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## To The Editor

**LAST RESORT**

Editor:

Anything less humorous than Mr. Kellam's column in Wednesday's Daily Tar Heel would be impossible to imagine. And I've never read anything stupider or more kindergartenish than his Saturday column.

I realize good columnists are very rare creatures and Mr. Kellam is a sort of last resort but if he can't confine himself to a subject he can handle let's have an extra crossword puzzle, which would at least help us keep awake in our eight o'clock classes.

Mary E. Barker

## LET FREEDOM RING

Editor:

The administration of the University no longer has a valid excuse for maintaining its communist affidavit requirements.

The decision of the New York courts which convicted the communist leaders states that the federal government will handle the prosecution of those "who advocated and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence." That is, the courts of this country will determine the legality of the actions of such persons not the universities and other institutions of learning.

The oath defeats its own purpose. Communists will sign the affidavit. Men of principle and integrity, to whom all forms of oppression are intolerable, will refuse to sign it. Thus the University's loss will be communism's gain.

This country is now permeated with a red-baiting hysteria. I have helped further it. Certain students on this campus have brought us into direct contact with the tyrannical communist ideologies. In a haste to oppose and disavow such doctrines, certain persons in influential University administrative positions have substituted their prejudices and emotions for the University's traditional principles of liberal and free thought and have inflicted arbitrary political requirements on the qualifications of faculty members to hold office.

The administration overstepped its authority when it set forth these requirements. Last winter, the state legislature, this state's sole constitutionally empowered law-making body, refused to enact laws requiring state employees to sign a non-communist oath. Have Messrs. Carmichael and House seeded from the state of North Carolina?

Universities are centers of imaginative thought and research where students may uncover truth and thresh out the credits and debts of communism or any other controversial subject. Universities are not institutions which peremptorily decide what a person may or may not believe.

Placing restrictions on a teacher's or scholar's intelligence and imagination defeats the very purpose of this University. Free and open minds thrive on debatable issues. If we have so little confidence in the wisdom and validity of our present way of government that we and it cannot stand a little hackneyed criticism, then perhaps it would be best if the government were changed.

The communist oath requirement is a blot on this institution's past record as a staunch adherent of the democratic principles of Thomas Jefferson. Such an oath opens the way for future restrictions which may well result in the death of the freedom of thought and imagination which still exists, though for how much longer is questionable on this campus.

If the administration won't be satisfied without some sort of political requirements, let them strike the words, "communist party," from the oath and substitute the words, "groups which," and place after these words the following phrase:

... advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence."

Fascism is not dead. It remains just as much a threat to our way of life as does Russia's militant communism. However, our headlong reactionary flight

## Turnips and Religion

L. P. Jack once applied a stethoscope to man's Spirit and declared that it was suffering from pellagra and beri beri. I remember looking at pellagra in Webster to find the following definition: "It is endemic in . . . the southeastern United States . . . and is believed to be a deficiency disease resulting from a faulty diet." Then, when Paul Green recently spoke on the subject "Collards and Culture," I knew I had found a title, paradoxical as it may seem, for this article on religion on the campus.

One has only to scan the menu of spiritual food available to us in Chapel Hill to be shocked at the evidences of spiritual malnutrition that intrude. Lethargy, nervous tensions, carelessness and indifference, moral and ethical anarchy, all are fruits of an emaciated and crippled Spirit, the result of a deficient diet. Of all times when we might be striding through threatening and challenging times with confident step and abundant energy, most of us are just too tired to resist the temptation to escape by one means or another.

I am not unaware that a few among us would deny any such thing as a Spirit in man, or spiritual laws undergirding the Universe. But for most of us God is very real, and there is a hunger and thirst for righteousness. Augustine put it for most of us: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." In the face of such a restlessness and hunger how account for our failure to live up to our own best insights? I think the answer lies in our undernourished souls. When we should have been feasting on the rich heritage and traditions of spiritual greatness, we have cluttered up our lives and satisfied our hunger with the husks. We have been eating turnips!

We cannot do much about the faulty diet we were fed in our childhood. But we will be held strictly to account for our choices here in the University. Out of the past has come such richness of thought, and revelation of the Spirit of God that we are eternal debtors to all peoples who have lived. We are living in Chapel Hill where, for one hundred and fifty-six years, these streams of greatness have converged. It is our supreme task and challenge to open our minds and hearts to every evidence of Man's encounter with God.

It is not at all strange that most great Art and Music has found its inspiration, and characteristic expression, in the themes of religion. The same can be claimed for literature, drama, novel, and poem. Our program for becoming educated, mature minds must include a balanced diet of studies in these creative arts.

The same could be, and must be claimed, for specifically religious studies. The Christian student can never hope to apply Christian standards of conduct to life until he has mastered the foundations of Christianity. These include much more appreciation and understanding of the Bible than most of us have been given. Indeed, it is at this point that our title "Turnips and Religion" most clearly applies. Far too many of us are trying desperately to demonstrate by the quality of our lives the faith that is in us, and are failing, not for lack of earnestness or sincerity, but out of ignorance as to what we believe. One could demonstrate this in so many instances, but space will not permit.

But let's not claim ignorance as a means of escaping our responsibility. Lack of practice can also leave us crippled spiritually and here we all are involved. Religious knowledge can be acquired, and only acquired, through obedience. Kierkegaard in his riotous youth exclaimed pathetically, "It is so hard to believe because it is so hard to obey." Our balanced growth in faith and knowledge is tied up altogether with a sense of mature responsibility toward God and toward our fellowman. Indeed, many religions, and certainly Christianity, claims to be a religion for adult minds. "For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (*Epistle to the Hebrews*). Augustine of Hippo was stating the foremost claim of Christianity in his statement: "*Cibus sum grandium; cresce, et manducabis Me*"—I am the food of the full-grown; become a man, and thou shalt feed on Me."

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## Our Task To Keep Mind Open

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## For Best 'Letter to Editor'

Beginning in Tuesday's DTH, Chesterfield's Letter of the Week contest will begin. This means that all Letters to the Editor will be judged on a basis of their educational value, humor, variety and general campus interest.

Everyone is eligible, regardless of political opinions or ideas. However, I would like to discourage the old battle of Hans Freistadt vs. Rover-boy Cherry; besides, Freistadt probably considers smoking a bourgeois pastime. Rather I would like to see a more general, representative cross-section of the students opinions. Remember, a carton of Chesterfields will be awarded the writer of the best letter every week. So let's have lots of letters and make the competition keen.

A. Frank Moore, Chesterfield Representative

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



## Campus Personalities Meet Rieley and Bruner

By Jack Brown

Today the spotlight of Campus Personalities turns away from the men and toward the co-eds—and in particular, toward Lucille Rieley, president of the Pan Hell and Caroline Bruner, president of the Carolina Independent Co-ed Association.

A great deal of the co-ed activities are centered around these two organizations, and therefore this column is attempting to make the campus familiar with both the work that is accomplished in them and the presidents who have charge of them.

Lucille Rieley is a senior from Washington, D. C., and she is working on a recreational major in the field of sociology. Lucille attended W.C.U.N.C. before coming to Carolina.

Asked about the specific purpose of the Pan Hell, Lucille replied that it was "to help coordinate and regulate the activities of the sororities, especially in rushing."

She went on further, giving an outlook and broad plan for the coming year. The goal toward which we are working is the formulation of a project that is beneficial to all the campus and the community as well as to the sororities. High on our list of plans is also the encouragement of scholarship and the perfection of the co-ed rushing program.

One of the projects of which the Pan Hell can well be proud is their part in the Foster-Parent Plan. They are sending around \$180 a year toward the support of a French war child. They also sent her a Christmas package this year of a complete wardrobe and a doll. The package has already been shipped so as to arrive by the time that Santa is due.

Along with their work to encourage good scholarship, the Pan Hell presents a loving cup each year to the sorority holding the highest average.

Getting back to Lucille, she has served on the Campus Chest and was a member of the Woman's Honor Council this summer. She has also taken part from the red "menace" may well result in our turning to fascism, as a balance against communism.

Now is the time for enlightened and rational action by the administration. Let their and our intellects, not prejudices and emotions, govern us. Let this government forge ahead in a new liberalism and lead the forces of democracy out of the darkness of hysteria which now cloaks us by rescinding the communist affidavit requirement of its employees.

Bill Kellam

The CICA also sponsors Sadie Hawkins Day, and usually a big formal dance twice a year in honor of the new initiates to the Club.

Along the athletic line, the CICA participates in intramural sports, such as volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

With several new committees set up within the CICA this year, and with committee members working hard on its yearly plans, CICA appears to have begun a very successful and promising year," said Caroline.

Caroline is a member of the Daily Tar Heel, the Y Cabinet, a student advisor, treasurer of the Women's Orientation Committee, and belongs to the Canterbury Club.

## CPU Roundtable Academic Freedom

By Tom Donnelly

When the CPU carries a topic over for another week, that is news. Last week's discussion on academic freedom served only to emphasize the importance of the idea, and the need for understanding exactly what academic freedom really is, why it is, and why it is under such attack at present.

As for what it is, everyone will agree that some, but not all, of the following may be legitimate classroom subject matter — Lyshenko genetics, free love, white supremacy, Freudian sex psychology, democratic socialism, communism, capitalism, anti-Christian ethics. And if the subject matter is legitimate, it seems only proper that the teacher should be sympathetic to the idea he is teaching. If capitalism, or communism, can be taught only by someone who doesn't believe in what he is teaching, the subject isn't getting a fair hearing.

The real question is not what may be taught, but how do you decide what may be taught. What are your standards? Two obvious answers suggest themselves. First, permit whatever ideas you are with, or may come around to agree with, and prohibit all others. Secondly, permit all ideas which are not opposed to national policy, or likely to deter national aspiration, and prohibit all others. The trouble with these answers is that German universities in the thirties, and Russian universities today, meet these standards quite easily.

The suggestion that we can distinguish real teaching from subtle indoctrination doesn't stand up under investigation either. After all, in society indoctrination is the rule and not the exception, as every social scientist knows. If this fact insults your rugged individualistic nature, please remember that individualism is part of the indoctrination of modern western culture.

There is only one honest way out. And that is to prejudice, not ideas, but men. The requirements to which faculty members and students alike must conform as a condition for educational freedom are:

(a) A conviction concerning the value of the pursuit of truth sufficiently dynamic that education really continues past graduation.

(b) The unqualified assent to the "intellectual virtues" of "candor, moral courage, intellectual honesty, scrupulous accuracy, chivalrous fairness, endless docility to facts, disinterested collaboration, unconquerable hopefulness, perseverance, renunciation of popularity, love of bracing labor and strengthening solitude."

Now we can isolate the "subversive" influence in the university. It is the teacher who cannot communicate the fire of enthusiasm to his students, and the student whose mind is an indiscriminating dumping-ground for whatever "tricks of the trade" his instructor cares to offer.

Sunday night at eight, the CPU will continue its discussion on what academic freedom is, and whether it is valuable enough to be worth doing something besides talk about.

## DREW PEARSON ON THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON.—U. S. diplomats are worried over the probability that the United States and England, long partners in Foreign Affairs, will split sharply soon over admitting Communist China to the all-important Security Council of the United Nations.

This would be the first big break in the Anglo-American partnership since the United States first started sending arms to England before Pearl Harbor.

However, the British Foreign Office already has notified the State Department that Britain will recognize the Chinese Communist government sometime in November. Recognition is induced by pressure to save Hong Kong and to protect the far-flung British investments throughout China.

After British recognition, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Siam will follow suit.

This means that before Christmas, the Chinese Communists will demand their seat in the Security Council. This seat is a permanent one. China is one of five nations entitled to sit indefinitely on the Security Council with the right of veto.

If and when the Chinese Communists apply for admission, England and India, now on the Security Council, will support her against the United States. This in turn will mean that for the first time in history, the United States may have to use the veto power if it wants to bar the Chinese Communists.

State Department advisers are thus caught between the certain howls of Foreign Minister Vishinsky against U. S. obstructionism, and the political anguish of the professional Chiang Kai-Shek lovers and Republicans in Congress. As between Republican howls and those from Vishinsky—with its effect on the rest of the world—the State Department is inclined to figure that Republican anguish will be easier to take.

President Truman showed no outward displeasure when Dixiecrat Congressman William Colmer, Mississippi, dropped in to see him the other day, even though Colmer had bitterly fought his re-election and even thought he was not a scheduled White House caller.

The Mississippi Congressman was doing what is fairly common among White House visitors—"hitchhiking." His colleagues, Hale Boggs of Louisiana, and J. Hardin Peterson of Florida, had actually arranged the appointment with Truman in order to talk about maritime training. They wanted the training of Merchant Marine officers continued, and without announcing it, they brought Colmer along at the last minute—since he has a Merchant Marine Training School in his district.

Truman's well-known allergy to Dixiecrats wasn't evident during the 15-minute meeting, but afterward he remarked privately: "What a stupid thing to do."

Bob Allen, who used to spend his time exposing the machinations of the men around Washington via this column, has just brought out an expose of the machinations of the men who run the states.

As a follow-up to "Our Fair City," in which he dissected corrupt, conspiring city bosses, Bob Allen, for his new book, "Our Sovereign State," has rounded up newsmen from 12 of the 48 states, who are experts on those states.

Together, they have engineered an unbelievable expose of rotten boroughs and rotten bosses, retarded politics and reactionary people, the graft and the Grundys, the lobby-ridden legislatures, the petty conflicts and appalling corruption that dominate state governments today.

The book singles out the sinners who have smugly impeded progressive legislation in the states; and calls the turn on counties and cities that are participating in this political retrogression. It also pays tributes in those cases where tributes are deserved.

It makes you realize that we can't shine as an example of how democracy works to the rest of the world, when democracy is not working in our own states. Here are some Allenesque quotes:

"The legislatures are the bawdy houses of State Government. . . . The Federal Government has not encroached on State Government. State Government has defaulted. . . . Massachusetts does not go forward because so much of her energies are spent in trying not to slip back. . . . Boston limps along like a sick old lady, snubbed by her suburban daughters and forced to appeal to an indifferent, tightfisted State Government every time she wants to have her glasses straightened or her shoes mended. . . . Probably the most intelligent New York boss is urbane Edward J. Flynn. He is honest enough to admit that an enlightened electorate can overturn any political machine. . . . In Pennsylvania, folks seem to be born with built-in insulation against local and state scandals. . . . As an organization, the Ku Klux Klan is not what it used to be. As a state of mind, it is. . . . Gov. Lousche (Ohio) is a strange combination of actor and politician, of conservatism and liberalism. . . . Illinois is two states in one—Chicago and the rest of the state. . . . Oil is the master of present-day Texas. And as Texas oil is owned by Wall Street, Wall Street dominates Texas."

**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Hapsburg
5. Free
8. Game fish
12. Scout
13. Greek letter
14. Seed covering
15. Sells to the consumer
17. One of the blues
18. Egyptian lizard
19. Unwilling
20. French cleric
22. Mediterranean sailing vessel
24. Forms
26. Large fish
27. Leave
29. Some
30. The cream
32. Edge
33. Pronoun
34. Chafe
35. Impel
37. Puts up
38. Biblical city
40. Things
42. Color quality
44. Covered with water
45. Charged
48. Hazard
49. Close firmly
50. Glacial snow field
51. Sons

**DOWN**

2. Poem
3. Remarkably
4. Exchanged
6. Loosen
7. Pronoun
9. East Indian fiber plant
10. Small nautical cask
11. Sandbar
16. Perches
17. Wild plum
18. Small fish
19. Smoothed
21. Border
23. Skeletal part
25. Eaglestone
26. Present
28. Sign
31. Retire
32. Fastened firmly
34. Flat bottles
36. Froglike
37. Obsolete
38. Cubic meter
39. Feminine name
41. Small branch
43. Silver river
45. Period of time
46. First woman
47. Lair
49. Exist

**Solution of Saturday's Puzzle**

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