

A Little Thoughtfulness

One of the many problems confronting students struggling for an education this year is the acute shortage of books in many courses. To meet the problem, cooperation is required on the part of student and professors alike.

It has been called to our attention on more than one occasion that books placed in the library by individual professors for perusal by unfortunate class members who have no personal textbooks have disappeared from the library. Such occurrences are inexcusable, but that doesn't prevent their occurring, and the sincere, honest students are the ones who suffer.

We daresay that the persons removing the books from the shelves are probably the very same people who aren't particularly interested in their studies. Be that as it may, anyone taking books from the library without authorization is not only lacking in any sense of responsibility and displaying a complete lack of thoughtfulness, but he is violating the campus code.

Sure, the library is overcrowded. Sure, the books are scarce and you have to wait your turn to use them sometimes. No intelligent person can use these reasons to rationalize his taking the books home with him. Selfishness is a trait all of us should get rid of in a hurry.

While on the subject, we might add a few notes to the professor from the student's angle. The majority of professors on the campus have recognized the difficulties involved and have made every effort to provide books by even placing personal copies of their books on the library shelves. They have also been cognizant of this fact in making assignments.

However, a few of the men who teach in one strict vein and can't change their technique whatsoever have failed to make any allowance for the book shortage. As a result they have continued to make outlandish assignments which their students couldn't possibly complete because they didn't have enough textbooks. Luckily, these instances are rare, but if the men responsible will realize that possibly their class doesn't have enough books available to do long assignments, we're certain the students would be very appreciative.

'Publications Need Women'

More than a few members of the male student body advocate an exodus of the coed element on the campus. They advance various reasons for their beliefs, and it seems one of the biggest ones is that economics has stepped into the picture. This economics is the supply and demand theory, and no one needs the editorial page to tell them that the supply of Carolina coeds is strictly limited with the demand virtually 500 per cent greater than last year this time.

The theory of those who seek the departure of the coeds is that for one thing the economic situation provides coeds with something too much like paradise. The campus Joes figure that if they get a date, they are unfortunate because the girl has the say-so all the time. Simply because there aren't enough women to go around, Miss Carolina coed can easily say jump and her date has to move. In other words a reversal of the situation during the war when the coeds had to sit home at night when they preferred an evening out, just doesn't suit the Carolina gentlemen.

Now the DTH has no theories as to how this terrible dilemma can be alleviated. In fact we would rather lean toward the coed element in that they are just gaining the spoils of war. Maybe they could be a little less obvious about their good fortune, but who would argue that the men on the campus would be any different if they had the chance. Anyhow how could the editors of the various publications possibly get their work done without talented coeds ghost-writing for them.

Yes, keep the coeds. Somehow publications would be inferior if it weren't for the feminine touch.

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"Bottle Fatigue"

World Affairs

'Blame Russia' Diplomacy No Answer to World Peace

By Manny Margolis

East is east, west is west, and the twains still have not met. Hands across the ocean. Arms across Alaska. Diplomacy and anatomy. Confusion. The American people continue to move the previous questions. Is an ounce of prevention worth a pound of atomic energy? Or should we put the fear of God and Truman into these Russians? What instrument shall the U. S. play in the new world symphony—the harp of peace or the atom-tom of oblivion? Jimmy Byrnes, in his report to the nation on Friday, answered none of these questions. America must be firm, he said. America remains tough, he stated. Jimmy continues taking the path of least political resistance in explaining away the present power-politics maze—blame the Russians.

But that answers nothing. It merely states what is. It underlines present American foreign policy, which has netted the American people nothing but insecurity, pessimism, and fear. The great American Empire of world prestige—built up during the Roosevelt Era—is being weakened by the loss of one sphere of affluence after another.

Underlying it all is fear of Russia. We are told that the way to stop Russia is to block the political and social revolutions which the disintegration of Fascism has left in its wake.

But, in actuality, what has eventuated from this policy? What have been its consequences? Instead of damming the Russian tide and out-competing Communism, we antagonize the one and strengthen the other. We tacitly admit that the fight for Greek, Spanish, Chinese, and Middle East independence is "Russian-inspired." And not merely tacitly. Why we even go so far as to label their leaders Communists even when they aren't.

It is high time that we Americans realized that the diplomatic victories which we have been winning at Paris, at Lake Success, and at Ankara have done nothing toward winning a people's peace. It would seem, from indications of the past few days, that our leaders have no such peace in mind. For examples . . .

News Item (AP): "The United States has more super-size bombers today than when the war ended. The Army Air Forces now counts more than 3,000 "very heavy bombardment" type aircraft. All the present force of VHB's are B-29's or B-29 modifications."

Yet, our delegate to the "peace" conference, Mr. Byrnes, finds that we can't afford a loan to the Czechoslovak Government at the present time.

News Item (UP): "Army and Navy officials are requesting President Truman not to cut any defense appropriations at this time. Such cuts, they say, would greatly interfere with present plans for the maintenance of American military security."

On the other hand, Soviet Finance Minister, A. G. Zverev, has recommended to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) a reduction of over 11 billion dollars in Russia's defense budget for the next fiscal year.

When we ask why our government deems it advisory to continue beating its ploughshares into swords, we are told that the Russians respect power. It is astonishing to what extremes we sometimes go just in order to gain Russian "respect."

Letters To The Editor

Tribute to Parker

Dear Sir:
Sunday's editorial on Pete Parker was excellent, and perhaps it is best to tell a tragic story in a very few words as that editorial did. It is hard to write about Parker anyway. But since, despite the wills of some more influential than he, and despite the ten or twelve thousand miles that separate him from Carolina, his spirit lives on here in the minds and hearts of many who make up this university, I thought I might try to tell those who are new here, and hence do not know him, something about a man who had a very great influence on all who knew him, and therefore on this school.

It is interesting to know, for instance, that there were, and possibly still are a few students here who came here expressly because Roland Parker came here. They followed him as the ancient Greeks followed their favorite teachers from city to city.

Parker's incredibly acute grasp on the basic causes and motivations of world strife and his deep understanding of the minds of men were the two qualities that he strived above all else to impart to his students and his friends. None of us could ever in our wildest dreams have hoped to approach him in this.

His greatest gift is the power of making others think. He would frequently toss an idea into a roomful of men and they would go after it. Often it was an idea that they would otherwise never have had.

Pete Parker is a true liberal—and that is a dangerous word in these days when a "liberal" believes in liberty only for his side. Parker is not just a liberal talker and doer, he is a liberal thinker.

What of Pete Parker as a friend? It's even harder to write about that. He is forthright and direct, but never rude. He would lend, and frequently did lend the last cent he had in his pocket. He feels everybody's troubles as if they were his own but he is partially, at least, repaid for this by feeling everybody's happiness as if it too were his own.

Most of us (and this certainly includes myself) have no idea why or how this university flew off on a tangent during the war and flung away its best of the younger men by some mad kind of centrifugal force. All we know is that when a dean who is given a leave of absence while in the service finds himself, upon his return, relegated to the basement of Peabody building in the capacity of veterans' adviser, something is wrong.

FREDERIC D. LEWIS

CPU Roundtable

Prosperity Hopeless Unless American Laziness Subsides

By George Stenhouse

For one of the few times in its history the Carolina Political Union will engage in a purely speculative discussion—the economic future of the United States. Such a discussion will, therefore, quite naturally be built around theoretical premises with factual information being used only as evidence of trends. The value of a discussion of this nature lies in the fact that it lends itself to national introspection and the consequent development of personal economic philosophies.

What are the significant facts?

(1) Demand for all types of goods is overwhelming.

(2) Ability to pay is unusually widely distributed among the people.

(3) Despite some critical shortages in certain kinds of materials a wealth of basic natural resources remains at our disposal.

(4) Our industrial leaders are eager to produce and have the productive potential to do so.

(5) There is an enormous amount of private savings seeking investment in new enterprise.

These facts substantially point to a period of great prosperity, and there are many more which indicate the same result. But withal a sixth fact remains self evident. In over a year the combination of American land, labor, capital, industrial trends, and political leaders have not produced that prosperity.

How then does this fact fit into the speculative picture? What trend does it reflect?

In the ultimate analysis this last fact points to the trend of America's unwillingness to work for prosperity. It then follows that unless this trend is revised there will be no prosperity. An America of industry, wealth, and resource which in a matter of months mobilized itself for war has failed in a year to find its way back to normalcy.

Gold Bands Return To WCUNC Campus

By Barron Mills

We see via the "Carolinian" that seven gold bands have returned to the WC campus. They are not talking about the common garden variety gold bands that one sees at the one-night stand country circuses that hobnob their way to every Jonesboro and Smithfield in the nation nor the Tampa Nugget bands from the cigar by the same name, but the kind that is given away free after two canoe rides on Lake Igotchee and an invite to the Black Cats' annual waltz-me-round.

However the music band and "the" band do have one thing in common. . . both have brass sections. Of course these particular bands do have a certain touch that gives it a definite advantage over the other varieties. It is one of the few bands that Petrillo has not tried to unionize. That there are several important peculiarities that give it this distinction. First of all it would be highly ridiculous to limit the wearing of a gold band.

After carefully weighing each detail . . .

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tions. As the only example of their reactionary tendencies Wallace told of the argument these Catholics put up to change a word in a resolution condemning certain types of government. The Catholics wanted the word "totalitarian" used instead of the one which denotes only the German species of totalitarianism. The Communist members of the American delegation must have objected for Wallace said there was a considerable row. The Communists know, if Wallace does not, that the dictatorship of the proletariat is still with them for a long spell before the promised dissolution occurs. These same "reactionaries" somehow "sabotaged" the American delegation because they received diplomatic visas instead of regular passports as the others did. There was an enormous gap in the cause and effect relationship here.

Wallace's thesis, if there was one, was that the "liberals" are caught between the two elements, the "reactionaries" and the Communists, and that the "liberals" should attack both at once. This sounds like good advice for Wallace himself, since, except for an allusion to the bloc-voting of the Slav delegates, he devoted all of his meagre talent in one direction last night.

Inasmuch as Wallace dismally neglected to give his audience any concrete information on the Students' Congress, but instead contented himself, but not the audience, with emotional side-lights—so like Mr. Wallace when he recalls his notorious "to Hell with the Legislature" speech last year in Raleigh—one is left to wonder whether sending a delegate to another such meeting is worthwhile.

MILES MCCORMICK.

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TESSA	FOP	CHAR
ELLA	ORA	ROPE
MAID	REDDY	PC
PIIT	SMART	SEE
EN	BLADE	BRAN
REIKS	AUER	
IRK	AUER	
GORE	SLANDER	
ARES	START	NE
NAN	CURBS	ATA
DN	INDIAR	FIRS
EGIS	DAM	IDEO
RENT	SEA	BEEN

ACROSS

- 1—Vegetable
- 2—Display ads
- 3—Wheat
- 12—Curve
- 13—Root vegetable
- 14—Ripped
- 15—Fishes from moving boat
- 17—Game fish
- 18—Source of plant nourishment
- 21—Space
- 22—Confined
- 24—Gypsy
- 26—Unit of light
- 28—Roman bronze
- 30—Bearings
- 32—Price (abbr.)
- 33—Fundamental
- 34—Duty
- 35—A continent (abbr.)
- 36—Pert. to fish
- 38—Pronoun
- 40—Period of time
- 41—Spring
- 42—Corrodes
- 43—Spanish hero
- 45—Book of maps
- 47—Circled
- 50—Eskimo boat (var.)
- 53—Metal source
- 54—Comes close
- 56—Blow heroine
- 57—Place to sleep
- 58—Brief
- 59—A color

DOWN

- 1—Fixed
- 2—Wander
- 3—Oak seeds
- 4—Alone
- 5—Teaches
- 6—U. S. soldier
- 7—Negative
- 8—Unexpected obstacle
- 9—Poetess of Lesbos
- 10—Past
- 11—Writer's gadget
- 15—Portune
- 18—Swift
- 20—Turt
- 22—Hillbilly father
- 23—Spooky
- 25—Wandress
- 27—Assault
- 28—Autocrate
- 29—Garment of camel's hair
- 31—Plaything
- 32—Pungent
- 37—Holy
- 38—Price agency
- 39—Stocking salesman
- 43—Butt into
- 44—Slight depression
- 46—Fall to win
- 47—Sally
- 48—Fury
- 49—River in England
- 51—Ball
- 52—
- 59—

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