

Suggested Improvement

OPEN LETTER TO CHANCELLOR HOUSE

Sir:

Do you think that the students of this University are utilizing their educational opportunities to the utmost? They do not think that they are, and they place the blame for the situation upon the inflexible requirements of the General College. Influenced by veteran opinion, students today regard many subjects as foundations upon which they will never build, and they resent the loss of time and labor involved in meeting requirements of this nature.

We cannot offer any concrete solution to this problem, but we know that the majority of the student body believes in more flexible requirements and a higher standard of scholarship. We would like to suggest something that would involve a great deal of labor, but which we consider imperative if this University is to maintain its lead among Southern colleges, and offer its students the finest education available.

We suggest a committee, composed of representatives of every school and department, both from the faculty and the student body, to consider the matter. They could attempt to ascertain student reactions; the opinions of graduates in the various fields could be obtained; employers of graduates could be interviewed; other pertinent information could be gathered. This mass of information could then be formed into a report to be given the administration, which could take appropriate action on the situation.

We fully realize the enormous amount of labor involved, but we believe in the equally enormous value of such a report, and think that the students would welcome and support such an investigation.

Could we have your reaction to this suggestion for publication in this column? We shall be looking forward to it with hope and anticipation.

Sincerely,

RAMESES

Defining a Term

In popular usage, "broad-minded" has come to be applied generally to those whose moral standards prove little restraint on their conduct. Since their actions are unrestrained, it is said that minds are likewise free of any bonds, hence "broad-minded." At the other end of the scale, a narrow-minded person is a strait-laced puritan who spouts "Thou shalt not" and spoils the fun of the self-styled "broad-minded."

But many people are grouped in the broad-minded category who do not belong there. Anyone whose mind does not wander from consideration of his most elemental needs, who is intensely selfish, or who seeks pleasure as an end in itself cannot be logically classified as broad-minded; no matter how freely he may act or what he calls himself. Also, much that passes for broad-mindedness is pure and simple evil-mindedness and rightly belongs in the narrow-minded category. The lecher and libertine are no less narrow-minded than the prude or puritan; they both are poles apart from the truly liberal, those who can entertain new ideas, can adjust their behavior to new situations, and who are genuinely interested in the welfare of their fellows.—B.F.

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Carolina Carousel

Hard Fight But We Won

By R. Foo Giduz

(R. Foo usta doa regular column for the DTH. We found him wandering around the halls of the Hamilton in his usual dazed condition.)

Good Buddies, we seem many bawl games come and go—from the Great Sugar Bowl Robbery of '47 to the tough tilts in Philly and Baltimore—but let it be known to wit: The 4,000 assorted Carolina Campus Characters in Wash. last week-end showed spirit the capital citizens and cops won't forget for many a moon.

Without a doubt there was a quorum of the student body—not only for this year, but for a half-dozen years back. The lads simply arrived. But take it from a twenty-year Tar Heel just recently turned Yankee: That Carolina spirit (and Sper-it) just "aint" to be found elsewhere.—The bellhops and barkeeps, gate-men and cabbies. Ask 'em all. They'll remember.

Charlie (J. Strom Dixie-crat) Hodson put it plainly: "Maryland?" questioned Chas. "—They deserved to lose. — They voted for Dewey!" . . . Everything wasn't all so pretty light and carefree: The routin' rooters' reputation had preceded them to Washington. . . And Univ. authorities were warned Sat. morning by G-Men and Secret Service that they had heard of dirty-work-afoot plans by the collegiates to plant the Stars and Bars on the White House lawn.—A quick guatus on the plan they asked. (Note: Operation never came off.)

My frans, the ex-Carousel-er wonders is he getting to be an old fogey in his post-Carolina dotage. As the boys back at Harry's used to say: "What is the scoop on this Confederate flags deal?" Four thousand rip-roaring Carolina studes in high football day spirits are nice ideas and nize pipple.

But, good buddies, it does not particularly reek of tact and good taste for the mass representatives of the University of North Carolina to dash around the nation's capital city waving Confederate flags. . . No. . . It just isn't a brilliant way to represent the center of southern liberalism.—A simple (and plaintive) plea: Go plant Messers. Ab's and Varsity's Confederate banner business ventures on grandpappy's grave. And stop Confederating Carolina.

Y'don't get away from UP-SP-CPolitical talk even on the ball-game weekends. . . It seems it was about 5:45 a.m. Sunday morning, and the political caucus had finally started. . . Quoth a top-kick in the University party who refused to allow himself to be quoted: "I shouldn't admitting it, but things look good for the Campus party." (His concensus: UP and SP on the way down, viz political bickering; CP may loom to throne.) . . . SPatriarchs nominally nayed. . .

Yeh, CC is out of touch with campus politics now. But the word he got this week-end was that Dorth Worryner, last year's most eligible for next year's student body presidency, is but totally out of the running. . . (Come, Come, Dorth, in the name of the Hon'able Harry Byrd, don't let's believe in rumors! —But a vice-prexy mebbey?) . . . And the SP will sew up the presidency next spring with an ex-party chairman and popular CH politico for their nominee. (—A good man, too!)

But you get back to Washington—Sunday was the day. . . Although it was more tougher than usual to tell where Saturday leaves off and Sunday begins, what with new ones starting every five minutes. What a bunch of bleary looking characters: . . . But eventually most of the lads woke up and started collecting on the Mad Maryland even-money bets. . . Last characters seen leaving the city were a rather conglomerate concoction of old grads headed for NYCity about 8 Sunday evening. . . That was us.

Trouble Shooter



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This Changing World

A Quote From Joe Stalin

By Bill Roberison

(The circumstances of the world are continually changing, and the opinions of men change also.—Thomas Paine)

"But having developed productive forces to a tremendous extent, capitalism has become enmeshed in contradictions which it is unable to solve. By producing larger and larger quantities of commodities, and reducing their prices, capitalism intensifies competition, ruins the mass of small and medium private owners, converts them into proletarians and reduces their purchasing power, with the result that it becomes impossible to dispose of the commodities produced. On the other hand, by expanding production and concentrating millions of workers in huge mills and factories, capitalism lends the process of production a social character and thus undermines its own foundation, inasmuch as the social character of the process of production demands the social ownership of the means of production. . ."

This quotation is taken from an essay by Josef Stalin, in which he presents the world-outlook of the Marxists, all over the world. The meaning of this quotation is crystal-

clear. It is in striking contrast to the statements made by capitalist economists about the "complexity of economic phenomena". Lenin once cited the fact that "if geometric axioms affected human interests, attempts would certainly be made to refute them." Is there any wonder, then, that this clear scientific analysis is ignored in an institution which teaches capitalist economics?

After all, our students who are majors in "commerce" and "economics" are not being trained to become scientific socialists—even if socialism is just around the corner! The material interests of a handful of multi-millionaires are involved.

But, be that as it may, we predict with confidence that the teachings of scientific socialism will win an increasing number of students to "the finest cause in the world" in the days to come. We predict that there will be a genuine mass movement on this campus. We predict that the students will piece things together. They will ask themselves such questions as: "why have we not read, or even heard of, books by Marx?" They will develop renewed faith and hope. They will lose their cynicism and despair.

Most of us were reared in Christian families. We remember the Golden Rule of Jesus Christ: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Yet we have grown up in a society the very basis of which is corrupted with the principle of "buying cheap and selling dear"—a principle which makes it impossible to "get ahead" without violating the golden rule of living. We mention this only to emphasize the moral significance of this quotation from Stalin.

We are all of us morally ill. We have become corrupted by a false way of living. Our attitude toward life, and especially toward our fellowman, has sunk below that of our ancient ancestors. Over two thousand years ago Sophocles, the great Greek poet, was able to say with supreme optimism, "Wonders are many, and none is more wonderful than man. . . Only against Death shall he call for aid in vain, but against baffling maladies he hath devised escapes."

This was true a long time ago, and it will be true once again in the minds and hearts of the students at Carolina, as we join in the struggle for a better and more happy way of living.

Chollie's Follies

For Capitalists Only

By Charlie Gibson

ANTICIPATING: when it comes to float awards, the Alpha Gams beat even Ivory soap. Diddyasee that Sadie Hawkins Day wagon with "Mammy" Yokum (Kitty Altizer) scrubbing "Pappy" Yokum ("Mitch" Mitchell) in a tub beside a backyard "telephone booth"? . . . DDD . . . with his slap-happy "Pappy" costume Johnny O'Neal took first prize among chaste and chased males. Phyllis Ferguson, the snuff prize-winning sight as "Miss Slobbovia", was an UGHLY sight even among CAROLENAS . . . DDD . . . inconsiderate but healthy freshman assembly audiences are boozing Jess Demmond whenever he appears onstage during their class elections, fearing that the neoFIGHTS' political independence might somehow be intercepted a la Maceyko . . . DDD . . . tis said part of the Tar Heel team invaded the Gayetty theater for a post-game burLEGSque, and there were shouts insisting "All the way, chorines!" . . . DDD . . . optimism chalked on a game-

board jalopy" tied together with buttons and bows: "If Harry could make it to Washington, so can we!" . . . Drop Dead, Duke!
HISTORIES and MYSTICS: Pete Gerns argued like pandeMOANIUM to get the DTH to print the almost worn-out picture of the man whom the interDUMBitory council elected to be president for the one quarter before he graduates. The short-lived prexy? Mr. "Modesty" Gerns, of course . . . SUSP . . . understand Betty Jane Blaylock suffers a telePHONEY complex among certain fraternities . . . SUSP . . . wonder what FIZZISicians who told hard-working Bob Kirby to relax, sleep lots, and do little would think if they knew he is obeying them and even reading "Lost Weekend"? . . . SUSP . . . ask anyone on the third floor of Everett about their "1, 2, and 3" sinsvshuns . . . SUSP . . . constantly confusing, usually unamusing English prof, announcing that he likes to pull classroom surprises: I never want the class to know what's going on in my lectures." Ahead of time

or afterwards? . . . Shut Up, Smarty Party!
UNCELEBRITIES: both Jan Pierce, opera star, and Oscar Hammerstein, Oklahomagician, have sons in the class of '52 . . . SOS . . . cute Getty Horton was cussing some one-legged thief and teaching Ed Coppla to hop from class to class before a "Y" janitor returned the first argyle sock that she knitted to a green and yellow pair . . . SOS . . . reprint from student directory, page 72: "Epps, Jesse M. 3—312 Alderman; Epps, Helen P., 3—319 'A' Dorm." if only the housing office WRECKorders made the mistakes the directory does! . . . SOS . . . there is a UVALU-able new president among campus veterans named Gene Newton, and he might be able to think up more stunts like the quiz shows to make the vet's hut of service to the campus at large . . . SOS . . . among the writing on the little boys' Walls of Fame in Bing-ham: "Dean X—is in the hospital to be treated for rabies. His mother ran out from under the steps and bit him" . . . Sound Off, Spivak!

Write Away

Libelous Biography

Editor:

It's common knowledge among students of Paine that George Chalmers (alias Francis Oldys) and James Cheetham were his most malicious and libelous biographers. Until 1892 the filchings of these men were looked upon as authoritative. In that year, however, M. D. Conway (regarded as Paine's official biographer) published an extensive two volume edition of his life which utterly refutes with facts and figures the calumny which had been in circulation previously. A number of biographies have appeared since, but all have been substantially based on Conway's edition.

In a previous article I requested that Mr. West cite me FACTS; instead, he reciprocates with quoted falsehoods and a little bit of fact. I shan't waste time refuting Mr. West's additional dirt, but will seek briefly to discredit the authors—which in this case is tantamount to discrediting what they say. Brother West probably isn't aware of it, but the obscure pulpiter whom he quotes (T. O. Summers, D.D.) has merely borrowed from Cheetham and Chalmers' storehouse of lies. So let us first consider Chalmers—a Tory refugee from Maryland who was hired by friends of Edmund Burke to write a derogatory biography of Paine. The first part of Paine's "Rights of Man" had just been published in England in reply to Burke's "Reflections on the French Revolution," in which he (Burke) condemns the movement. Paine's book was outselling Burke's two to one and the latter was in serious danger of losing his great prestige in England. So by depicting Paine as a scoundrel (through the pimp Chalmers), Burke's clique succeeded in protecting his reputation. Regarding Cheetham, space will permit me to say only this: Paine instituted a suit for libel against that mud-slinger; he was convicted and fined. Such were the characters of the men whom Mr. West regards as authoritative!

J. R. Cherry Jr.

And Jefferson Too

Editor:

Would like to ask Camest West on what grounds is James Cheetham qualified to pass such harsh judgment on Thomas Paine's "Common Sense"? He (Cheetham) makes the ridiculous statement that "it has no merit, no comprehension of insight . . . fugitive in nature." Please cite me anything that Cheetham has written that can remotely approach the high standards of Common Sense—to say nothing of Paine's other works.

Another man has said: "No writer has exceeded Paine in ease and familiarity of style, in perspicuity of expression, happiness of elucidation, and in simple unassuming language." But of course, I suppose this fellow was just an obscure, jack-leg politician from the backwoods of Virginia who evidently hadn't seen Cheetham's authoritative appraisal. His name, by the way, was Jefferson—Thomas Jefferson, I believe.

Lloyd Overcash

(If anyone else cares to write a letter about Thomas Paine, please address it to Camest West, not to Write Away.)

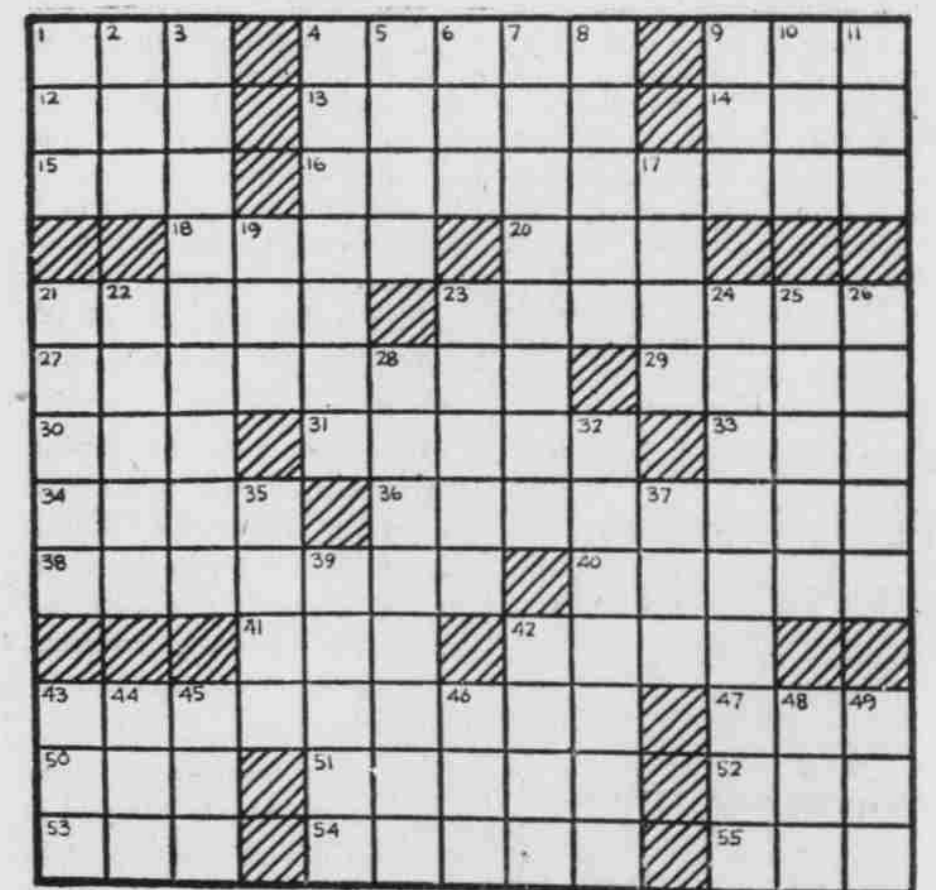
Correction Please

Editor:

Last Sunday an article was printed presenting the platform of the Student party endorsed candidates for freshman class officers.

I would like to correct several errors in this article. First of these was the statement that these candidates are Student party candidates. I would like to make it clear that they are only Student party endorsed; and that the actions of the candidates are their own and not those set forth by the Student party. The last of these errors was, I feel sure, the result of a misplaced comma. The article stated that the freshman executive committee shall voice its disapproval of the re-opening of an Armory store for the lower quad. I would like to correct this and state that the aim of the committee will be (and I quote from Section VI of the platform) to "urge that an Armory Store be re-established for the Lower Quadrangle."

Sol Kimerling
Campaign Chairman of the Freshman Committee



HORIZONTAL
1. fuss
4. ascend
9. capture
12. young seal
13. diminish
14. milkfish
15. short piece of connect-ing pipe
16. weird
18. float
20. in behalf of
21. fright
23. wind of cyclonic origin
27. link
29. dunce
30. black bird
31. ringlet
33. rodent
34. cover with asphalt
36. variety of zoophyte
38. voter
40. bravery
41. tatter
42. ravine
43. nonconduc-tive substance

VERTICAL
1. likely
2. ascribable
3. efficacious
4. scholar
5. rattan
6. simian
7. having most leaves
8. slip
9. nonsense!
10. boring tool
11. merry
12. walked
19. rage
21. peduncle; shaft of feather
22. channel
23. guide
24. a result
25. light-colored, of cigars
26. aquatic animal
28. haughty
32. disjoined
35. unbleached
37. chum
39. ankle
42. love to excite
43. man's name
44. domestic pigeon
45. group of matched articles
46. knot
48. grief
49. novel

Answer to Saturday's puzzle.
ELAS LEG SPED
AURA AVA LEVI
SNOW DESPISED
TAM DEN ETON
AMI TINS
MATES SOS AGE
STINTS SISTER
SAC AAR OUTER
ANTE NEE
MARC VAS NOT
MATTERED EDGE
ORLE IRE TERN
PAIL PEN ADES

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