

How to Avoid Argument

Today's voting turnout will probably be one of the lightest in the history of campus elections. December elections usually bring out a smaller number of voters than those held in the spring because none of the top offices are involved. However, the fall election is an important one. This year more than half the seats in the student legislature are to be filled in addition to the selection of junior class officers and the runoff of freshman elections.

Cause of the light vote anticipated today will not be due to the unimportance of the election but to its inopportune time. This is not the fault of any one person but to a series of unfortunate circumstances. According to the constitution, the election was to be held on the first Tuesday in December which this year comes on the seventh. This would have thrown the runoff election into examination week, and to avoid this situation Student Body President Jess Dedmond moved the election up a week, keeping it on Tuesday in order that votes might be counted during the week. Now, coming as it does immediately after the Thanksgiving holidays, the election will take many students by surprise, since the political parties and individual candidates involved have not had time to take their causes before the student body and arouse interest in the contests.

Nevertheless, the outcome of today's voting will be extremely important to the future of student government this year. Unless each student realizes the importance of his vote and acts accordingly, the organized fraternity vote will sweep the election and acquire greater control of the legislature. If this happens, it will lead to recriminations by the losing parties against the action of changing the election date.

Obviously the best way to avoid this is for all students to make a special effort to register their votes today.

Answer to Infiltration

The American Veterans Committee at its national convention in Cincinnati last week found a remedy for the Communist rot that was killing it. Although the constitution of the United States protects Communists along with all other citizens in their right to assemble and freedom of speech and press, there is no law which prevents a private organization from kicking out unwanted members. And that is exactly what AVC decided to do.

AVC delegates voted to oust Communist members not because they were Communists, but because they had joined the organization in bad faith, since the doctrine of Communism is unreconcilable with the charter of the veterans' group.

Now the AVC can once again be a rallying ground for liberal thinking veterans without smearing them with the taint of Communism.

This seems to us to be the answer to Communist infiltration into democratic organizations.

Suggestion to Dawgs

Gentlemen: We have been observing with interest your present tactics in attempting to keep the squirrel population within bounds. In our opinion your Indian approach, which entails crawling and creeping towards some obnoxious denizen of the trees, lacks certain finesse which is essential in your occupation.

Could we suggest a more subtle advance? Why not use the casual, hands-in-pocket routine and stroll up to the unwary creatures whistling something from Gershwin? A few days of this, without hostile gestures, would undoubtedly result in a certain smugness among the bushy-tails, and a secret conference could be held in Hill hall (the Administration would certainly grant use of the hall for such purpose) to determine H-Hour.

If for some reason these tactics are unproductive, we suggest a standing committee composed of a representative from each of the major breeds, and the independents, to decide future campaigns. There are numerous possibilities, for the squirrels are notorious nuts, and you might even dress in tweeds and combat boots and stroll up on your hind legs. They could never tell you from the average student, especially if you neglected to wear a necktie.

Hoping to hear from you on this vital subject in the near future, we remain,

Rameses, Jr.

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Odds And Ends

By Don Maynard

UMOC. Response to our "Ugliest Man on Campus" contest has met with so much enthusiasm that we have decided to hold it after the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, be looking for the ugly duckling that is "sure to cop the prize."

CRASH DIVE. A scalper hawking on Franklin street before the Carolina-Duke orgy grunted a little disgustedly after a sale: "Huh, those seats were so low down in the end-zone the guy will need a periscope to see the forward wall."

IT TAKES LITTLE TOOT. A sentimental musical note sent through the air via "Our Best to You" was intercepted by us the other night. Dedicated to Lincoln Kan by Charlie Long was "Take a Slow Boat to China."

AMOUR, AMOUR. This notice was sent to us not long ago: "Please tell the Carolina public that the 'Room of Great Lovers' is now open for business at the Sigma Chi house under the able tutelage of Professor Louee Cotton and his undergraduate instructors, Stu Bonduant and Gerry LaSuer."

JUST PLAIN SAM. Wish you could have heard the 88-tickler who was in the main lounge of GM a week ago Sunday. All we know of him is that he is named "Sam," is a terrific pianist, and that he could play the Wedding March five different ways. A man who lets you strike any key on the piano and then proceeds to beat out a song beginning with that note; who can play two melodies at the same time with both hands, deserves recognition. Sam, here's a Lib Stoney, they want your kind of talent.

APOLOGY. To the Kappa Sigs for not mentioning that they were the sponsors of Yack Beauty Claudia Lee, queen of the '49 annual. As a colleague put it, "A gross oversight of a beautiful subject."

AT LAST—WE KNOW. The most convincing explanation for Mr. Truman's win over the Repubs was given in an ad in the Chicago Tribune: "On election day the man-who-didn't-have-a-chance-enjoyed a Magic Mineral Bath and Miracle Massage at the famous Elms Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo. You know what happened! You too, can improve your luck, looks and lifeline. Note they put 'luck' before 'looks.'"

SIGNS. Taken from November's Coronet, "As seen in a New Jersey theater: 'Coming attractions: Mother Wore Tights, also Selected Shorts.'"

SIGNS. This one on Jeff's scoreboard "Navy plays Army Nov. 27, Army plays Navy the same day in Philadelphia." And how, Navy played Army!

AND MORE SIGNS. Seen hanging from the second floor of Battle dorm for the Duke weekend festivities, a poem by "Meek" Carpenter:

"Po'le Duke is down and out, The Devil's got the double gout,

While UNC is on her way To the Sugar Bowl, N. O., La."

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Fitzgerald, Beta, and Nancy Brown, a Kappa Kappa Gamma of Alabama on their engagement. Also to Mark Barker and his swellagant wife, Jim, on their third anniversary. Three months, that is...

SOME FOLKS sink and don't swim, others swim for the glory of winning and still others for the value of the gold cup they might win, but Ted Wood of Virginia Polytechnic Institute swims for the joy of swimming.

Though Wood was not the best in Bowman—Grey pool Saturday night, he didn't place in any event, he won a gold cup—in recognition of his love for sports and competition.

Leaving his teammates at V.P.I., Wood paid his own bus fare to Chapel Hill and back, to be the only out-of-state swimmer present against three North Carolina schools.

A sophomore at V.P.I., Wood, when asked why he came so far at his own expense said, "I came down to see how you boys swim."

The Honeymoon is Over



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This Changing World

Put Away Stars And Bars

By Bill Robertson

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

At the recent Carolina-Duke game, everybody in the Carolina student section had a wonderful time. This was natural because Charley "Choo-Choo" Justice made one of the best touchdowns runs of his career and the team as a whole played as one of the top-ranking teams in the country should play.

However, the well-known "Carolina spirit" took certain forms which we feel should be severely criticized. In particular, we should like to comment upon the large number of Confederate flags exhibited during the game.

The Confederate flag is the banner of a government which defended the barbarous institution of slavery. This government engaged in armed rebellion against the fundamental

principles of American democracy; and, for this reason, there is no essential symbolic difference between the Stars and Bars and the Nazi swastika.

On the other hand, the American flag, although it is being dragged in the dust today in the interest of American big business in such faraway places as Greece and China, has been the symbol for many generations of an advanced, democratic spirit. American democracy is something worth defending, and it should be defended on all fronts.

Concretely, it should be defended by educating our people as to its true nature. It is something which has been won through bitter struggle. The flag of our country was first unfurled in one of the truly revolutionary wars of history, and it was also victorious against the institution of slavery.

Today it is still the symbol in the hearts and minds of

millions of our people of things which the Southern slaveholders and the Nazi barbarians detested although it is coming to be hated in other parts of the world as the symbol of the almighty dollar and the money-changers of Wall Street. It is our patriotic duty to fight against the enemies in our midst who twist and distort American ideals to protect capital investments in foreign countries and to restore the world in our country and our flag.

The prominent display of our flag on all public occasions in which democratic principles are not being attacked, and a bitter struggle against the ideas which were and are symbolized by the Confederate flag will render solid support to the preservation and advancement of democracy. At the same time it will make possible the establishment of good relations between all nations and nationalities all over the world.

National Convention

AVC Gets Rid Of Commies

By Henry Adams

The 1948 annual convention of the American Veterans Committee, which met in Cleveland during the Thanksgiving holidays, accomplished something almost without precedent in the American liberal movement. Seriously threatened by Communist infiltration, AVC removed the principal threat to its continued existence by decisively voting to get the Communists out and keep them out.

Communists have moved in before on many liberal non-Communist organizations and destroyed their effectiveness by rule-or-ruin tactics. During the past two years they have unsuccessfully tried to get control of AVC. Failing in this, they have sought to wreck the group by open defiance of its rules and policies, by expensive hearings, and most recently by a costly lawsuit. AVC's liberal programs, for public housing, getting out the vote, and fair non-discriminatory treatment of every veteran, were hampered by this internal split.

Membership and prestige were declining so fast that it appeared the Communist ruin tactics would soon bring AVC's

death. The delegates who attended last week's convention were determined to make a final showdown.

Glenn Fisher, Louella Van Every, and I represented the local chapter at Cleveland. Our chapter had voted by a 2-to-1 majority for a proposed amendment to the national AVC constitution which would bar Communists.

Even so, there were doubts expressed by the local group that such an amendment could be fairly interpreted. Some said that AVC would be compromising its own principles. These objections I think have been adequately met by the action on Communism which AVC took. The original amendment was tabled and in its place was a resolution which declared that previous conventions had already explicitly stated that membership in both AVC and the Communist party was fundamentally incompatible. Communists in AVC have known this all along and have acted in bad faith by continuing their memberships. The resolution adopted at Cleveland points this out and instructs the national officers to remove all known Communists.

In practice there will be few formal expulsions. Communists

will be removed gradually from the organization by refusal to accept their dues payments when their present membership expires.

As was expected, some colossal fireworks broke loose on the convention floor when every question relating to Communism was brought up. The anti-Communist delegations were clearly in the majority and determined to put through a strong resolution. The minority saw themselves outnumbered and tried every obstructionist tactic in Robert's Rules of Order. Points of order, points of information, and rhetorical questions from the floor delayed actions for as much as a whole day. The business was far behind schedule. All this accomplished nothing, for the majority carried the meeting and overrode objections by sheer weight of numbers. They got what they wanted: the Communists will go.

AVC is thus one of the first big liberal groups to assert itself and remove a totalitarian bloc which threatened its very life. It did this by out-thinking, out-working, and out-voting its internal opponents, and it will continue to live and serve a democratic society.

Write Away

Empty Headed Kids

Editor:

I was reminded of Bill Robertson, as well as other hammer-and-sickle boys, when I read a passage in "I Chose Freedom," written by Victor Kravchenko, a Communist party member for 20 years and a leading official in Russia, who escaped in 1946 to plead the cause of anti-communism. Said he of some American Communists-in-knee-britches, "They were upset by the inequities of life in their own country and needed consolations, in the way that a child in pain is consoled by a shiny, noisy toy... If only such people could attain the intellectual clarity and the moral balance to realize that injustice in America must not be made an excuse for supporting injustice elsewhere!... The prevailing American notions about the wonders of Sovietism in practice were truly extraordinary. Great chunks of the communist reality—like slave labor, police dictatorship, the massive periodic purges, the fantastically low standards of living, the great famine of 1932-33, the horrors of collectivization, the state-organized child labor—seemed to have completely escaped American attention."

Have they escaped Robertson's and Scales' attention? If so these local glorifiers of Soviet Russia are empty-headed children and know so little Russian history that they are completely unqualified to deliver their harangues.

If, however, they do know the truth about the suffering, downtrodden people under the Soviet system, I charge that they are deliberate liars and enemies of public welfare and human freedom! Tell us, Robertson, Scales, and you other "kept men", if you have or have not thoroughly studied the workings of the Soviet power, that we readers may know whether you are film-eyed dreamers or believers in mass slavery.

Dorothy Smith
(5 Westwood Drive)

TMA Says Vote Yes

Last Wednesday Jess Dedmond advised students to vote NO on the Town Men's association's having membership on the Dance committee. As president of the TMA I would encourage the students to vote YES.

While reorganizing the TMA last spring, I talked to Dedmond about the proposal and at that time he was all for it. At the same time I talked to several members of the Dance committee who had no objection but did suggest that the TMA wait until it was a more organized group than it was then. The association members now feel that they are a well organized group and are asking for membership on the Dance committee.

In its pre-war years the TMA had a representative on the committee and lost it when it was forced to disorganize in 1943 due to the lack of men in school. When the constitution was drawn up, there was no TMA and it could not be included in the Dance committee. We are not seeking any honors as we fully realize that the committee does a thankless job.

Dormitory students are represented on the committee through the Inter-Dorm council; fraternity men through the Inter-fraternity council. We admit that the TMA is not a representative group as are those two councils, but many non-member town students look to the TMA to represent their interests on the campus. At present 2,000 men have no part in one of the most powerful student courts on the campus.

Dedmond requested to see the amendments before they were introduced in the legislature. He saw them and at that time expressed no opposition. On the Sunday before his comments, he told me that he wanted to talk to me concerning the Dance committee as he felt that he was opposed to it. Nothing more was said about it and the next thing I knew about it was when his column appeared.

Town students deserve membership and would not lessen, but would strengthen "a time-honored organization whose membership is carefully governed" and whose "fine conduct of our dances speaks sufficiently for its work."

The Town Men's association asks the students to vote YES on both amendments.

John Van Hecke

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- HORIZONTAL: 1. a fruit, 2. nothing but, 3. handle (Archaic), 4. scene of judgment, 5. Paris, 6. verbal, 7. close to, 8. airy, 9. throat, 10. resin, 11. lighted coal, 12. large serpent, 13. laudation, 14. contrite, 15. fasten, 16. avouch, 17. strike, 18. cultivate, 19. clear, 20. extravagant, 21. a football team (No.), 22. permit, 23. closed car, 24. of one's, 25. before, 26. tanning solution, 27. convert into soap, 28. gelatinous substance, 29. hard, 30. spoiled, 31. sacred, 32. sums up, 33. before, 34. basketball team, 35. pagan deity, 36. strong wind, 37. gesture, 38. silkworm, 39. chief sound, 40. primary, 41. celestial being, 42. nervous, 43. salt, 44. macaw, 45. yellowish resin, 46. except, 47. immortality, 48. river in New Mexico, 49. sharp cry, 50. unusual, 51. vicious, 52. foundation, 53. river in France, 54. one having gigantic strength, 55. nourished, 56. parts of mortises, 57. thrush, 58. aromatic plant, 59. duration, 60. at a great distance, 61. harp-like instrument, 62. nonsense!, 63. past, 64. seed container

Answer to Saturday's puzzle.
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