

The Daily Tar Heel

Pseudo-Thief, Real One Meet As Each Raids 'A' Dormitory

By Charlie Gibson
This story is being written on a stolen typewriter—a typewriter I would have stolen myself from room 321, "A" dormitory, during the Texas game as part of a complex publicity stunt. "Would have stolen," I say, because I was beaten to that particular unlocked door by a real thief.

At 2:32 Saturday, two minutes after kick-off time, I walked across the deserted campus with a suitcase. Everything was on schedule; I thought I had missed no details of my stunt to alarm students about the dangers of leaving rooms unlocked. Within an hour I would have that suitcase filled with valuables I had lifted easily from two dormitories—"A" and Stacy.

Plans for Pillage
To avoid all-out confusion, I had informed the proper University and police officials ahead of time about what I planned to do. To appease the student who fell

DTH Reporter's Publicity Stunt Boomerangs Into Actual Robbery

victim to my idea, I had even intended asking a local merchant to donate suggestive padlocks for those whose goods I would return tonight.

Dormitory Entered
Yet I did definitely overlook a major possibility.

By 2:36 there had been a noisy eruption from Kenan stadium. At that time I was headed for "A" dormitory, the new dorm right on the Raleigh highway opposite Woolen gymnasium. Carrying the suitcase openly, I strolled across a new yard naked of grass through the back door at the eastern end of "A" dorm.

My first step was to have been finding a witness within the dormitory who could vouch for the accuracy of my itemized list of loot. I walked along the hall and saw no one until I reached the

telephone booth in the middle of the first floor.

There I met the would-be thief informally.

Conversation with Thief
"Do you know the taxi number?" asked a boy who stuck his head out of the phone booth. Immediately I noticed a deformed lobe on his right ear. Later I was able to add to his description that he had blond, kinky hair; that he was approximately my own height and age—6 feet tall and 21; and that he wore a light blue, pin-striped suit and sunglasses.

No, I didn't know the cab number. He went back into the phone booth and I went on down the hall towards the western end of the building. Then in the center of the floor before the last exit facing the highway, I noticed this typewriter—so ob-

viously placed that it seemed like a gift to start me on my pillaging career.

Boomerang Suspicion
I realized that somehow the guy in the phone booth had not looked like the trustworthy sort I was seeking as a reliable witness. I waited with the typewriter until he had finished whatever phone call he was making. At the time I had no idea whether he was merely calling a taxi or whether he had been alling accomplices in other dormitories to come pick up his haul when he peered out of the telephone booth to see who was coming.

Shortly he came back to the end of the building with me, and the two of us carried on a 10-minute tete-a-tete over the typewriter. After a spur-of-the-moment decision not to reveal my own mission there, I pretended to him that I had had to stay away from the football game (See PSEUDO, page 4)

Students Here Receive Blame For Vandalism

Testudo the Terrapin, mascot of the University of Maryland, has been stolen, and students from this school have been accused of the theft, Jess Dedmond said yesterday.

Dedmond, president of the student body, received a letter from Louis Eisenhauer, president of the student government association at Maryland, in which the accusation was made.

The letter read, in part, "Our massive mascot Testudo the Terrapin has been abducted. His kidnapping a few mornings ago has excited a considerable concern on our part for his safety, and far more important, for the questionable conduct inherent in such an action. We have reason to believe that he was removed from his pedestal by members of your student body and our administrative officials have asked me to appeal to you for help in returning him."

Persons who have been Testudo at the home games of Maryland said yesterday that it takes four men to carry him onto the field, and that it seems improbable that the Terrapin could be stolen and brought to North Carolina without being detected.

In reply to the charges Dedmond said, "This student government has no knowledge of any such action. I have written to Mr. Eisenhauer requesting specific information concerning the charges. I have explained to him clearly the theft would be a violation of our Campus Code and that the standard penalty for vandalism is suspension from school."

Georgia Loosens Ballot Strings

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 27—(UP)—Georgia's famed feuding legislators, who raged through the battle of the two governors last year, clicked through a harmonious session today as the first step in allowing "a free choice" in the coming presidential election.

A measure loosening restrictions on the qualification of presidential electors and permitting voters to split party tickets was read for the first time in the state senate and approved unanimously by committee.

Adherents of both Gov. M. E. Thompson and Gov. Nominate Herman Talmadge, the state's "double governors" for 67 tumultuous days in early 1947, appeared in accord on the need to open Georgia's presidential ballot to all parties, particularly the States' Rights Democrats.

The solons wrangled long and loudly last session over the legislative election of Talmadge to the state's highest office. They subsided, on the surface, only after the state supreme court ruled in favor of Lt. Gov. Thompson's claim to the executive chair.

House to Speak

Chancellor R. B. House will speak to the Episcopal Canterbury club at 6 o'clock tonight at the Episcopal church annex on Franklin Street. Yesterday the chancellor was in Asheville, addressing the Junior Farmers of America and their parents. He took his harmonica.

Police Headquarters to Have Two-Way Radio Transmitter

The Chapel Hill Police department is in the first stage of getting their long-awaited sending and receiving radio system.

Al Bainhill from Greenville, N. C., is assembling a complete transmitter in police headquarters. Bainhill is a member of the Swain hall technician staff and is a radio ham operator.

The special Farnsworth receiving-transmitter set-up will be a narrow-band FM outfit with special antennas installed in the cars and on the roof of headquarters. Bainhill says the range of the system will be a radius of about 50 miles. The system has a power of 50 watts.

"The equipment for the cars is ready to be installed, but there are certain adjustments which will have to be made in the assembly before it can be set-up properly,"

First Freshman Assembly To Be Held This Morning

By Bill Buchan
Student Body President Jess Dedmond's pet project and a main plank in his pre-election platform becomes a reality this morning when the new freshman class meets in Memorial Hall at

11 o'clock for the first in a series of 16 freshman assemblies. The program, planned and approved by student government and a committee of University deans, will present opportunities for new students to hear outstand-

ing administration and faculty leaders discuss various aspects of the Carolina way of life, as well as several programs on student government. University comptroller William D. Carmichael, II, will be the first assembly speaker.

Other programs planned include a student activities program, with short talks by leaders in forensics, publications, politics, and other student activities. Dean C. P. Spruill of the general college will conduct a program on the work and problems of his school and Chancellor R. B. House and Dr. Frank Graham are also expected to address the future student leaders.

Convocations
Two University convocations, at which all students will be invited to attend, will be included as part of the 16 assemblies. The annual University day will be held October 12 and Dr. John Mosely, president of the University of Nevada and one of the nation's foremost authorities on fraternity life will address the second convocation.

The assembly will fill a long-needed need in the orientation of freshman students by allowing them to meet together over a period of time and enabling them to become acquainted with more members of their class than they would under ordinary circumstances.

"Opportunity"
Dean of Students Fred H. Weaver, in discussing the new project, said, "The freshman assembly program twice weekly during the fall term will afford the opportunity to present notable speakers from within the University ranks and from outside. Also it will furnish badly needed continuation of orientation through the first weeks of the college year. With the aid and advice of the President of Student Government and our student orientation committee, we expect to provide programs of legitimate interest and value."

All other students are invited to attend the assemblies if they have a free period at 11 o'clock. Orientation Chairman Bill Miller urged that all freshman counselors attend the meetings if possible.

Hygiene Switch
The time arrangement for the assemblies was solved when officials found it possible to schedule hygiene classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 o'clock, thereby leaving the necessary Tuesday and Thursday hours vacant for all freshmen.

Every freshman who entered the University either in June or in September will be required to attend the assemblies. No unexcused absences will be accepted and students with such an absence against their record are subject to dismissal from the University.

Election Plans
One of the most praiseworthy aspects of the new chapel series is the plan for the election of freshman class officers. After (See ASSEMBLY, page 4)

Spearman to Speak

New members will be informed on the national set-up, history and local organization of the American Veterans committee at a meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Presbyterian church.

Walter Spearman, former member of the group's national policy committee and professor in the journalism department, will speak on the national organization. J. Ben Rousie will discuss the history of the group and Johan P. Van De Velde will speak on the local set-up. Both of the latter have served as chairmen of the local group.

Committee reports on the long range program for this fall will also be given. Chapter elections will be held at the Oct. 12 meeting.

Secretary of Army Royall Says Possible War In Distant Future

By Lincoln Kan
"I am an optimist in the matter of war and peace," said Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall in an exclusive interview Saturday, before the Carolina Texas game.

Secretary Royall, who was commissioned a second lieutenant in the same company as University Veterans Advisor Col. F. Carlyle Shepard and was right guide because of his six feet four stature went on to say that "A possible war is still distant; however, the recent action of the Russians may mean that war is necessary."

"Announces"
"What the Russians have been doing so far have been annoyances, rather than deliberate provocations of a conflict. The ack-ack fire reported may mean another annoyance. Yet we can't be too sure!"

When asked about the status of the college men who are still in the reserves, Secretary Royall spread his hands expressively and said, "There is nothing to be worried about. There is no fear of re-call now unless war is declared or a greater emergency than now exists comes about!" He added with a smile, "We do need men, especially in the junior grades, and we will welcome all who desire extended duty because positions are ready for them."

"More Power"
On the question of the present United Nations session now in progress at Paris, he said "The United Nations has made progress, and I am hopeful that it will continue to function with more power to preserve peace. Yet we must recognize that a few large recalcitrant nations could destroy the usefulness of the U.N. which we need so much today!"

He declined to comment on the present Palestine question and added that it was not in his province to discuss that or the possibility of a United Nations force to be created.

Will Take Time
As to the formerly intense rivalry between the various branches of the armed forces, Secretary Royall was precise in his statement. "Our services are not yet completely unified, but good progress has been made. Actually the finding out of the problems and difficulties of a traditionally separated armed (See ROYALL, page 4)

Thoughtful

GASTONIA, Sept. 27—(UP)—Gastonia Negro Thomas McKeeseon is a cautious man, but he still ended up under a 60-day suspended end sentence today.

McKeeseon's wife had him hauled into court on an assault charge claiming he slapped her once in the face. She was asked by an observant solicitor if McKeeseon had broken her glasses.

"No," she replied thoughtfully. "He took them off first."

Town Men's Association Will Meet To Discuss Membership Drive Today

The first meeting of the Town Men's association for the fall term will be held this afternoon at 4:30 in Horace Williams lounge of Graham Memorial, yesterday announced John Van Hecke, president.

Van Hecke especially urged all officers and members of the TMA executive committee to attend the meeting as a fall membership drive will be planned.

The Town Men's association was organized last spring in an effort to organize all men, both

Phi Will Install Officers Tonight In First Meeting

In a formal inauguration ceremony tonight at 7:30 in New East, officers of the Philanthropic Literary society will be installed by retiring Speaker Ernest House.

Beginning its 155th year on campus, the society will have as officers this quarter Robert Coulter, speaker; Herman Seiber, speaker pro-tem; Fred Newton, sergeant-at-arms; Fred Newton, treasurer; Ernest House, Critic; Page Dees, clerk, and Pete Gerns, parliamentarian.

All students are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception which will follow. Members and former members are particularly urged to be present.

Coates Articles Being Published

"The Pay of Legislators" is the title of the first of a series of articles on four proposed amendments to the North Carolina constitution which has been released from the Institute of Government.

Albert Coates, nationally-known director of the institute, is author of the pieces, which will appear in Sunday papers throughout the state for the next three weeks.

In the initial story, Mr. Coates discusses the proposal which would double the salaries of members of the General Assembly. Speaker and lieutenant governor. The present pay of \$600 for members and \$700 for presiding officers per session is considered inadequate. The new proposal, if passed, would boost pay to \$1,200 and \$1,500 respectively.

The first article will be reprinted in the October issue of "Popular Government," monthly magazine of the institute.

Playmaker Meeting

"Adventures in Playmaking," an illustrated talk by Samuel Selden, will be featured at an informal meeting of all students and townspeople who are interested in working with the Carolina Playmakers during the coming season. The meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Playmaker theater.

Director Selden's talk will cover the history of the Carolina Playmakers from the personal and human interest angle. A slide projector will be used with photographs covering the thirty years of Playmaker activities.

All students who are registered in the department of dramatic art are expected to attend, and other students or townspeople are cordially invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Irene Lee Leaves Spencer After 23 Years as Dorm Hostess

By Margaret Gaston
Mrs. Irene Lee, who for 23 years served as hostess of Spencer dormitory, the oldest woman's dormitory on the campus, retired September 15. While at the University she acted as advisor and friend to an estimated 4,500 women students.

Spencer was officially opened during the fall of 1925, and the following winter Mrs. Lee arrived on campus to take up her duties which then entailed operating the dining room, assigning girls to rooms, decorating the dormitory, and acting as general handy-woman to 48 new girls. Since fall of 1944 Miss Willie Ames has been in charge of the dining room.

23-Year Task
Armed with ideas which later grew into Spencer traditions, Mrs. Lee undertook her 23-year task. Since then every Wednesday during the regular school year is "tea day." And during summer session after-dinner coffee is served on the porch or lawn to a group of Spencer girls. Another ritual observed in the dorm is the annual May Morning breakfast, which is scheduled for the first Sunday in May. At this time Spencer girls are entertained with a lawn party.

Many students, townspeople, and visitors who may not have known Mrs. Lee, have admired her handiwork. She planned and cultivated the large flower garden located on the south side of Spencer next to Coker arboretum.

Mrs. Gold in Carr
Mrs. Lee was replaced in Spencer by Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, formerly hostess in Carr dormitory since February, 1946, when the residence hall was transferred from a men's to a women's dormitory. Mrs. Sedalia Gold, formerly hostess in the Pi Beta Phi sorority house, replaced Mrs. Buchanan as hostess in Carr.

Last month Miss Katherine Carmichael, dean of women, entertained for Mrs. Lee in the faculty dining room of the Carolina Inn. Present were 17 guests, including the former Dean of Women, Mrs. Stacy. At the luncheon (See MRS. LEE, page 4)

Freshman Dance at Woman's College Is Scheduled for Saturday Evening

Girls in the freshman class at Woman's college in Greensboro will act as hostesses to University Freshmen Saturday night at a dance in the Woman's college.

Open only to freshmen here the dance will begin at 8 o'clock, and there will be no admission charge. Music will be furnished by an orchestra.

Men attending must wear their name tags, received during orientation week, as identification for admission. Any freshman who has lost his tag may secure an identification certificate at the travel

Shepard Expects Veterans' Checks Here in October

Veterans' Advisor F. Carlyle Shepard today warned that veterans who attended the second session summer school should not worry if their checks are less than \$75.

The check which is due on or before Oct. 1 will be for the leave period subsistence due the veteran if he went to the second session of summer school. The subsistence check for the period after veterans have re-entered this fall will be the full amount for the month of September and may possibly arrive a little late.

Shepard also said veterans who have not turned in their certificate of eligibility should do so as soon as possible to room 315 South building.

Veterans are still eligible to reinstate their service insurance; however, it is required that they take a physical examination now.

"The veterans are getting along all right so far, although we are having a little difficulty in straightening out the problems of the few transfers. We are doing everything we can," said Advisor Shepard. He suggested also that veterans check their subsistence form 7-506 which will give them much of the information they desire and save themselves a trip to South Building.

2,174 Cases

RALEIGH, Sept. 17—(UP)—The number of polio cases for the month reached 230 today with reports to the State Department of Health of 10 new cases, half the number reported Saturday.

Health officials said the total for the year was 2,174.

Two cases were reported in Bladen county and one each reported from Columbus, Forsyth, Haywood, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Richmond, and Rowan counties.

Chidnoff Studio Already Taking Yack Photographs

Individual pictures for the 1949 Yackety Yack are being taken every day from 9 o'clock until 6 o'clock by Chidnoff studios of New York, Editor Bill Duncan announced yesterday.

He reminded all students who made appointments when they registered to be sure to keep them, as Yack deadlines must be met. Bill said that 192 pictures must be taken daily to insure meetings the deadline. He requested that boys wear coats and ties, while the girls should wear white blouses.

Bill said he was anxious to meet all students interested in campus photography. Applicants interested may bring negatives and final prints of their work to the Yack office in Graham Memorial today at 3 o'clock.

Any students who can type and are interested in helping out the photographers may contact Bert Kaplan at 34 Alderman.