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"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

• Not Advice, But Worth Thinking About

What advice should a college paper give to its student body in these times? We don't want to give any, but we do want to mention several things that we feel the college youth of today should be thinking about.

College students today mean more to the well being of this country than ever before. It will be our job to restore the world to sanity. But we can and must do it. Our chief weapons will be common sense, sanity, coolness, impartiality, and, in general, the Christian social and economic principles that we have been taught.

Today the oceans that surround us are no longer barriers, but highways of invasion. Today we have been aroused to a wartime pitch by propaganda that is as skillful as it is deadly and effective.

We must not be led by propaganda schemers, but by our own standards which four years of college will instill in us. We must keep a cool mind. We must be true to our government, but also true to ourselves. We must join our fellowman in using the collected control so vitally necessary in preventing us from losing our democracy and our fight to preserve it. Whatever field we may enter, these duties—indeed, these privileges—constitute an integral part of the load we must shoulder.

It is this cause—this fight for the preservation of America and American ideals—that the college youth of today face. It is our job, and our duty to make the most of it.

• Not A Frosh, But A Carolina Student

Remarkable thing about Carolina, they say, is that a freshman is just as good as anybody. Imagine! No hazing, no errands, no mess at all. Frosh get just as many class cuts as seniors, they wear no rat caps, they start college life as people—not "freshmen."

But it ain't so. Verily, it ain't so. Freshmen are definitely at a handicap. Always tell a freshman, they say, but you can't tell him much. Always got that lost lamb look. That's what they say.

YOUR OWN BOSS
Brother, is that so? Trouble is everybody gives freshmen advice. That's wrong. ONE person should give him advice before too many have the opportunity to befuddle him. That one person is us.

First, about profs. This advice is too late. You already have profs. But next quarter friends will tell you who is easy, who is tough. But they never tell you whether he is interesting, whether he has a vital personality. Many professors are worth taking because they are not only good educators but characters—Cameron, Ericson, etc.

Then there is that matter of getting into things. Jump right to work. Don't wait until you get your schedule arranged, until you see how much time you will have. If you do someone will beat you to the jump. If you are too busy later you can drop the activities which interest you least. And confidentially, buddy, if you must get into freshman politics, get into the promotion angle. You run for an office, you get it, you are forgotten for the next four years—at least that is what usually happens.

Help a pal, do all you want, but remember that it is impossible to please 700 guys who don't know what they want themselves. You would cook your goose pre-natally. Of course there are exceptions to this also, Hi, Mr. Exception.

WATCH POLITICS
More don'ts coming up. No—that's the negative approach. Let's make them do's instead. Do take all the high school letters, pins, etc., off your clothes. You're at Carolina now. Wait until you earn your stuff here.

When bringing girls down for the week-end go to the coed office in South building and get the approved list of boarding houses. Your girl can stay there. She is supposed to pay for her own room. In fact, there is a law that says so. Also there is a University dance committee ruling against corsages at dances. Doesn't that make you sore, though?

When you go to Durham don't make the mistake of hazing Duke freshmen. Tried it on a couple football players once, and friend, it isn't the healthiest thing in the world.

Another thing. When taking exams it's perfectly all right under most professors to walk out for water, up to the Book Ex for a coke, talk to people in the halls. When you sign the pledge, and please write it all the way out, think about what you're doing. That thing means something around here.

HONOR CODE
Avoid breaking down dorm doors when you forget your key. The janitor will be happy to let you in. Also the old cardboard routine is out—those locks have square plungers now and nothing will open them but a key—which is as it should be.

Try to get details like messed up schedules, physical exams, loans, and such taken care of as quickly as possible or you will find yourself knee-deep in petty details with no time for actual constructive work.

If for any reason you want to change your dorm room, simply tell the dorm assistant manager and he will take care of it if possible. Help upperclassmen uphold rushing silence by not leading them into discussions about fraternities. You will get plenty of that in due time.

Don't worry about anything. You'll be surprised at the way in which it all works out. It's even money that in a couple of years you'll scornfully tell a freshman, "What? Professor Xwygg? Buddy, I pity, thassal. I pity you. Back to your blocks. I'm biz."

• The Student, the University, and the Nation

(This is the first of a series of guest editorials that will appear in The Daily Tar Heel throughout the year. Today Dean Francis F. Bradshaw has written on what the University should do in connection with the present national emergency.)

All of us here this fall are privileged for one more school term to walk in the paths of peace, constructive work, and personal development. This goes on yet in this beautiful spot, although in much of the world the time and energies of youth and age alike are devoted exclusively to the work of destruction. For this campus this year is a personal privilege; for our world we hope our lives and work here this year will be an adequate preparation for the huge tasks of reconstruction.

Last spring, just before we separated, the Federal Government had appropriated \$30,000,000,000 for defense work. During the summer, while we have been about our play and work elsewhere, this amount has been raised to \$61,000,000,000. We are told that whereas now 5,000,000 men are employed in defense industries, this number must, in the near future, be raised to 30,000,000. "Sixty thousand college trained men will be needed by the Army and 11,000 by the Navy each year for flying schools alone." Over 500,000 additional employees were added to the Federal payroll last year by the Civil Service Commission. Such gigantic programs of change are underway in the world about this campus. What will these mean for the University and for you during this coming year? The following answers come from various sources, mainly from a joint conference of college and university people with the War and Navy Departments, and other Federal agencies.

The University should:

Add special short courses for chemists, physicists, and production supervisors.

Prepare a brief statement of the interests, aptitudes, and special abilities of each student, so he may personally present it to the classification officer at the time of the student's assignments to duties in the armed forces.

Discuss with local officials of the office of Civilian Defense the means through which the University can render the most effective service in the community and state (e. g. training police, fire, and medical protection personnel.)

Reorientation of social studies to face present problems. (We have tended to teach from the safe distance of historical past or predicted future rather than from the living present.)

Emphasize the responsibility of civilians for voluntary service and self discipline.

Establish forums on campus and in the State to discuss current issues pertaining to democracy and the world scene.

Improve the guidance of students to provide for best long-time placement of the individual, according to his aptitudes, and also the best adaptation of the individuals in the emergency efforts.

Prepare a roster of students, faculty, and alumni, classified in terms of areas, in which he is prepared to render effective service and be prepared to provide a list of such individuals to local or national industrial or governmental defense agencies.

Keep students and alumni informed of changing personnel needs in the defense training program.

Maintain the operation of the normal educational program with as little disruption as possible.

What should the students do in this situation? Every student should, individually, plan and carry out a program which will:

Keep himself in top physical condition.

Discover and develop his socially useful abilities.

Think through the issues in the present world conflict, and share responsibility for making the democratic way of life prevail.

Develop the habit of prompt and thorough performance of all work.

Seek out opportunities for promoting understanding and morale on the campus.

Live and work economically, avoiding all waste.

Take full advantage of this remaining opportunity for development in culture, insight, and participation in the permanent values of civilization.

As students, faculty, citizens, alumni all aggressively and enthusiastically cooperate in meeting the tasks of this moment, this University and all her sons can rise to meet the opportunities and challenge of this historic year.

• In Passing

"The first obligation of college students is to fit themselves for the highest type of service; they should not give up the chance to prepare for their unique service in order to render a service on a level which can be rendered by a much larger number of men and women."—John W. Studebaker, Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education.

"Young people should be advised that it is their patriotic duty to continue the normal course of their education, unless and until they are called, so that they will be well prepared for greatest usefulness to their country. They will be promptly notified if they are needed for other patriotic services."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Freshman Smith

Writes Home About Carolina

Sommers in Chapel Hill
Sometime in September

Dear Folks:—

To tell the truth, mom, this wouldn't be such a bad place if I didn't have to sit down and write home. I've been sitting here looking at it for half an hour trying to get an idea for a letter and what happens? The typewriter looks up at me and says, "Get to work, Jerk." If I weren't already in love with Chapel Hill and this here Royal, I'd throw it out the window.

Well, I'm still sitting here trying to write something. Since I ended that informative first paragraph I have (1) disposed of hang-nail on right index finger (2) wondered whose going to win the National League pennant race (3) worried about expense account (4) made mental picture of myself dating Carolina coed (5) attempted to picture myself as a BMOG four years hence (6) thought 'how lucky I am to have parents like you (7) worried about my expense account.

Mom, please don't tell my friends that I'm going to Carolina because they might tell their friends. Then again some years hence when the historical people start putting up those signs, "Elmer Smith Slept Here," I don't want one of them on a post outside this stuffy, crowded joint.

This here University has very little to offer in the way of recreation. For instance, imagine only having 62 tennis courts. And only 14 baseball diamonds and five football fields and a swimming pool so large I haven't seen all of it yet. I guess they expect a student here just to loll around in his room all day and do nothing.

Oh, I forgot, they have round dancing and square dancing, and why dancing. There is the Bloody Bucket, the Pines, Bradys, and so forth, but shall we talk about that? Sort of a lonely place. You never see anybody in there except Loretta Young, Lana Turner, Ann Sheridan, Betty Grable and some other old hags.

I understand it costs little or nothing to go to school here. They have one way to pay called the "budget plan." You pay three oil wells down and an orange grove a month. Of course that

is a limited membership and does not entitle you to see the Carolina-Duke game.

The rules are rather strict, too. I was wandering down the hall of Graham Memorial today, opening doors and looking in—just minding my own business, as I generally do, folks, and I came across a room full of fellow students. I eased in and finally got the drift of things. Some student seemed to be on trial. A guy, who talked like a District attorney, almost spat in the face of a fellow I tabbed as the defendant. Well, mom, seven old men put their heads together and pretty soon one of them arose and said emphatically, "Guilty and no longer a Carolina student."

The student found guilty rose and let out a yell and screamed, "What am I going to do now? How can I stand this disgrace? I can't face my mother, let alone my brothers and sisters. This is the end."

Later on I met one of the students I had seen at the trial. I asked what the charge was against the student found guilty. The student I was talking to looked round to determine there was no one listening and then whispered in my ear, "He didn't think Carolina would beat Duke this year."

Always your son,
Elmer Smith

College Education Worth Little to Girls

BRYN MAWR, Pa. — (ACP) — In cold cash, what is a college education worth to a girl? Not as much as you'd think.

In fact, unless she goes on and gets a doctor of philosophy degree, the "investment of time and money as repayment by earnings does not seem to be justified," it was concluded by the American Association of University Women in a recent survey.

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