

Parting Shot

Adjournment of the State Assembly has dictated an adjournment too to the issue of enfranchising 18, 19 and 20-year-olds. When the gentlemen from the 100 counties returned home without serious consideration of the proposal, they effectively closed action on the measure for another two years.

We can sincerely say that this action—or the lack of it—was not unexpected. It took almost a score of years to get through the school amendment, upon which the State voted last fall, and even the proposal was not ideally framed. We undertook the task of trying to stimulate interest because we believe that the ice could be broken during the session just past for effective action on the issue at the next Assembly or the next.

This, admittedly, is the long-run point of view, but we make no apologies for that. If the issue is worth fighting for—and we believe that it is—, then it is worth fighting for over an extended period.

As a parting shot, we assert again our conviction that: ● A person intelligent and mature enough to fight in a mechanized war in which he may sacrifice his life for his country deserves the right to participate in the government of that country by vote.

● The general level of education in history and civic affairs and the availability of information on public affairs in current times also qualify persons between 18 and 20 the right to vote.

Two years hence we trust the issue will rise again.

To the Pre-Met School

On Monday, Carolina facilities were opened to 275 new "students." The Army pre-meteorological school began on that day and its uniformed cadets marching from class to class amid civilian students afforded a preview of the hundreds of additional uniforms that will be part of the Carolina scene in July when extensive Army and Navy college training programs begin.

We wholeheartedly welcome this new group and their commanding officers. While we understand that the primary reason for their being here is to train for military service, we hope they will find time to enjoy Carolina in more than a scholastic way.

Our recreational facilities are open to them. We hope they enjoy them in their leisure time.

Through the intermediary of the number of former UNC students in their midst, the campus will know them less as platoons passing by Memorial hall and more as individuals.

Student Donations Help Town Exceed Red Cross Quota

The Red Cross War Fund Drive finished its campaign recently after exceeding its quota of \$5,400 by \$1,450.72. According to Hugh Lefler, drive chairman, total memberships and collections through March 10, amount to \$6,850.72.

The largest single figure contributed to the campaign was that raised from University students, who turned in \$1,522. Of this amount, \$200 was contributed by the Campus War Chest.

The local chapter will retain twenty-six percent of the total contributions with the remainder going to national headquarters. The total quota for the United States is \$125,000,000, and \$66,000,000 of this will be used for the fighting men.

Privileges Board To Convene Tonight

The house privileges board will meet tonight at 9:30 in the WGA of Graham Memorial, it was announced yesterday by chairman Frances Allison.

WGA Office Candidates To Be Nominated Today

Nominations for all offices in the Woman's Government Association will be made this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the main lounge of Graham Memorial when the Coed senate holds an open meeting there.

All coeds are urged to attend the meeting for if there are more than two candidates for each post primary elections will be held to narrow down the field.

Navy Reserve Opened To Science Majors

Juniors and seniors in an accredited college pursuing either an engineering course or a course leading toward a baccalaureate degree with a major in physics, naval architecture, mathematics, or electronics are eligible for enlistment in the United States Naval Reserve, Class SV-7.

Coed Dancing Classes To Resume Tonight

The weekly social dancing classes held in the women's east annex of Woolen gymnasium will be resumed tonight at 7:30, Miss Meroney announced last night.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1-Stronghold, 2-Conjunction, 3-Sea-weed, 4-British Air Marshal, 5-Emetic salt, 6-Indian timber tree, 7-Units of force, 8-Beast, 9-Localities, 10-Strike breaker (stang), 11-Girl's name, 12-Upon, 13-Clean, 14-2 m., 15-Small nail, 16-Vase, 17-Figurine, 18-Rarely, 19-Small white animal, 20-Printer's measure, 21-On the ocean, 22-Terror, 23-Exclamation of pain, 24-Sacrificial platform, 25-Science, 26-Acute, 27-Peruvian plant, 28-Seize, 29-Thus, 30-Daredevil, 31-Word of contempt, 32-Land measure, 33-Wandering, 34-Minutemen, 35-Place to keep chickens, 36-Worn out, 37-Edge of roof, 38-Frang, 39-Fall behind, 40-Region, 41-Take out, 42-Female sheep, 43-Penitential period, 44-Watch charms, 45-Monster, 46-Actual, 47-Fur garment, 48-Indefinite article, 49-Scored in tennis, 50-Wander, 51-Stir up, 52-Margin, 53-Female horse, 54-Level, 55-Precise, 56-Code.

By Mail

Godfrey Answers Criticism Of News Analysis Views

To the Editor:

I have been for some time an ardent reader of Dr. Ericson's contributions to the Tar Heel. It was with interest, therefore, that I began to read his letter in your issue of March 16. This interest quickly turned to amazement as I found that he had selected a speech of mine made before the News of the Week analysis as a subject for a bitter denunciation of certain views with which he associated me. I was not surprised that Dr. Ericson should be in disagreement with the views that he attributed to me for we have seldom agreed in the past, but I was surprised that his present disagreement should take the form of a gratuitous, and not entirely respectful, attack upon me. I am even more regretful that all of this should have arisen from his reading of the Tar Heel report of what was said by me in my news analysis.

Let me recount as briefly as possible what happened and the pertinent part of what was said. Near the end of last quarter I consented to lead the news of the week. I talked for about an hour on the basic issues of the war, stressing particularly the problems of geographical strategy. In developing this subject I had occasion to define the old policy of appeasement as it developed under the late Neville Chamberlain. In doing this I spoke entirely from Chamberlain's point of view, so that my small audience would understand the intellectual considerations involved in such a program. I pointed out that this program of appeasement consistently applied might well have led to war between Germany and Russia, a contingency which from the point of view of the conservative Englishman might not be considered a catastrophe. This was all theoretical and represented the policy as it was evaluated by the conservative party politician of England. I stated at the time that this policy while not devoid of some diplomatic skill did not represent my personal preference. As Dr. Ericson well knows from previous

conversations with me and from mutual appearances on campus panels that I have long been what he once considered a war-monger and that I have before this deprecated the policy of appeasement. I cannot understand how he now thought that my position had undergone a fundamental change.

He also offers strong indictment of certain statements that I am alleged to have made about Russia. When I spoke of Russia directly I expressed an admiration and praise for her actions in the present war that would have completely satisfied any champion of that country. I was insistent that Russia be given every form of aid and spoke of the possibilities—and, in all honesty, of the difficulties—of a second front. It was impossible for me, however, to claim that Russia's interests and our interests were identical, for as a professional historian I have the responsibility toward facts that limits the range of my fancy. I regret as much as claim for all of the Allies a complete and abiding identity of interest with Russia. The facts will not support such a contention at the present moment. I did insist that we had a mutual interest in winning the war, but I was forced to leave further claims to those who can speak without responsibility of these matters. I am certain, however, that the portion of the audience that followed me carefully would agree that I am for more rather than less help to Russia.

A final statement attributed to me and contemptuously characterized as "bosh" can be

Stet

Fraternity Hibernation May Become Last Sleep

By Ernie Frankel

The head-waggers and finger-wavers who have been crying for abolition of fraternities at Carolina must be happy today. Their tears need no longer wet legislative collars. The war has taken care of things.

Before the year is gone, fraternities here will be in hibernation. Chapter doors will be opened only to men in the armed services. Mortgages will be accumulating interest. Only the papers in South building files, and a few scattered meeting rooms on campus will show evidence of fraternity existence.

If fraternities are to run again after this war, those men who guide them now must make wise decisions during the next few weeks; and the University officials who drive the bargains must be in accord. Unless the houses and the administration weigh patriotism, fairness and need, the enforced hibernation might become a last sleep.

Recent South building proposals have been turned down by the majority of the Interfraternity council members. University requests in the proposed contract were objected to because other chapters in other schools in similar situations were able to obtain more favorable, more equitable agreements. Yet the University has not actually guaranteed many of the things generally accepted in other institutions.

There can be no doubt of the willingness of fraternity men to turn over their houses for use by the armed forces. It is a duty, an obligation that no chapter would overlook. However, these men should be able to expect fair terms on a level with other schools.

The original University proposal did not guarantee that houses would be returned in blueprint-exact condition. It did not propose to aid the houses in paying on their mortgages through a loan-fund or financial guarantee. It did not promise that the houses would be rented for any specified length of time. It did not agree that provisions should be made for unused furniture. It did not recognize the need for a set

annual expenditure.

Carolina's administrators seek no profit from these transactions. They are obviously willing to act as non-paid rental agents, keep records, administer affairs. Still, they desist from actually being "agents" of the fraternities. "Agent" implies working especially for a party. The University is not willing to do this. It is resigned to giving the fraternities the money coming from the military tenants, and guaranteeing to the houses those things which the renters offer. As an agent, the University should, acting for the chapters, present the facilities available and bargain for a just proposition.

Fraternities on some campuses stink. They are guilty of all the claims of greek-baiters. They are worthy of all the damns of their opponents. However, the fraternities at Carolina have showed, perhaps more than any other group, that they can utilize their organizational force for good, that they are ready to cooperate in all campus activities, that they can take the lead in charities, in campaigns, in new promotions, that they are willing to compromise on their old ideas, and eradicate the questionable practices. They have justified their existence during this war emergency; there are few men in the administration who will disagree with that.

Where, then, are they going? They go to fight. They go to make room for the military. They go to house other fighters. They go to insure the University's position as a stronghold. And they ask only their due.

It's in their hands—the leaders and the administrators. Where do the fraternities go from here?

easily explained. My original statement was that the delay of six weeks by the Bataan campaign, in the launching of the attack upon Russia may well have been the margin that saved Moscow and Leningrad from capture. Some may recall that winter is said to have played a part in the defense of these strongholds. Had Germany approached them earlier, their continued resistance is by no means certain. In this sense Yugoslavia and Greece may well have made a great contribution to victory.

It would seem then that Dr. Ericson was misled by an inadequate and to a degree inaccurate report of my speech by the Tar Heel. Had it not been so near the end of the quarter and the suspension of the Tar Heel for examination week, I would have protested its misleading report of what I had said. Also under ordinary circumstances this might have excused Dr. Ericson's attack upon what he assumed to be my position. In this case, however, I believe that Dr. Ericson should have shown

more regard for his responsibilities before launching charges that involve serious question of the patriotic attitude and professional competence of a colleague. It is hard for me to overlook the fact that his office is near mine, and that I would have been glad to have gone over my views with him had he done me the courtesy to ask for a clarification. I cannot escape the impression that such irresponsible remarks might do me harm in the minds of readers who know neither him nor me and therefore cannot judge which is likely to be correct in the matter of international relations and national attitudes.

May I suggest to Dr. Ericson that in the future before publicly attacking a colleague over purported remarks that displease him, he take the trouble of ascertaining what was said. And may I also suggest to the Tar Heel that when it publishes charges by one member of the faculty against another that the charges be held until a replay can be prepared for simultaneous appearance.

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