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To the STUDENT BODY... ... from the EDITOR

TAR HEEL'S FINAL STAND PRESENTED IN LETTER TO DR. FRIEDERICH

Chapel Hill, N. C.
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Dr. Werner P. Friederich
169 White Street
Waverly, 79, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Friederich:

Following the suggestion of President Graham and Chancellor House that we make some final statement to our readers in an effort to clear away the misunderstanding which has surrounded the recent discussions of your not being accepted by the Office of War Information, we are printing this letter to you. Up until this time, we have shunned editorial comment, but now some of the black clouds of unreason are clearing away, and we are trying to lay a common understanding among you, the students, the faculty, the administration, the people of Chapel Hill, and all citizens everywhere.

Since one of our functions is the reflection of student opinion, let it be said that the overwhelming majority of students and all people in this college community will welcome you should you desire to return to teach and study with us. We have not heard one responsible person deny that you are fit to be a member of this cosmopolitan community known as the University of North Carolina. Neither do we here deny that you do possess great ability; we all hold you to be a scholarly gentleman, able to accomplish much in furthering the welfare of man.

As you stated so ably in your letter to us, the principle of fair play is the one virtue for which Americans are known throughout the world. You were examined for the OWI officials who were responsible to a Congress and President selected by individual ballot by the men and women of America. These officials who examined you were not appointed by the will of an individual man who rose to power by means of purges and assassinations. These officials were not selected by a mock parliamentary body which was responsible to one man. They were selected by the millions of people who live in this land called America.

Men and women in Chapel Hill, exercising a right guaranteed to them under the Constitution of the United States of America, brought to the attention of their government agency selected by their duly elected representatives some facts which they thought their government should know. These men and women of Chapel Hill, after knowing you for years and reading your writings, believed in their hearts and minds that you were not the person to send across the seas to manage the enemies which had been conquered only after years of sweat and blood. Whether or not these people were right or wrong in their judgment of you does not alter the fact that they had a right to believe that you were unqualified to govern the people under whose soil now lie the bodies of American men who died to defend their native land, and who have defeated these people who accepted blood purges, invasions of neutrals, and abolition of legislatures by dictators.

Of course there are many foolish acts by little men connected with your case, but you were treated fairly—there being a difference between American fairness and American softness. If in 1938 you had been living in Germany and had written a pamphlet praising the democracies in the manner you praised the dictatorships in your pamphlet published in America, we dare to say that when the victorious allied forces marched into Germany they would have found your body among those at Erla, Buchenwald, or Dachau.

After Munich, you changed your mind, as did a sizeable minority of other Americans. America guarantees to men the right to change their minds and to live in peace so long as they do not harm their fellow men. Your fellow Americans here in Chapel Hill allowed you to change your mind and teach and study among us, even though you once held a philosophy which today we know to be completely opposed to human dignity. The only way in which your fellow citizens here in Chapel Hill have

acted against you was advising their government that they believed that you might not express their will if you went to Germany.

Unfortunately, many people who tried to defend you so strongly in Chapel Hill acted so foolishly that they did you harm. They began calling each other by ugly names; they used your case as an opportunity to make public the many prejudices and ancient misunderstandings which existed among them. They frequently forgot you, and began attacking everything and everybody.

Many of these people even went so far as to attack the student newspaper. In an effort to find some object on which to throw their emotion, they went through our news accounts with a fine comb to find errors. The fact that the news stories were purely factual made them more angry, and they used a device which is as old as language itself; they centered their attack upon the meaning of abstract words. We have apologized, and will apologize again, for the use of "subversive" or any other word which might offend the most delicate ear. We deeply regret if we in any way misled anybody. We are more than willing to retract any false statement which we made.

Some persons believe that we should have suppressed the news in the manner that newspapers have been forced to suppress news in so many parts of the world. The attention which we focused upon the matter not only fulfilled our obligation to our readers to uncover for them that which they want to know, but also brought into full view of all those who cared to see the facts on which many a dark rumor had been based. For weeks your case had been whispered around the classrooms, offices, dormitories, and homes in Chapel Hill. Many people were badly misinformed. Some thought that you were under suspect by federal law enforcement officers, others thought all sorts of wild things. The Tar Heel, an instrument of free students at a liberal university, decided that it was the sacred duty of the free press to act, regardless of the fact that one side or the other might attack us. The free press has been attacked many, many times before by those who would seek to conceal information, and except in some countries across the seas, the free press has triumphed!

Contrary to what some slow-thinking individuals have said, the free press was on your side, as it is on the side of all people who want justice and fairness under the American democracy.

The Tar Heel published facts presented by all sides. Although we did not have space for any but a small portion of the many letters we received, letters both praising and denouncing you were printed side by side. Our news stories presented facts and opinions derived from many sources.

Along with President Graham, we urge all citizens to petition the OWI to give you a job in the United States, for which we believe you are well qualified. As has been stated before, a job is waiting for you here with our language departments. The University has not treated you unfairly!

The Tar Heel is willing to co-operate with you and help you. We did not blast you in our editorials during the heat of the misunderstanding. Yet you do not owe the student press any debt for the fair manner in which you were treated, for it is the sacred obligation of the free press to be fair with everyone, or else that press ceases to be free.

We want to thank the administration and student body on your behalf for the fairness they showed toward you. We thank you for your letter to us, and for your able explanation of your stand. We now know that many things done for you in Chapel Hill by those who proposed to be your friends would not receive your approval.

It is our hope that you will return to Chapel Hill soon and that you will visit us at your convenience so that we may help you regain any prestige which you may have forfeited because of action which was not your fault.

Respectfully,

Robert Morrison and the
Staff of the Tar Heel.

LET THE CAMPUS GO BAREFOOT

Today the Seniors are observing "Barefoot Day," as part of their last escapades at Carolina. We can distinguish those who will soon be leaving us by their ten toes.

With shoes carefully rationed, the Seniors have a good idea. Furthermore, chiropodists tell us that going barefoot has definite hygienic value: the feet become stronger and healthier; corns, athlete foot, weak arches, etc., disappear.

One can easily realize the extreme pleasure derived from treading over the soft paths of the campus without being molested by one of the many curses of civilization. Think of the fun of wading through the cool water which collects after rains!

We recommend that during the coming months of warmth all students take advantage of the great pleasure of going without shoes. We even strongly suggest that the legislature and the commanding officer make the barefoot the official dress for the faculty and students this summer.

POOR LAUNDRY SERVICE

Many students have been complaining lately about what we think to be poor laundry service. For some reason, the University Laundry is hitting a new low.

There is no doubt that the laundry, like all agencies today, is working under war time conditions. However, it is strange that several months ago the laundry was giving relatively good service. We wonder if new difficulties have arisen since then, and if so, what these difficulties are.

The Ram Sees...

BY AN OLD GOAT

• During the week gone by out-in-town coeds have held a monopoly on out-of-town visitors in the uniform of Uncle Sam. Dick Walton, who's Gwen Morriss' "Knight in Shining Armor," swapped his white "hoss" for a flying machine. Since he flew from Mississippi on a three-day pass, he paid his respects, "etc." to Gwen quite hurriedly but quite effectively... The girl and the gob seen recently about campus together were Marty Taylor and Earl Peacock. And what of the bell-bottoms, Marty? ... Carlisle Cashion gives a salute to her lieutenant in the Merchant Marine, Ed Lewis. Cupid is on the wing, but not the fly, Rameses hears.

• Joy Gilbert and Sara Garland are two of a kind. They both wear beaming smiles to match their third-finger-left-hand-sparklers. Bob Davis and Fred Chamberlain, respectively, are the guys that deserve congratulatory handshakes... from the public at large.

• Mythology has it that from Pandora's box escaped the vices of the world, but vice "Temptation" has been destroyed. Betty Sydenstricker's elbow crushed it into countless pieces; however the fact still remains... it was only a phonograph record.

• Jerry Frankel, in the spirit of the Old South, was deep in an explanation of the traditional Confederate soldier. Accidentally on purpose, so his date thought, a startling touch of realism was added by a back-firing automobile.

• Jane Fairly wishes to announce that her curls are really deep brown. The three additional colors are merely paint streaks, "proof of the pudding" that she's been an eager beaver worker at the Alpha Gam house renovation... "Y" officers who took time out from their week-end retreat for palm reading and fortune telling were Cattie Capt, Dot Phillips, Kay Farrell, Betty Marks, and Lib Henderson... Scuttlebutt has it that the junior birdmen of the 64th will make a flying quick return trip to Carolina. Third floor Spencer is holding its breath and counting the days until this two weeks holdover begins... Jim Dillard, Ed Twohey, and Mary Murphy are merely the better-halves (?) of three couples currently engaged in date-swapping. Developments should be interesting... Will some kind person please tell Dick Gibson just what chairs are really made for? ... 'Tis wondered if a PiKA pledge pin is a good substitute for a Tri-Delta one. "Fish" Salmon convinced Jo MacMillan that it was O.K. for a single evening.

• "Laura" has stolen a first place in the hearts of Carolina music lovers. Its haunting melody touches a chord of lost dreams and forgotten moments of bliss.

• PiKA is mourning the loss of two of its prominent brothers. Lew Mender, star athlete, left for Charlotte and the Navy last week, and Norman DeLaney, Freddy Johnson's trombonist, will join Uncle Sam's forces on June 27th. Another loss was suffered when "chairs and stairs" were abolished several weeks ago.

• The week-end saw the infirmary as heavily populated as the "Y" at twelve noon on Saturday. Keeping each other company were Lou Hull, John "Waldrip," and Buddy Glenn. Visitor traffic under the "sick" windows was more than a trifle congested.

• Saturday evening ATO's were formal non-champagne "christenings" of Terrace View, five miles on the nose out Greensboro road. From the formal flag-raising ceremony to the revolving chandelier to the havoc played atop the roof garden the party was a PRIVATE but riotous success.

• Chapel Hill leathernecks took Hogan's Lake by storm Saturday. Tree-climbers and water-splashers made the picnic a back-to-nature jungle party (incidentally, 'tis said it wasn't water that Willie Meeks splashed on the Captain). Al Pollock and Dick McCallum elected themselves chief June McCullough-entertainers while her date, Larry Johnson, communed with nature from a tree-top. (And speaking of the Marines, they didn't take second floor northwest Battle Dorm by storm. Locked doors and Peace-maker Morrison intervened.)

• Are you a detective? Rameses offers you leavin's from the Pi Phi Saturday treasure hunt. Here are the clues to the number three:

1. It's just an old beer bottle floating on the foam.
2. For maidens who die wondering—Bang, bang!
3. Forgotten by lovers Wasted by others Ended by suicide.

To the treasure, your guide, around us that certain liquid with a somewhat higher alcohol content than that of the past, for it was party, you you quickly made your treasure that made up the other half of the "ery." If you're one of the males, early appropriate name "Discover" new perfume with that singer, Marianne Dickson, you're now wear, you're Henrette Hampton or the much-sought-for treasure. If Tower, not the Billmore, you'll find three: under the clock, at the bell never fired a shot. Beyond the Carolina's status, the soldier who's across the campus to the base of bath at the swimming pool, track From clue number one, the foot- UPSIDE DOWN ANSWERS:

THE CPU ROUNDTABLE WAR CRIMINALS

By Bill Crisp

The task which faces the Allied War Crimes Commission in London is almost as mortifying as was the task of bringing Germany's military to its knees. Not only are there numerous problems in the rounding up of the accused; there is quite a bit of confusion over just who the accused are.

Before Europe's last nasty business—the arrest, trial, and punishment of war criminals—can even begin, several perplexing questions

must be settled: What acts constitute a war crime? Who have committed such acts? Who shall try them? How shall they be tried? What shall be their punishment?

In a country where the common law system has prevailed for over a century and a half, these points of procedure may appear of minor importance. Such, however, is not the case.

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TAR and FEATHERS

By Charles Frank Benbow, Jr.

The students of this University undertook a project years ago that has never projected. Each year determined students promise to project the project. It has successfully defied projection through the years.

The unprojected project plays a leading role in all student elections and has a prominent place in all campaign platforms of all campus political parties.

The project which scorns projection has been the topic of conversation at one time or another among every group of students on the Hill.

In the last election one political

party promised to project it in sixty days, if its slate were elected. The other political party promised to project the unprojected project but did not commit itself as to the date of the projection. The project is yet to be projected.

The "sixty days or bust" gang unfortunately were not elected. However, some of them have remained in Student Government offices. Instead of cooperating with Bill McKenzie to project the project, they have thwarted the efforts of McKenzie. The project has been used as a political piskin long
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