

Project for Christmas

Right now, after the undefeated football season just completed, the people of North Carolina would probably give the Tar Heel team just about anything it wanted, but the situation will be different when the University's budget comes up for consideration by the budget commission of the state legislature.

Athletic teams pay for themselves; students do not—that is not immediately. Twenty years from now the successful athletic teams of 1948 will not be paying off, but successful students of 1948 will have paid for their education many times over in value to the state and the nation.

When the state's legislators vote on the University's budget they sometimes forget this long range view. For this reason students here and at Woman's College and at State have started a project to remind their legislators during the Christmas holidays. All students are asked to see their representatives personally and to inform them of the needs of the University.

Each North Carolina student should do his share in this project. Unless a great deal of interest is shown in phases of the University other than athletics, the University, its students, and the state as a whole will suffer.

Sugar Bowl Bound?

One of the highspots of the football season this year has been the truly magnificent conduct of Carolina students in their display of sportsmanship.

At every out-of-town game, although not lacking in good spirits, and well-mannered horse-play, the students have roused comments from the citizenry that "Carolina certainly has a fine bunch of ladies and gentlemen."

In upholding mature and gentlemanly conduct, our student body has become one of the best emissaries of the University. Carolina has gained more than just national prominence by having a good football team, a fine faculty and high standards of study, but also by showing good manners and clean sportsmanship.

This year we are again Sugar Bowl bound. The last time we were there, the people in New Orleans had a fine impression of our gang. Let's show them again of what stuff we are made.

& A Hppy Nu Yr.

With WW's clmn setting the precedent, the English language is becoming so abbreviated that in generations to come, students of history will undoubtedly have a difficult time deciphering the writings of our civilization. However, university students will continue to unsuspectingly sign up for these courses as they are sure to be listed in the cat. as cryp. (for cryptography) courses.

What with the YMCA, the UVA, the IFC, the VAC, the ICC's, CP, SP, and everything else from UP down, it looks like there's nothing left on campus that isn't abbreviated except coeds' skirts!

Any day now we may expect to see a copy of A.L.'S.G.A. come out looking something like this: 4 score & 7 years ago our 4 fats. brt. 4th on this cont. a new nat, conceived in Lib. and ded. to the prop. that all men r created equal.

Seriously, though, we can take all abbreviations except Xmas, but that is one word we would like to see x-terminated. Without Christ, Christmas has no meaning, and none of us should be in such a big hurry that he must abbreviate the birthday of our Lord. Those who stand up for the abbreviation argue that X is the proper symbol for Christ, but the majority of those who use it never heard or thought of that reason for writing it that way.

May every student have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Write Away

Dean Gives Test Views

Editor:

Attention: Rameses

Dr. W. D. Perry has kindly furnished me with a copy of his letter to you regarding your open letter of December 1 on compulsory sophomore tests.

I am in agreement with Dr. Perry and yourself on the importance of factual determination of interests and aptitudes of students. I agree further that the tests have been developed to the point of being extremely helpful when they are taken under favorable conditions and when they are skillfully interpreted.

It seems to me that we would be wise to limit any compulsory tests which we give to all students to a test of personal interests as suggested in Dr. Perry's letter. This might then be the basis of discussion which in turn would often lead to further tests and consideration of the results. To require an elaborate series of tests of all students would involve two difficulties which are very serious. First, there is the difficulty you mentioned, that it is very expensive and the University does not now have the money required. Second, even if we had the money I think the validity of elaborate compulsory tests would be seriously reduced in the case of those students who might not enter into the program willingly and therefore might not make the effort in the test which is necessary to useful results.

This is a very important question and I am glad to see that it is a source of concern to you. If you think that further discussion might be helpful at this stage I shall be glad to join in a conference with Dr. Perry, interested students and any others whom you may wish to call.

C. P. Spruill, Dean

Let Robertson Remain in DTH

Editor:

I'd like to make an inquiry about the requirements necessary for one to be a columnist on the Daily Tar Heel. Are there a long list of writers waiting to be on the staff?

My reasons for asking these questions are, if there are not a long line of people waiting to be columnists, or if there are no articles in the constitution of the DTH (if the DTH has a constitution) stating that Communists cannot be staff members, then I say, let Bill Robertson remain as a columnist.

Is our system of government so weak that it cannot stand up after an opposing point of view has been presented? If we are afraid to let the Communists have a voice in any of our newspapers because we are afraid more people will turn to Communism as the answer, our own democratic processes need looking into.

If, on the other hand, the writings of the Communists are just "a pack of lies" (and we can't bear to see them in print) isn't it better that these lies be allowed to be printed so we can refute them publicly. It is my opinion that, rather than to adopt Communist tactics of refusal of freedom of the press, we should let the Communists speak their lies or truths. If they are lies, the truth will out; if they are truths, we ought to hear about them.

Too many editorial pages today print only one side of a question. I had admired the Daily Tar Heel up to this time for presenting all sides of any question.

Sally Lineweaver 407 N. Columbia Street

More Write Away

Loyalty Board Is Unfair

Editor:

In a recent editorial, you expressed confidence in the President's Loyalty board. Under the rules of this board, the accused need not be told the exact nature of the charges against him; he need not be confronted with opposing witnesses; in fact, most constitutional guarantees are suspended; the matter rests in the discretion of the board, whose members have their own views as to what is legitimate. Employees have been discharged for union activity, favoring racial equality, discussing politics instead of going to a ball game, and seeing Russian movies.

Under the rule of the board, an atmosphere of fear has permeated government service.

For their monthly check, civil servants are asked to surrender their right of speaking forthrightly lest their talk be deemed unorthodox; of engaging in political activity, lest the Censors disapprove; of associating with life long friends who may be on the black list. Loyalty is no longer a matter of well defined overt acts. Your means of livelihood depend on what some (usually conservative) government officers think of your political and social views.

Even this is but half the story. Let us grant for a moment the fantastic hypothesis that a procedure could be set up under which only dues-paying Communists would be discharged. To the best of my knowledge, the Supreme Court

has never found the Communist party guilty of subversiveness or disloyalty; on the contrary, in the Schneidermann case, it found the opposite to be true. Furthermore, the constitution of the Communist party reads: "Any member shall be expelled from the Party who is found to be engaged in espionage, or advocates force and violence or terrorism."

The Loyalty board serves the convenient purpose of taking the question of disloyalty out of the courts, where the government has to prove its case (which Attorney General Clark admitted it cannot do) into the secret proceedings of administrative tribunals.

Hans Freistadt 404 McCauley St.

If I Were The President

Editor:

Now that the presidential campaign is over, many of us like to lean back and say "My job is over until 1952." But our task is not over!

If our citizenship is going to mean anything to us or to the nation we must strive to keep abreast of world happenings. No doubt you have heard the proverbial expression of the Army "A good soldier is a well-informed soldier." This applies no less to us, that a good citizen is a well-informed citizen. To help us face the issues more squarely and more inquiringly, I think it would be well if we were to ask ourselves the question, "What would I do if I were President?"

If I were President, I would ask myself what is the major issue facing my country and the world today. After I had made my decision, I would make the solution of this issue the goal of my administration. What is this most important issue? Is it housing? Is it federal aid to education? Is it labor or management problems? Is it civil rights? Is it inflation? No!!! It is the issue of peace or war. Without peace, no other issue can be solved.

The way to guarantee peace is through federal government,

on such a basis as that which Dr. Frank Graham suggested in his speech in Texas. We must strengthen the United Nations assembly to the point where it can make laws. The Security council must be altered to act as an executive and enforce the laws. The World court must be changed from an advisory body to a real court that can try individuals or groups that perpetrate crimes against the peace of the world, and punish them. If I were President, I would strive for peace through a world federal government.

Johnnie F. O'Neal 308 "B" Dorm

Textile Data Challenged

Editor:

In demanding the removal of the King Features' cartoons in the interest of Labor, Mr. Shanker implies a pure innocence of this group and a lack of responsibility for any part of today's high prices. To state that any criticism of the antics of Labor is a "smack below the belt" is a direct admission of guilt. As management is guilty, so is Labor; and as controls have been imposed upon Management, so should they be imposed upon Labor.

I challenge the accuracy of Mr. Shanker's figure in reporting the average yearly wage of the textile workers of the Carolinas as \$1680.00. While working with the Veterans Employment Service, I had the opportunity to assist in the compilation of several wage schedules in the cotton

textile industry. In a sample North Carolina plant, the beginning wage for a trainee as of December, 1947 was \$7 1/2c per hour, the average wage was \$1.09 per hour, and many of the higher skilled workers earned from \$75.00 to \$125.00 per week. The trainee rarely remains in such status more than three months, either making the grade or being discharged by that time, and even during this training period he receives periodic wage increase and receives, in addition, shift differentials for night work. Assuming that all workers in this particular plant were trainees, and that no overtime or extra shifts were needed, the average yearly wage would have been \$1820.00.

This example is not too far above the average of all plants in North and South Carolina to be quoted. If Mr. Shanker obtained his figure for a reliable source, it obviously includes all short-time, temporary, and maintenance workers, and was taken from a not too recent base period. I suggest that he check the recent files of the North Carolina Employment Security commission for more accurate data.

Just in the matter of relaying to Mr. Shanker a little information on another subject, the veteran's subsistence allowance is not designed to "make ends meet." It is only designed to assist the veteran. I think that we could be more appreciative of something that few—indeed, if any—of us actually earned. After all, Mr. Shanker, you'll be repaying it when you begin to work for a living.

Jack Tripp

AVC Clarifies Red Stand

Editor:

The belated discovery in certain quarters of AVC's consistent anti-Communist stand makes some clarification necessary. That stand is not the result of a "recent victory" (DTH, Dec. 5), for it is neither recent, nor is it in a sense a victory, but merely a reaffirmation of the consistent policy followed by AVC since its inception. A few brief quotations from AVC policy statements will make this clear.

1. Statement of AVC National Planning Committee, Nov., 1946, supported by a majority of chapters in an opinion poll: "Those whom we ask to join AVC have a right to know the principles underlying this organization and its leadership. We oppose the entrance into our organization of members of the Communist party. . . ."

2. Paragraph 153 of the Domestic Affairs Platform adopted in the 1947 National Convention: "While opposing action to outlaw the Communist Party, the platform stated, '... we unequivocally reject the torturous dogmas of the Communist Party as being incompatible with democratic processes and completely repugnant to the spirit and letter of the AVC constitution and objectives. . . .'"

3. Resolution passed by the 1948 National Convention: "We, the elected delegates assembled at the Third Annual

National Convention of the American Veterans Committee reaffirm our conviction that the totalitarian principles and destructive practices of the American Communist Party are inconsistent with the democratic principles and constructive program of AVC, inimical to its welfare, and that Communist Party members are ineligible for membership in AVC.

"We instruct our incoming national leadership to continue using all means appropriate under our constitution to clean out and keep out members of the Communist Party from our ranks."

George B. Tindall Box 711

Letters Not Significant

Editor:

I was sorry to read that the Daily Tar Heel plans to drop Bill Robertson's column.

His point of view is one that is shared by hundreds of millions of people. About 12 columns appear in the Daily Tar Heel each week. If one student out of every 12 cares to read both sides in the world ideological struggle, then by democratic processes Bill Robertson's weekly column—or one like it—is justified. If the

Daily Tar Heel can print Hearst-owned King Syndicate material 6 times a week, why can it not print the opposite extreme once a week?

It seems to me that, in their recent explanation, the editors ducked the whole question in talking about style of writing and spelling. The question, as I see it, is—Is the Daily Tar Heel willing to run a radical column or not? Letters to the editor are no significant indication of democracy in the press. Big commercial papers

all over the country have sections like "Write Away." I doubt that there is a single country where freedom of the press is so abridged that there are no letters to the editor printed.

I hope the Daily Tar Heel will retain the one distinct advantage it has over the papers we buy in Lenoir. Its columns have not toed a monotonous editorial line, but rather have been a stimulating forum of student opinion.

Bill Evans

Written Away

Decision Is Wrong

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my disapproval of your policy in regards to one Bill Robertson, the writer of "This Changing World," a column which, unfortunately, you have threatened to abolish with the ending of this quarter.

It seems to me that you are altogether wrong in this decision. Don't misunderstand me! I am not an ardent follower of the "Robertson School" now or have I ever been. In fact, he has never convinced me of anything except as to the possible correctness of his name. Nevertheless, I feel that this seemingly frustrated individual should be allowed the privilege of airing his opinions, no matter how divergent these opinions may be, through our common medium of expression, "The Daily Tar Heel." This is the true spirit of our democracy and our liberal university.

As expressive of democracy and liberal thinking, Mr. John Dewey, professor of philosophy, Columbia university (1905-1931), has the following to say: "While what we call intelligence may be distributed in unequal amounts (no pun intended, Bill), it is the democratic faith that it is sufficiently general so that each individual has something to contribute, and the value of each contribution can be assessed only as it enters into the final pooled intelligence constituted by the contributions of all."

Thus, the logical decision would be to allow Mr. Robertson to continue with his writings (ravings would be a better word) so that the student body may have a wider source of opinions from which to base its final conclusions. After all, you may chase Mr. Robertson underground, from which point he may advocate "A Bundles for Stalin" or something like "that there."

Dwight E. Bunn

Hard to Speak Out

Editor:

It is with regret that I see you have decided to drop Mr. Robertson's column. Reading his always provocative column has been something to look forward to in every Tuesday's Tar Heel. You yourself complimented Mr. Robertson for his cooperation in getting in his column regularly, even on big football week-ends, though you saw fit to insult him at the same time by calling such regularity "dirty work."

His column speaks for a philosophy which, no matter how one may disagree with it, is furnishing the inspiration for tremendous mass movements in many oppressed areas which are changing the very nature of modern society. Americans should certainly feel some curiosity about the system of thought which is given as the reason for our peace-time draft, war economy, expenditure of billions in support of dictators, and for the outlawing of a political party.

The editor has explained that many students have spoken out against the column. It is true that little or no support for the column has appeared. I suspect that more people would like to see this viewpoint expressed than this would indicate, for it is rather hard in this period of anti-Communist hysteria to speak out in favor of the presentation of the Marxist viewpoint.

John V. Myers

Editor Is Chicken

Editor:

I am greatly relieved that Robertson's column will no longer appear.

Firstly, its appearance in the DTH created the impression that the University was more liberal than it is;

Secondly, it was widely read, (evidence the numerous replies in "Write-away"), in derogation of the sports page and the crossword puzzle;

Thirdly, publication of Robertson and Hearst in such close proximity is confusing to the reader;

Fourthly, it annoyed the powers that be and created unrest among those of the propertyless that read it; and,

Finally, vigorous support of Communism is propaganda, and, as you pointed out, not in good taste.

Richard L. Koral Law School

P.S.—Mr. Editor, I think you're chicken!

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-50.

- HORIZONTAL 1. lake in Sweden 2. something inserted 11. Spanish province 12. closer 14. ensnare 15. catlike 16. Shoshonean Indian 17. swiftness 19. advance guard 20. positive 22. wander 23. tilt 24. Oriental 26. gasps 27. donkey 28. the heart 29. section of an army 32. struggled 36. toward the sheltered side 37. escape (colloq.) 38. rescue 39. edge 40. military assistants 42. adult male 43. develop 45. withdraw 47. withhold 48. expiates 49. musical pipes 50. endure 7. want 8. salt 9. Armenian city 10. occupy 11. river in France 13. leaves 18. eagle 21. Russian stockade 23. wagons 25. S-shaped worm 26. cooking utensil 28. pertaining to 29. felt anxiety 30. masculine name 31. far off 32. evil 33. bewail 34. shuns 35. sand hills 37. legal claim 40. greedy 41. bristle 44. former New Guinea best 46. variety of lettuce

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

Word search grid with words: COWES, GOA, RAM, APART, RAP, ERIC, MESNE, ARSENIC, TEMPT, ERASE, THIS, RES, ONES, HUN, POSTED, EGGERS, ELECTS, SEEPED, OWE, CART, DAR, FLOW, ARIEL, USUAL, REPRESS, TRAIL, ETE, DIE, AORTA, TEN, AND, HESSE.

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