

Dilemma in Student Entertainment

Student leaders and members of the faculty interested in the Student Entertainment series were at a loss as to what to do at their meeting Monday afternoon. The whole story of the dilemma and their concern is evident in the meticulously-kept figures of Dr. J. P. Harland, who is greatly interested in the SEC and has been an important member of the committee for several years.

His figures show that the SEC now owes the Carolina Playmakers \$1,500 on an "overnight loan." The \$1,500 had to be borrowed to pay the "Madame Butterfly" troupe which performed here last November. There was not even enough student interest in the Puccini opera to cover the costs of the performance—and what is more disturbing to those who attended Monday's meeting is that "none of the remaining attractions (Iva Kitchell, dance satirist, the Philharmonic Piano Quartet and Franz Polgar, magician and hypnotist), except Polgar would even make expenses, needless to say, make up the deficit."

So actually after the committee considered all phases of the question there remained little choice. They felt that they could either go through with the series and lose more money, or try to cancel the remaining attractions with the hope that the booking agencies would agree since the SEC has been in operation over 15 years. But another serious problem confronts the group. The Carolina Playmakers have to be repaid the \$1,500 which

they loaned just as a convenience to the SEC. This is \$1,500 of which Business Manager John Parker says the Playmakers are in dire need to carry out the planned program of the year. In his own words "... our more expensive programs for the year are yet to come." This problem remains to be solved by a committee which will be appointed by Tom Eller, president of the student body.

There is no need for holders of season tickets to get frantic over the money they have invested. It will be refunded in full; we can assure them of that. The SEC is a reliable group. Back during the depression when there was no money for a curtain for Memorial hall, the SEC reached into their reserve fund and provided a curtain. The new president-appointed committee will begin work on methods of fund-raising soon. Graham Memorial Director Bill Shuford has offered his services to help make up the deficit—and it is quite possible that Polgar will appear on campus, sponsored jointly by Graham Memorial and the SEC. Money from such a program would reduce the debt.

Probably one of the more important issues of the spring elections will be whether or not there should be a compulsory SEC operating under the supervision of the Graham Memorial student Union. We're in favor of it if investigation proves that it will provide good and less expensive student entertainment—entertainment that will appeal to the campus in general.

Guest Edit

Please, How Do You Sex Baby Chicks?

Shortly before the Christmas holidays The Gamecock received a letter from Alfonso Aguro Capo, of Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico, enclosing 50 cents in stamps for payment of a subscription. But it seemed that, reading further on in the letter, Alfonso wasn't exactly interested in the activities of the Carolina student body.

He was curious, yes. But his questions concerned the system of sexing baby chicks, how to prevent cocks from fighting, and records for breeding one cock and ten hens. And at the end of the letter, he asked for a catalog

describing the breeding stock we have on sale.

Since few on The Gamecock staff have delved into the science of raising cocks as a business, the stamps were returned to Alfonso, with the hopes that he may find the answers to his questions elsewhere in the field of publications.

Still, some of our Southern conference opponents can testify that the breed we raise here most certainly is the fighting kind!

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Ghosts Don't Haunt Old Octagon

Washington (UP) Some folks may think that ghosts creak through the Octagon—the historic dwelling which once served as the White House

But James D. Cypress, the Negro caretaker who has lived there nearly 26 of his 63 years, protests that "they never bother" him. His wife, Carrie, feels much the same way.

Cypress works for the American Institute of Architects, which maintains headquarters in the eight-sided brick mansion where President James Madison and his wife, Dolley, sought refuge when the British burned the White House during the war of 1812.

The caretaker as well as institute officials, get frequent inquiries about the ghostly legends of the Octagon ghost or ghosts. (One school of haunted thought claims

there is a solitary ghost, while another maintains with equal lack of authority that there are two.)

Nobody seems to know whether the wraiths were supposed to frequent the place back in the days when Madison signed the Treaty of Ghent, ending the war between the United States and Britain, in the circular room of the residence.

According to the legends, both the ghosts were daughters of Col. John Tayloe, reputedly intimate friend of George Washington. The first president is said to have prevailed upon Tayloe to build his winter residence here. The Octagon was the result.

Histories of the period detail the splendor of the mansion and the entertainment there for the great of two continents. But only the legends tell of the tragedy which is supposed to have struck at Tayloe on three occasions.

His son, Charles—the stories recount—died under mysterious circumstances and his two daughters died from falls down the 40 foot-high circular stairwell.

One daughter is supposed to have plunged to her death a short time after her father forbade her planned marriage to a young British officer.

Now the ghost or ghosts—depending upon the legend preferred—are supposed to tread the spiral staircase. And according to one more detailed version, one sister on stormy nights can be heard tumbling to her death.

The caretaker has heard all these stories. He has turned away many such persons as the old lady who recently asked if she could stay around for a while in hopes of seeing a ghost.

But he says he never hears "any noises that I can't put to something else."

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Leahy Wants a 'Preventive War'

(Ed. Note: This is the second of Drew Pearson's columns on the most important problem facing the country—the danger of war with Russia.)

By Drew Pearson
Washington.—Some observers have come back from Europe recently saying that the Cold War has been won. I do not agree.

Russian-inspired Communism, it is true, has taken some severe jolts in France and Italy, where attempted strikes, riots and revolution failed. But they already are being revived. And everyone who knows the Soviet system also knows that when the boys in the Politburo take a defeat on one front it only increases their determination to score victory on another.

So not only will they take more and tougher punches at France and Italy, but already Soviet preparations for eventual western attack have intensified in other areas.

Meeting with a group of Senators not long ago, Chief of the Air Forces Gen. "Touhy" Spaatz revealed:

1. The Red Army now has taken over German jet-plane plants and developed jet-propelled planes which are faster than those built by the U. S. Army.

2. The Russians have improved on the German buzz-bomb to a point where they now are producing a dreadfully controlled missile that will travel between 1,700 and 1,800 miles, whereas the imperfectly controlled German buzz-bomb merely flew across the English Channel.

3. The Russians, according to General Spaatz, have complete information about the location, size and production capacity of every air plant in the United States, to say nothing of landing fields, control towers and other aviation facilities.

Even if we assume that General Spaatz was subject to the usual exuberance of a military man, the fact is inescapable that at the last Russian military maneuvers, six new types of jet planes were flown in view of foreign military attaches—the Ilyushin, Yakovlev, Sukhov, Tupolev and Lavochkin, and Mikoyan.

It is also a fact that French, Italian, and German war prisoners released from Russia all tell the same story—of feverish war production behind the Ural mountains; of demobilized Soviet troops instructed to remain under military supervision to work in munitions factories because a new war is impending—the last great inevitable conflict between Communism and the forces of Fascism.

It is also a fact that most German prisoners are being kept in Russia to work in these factories

and that only prisoners no longer fit for physical labor are being returned to Germany.

Reliable Intelligence reports also tell of intensive air-base building in eastern Siberia with 51 fields in that general area, six being on the Bering Sea nearest Alaska. It is also known that the Russians now have acquired and perhaps refined all the secrets of the German submarine, including the Nazi "Snorkel." This is a device allowing subs to run constantly under water, without coming up to the surface to recharge batteries. Toward the end of the war the Germans had rubberized their subs so that Radar could not detect them, had installed miraculous new motors and were using canvas breathers which extend just above the water and are extremely hard to see.

All of these secrets the Russians now have, and some of their 256 submarines have been sighted around Greenland, Kiska and only 300 miles from Pearl Harbor. These are some of the belligerent preparations on Moscow's side which worry the United States.

On the other hand, certain military preparations in the United States probably are causing worry in Moscow.

Last summer, for instance, Secretary of the Army Royall released a report calling for the use of natural caverns and abandoned mines for underground aircraft factories in the United States. And while Secretary Royall would have been remiss had he not warned of the need for protecting air factories, and while U. S. military preparations are far less offensive than the Russians', nevertheless Moscow uses them to try to keep the Russian people in a constant state of jitters. Whether the Russian generals themselves are also jittery is not known.

However, there is one small school of thought in the United States which does give the Politburo legitimate reason for worry—namely the school which believes that the United States should wage a "preventive" war rather than a defensive war later.

It is no secret to the Russians that such a school does exist in the United States and that it is headed by the Chief Military Adviser to the President—Adm. William D. Leahy.

It was a well-known fact that Admiral Leahy constantly goaded Jimmy Byrnes, when the latter was Secretary of State, on the charge that he was too conciliatory toward Russia. In fact, it was Leahy who had most to do with easing Byrnes out of the State department.

It is also known that at times Leahy has considered General Marshall too weak toward the Russians and has taken steps to toughen him up.

Few outsiders realize how great a role the Admiral plays in American foreign affairs. For instance, when the Truman plan for aid to Greece and Turkey was

first prepared in the State department and was sent over to the White House, it did not contain any provision for military aid. When it came back from the White House, it contained a plan for U. S. military aid to Greece. Admiral Leahy had inserted it.

Most important in Leahy's background, however, is the fact that when Chief of Naval Operations in 1937 he sold Franklin Roosevelt on the idea that a preventive blockade of Japan could stop what was sure to be eventual war in the Pacific.

And it was Leahy who worked out the master plan for Roosevelt's "Quarantine" speech in Chicago, plus the attempt to mobilize the peace machinery of the League of Nations and the nine-power pact to break the Japanese military machine.

Undoubtedly Admiral Leahy at that time was right. Undoubtedly if Cordell Hull hadn't got cold feet, and if Roosevelt had followed through, the United States would have faced the Japanese crisis at a time when it was ready and prepared, instead of five years later with war on every front and when the Japanese were ready and prepared.

It is no secret that Admiral Leahy now proposes applying the same general strategy to Russia. In other words, if there is to be eventual war, he would pick the time and place rather than let the Russians do the picking. And he would pick it early, when the United States is better prepared, rather than late.

But in blunt, cold words, that is the heart of the Russian problem in the minds of some of our top military strategists. Whether they are right or not, and what are the alternatives in this most important of all questions will be discussed in future Washington Merry-Go Round columns.

In North Carolina

Few Vets Use Allowance

Raleigh—Only 2.5 percent of North Carolina's approximately 375,000 World War II veterans whose war services made them eligible for servicemen's readjustment allowances were still drawing allowances at the end of last year, December 31, it is revealed by Chairman Henry E. Kendall, of the State Employment Security Commission, which agency administers this phase of the Veterans Administration program.

In fact, only 40 percent of the eligible veterans had ever drawn as much as one payment of the available allowances, and of all the veterans who applied for and drew allowances, only 45.7 percent of the amount to which their services entitled them had been drawn by the end of 1947.

Approximately 400,000 North Carolina men and women entered service during World War II and approximately 375,000 of that number had been discharged by the end of 1947. These figures are based on records of Selective Service up to the time local offices closed and an estimate of the number of discharges since that time.

The first application for servicemen's readjustment allowances was made in September, 1944, and in the 40 months since that time, through December, 1947, only 140,328 veterans, 40 percent of the total number had received as much as one payment under the G. I. Program. Of these, 108,828 were unemployed veterans and 41,500 were claims of self-employed veterans, about 98 percent of whom filed claims as self-employed farmers.

During the 40 months of operation of the G. I. Program, \$71,486,696 had been paid to World War II veterans, \$33,493,381 of it going to unemployed veterans who filed weekly claims while they were applying weekly for jobs, and \$37,993,315 to self-employed veterans who were supplementing their monthly incomes from their operations, about 98 percent being farmers. The average amount drawn by veterans in that period was \$475.55, or 45.7 percent of the maximum of \$1,040 to which their service entitled most of them, if otherwise eligible.

Of the 108,828 who drew unemployment allowances, only 6,126 or 5.6 percent exhausted their allowance privileges. On the other

THE VARSITY CLOTHES-LINE
HOW TO TIE A Windsor Knot

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For Coeds?

'Complete, Wholesome Life'

Although the average girl doesn't realize it, there is ample time each day to do everything that goes to make a complete, wholesome life.

All that is needed is a little planning, and she can reduce her weight, enhance her beauty, and give her life a new richness by finding time to do the many little things that most girls put off to "some" other time.

How to accomplish all this with a minimum of effort is described in an unusual feature article in the January issue of Junior Bazaar, which gives a program of diet, exercise and general activities for each day.

"Accomplishments of a day are measured not by the size of your schedule but by your effectiveness," the article states in part. "We've sketched a week to include the mechanics of life—and the essence. Here begins our

seven-day picture of your life—seven days of beauty, diet, and general activities—the last being a large expression which includes just about everything you do, from your ordinary curriculum to making time for music and conversation, attending a meeting of the U. N., clearing your closet of clothes to send to Europe.

The implication is that there's time in your day for everything you really want to do. As to our seven day diet, it's especially designed for the college girl, and is thought out not merely from a weight losing standpoint, but also with a sharp eye to your good looks and well-being.

"It's very easy to follow and allows you to lose from two to five pounds a week. You'll never feel hungry, but you will get thinner and look prettier."

STUDENT MASONS
All student Masons interested in forming a Masonic club are requested to meet in 103 Bingham hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

What's Up in Graham Memorial

GM GRIND:
—There's a bit of good equipment piling up in the student union lost and found drawer. Turned in yesterday was a rather valuable woman's costume jewelry pin. . . Other "found" items include a woman's white evening purse; man's wrist watch and a good pair of men's gloves.

Efforts to contact J. F. Bowen, who has a wallet there with some important identification papers inside, have failed. Hope he can read. . . The popular Sunday Sing's last quarter will be revived a week from this Sunday, according to present plans. . . Travel-man Watson says north-bound rail reservations are abnormally easy to secure present. (Hint.)

Selections scheduled on the evening's dinner music concert include: Tchaikovsky, Piano Concerto No. 1; De Falla, Rites of Spring; Sibelius, Valse Triste; In a Persian Market; Rossini, of Picardy; Chopin, Les Sylphides.

Morty Seif

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Convulsive breath
- Heraldic bearing
- Kind of plane
- Priest's robe
- Native metal
- Mineral spring
- Sun god
- Aromatic seed
- Man's nickname
- Within
- Free
- Artificial language
- Good-bye
- Author of "The Inferno"
- Magic stick
- Finished
- "Jolly old elf"
- To put new top on
- Conjunction
- Stranger
- To perform
- Clergyman's degree
- River that runs through Paris
- To leave
- Shade tree
- Creek letter
- Through
- Examiner
- Callis like cow
- Man's nickname

DOWN

- To gossip
- Part of "to"
- Spanish verb
- Bound (verb)
- Form
- New England state (abbr.)
- Musical note
- Printer's measure
- Golden Bunch
- Operatic unit
- Toward the east
- Hotly (adv)
- Drug-venereal plant
- Wild sheep of Africa
- To join
- To
- Musical note
- To stare
- Pop
- To join
- Needy
- Depth
- To make up
- Proton
- To grove
- Negative
- Thus
- Toward
- Up

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This 'n That

Dogpatch and Crossword

By Bill Buchan
Bob Wilkensen, close buddy of Wilbur Amberson, is one of these "Lil' Abner—Crossword puzzle" fans of the Daily Tar Heel. First thing he does when he finds a copy of the DTH is read the Dogpatch hero, then glance over the headlines on page one, and fold the paper down around the crossword puzzle.

His methods of perusing the paper are also repeated in his other campus activities. Unfortunately, he is one of the majority who take little or no interest in campus politics, programs that are presented, or national or international issues. His world is a pretty tightly drawn circle of his dorm room, bi-weekly poker games, infrequent trips to uptown beer parlors and the hometown girl friend.

In spite of his lack of interest, he is quick to criticize and attacks with a withering tongue those who do participate in campus affairs. He thinks that campus politicians are full of baloney, but makes no effort to run for any offices or even to take the time to vote in most elections. And while he thinks the writers for the campus magazines and the DTH are "lacking," he can offer no worthwhile suggestions for improvements, though he is quick to remind

anyone that he is "required" to give out ready cash for subscriptions.

The face of Bob Wilkensen can be seen in the mirrors of toilets in any dormitory on the campus every morning in the week. A conservative estimate says that nearly seven-eighths of the Carolina student body do not take an active part in student activities. They are willing to sit back and let the few take the reins and guide campus affairs in any direction they choose.

True, studies are the first and most important duty of anyone on the campus, but they also can be overdone to the extent that would-be scholars easily develop into closed-in characters. There are dozens (and dozens and dozens and dozens) of organizations on the Carolina campus which ambitious students, regardless of their beliefs and principles, can join.

A great many dorm residents could use a little outside interest.—Or else they could call their comments.

Thought for consideration: The campus exponent of a satisfying brand of cigarettes doesn't use 'em himself. Prefers stogies. Maybe he thinks the twenty-for-17-cents brand of tobacco is unhealthy.