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## It's Everyone's Problem

Last summer all of North Carolina was horrified by the epidemic of poliomyelitis which penetrated every corner of the state. Fear of the disease was amplified by the knowledge that there was no preventive to stave it off. Nothing could be done for anyone until a medical examination showed that the disease had been contracted. When this diagnosis was reported, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis could be called upon to extend every possible aid in controlling the effects of the disease. The expense incurred in treating victims of polio in this state has since amounted to over two million dollars, and is increasing at the rate of over thirty-five thousand dollars a week.

During the epidemic, people were bemoaning the fact that there was nothing they could do about it. Now that the epidemic is waning, the general interest in the problem has probably flagged, and understandably so. But now is the time when all of us can help, and help greatly, by giving generously to the March of Dimes. Of the funds collected in this state, one half will be sent to the National Foundation, which sent over one and a quarter million dollars to North Carolina last year, and the other half will remain here. The tremendous cost of last summer's epidemic has drastically reduced the funds presently available. As residents of the area which was hardest hit last year, it is hardly conceivable that students will be reluctant to contribute to this drive. It means more than trying in some measure to repay the National Foundation. An all-out effort on this drive will assure us that in the future we shall have the necessary protection to fight polio in every way possible.

## Pensive Publius

### Concerning an Attitude

Publius, lingering over a cup of coffee was listening to a conversation between two of his friends. One of them was voicing the outworn creed of the campus—that of contempt for politics and politicians. "Why does the Daily Tar Heel print all this trash about politics?" he queried. Publius, a staunch defender of student activities, thought with disgust that the mental vacuum his friend displayed would surely be the envy of the physics department. Surely student government has its Scrooges and stooges who deserve criticism, Publius admitted, but this does not warrant its wholesale condemnation. The campus politician, like the Yankee, is seldom without the familiar descriptive adjective. Publius reflected that it is blind application of this attitude which dulls the enthusiasm and ability of those working for better student government. Publius began to consider the oft-repeated question: Is student government worthy of support? He noted that when the campus gripe sounds off, it is the individual, not student government as a whole, about which he complains. Then taking the whole for the sum of its parts, the gripe decides student government should be included in the target-for-today.

Publius reviewed the record of student government for the past year. It had cooperated in trying to show the trustees that Saturday classes are not feasible for the University. The Greater University student council was formed with State college and Woman's college, to cut down duplication of effort by the three schools, promote better relations between them, and present to the State Legislature the student's view of the needs of the Greater University. The State Board of Investigation was called in to control gambling in a quiet, efficient way before it got out of hand, and arrangements were made to try violators before the Men's council rather than in civil courts. Without student government the honor system would be impractical. The list of constructive measures lengthened as he mulled over it.

The voices of his friends interrupted Publius' thoughts. "Yes," said one, "take some of the objectionable characters out of student government and I'll start voting."

That statement convinced Publius that what this campus needs is not a new dormitory or library extension, but a photo lab to develop some of the negats roaming around. In the first place, he pointed out, voting is a privilege, not a right. In the second place, an informed electorate is needed to exercise this privilege in order to keep the "objectionable characters" out of politics.

It is a curious thing, thought Publius, that those who complain the most comprehend the least.

(To Be Continued)

## Comments

### Coed Senate In the News

By Jess Dedmond

The ugly question of the future of the coed senate has again been raised. Reports have it that an effort to abolish will again be made. The movement, if it is a movement, is not very clear at this writing. But whatever its strength, it has been pronounced enough to bring about discussion in last Thursday's coalition cabinet meeting which was conducted by attorney general Dortch Warriner. The latest reports indicate that a bill to abolish the senate will be presented in the legislature in the near future. I consider such action undesirable and unnecessary.

The future of the senate should be a matter for coed determination. It should be so because it is basically democratic to provide for self-determination, and further, because the functions of the senate are wholly financed by a special one dollar per quarter assessment levied only on the coeds. The existence of the senate costs the rest of the campus absolutely nothing. There is no record of the legislature's having appropriated one cent for the support of organizations now financed wholly or partially by the senate.

The criticism that the senate is not the potent instrument it should be may possibly be true. My own observations have been too incomplete to allow a conclusion. If they are true, a possible revision is in order. The initiative for any such-action should be coed initiative. I do not believe that the men of the legislature or the campus have any cause to assume the right to alter the women's governmental structure.

While under the Constitution it is possible for a concerted male effort to do what it wills with women's government, I believe that as a matter of right and fairness the following approach to basic changes in coed government should be used:

1. The coed senate should initiate action on any changes it considers desirable.
  2. The senate should determine by informal or formal balloting, after adequate publicity, the will of the majority of the coeds concerning the change.
  3. Any changes considered desirable by the coed majority should be incorporated in a Constitutional amendment by the legislature and submitted to the campus for action.
- Because I believe this course of action fair and democratically sound in that it allows decision by the group most affected, I oppose any action arising through other channels.

## Passing Sentence

### Bi-National State Suggested for Palestine

By Jonathan Marshall

My recent attack on England's relationship with the new state of Israel seems to have provoked mixed reactions, and for that reason perhaps it is worth elucidating further.

It is gratifying to a writer even to receive an answer from one who disagrees, if the answer is intelligent and honest. S. K. Lawry's reply was excellent, and in pointing up my lack of facts, he was right. This will be remedied if possible today.

Mr. Lawry says that a judicial approach should be taken, "allowing each side to state its claims, but not acknowledging their right to any part of the disputed territory until a peaceful settlement has been made." The United Nations heard both sides and made a decision. If it had been supported, it would have been "a peaceful settlement."

After my previous column was written, one of the five English pilots who was shot down over Israel admitted that he had been flying over Jewish settlements. This does not seem in keeping with a policy to preserve peace.

In addition to this it is common knowledge that English tanks and other equipment,

## Back In Working Clothes



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## Washington Scene

### She Wouldn't Be Noticed

By George Dixon  
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Washington, Jan. 26—Gibbering mobs in Romania have been driving the authorities crazy searching for a woman with the head of an ass.

The lady is supposed to have had her noggin donkeyfied as punishment for snapping at an inoffensive old man: "Don't be an ass." The old guy nifted back: "He who says so, is." Whereupon the doll sprouted hairy ears and muzzle.

But instead of remaining to bray, the bewitched mule mamma vanished. Although such a jacked-up Jane should be reasonably conspicuous, even in present day Romania, she has thus far eluded the searchers.

Don't the Romanians realize what happened? Disguised in something old, something new, something burro-ed, and something blue, the lady snuck out of Bucharest and came to Washington where she wouldn't be noticed.

You may not know Miss Bertha Joseph personally, but you saw a lot of her last week. She is the lady with the wide felt hat who was standing right back of our President when he was sworn in. She was up this close because she was Mrs. Truman's official escort.

Miss Joseph was given this high honor because she has been on Capitol Hill almost as long as the dome. She used to be secretary to former senator George Radcliffe, of Maryland, and is now with Senator Carl Hayden, of Arizona, who ran the senatorial end of the inauguration.

If there ever was any doubt as to the esteem in which Mr. Truman holds his missus, the President settled it for Miss Joseph. After the ceremony she went up to Mr. Big and said: "Mr. President, this is the greatest honor a woman could have. There could be no greater honor than being escort to Mrs. Truman."

The President broke into a wide grin. "By golly, Bertha!" he cried. "You're right!"

Despite her almost legendary kindness, Miss Joseph has a penchant, on occasion, for underestimating herself to her friends. She just can't resist sinking in the barb. One of her closet women chums cornered her the other day, blood in eye. "Bertha!" challenged the

other. "I hear you've been going around describing me as a caustic wit!"

"No, dear," replied Miss Joseph, sweetly. "It couldn't have been me. I don't think you are witty at all."

The Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Thorning, one of our best goodwill ambassadors to Latin America, has just returned from the winter Naval Reserve training cruise aboard the U.S.S. Missouri. The educator and editor made the Caribbean trip as the guest of Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan.

Dr. Thorning, who has been decorated by the governments of Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Cuba and Venezuela, is a gentleman and a scholar—but he is making it very hard for me to keep the hired help in line. He has succeeded in swelling the head of my employee to unbearable proportions.

Writing from the battleship Missouri, in what must have been one of his few unthinking moments, he says: "We could use Marion Cecile Reid as the pin-up for the drone planes."

Mr. Gordon Sessions, who ghostwrote for Harold Ickes when old McBurp was secretary of the interior, was having lunch at the National Press club the other day when a crony said he had heard rumors that the Ick's contract to turn out a syndicated column was being curtailed.

"That's rather foolhardy of the Syndicate fellows," murmured Mr. Sessions. "They ought to read up on the anti-trust laws. Don't they know they might be prosecuted for restraint of tirade?"

I see where Margaret Truman is making a bid for a full-time singing stage career. The President's daughter can really hit those high ones, and undoubtedly would get by, even if her name was Taft. But I wonder if she has given sufficient thought as to what a full-time stage career entails.

What's going to happen if they book her for a split week between Toronto and El Paso? or supposing she gets into a fight over top billing with a troupe of seals? or picks up a paper and reads she can't sing a note without using Todwalder's Tony Toenal tint?

But it could be even worse. All artists are called upon to play hundreds of benefits. Supposing she is instructed to appear at a benefit—and discovers, at the last minute, that it's a Republican testimonial for Dewey?

## Write Away

### Two Views of a 'Compromise'

Editor:

It has been argued that—quite apart from other considerations (freedom of speech, innocent until proven guilty, who has the right to label certain doctrines subversive)—the Carolina forum and the Communist party of Chapel Hill rendered a disservice to the University by inviting John Gates during the session of the legislature.

Yet it is those who argue thus who are rendering a disservice. They suggest that we sell for a few million dollars the great tradition and the very purpose of the University—above all, unrestricted freedom of inquiry which won it its worldwide renown. If we followed this advice consistently, we might well have a pile of books, but no University at all.

I do not believe that a legislature representative of the intelligent people of this state will hold against the University its adherence to its tradition of academic freedom. They are too conscious of the verdict that history will render. Let us also be conscious of it, and remember that history does not treat kindly either those who use their position of power to make others compromise basic principles, nor those who compromise them for short-range expediency.

I may be wrong, of course. Maybe we will have to pay for exercising our constitutional rights. If so, it's about time we found out; in that case, next election we can do away with the paradox of a people having to fear the legislature, and elect a legislature that fears the people.

Congratulations to the Carolina forum and the Communist party of Chapel Hill for considering only the fact that the student body might be interested in hearing Mr. Gates, and for not compromising the fundamental principles of the University.

Dan Harris

Editor:

It is unlawful for any person to use public buildings for subversive activities, and therefore all attempts to do so should be prohibited. One may raise the question that this is obviously a contradiction to freedom of speech (at least in public buildings). But at the same time the same one may also raise the question that Marxism is a contradiction to much more than freedom of speech. We seem to be compromised with or without the law.

George N. Reynolds

## 'Religious' Emphasis Weak?

Editor:

Your question as to why college students push religion (ortho-do) into the background in preference to secular studies and activities are due to reasons more pertinent than the one you suggested. The grand old man of 11th Century Persia, Omar Khayam, has left us something which bears significantly on the question. From his prolific Rubaiyat we read:

"Strange is it not? that of the myriads who Before us pass'd the door of Darkness through. Not one returns to tell us of the Road, Which to discover we must travel too."

"Myself when young did eagerly frequent Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument About it; but evermore Came out by the same door wherein I went."

"With them the seeds of Wisdom did I sow And with my own hand wrought to make it grow; And this was all the Harvest that I reap'd— I came like water, and like wind I go."

"I sent my soul through the Invisible, Some letter of that After-life to spell, And by and by my soul return'd to me And answer'd 'I myself am heav'n and Hell.'"

"The moving finger writes; and having writ, Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

J. R. Cherry, Jr.

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**HORIZONTAL**  
1. short explosive sound  
4. utter  
9. wing  
12. hail  
13. hoppy  
14. adult males  
15. search through  
17. educate  
18. identical  
20. let it stand  
21. front part of leg  
23. canceling  
27. mean shelter  
29. theater seat  
30. correlative of either  
31. imitate  
32. feminine name  
34. friar's title  
35. note in scale  
36. among  
37. lock of hair  
39. important structures  
42. land-measures  
43. weather-cock  
44. unbleached

**VERTICAL**  
1. equivalence  
2. eggs  
3. thoughtful  
4. fraud  
5. walked measuredly  
6. large deer  
7. exist  
8. arm of North Sea  
9. Italian-made violin

10. Hawaiian garland  
11. Massachusetts cape  
16. rational  
18. network  
20. groove  
21. divide  
22. wished  
24. expectantly  
25. Scandinavian  
26. graminaceous plant  
28. cover with plates  
33. discerning  
34. rods for punishing  
36. at a distance  
38. precious  
40. fortune  
41. bristles  
45. jail compartment  
46. wine vessel  
47. herd of whales  
48. sister  
49. feminine name  
50. morning moisture  
53. sun god

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:  
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E R E F U R I N N E R  
R A T E N S D A G O N

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