

The Time Is Now

Dr. Graham, in his usual unaffected and sincere way, has again left us several challenges which are deserving of our first consideration. Not the least of these challenges arises from the pathetic fact that over one hundred members of the present faculty in our Greater University now remain at their respective positions despite offers of from twenty to one hundred per cent higher salaries at other schools throughout the United States. It is true that to most of us the subject of the underpayment of our educators has become so common that we almost consider it hackneyed; yet, the situation has progressively gone from bad to worse while we idly discuss it.

This is of direct and immediate concern to all students now enrolled here, whether they be residents in a private home in Chapel Hill, a member of "Trailer Court," a Quonset Hut "hopeful," a fraternity or dormitory member, or a married student coming in from "Mudville." No one argues the question that salary increases must become actualities, but few have taken the trouble to realize that we are a reasonably mature pressure group—6700 strong. With the General Assembly session fast approaching in January, the time for positive action on the part of our student body is now!

Student opinion must consistently express itself now and until the disparity is remedied. This expression must find itself in the form of personal visits to the law offices of our own representatives to the State and National Legislatures, in letters to our home town editors, and in talks with every man of any influence we know—this will include every person who controls a single vote. Veterans must mention it in the meetings of the American Legion, V. F. W., A. V. C., Amvets, and in every other meeting they attend. The ideal is easily of sufficient nobility and urgency to be "preached" from the pulpits of our churches just as other questions in the past have been crusaded.

The question of Federal aid to Public Schools must be debated in the halls of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies; the C. P. U. must ask that salary increases be given primary consideration by its speakers. The University Veterans Association must continue and even increase its strong and spirited efforts toward this goal. Every organ of student activity can make itself an integrated part of the drive. It will be the job of the campus publications to use their full strength in reporting and supporting these efforts.

A mere twenty per cent increase will not accomplish adequate results. The University needs financed research programs for trips into the field by its instructors. Social scientists need to study European and Asiatic conditions first hand. Physicists must have the experience necessary for an age of atomic energy. Historians and geographers should visit the places they have studied. After all these are in progress, up-to-date periodicals and publications should be supplied them rather than having the money to purchase them coming from the same pocket as the one from which that for the purchase of daily bread must come. Liberal pensions should secure them in old age.

If the University of North Carolina is to remain one of the foremost American Universities in the eyes of the people qualified to judge, and if we are to continue to find ourselves studying textbooks written in Chapel Hill by the instructors standing before us rather than by the same men at other places and other schools, we must use the natural influence which we have inherited by mere fact of being at an intellectual center. We must use it Now!

It is remarkable how easily and insensibly we fall into a particular route, and make a beaten track for ourselves . . . the surface of the earth is soft and impressible by the feet of men; and so with the paths which the mind travels. How worn and dusty, then, must be the highways of the world, how deep the ruts of tradition and conformity.—Thoreau.

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Strictly Detrimental Breakfast Table Suggestions Found Worthy of Discussion

By Jud Kinberg

Our few friends and well-wishers, including Dan the Dog, have presented several items of importance to me around the hegemony of the breakfast table. Since this process of attrition has been going on amidst the corn flakes for some weeks now, the list of "why don't you write abouts" has grown quite considerable. To prove to them all that we don't take their kind suggestions with a squirt of orange juice, I'm instituting "Short Shots." Hope you like it.

SS Number One: Ignorance Is No Excuse

By 1943, when passing or failing a subject could mean remaining in safe harbor at UNC's V-12 or going out to sea, the honor system had lost much of its potency at Chapel Hill. It was just another of the very decent standards that went by the boards when they rushed up against the tough test of expediency. Death of the system for so large a part of the campus could only bring one result: emancipation of the power and prestige of the entire idea.

Today, with 7,000 student returned to Carolina and its overcrowded classrooms, re-selling the honor system is a major task. Except for the incoming freshmen, it seems to me that the "hucksters" of the Carolina way of life have been pounding figurative pillows.

A new, large-scale program should immediately be instituted to revive interest in and understanding of the honor system. Many men signed the pledge and threw their honor on the drum as long as four and five years ago. Since that time they went out into a world where the end not only justified, but glorified the means. It is not unlikely that their regard for a mode of regulation as esthetic as the honor system may have slipped a few notches since 1940.

Through the pages of the Daily Tar Heel, let's explain and vitalize the system which is actually the rock-bed upon which all our many student freedoms are predicated.

SS Number Two: The Seat of Knowledge

While it may seem a minor thing in contrast with the many large problems which face the University and the student, I'd like to urge remodeling of the lecture-room seats in such halls as Murphy and Saunders. Perhaps they could prove more uncomfortable, but just how is a major problem. Slumpitis is an occupational disease of education at Chapel Hill due to these out-moded benches. Separate chairs, fashioned with the new

sciences to actually fit the curve of the body would at least give the impression of attentiveness on the part of the student.

And while they're ripping out the chairs in the next few weeks, lighting fixtures might well be modernized.

SS Number Three: Salud, Good Neighbor

One more plank has recently been added to our bridge of friendship stretching to the South. . . at least from the sound of things. For the past week or so, our office has been invaded by the strains of Latin American rhythms. Stop the door and it slips in through the transom, under cracks in the molding. We ventured into the next room a few days ago and found an attractive girl intent upon the latest rumba step. No longer will Duke students be able to shake the finger of scorn at our high-pressure Latin America culture courses and cause us to blush by asking, "Shall we rumba?"

I wonder if the dance instructor realized just what he's walking, or rather, dancing into. A powerful blow for better understanding.

That closes it up for the Beef Brigade this afternoon.

Letters

To The Editor

A Coed Complains

Dear Sir:

In Arnold Schulman's article Carolina Gentlemen Thrill Visitors from Greensboro, which appeared in Sunday's Tar Heel, there was a statement quoted from the mouths of WCites which should make every Tar Heel take stock of himself. I am referring to the words "Even Lena the Hyena could get a date in Chapel Hill." Now considering the looks and the far-and-wide reputation of Lena the Hyena I'd say that is a No. one slam against Carolina in general.

To begin with I don't think the Carolina gentlemen should be any too flattered by the implications within the statement. It sounds as though they will take anything and don't care what, when they get hard up for a date. And the high quality and standards of the character of the typical Carolina gentleman prevents my believing that. It is true that they are at a disadvantage in this ratio business but that doesn't mean their ideals concerning women are lowered any. It merely means they have a lot of competition and are using it advantageously to better their methods of persuasion, (i.e., smarter dress, brighter conversation, and better lines).

Not only does this hit the men on the campus. The statement holds a subtle suggestion that the Carolina coed is not all she should be and that the men date her because she is all that is available. Take it from me, the coeds don't like THAT! In spite of the fact the girls get numerous opportunities to date they won't date anybody and everybody. But they do like to get to know the men and they like to date those they LIKE, not just because they're anxious to gad about but because they enjoy going out with them. That's just doin' what comes natcherly. And even though she could maybe date somebody no matter how she looked she still tries to be as attractive as possible. That in itself is complimentary to the men.

By all this I don't mean to infer that Carolina coeds resent outsiders, especially WCites who are University sisters. But I do mean that they may have gotten the wrong idea about us. And we want to clear up any ideas that they may have about the Carolina coed taking advantage of her position and being selfish enough to want to keep other girls away. Most of us aren't like the coed mentioned in Mr. Schulman's article. We don't mind their competition. After having first chance by being here with them if the WCites can come over and beat our time by walking off with our men it's just our tough luck and time we did something about it. We realize how lucky we are to be here with so many wonderful males. Most of

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

SAMPLES SHOW AMERICAN PUBLIC IS THINKING ABOUT SOVIET

Washington — Many people continue to write me about my 5-year plan for peace and friendship with Russia. Their letters, judged not only by volume but by contents, indicate that the American public is both thinking intensely and worrying about the problems of Russia. That in itself is a healthy sign.

The majority of the letters favor the proposed plan to win over the Russian people—regardless of their government—by an exchange of information, students, musical and theatrical programs, and by permitting one American radio station and newspaper to operate in Moscow with a reciprocal Russian station and newspaper in New York.

Some reaction, however, has been negative and critical. Most of the letters reveal such an interesting cross-section of the mind of the American public, that I am letting those who are thinking about Russia write today's column. Here are carefully selected samples of what the American public thinks about how we can avoid war with Russia.

"RUSSIA HIDING POVERTY"

Charles K. Coleman, Lyndhurst, N. J.—"I have been in the U. S. merchant service since 1922, during which time I have been to Russia five times. While there I noticed anything mechanical that came to view (I am a marine engineer). The vast majority of these machines were of foreign manufacture. The few machines that were unlabeled were obviously poor imitations of foreign products. Why then do you maintain that a country that is unable to compete with such small nations as Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, etc., in world markets can possibly produce an atomic bomb, long-range jet-propelled planes, etc., in the short period of five or even ten years? Russia has never produced, with all her tremendous resources, one essential commodity that has found a market outside her own borders.

"My belief is that Russia is hiding nothing more dangerous than extreme poverty—and the Baltic states plus Czechoslovakia and Poland will provide acute indignation to Russia for the next 50 years."

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lewis, Sheffield, Ala.—"Let's start with your five-year plan at once. I will gladly take one Russian student into my home and keep him (or her) for nothing if need be while he is in this country. I'll teach him English and probably learn Russian in turn, and will, in every way, treat him as my own child. I'd be only too delighted if my two sons would go to Russia on a similar mission.

"I feel that no sacrifice would be too great to bring about a lasting friendship between our two great nations. My two sons came back unscathed. . . Millions of American boys would not have come back if it were not for 20 million Russian cas-

us came here from women's colleges where we were the ones at the top in the ratio. So we speak from experience when we say we would have welcomed an opportunity to compete with our classmates for the attentions of some young man as desirable as the "Carolina gentleman."

Sincerely,
GLENN A. ANGE

ualties." Mrs. Catherine C. Anderson, New York City—"Your earnestness in working out a plan for getting along with Russia is commendable. However, it has one great big flaw. How are you going to get Stalin to adopt it?"

Walter P. Masincup, Washington, D. C.—"Why not have millions of Russians correspond with millions of Americans? This might be done under the supervision of the ministers of the churches in the two countries."

Edward S. Allen, Ames, Iowa—"The Soviet Union is clearly impelled by fear and by resentment at any inferiority of position. Cannot these feelings be allayed in such ways as not to increase Russia's power to do great harm? . . . Could we not offer demilitarization of Alaska on condition that a corresponding section of Siberia were likewise disarmed? . . . The logical answer of peace-loving nations would be a proposal to disarm and internationalize all essential straits and canals—Dardanelles, Gibraltar, Suez, Panama."

"RUSSIANS HAVE HIGH PRAISE FOR U. S."

N. Sidrow, Washington, D. C.—"I spent eight months with Russian sailors in the capacity of instructor in radar and communication with the U. S. Navy. After discharge, in order to learn more about the Russian people, I obtained a position with the Soviet Purchasing Commission.

"I find they are just plain people. They do not believe in diplomatic language because they do not understand it. I crossed this country twice as guide for a group of their engineers and really learned to know them. . . Russian people respect men who are true to their own country. By that I mean the men who defend the ideals of our government stand higher in their eyes than those who don't.

"I never met a Russian yet who did not have high respect for the U. S. They have highest admiration for our engineering and the way we do business. Unless I am a blind fool, these people are naturally friendly to us. They like direct conversations, and direct answers.

"For instance, they wanted me to ask some business and professional men, 'what type of education did you have?' They were very surprised when I told them that was not a proper question. They were amazed at the ease with which they get any information they want here, and at the way some of our so-called capitalists received them. If only our government made an effort to get the American people to know the Russians, we would be so much better off!

"Mr. Pearson, our government has too many so-called experts on the Russian nation who don't know anything about Russia. We have either lovers or haters. What we need are Americans who are willing to exchange calls with Russia and yet be Americans also. This type of people will penetrate the Russian's inbred suspicion.

"In conclusion, Mr. Pearson, the American of an average type is in no danger of becoming Communist, but Russians risk a real danger of getting Americanized—oh, so easily!"

Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Lafayette, Calif.—"Mr. Stalin and his henchmen admire only two things in another country—military might, and rough, unvarnished statement of policy backed by that might. Paradoxical as it seems, there lies peace."

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STOLID	ADRIER
TIONED	OLLIER
AN	NEW DOTINA
PSI	SABERES
LINT	SLY GAGE
ELDER	A CAWED
MASTERY	
TEMPT	HVELLS
ALEE	BEG ROOT
PEN	MORES TOR
EV	FIT TOP TE
REMIT	COASES
SNORTS	STRADE

ACROSS
1—Move quickly
5—Wrong
8—Closed hand
12—Above
13—A number
14—From without
15—Disclose
17—Great awe
19—Go up
20—Church folk
21—Man's name
23—Eye amorously
24—Church seat
26—Greek letter
28—Turf
31—Upon
32—Law profession
33—Sloth
35—Conger
36—Goddess of vegetation
38—Weapon
39—Gen. Bradley
41—Oriental country
43—Areas on birds' cheeks
45—River in England
48—Endure
50—Great fright
51—Prefix: ten
52—Past
54—Prefix: eight
55—Literary collections
56—Cooking utensil
57—Cry

DOWN
1—Girl's name
2—Assert
3—Go over again
4—Lock of hair
5—The sun
6—Within
7—Recent
8—Least
9—Spice Islands
10—Let it stand
11—Conservative
16—Aerial (comb. form)
18—Girl's name
22—Resin used in jewelry
23—Monsters
24—Writer
25—Chemical suffix
27—Hearing organ
28—Propeller
30—Obscure
35—Turtle's shell
36—Group of actors
37—Location
38—Punjab
40—High tablelands
42—Cupid's dart
43—The Swan Girl
44—Beasts of burden
46—Message
47—Share
49—Stupid person (slang)
50—Child
53—Depart

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