instructor for the Free French, and a former Frenchman himself, is looking for a good movie camera so he can keep a record of his 3 month old baby. Anyone know of one that's for sale? . . . He left France after its invasion, and when he came here had to brush up on his French. His English is flawless.

*German prisoners of war have been substituted for the Italians serving chow at Pre-Flight.* They're arrogant, but do their work well. One was asked how conditions were in Germany, but his mouth was too full of good American hamburger steak to answer.

Seen in last week's Chapel Hill Weekly: "At the Rotary Club Ladies Night meeting at White Cross this week, the club presented W. T. Huntley, Jr., retiring president, with a war bond. It was for \$1,000 or \$25, or something in between." . . . We like their uninhibited attitude. . . Danziger's has a new radio and record player. . . Watch for a writer's club formed from the men of the unit who do or would.

When the commanding officer of the Miami University V-12 unit made commander recently the men had scrambled eggs every morning for two weeks.

Bill Poteat, new YMCA program secretary, has some good ideas for bringing the sailors out of their shell and into campus life. One is to drop in on barrack bull-sessions as one of the boys . . . to learn, he says, and perhaps to teach. Should prove interesting. . . Bob Walker, AS, V-12, Y president, is working with Bill to make the organization more of a religious influence.

Any group needing poster work done should consult Gil Carter, Whitehead Hall. He does work for the War Coordination Board. . . Not many know that Marshall Kuhn does excellent sketches. He's had two years of art school in Tennessee.

*Neatest trick of the week: Chief Kaplan telling everyone with a sad smile that he was expecting transfer to Camp Perry to train the boots, when all the time he knew his j.g. was on the way. Congrats! It took him one year, five months and twelve days after enlistment as apprentice seaman. . . Mrs. John L. Gerding, wife of the Y1c at V-12 headquarters, is expecting the stork in September.* According to rumor it'll also deliver an image to the H. D. Taylor home next February. He's a SK1c on the V-12 staff. . . Chapel Hill had another ripple. She's pretty Y3c Rose Kashigian, attached to V-12 staff. She's from Detroit and this is her first place after Yeoman school in Oklahoma. . . She sold \$1,031 worth of war bonds in pay line Thursday. . . No one seems to know why 150 fewer new V-12 trainees showed up than were expected. We're that much short of our quota of 1330 men.

The Fleet Club will sponsor a dance in the near future, according to George Tebbel, First Lieutenant and program chairman of the club. . . It's to be a coronation dance. . . each sorority and girl's dorm will have a candidate.

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## INCREDIBLE WORLD

By Wayne Kernodle

From now on before I accept a ride with anybody they will have to tell me their hobby in life. And if they even so much as mention a thing that is any way related to collecting old advertisement posters on farmers' barns, then they will just have to roll on their merry way without me. Not that I disagree so much with the type of poster this man who picked me up was interested in, but how would you like to spend six and one-half hours on the hottest day in July traveling the insignificant distance of four miles. And that's not the worst of it either.

*Every time this man would spot a farmer's barn he would lose complete control of himself and swerve from one side of the road to the other in a state of ecstatic joy—one time he actually jumped out of the seat and sat astride the steering wheel and drove with his toes for sixty yards before I could get my foot on the brake.*

Of course to a billboard picture collector a thing like an original *Galina Snuff* sign might be a real treasure, but when compared to wrapping your body around a telephone pole it loses a small portion of its high value. It wouldn't have been so bad if the man had let it go with collecting these advertisements, but once he had filled the back end of the car with the things he suddenly took the notion that he may as well have the billboards to go with the posters.

It was somewhere about the time he was getting the axe from the back of the car to start chopping on the first board that I left him at a fairly rapid clip—doing the first hundred yards in 9.8 seconds, and the following mile in something under four and a half minutes, which might be, if recognized, something close to a world record for open highway running in street clothes and three year old dress shoes without strings.

Frankly I don't know what ever possessed me to ride with the man in the first place, since when he stopped to pick me up he was sitting backwards in the seat and driving with one hand, while in the other he held a mirror to guide him.

It just occurred to me that he also had some sort of a number written on his back, which may, or may not, have identified him with an institution of some sort. For all I know the man may have been crazy. He certainly did not act exactly in an orthodox manner about the billboard collecting and driving with your toes in these days is not usually recognized as the most efficient way to steer a car, although I could cite incidences where much more hazardous methods have been used.

Not that I have the slightest desire to meddle into your private affairs—you can ride with anybody you please, but just as a bit of friendly guidance I might say that it would be a good idea to ask people their hobbies before you hitch a ride. If any more things like this happen to me I am going to give up hitch hiking and buy a kitty car or a scooter. At least you can coast down hill.

## LISTEN STUDENTS

By Jimmy Wallace

A strange bill was introduced into the student legislature on Thursday night. It sounded remotely similar to the marching of goose-stepping soldiers stufing down the Wilhelmstrasse.

The legislature, since the beginning of the war, has taken on great powers, due primarily to the decentralization of the student body. As a result of this acute decentralization, it has become difficult to arrange student elections, both general and local. Now, more than ever before, the turnover of University students, both civilian and V-12, is being felt the hardest. In other words, legislature members do not experience the tenure of office which was the rule in the past.

In order to combat having several elections each scholastic year, the legislature ways and means committee drew up a bill providing that, in the event that a member of the legislature from either of the four town districts or the V-12 is dropped from the legislature rolls, the LEGISLATURE will ultimately appoint that person's successor. Here is the way the plan would work.

A ballot box for nominations would be set up near the residences of the students who had lost their representative. Nominations would be made by those students. THEN, the legislature would consider each nominee through the use of a special committee. This committee would present its recommendation to the legislature, and the legislature would vote.

Undoubtedly this procedure would simplify an otherwise harassing task. Undoubtedly the members would be chosen quickly. But, the people whom the appointed member would represent, by this method, would have no actual voice in the election. For example, the legislature would be appointing a man to represent the people of district one in town.

Since the beginning of the war, the students have lost a lot of power which they formerly utilized. This was partially due to their negligence and partially due to their rooming situation. This move was necessary. Therefore, the student legislature has become the most powerful body on the campus. However, there is no reason that such a powerful body should also take on the function of electing itself. That would make it a self-perpetuating group. Such a group is never representative. Such a group is dictatorial in nature.

If the legislature had an elections committee which really had the interests of all the students at heart; and if the legislature had an elections committee which was dynamic in nature; the difficulties of electing replacements would be dispensed with.

Having nominations made at a ballot box is perfectly all right. However, the elections committee could get the names and addresses of all the persons living in a certain district, send those people a list of the nominations by mail, and have those people vote on their choice. That would be democratic. But no matter how carefully the legislature considers the nominees under the proposed plan; no matter how long the committee deliberates; the person who is chosen will not by any means necessarily be the choice of the people whom he supposedly represents.

Certainly the V-12 would not mind electing legislature representatives every four months. A ballot box could be provided at Swain hall, into which nominations could be placed. Then the V-12 men could vote on the nominations. The legislature needs about nine V-12 men. The legislature, therefore, could choose the top nine men for membership immediately, and reserve, say, the next two men in line for possible replacements. In this manner, the V-12 would get the chance to elect its representatives TO the legislature and not have their representatives elected BY the legislature.

Democracy is the will of the majority of the people. When 35 people out of 1800 begin to choose the representatives of the 1800, then we no longer have democracy. In fact, we no longer have anything.

### By Mail . . .

TAR HEEL Editor,  
Graham Memorial.  
Dear Editor,

The following letter was sent by the undersigned to the Editor of PM, and was published in the Monday, July 5th, issue of that paper. It is our endeavor to stimulate interest in the subject of that letter. The letter was the product of a great deal of serious thought about our present status as a nation and as a

people united for final victory over the aggressive forces of Germany and Japan, but a people still unprepared for the problems of the future. It is our hope that the American people will be aroused to that all important task of uniting to form an American Party, a Democratic Party, but spelled with a little d. We would appreciate anything you can do to stimulate the interest of those here on this campus and all through the state. People are conscious of the need for such a step but they are at odds as to how it can be made.

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph C. Travis

## Trimester Adopted

December 7, 1941 this nation was required to defend its honor after the sneak attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. Peace-time mobilization for defense had been in progress under the selective service act, and it was accelerated to meet the needs of a nation at war.

On December 12, 1942, an official statement of the War Department described the new program for educating prospective officers in the colleges throughout the country, and eventually about 200 colleges were honored with military units of army and navy men.

The University of North Carolina was one of those institutions so honored, and one year ago, about 1300 sailors walked across the Carolina campus to initiate the program of Navy V-12's at the University.

Although the University, in bidding for the navy program in Washington had either directly or indirectly inferred that the University schedule would be adjusted to the navy program, the matter when put to a faculty vote had been overwhelmingly defeated. To meet the deficit in staffs, new teachers were brought to assume part of the responsibility and for one year now Carolina has borne the strain of a double schedule, double programs, double commencements and double registrations.

Some departments taught no V-12's; some departments taught some civilians and some V-12's, and some departments set up secondary staffs to teach V-12's only.

There were many points of friction as a result of the duplication, in both the faculty and the student bodies. Some felt they were being overloaded while others shirked full-time responsibility, and others felt that age, position and prestige were a good substitute for full-time loads.

This week, with the arrival of the navy note outlining a new form of payment for the V-12's students, the matter reached a head, and the administration reconsidered the advantages of synchronization. A faculty meeting was called, and the matter was not voted upon although the problems involved were discussed and outlined by the administrative heads.

Simultaneously, a student group sponsored a campus poll which voted against tri-mester. Unfortunately all of the facts were not before those who voted, since they had not been released by the administration. . . .

On Thursday, an administrative committee composed of Deans House, Hobbs, Carroll, Johnson, Bradshaw, and Pierson met at Dean House's office and committed the University to synchronization thus eliminating the possibility of further argument on the subject.

All the reasons have not been stated, but superficially there are many things which point toward the logic of its adoption . . . and they grow out of the conditions of the war.

Many other universities have been inconvenienced, shall we say, in order to make the navy contingent on its campus feel a part of instead of outside of, its university, and although we tried very hard to do this here, we did not succeed as well as we hoped.

I do not believe that the student body would prefer convenience of special vacations at a time like this in preference to a unified effort on the part of both student and faculty to meet war-time economies and the stream-lining that accompanies it, if they knew all the facts. . . .

In the course of the war we have willingly adjusted ourselves to gasoline and food rationing, to vacations at home and the dispensing with of unnecessary travel, and accelerated courses, and no rayon stockings. We have even learned to joke about these things and some of us no longer care whether we have butter and sugar with every meal.

This good-natured acceptance by the American public of deprivations, small in themselves, but for so long an integral part of our way of living, is based on our general adaptability. . . . Children of rebels and pioneers, we have learned through the generations of America to learn "to take it" and we do not shy at it today.

Classmates, friends, and relatives are out on the battlefields and on the sea lanes, all around the world . . . many of them in trenches and risking their lives. . . and it would hardly be necessary to repeat what you read in the papers every day of what "inconvenience" they are having. No one can hear their complaints about

## FREE PRESS

This may appear a bit out of the ordinary, but for the welfare of a unified Student Body, may I request that this letter be printed in Saturday's TAR HEEL in place of any news article regarding the same question: the adoption of the tri-mester system.

Wednesday morning the Carolina Political Union sponsored, in front of the YMCA, a poll in regard to student opinion concerning the University's proposed trimester plan for synchronization of the civilian and military classes on this campus. That poll was conducted with the sincere intention of determining just how the students felt about this problem. The results of that poll showed that 304 students were for the retention of the present system, and that 44 were in favor of adopting the new plan.

From spontaneous interpretation, one would assume from such a tabulation that the student body was overwhelmingly in opposition to a plan which, though they did not know it, had already been decreed by Dr. Graham. Careful observation and inquiry, however, would prove such an interpretation wrong.

The fact is that the majority of the students who voted in that poll were not cognizant of all the circumstances involved. This is not heresy because I, myself, asked no less than two dozen students whether or not they were completely aware of all the facts. In not a single case did I receive an affirmative reply. In reality, the whole picture of tri-mester unification was not revealed to the student body until Thursday night when Dr. Graham spoke in Gerrard Hall. It was then, and not until then, that student opinion regarding this situation had any firm foundation, and that opinion was shown conspicuously to be in favor of, rather than against, the synchronization program.

This letter is not intended to nullify the results of the CPU poll, nor is it meant to admonish any student who still holds a negative opinion concerning this issue. I seek merely to point out that spontaneous opinion on this matter was not authenticated by a complete knowledge of the facts. I myself was in favor of retaining the quarter system until I was completely enlightened.

The University of North Carolina has, during the past two years, made great contributions to the war effort through its war-time program. The tri-mester plan, aside from its economical aspect, will add another contribution to the list. And I feel that it should be known that student opinion on this campus, once enlightened to the pressing circumstances, stands firmly behind any movement which will work for compatibility between civilians and Navy men, and that they consider any sacrifice just when weighed on the scale of war-time need.

Sincerely,  
Bill Crisp

vacations . . . or work-days of longer than eight hours.

Now we face the coming transition over to the tri-mester and its our problem. If you'll think about it carefully you will realize that a shorter or misplaced vacation, a slightly altered plan of pursuing a course toward a degree, is little enough for a civilian to donate toward the improvement of the position of the university which is honored by the presence of a military detachment.

All navy boys, even though they are now ostensibly no more encumbered than the civilian on campus, face a greater demand on their time, and future by this nation, and Carolina should be proud to adjust its program so as to coincide with theirs, as have most of the other universities.

Carolina is doing a good job for the navy, for the civilian and the state, and if the administration, with all of the facts before it (including some which must forever remain confidential) believes this plan to be the best, we ought to back them to the hilt.

The clear presentation of these facts by Dr. Graham and Dean House at the student meeting Thursday night removed any doubt from the minds of the student body.

From now on there can be but one course. We back the University administration, the faculty, the Deans and President Graham 100%.