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Keep the Slate Clean

A lot of us will be heading for Dallas not long after Christmas, as we headed for New Orleans last year and two years before that. We've been to a lot of other places, too, like Washington and New York, to mention a couple of the big trips. We were well represented in Athens, in Williamsburg, in Charlottesville, in Knoxville, in Columbia, and on a number of smaller football caravans.

Not one of these towns has failed to tell us that the welcome mat is out any time we want to return. Not one of those towns has called our pep rallies, our parades and our good-natured hell-raising any more than good clean fun—gentlemanly fun. In short, we've got a reputation to uphold that few schools in the nation have. We've got a reputation for being one of the cleanest bunch of sports ever to faithfully follow our football team around the country and back again, win or lose.

Those of us going to Dallas to see the Tar Heels play in their third bowl game in four years have been given a Christmas present by the administration that is almost unheard of in college circles. We may come back to classes after the game as much as three full days late, without any financial penalty for first-day cuts and late registration, without worrying about losing our class tickets and having to re-register, without any fear of reprisals from professors.

At the meeting of the Committee of Deans and student representatives which planned the three-day-grace plan for Cotton Bowlers, Chancellor House took this view of the proposal: The Chancellor said it should be considered a reward for students' behavior on previous football trips, especially New York. He said that a student body which can build a reputation for itself and its university such as we have deserves as much reward as it can be given. The student body which does not behave to its credit gets its reward in the form of rotten newspaper publicity, as witness the stories on Virginia's destructive invasion of Philadelphia some weeks back.

In another sense, the three-day leave of "University-sanctioned unexcused absences" is a reward for those students who have been putting at least some of their time on the books. For, as wisely incorporated into the plan, those supposed-to-be scholars who are not in good academic standing will not be allowed to take the cuts. The Christmas present is only for those who have been passing their work successfully up through the end of this quarter and are not on academic probation.

A lot more is at stake than some of us may realize. A false step by one or two students not only may jeopardize the reputation we have created, but can ruin any chance of future bowl "holidays" or even of future bowl trips. It can deeply hurt a spirit of respect which has grown up in the administration for more than 7,000 students who have proved beyond all doubt that they are "Carolina ladies and gentlemen" and not a bunch of collegiate hoodlums.

From here, that slate looks awfully clean. It'll mean a lot if we can keep it that way.—C.H.

Integrity Never Questioned

There will be no elaborate graduation exercises at the conclusion of this quarter, and, in fact, there will be a relatively small number of seniors finishing their college work at Carolina. But we would like to take this space to commend one of these graduating students, Al Lowenstein, for the countless hours he has spent in furthering the interests of Student Government on this campus. Accused by both Communists and ultra-conservatives, attacked on all sides by his political opponents, ridiculously charged as an Honor Code violator, Al has nevertheless remained sincere and cordial in his dealing with his fellow students.

Al Lowenstein received the highest campus honor by being tapped into the Golden Fleece last year and the John J. Park award for his service to student government. Yes, there have been rewards along with the criticism.

We have opposed Al politically on many issues, but still have admired his good intentions and respected his integrity. He will be remembered on this campus as a steadfast advocate of student government.

Letters

To the Editor

Morgan's Editorial

Editor:

This writer will grant to Mr. Leif Morgan of his editorial that man is not always wise in choosing those devices by which he overcomes his frustrations. Likewise it seems true that great awareness of ourselves is an important goal. Certainly it is wise "to live with a constant eye toward the achievement of those values which we can commonly regard as being most desirable."

The point at which Mr. Morgan's opinion seems to replace fact is this: he makes religion only a rationalization for the purpose of making evil nature seem good. Are there not many good things in nature, such as beauty, joy, and love? Is it vain or false to attempt to explain these as having some source? Parts of religious doctrines seem to conflict undoubtedly with scientific knowledge, but other parts—and they are the ones which are gradually being isolated in many religious minds—supplement that scientific knowledge. That religion is simply deception can hardly be stated as a fact.

Now, concerning those values which are most desirable, it is necessary to make a comment. Were all religious ethics discarded, there would be little of value left. Likewise it is difficult to find values which are commonly regarded as being most desirable. Some seemingly exist, but usually they are within the framework of religion. In order to produce a value man must be able to believe that something valuable exists.

One more point bears comment. That is Mr. Morgan's explanation of why insane asylums overflow. Is it the stable religious people, or is it modern America with its extremely weak and unstable religious faith which drives men insane. Rather, my opinion is that it is those who lack a secure anchor who most often go insane.

Were there time, this letter could criticize Mr. Morgan's use of the psychological term "repression," his implied definition of religious religion, and his assumption that man should work simply for the long run improvement of the human race. If man has no importance, what right has he to destroy other positions of the universe for his own ends?

Bill Wood

CP Chairman Replies

Editor:

I bow to the sagacity of the prophet Buchanan and to the lucid observations of the Random Shots writer.

Bob Clampitt

Valkyries Ceremony

Editor:

We're writing as innocent bystanders of a certain ritual which, however well-planned and meaningfully executed, was performed without proper consideration on the morning of December 6. We're referring to the tapping of new members by the Valkyries. Last year, the ceremonies seemed to be performed with a certain amount of dignity and thoughtful interest.

However, the recent episode definitely lacked proper self-discipline. To be awakened during the early morning hours by the sounding of the Valkyries Chinese Gong is quite impressive and meaningful if we admit, but when accompanied by giggling girls, stomping of feet, and repeated, incessant sounding of that damn gong, one listening gets extremely aggravated and upset!!!!

With all due respect to the purpose and value of this honorary organization, we still feel that the conduct aforementioned was in bad taste. Would it not seem more worthwhile to the future reputation of the Valkyries for them to be a bit more restrained in their enthusiasm and thus command the respect of both new and old students?

Well-Meaning Coeds

My Santa Claus

My Santa Claus ain't old, and round, and stout!
I know; 'cause last Christmas I found him out.
I slipped into the study, and crept into the hall;
And I saw a shadow, so long and slim, a-cast upon the wall.
The next thought that entered in my brain
Was one I tried not to think, but tried in vain.
I thought that shadow there looked just like my dad;
And the thought that I'd been tricked, it made me awful sad!
But then, I saw the shadow put some things beneath the tree—
And I got as far as I could, without his seeing me.
I could see the things—a bat, and a little rubber ball—
But I couldn't see my Santa Claus anywhere a'tall!
I guess he heard me, and thought I won't a friend—
But I saw his shadow—and, gee, he's awful thin!

Julian Mason

They're Off, Again!



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Washington

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON.—When Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson last fall wanting a special air force plane to carry a Senate appropriations subcommittee through Europe, someone in Johnson's office at first questioned the expenditure.

This caused the Senator from Oklahoma to challenge the use of government airplanes by Secretary Johnson, Vice President Barkley and other brass hats, with the result that Johnson pulled in his horns, and Senator Thomas got the plane—plus six crew members.

Now that Senator Thomas and colleagues have toured Europe—supposedly on official business—it appears that Secretary Johnson's first impulse was right. He should have stuck to his guns.

For the chief results of the Thomas junket are an overdose of hospitality in Spain, and an underdose of hospitality in Sweden—thereby bringing bitter complaints from Senator Thomas—and the general impression left upon Europe that U. S. Senators are ignoramuses.

To illustrate why Europe got this impression here is an interview published by the highly reliable Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune:

"We saw the French defense minister today," Senator Thomas told the press, to illustrate the fact that his committee was in Europe to see how the American taxpayers' money was being spent. "He showed us the rooms Napoleon's mother lived in. Think of that! Man's name was Bidault or something. You can find out who he is—tall, slim fellow."

In other words, the chairman of the Senate committee did not know the name of the French Defense minister, who is not George Bidault, but Rene Pleven. M. Bidault is the Premier.

Thomas went on to tell the press about the Paris night clubs and theatres his committee had visited and named with approval the Lido, Bal Tabarin and Folies Bergere. "Good shows," he commented.

"I'm chairman of the committee," he explained when newsmen admired his suite at the Ritz. "I always get the best rooms."

Paris Night Clubs

Thomas went on to say that his committee liked Paris. "We've gotten all our Christmas shopping done," he explained.

Contrast 1.—Unlike the Senators who toured Europe at government expense, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and wife took off for Europe by slow boat last month, paying their own way. "When my father-in-law died," he explained to a friend, "he left Mrs. Humphrey a \$500 bond. He said I had wanted us to take a honeymoon. So we're using this bond to help pay our expenses. It's the first time I have been to Europe."

Contrast 2.—Unlike certain bibulous Senators who guzzled Franco's wine in Spain and then recommended that he get a \$100,000,000 loan, Senators Brewster of Maine and Ferguson of Michigan took a quiet, hard-working tour of the World's trouble spot—completely sober.

Bolivia Ducks

Bolivia is ducking all responsibility for the tragic P-36 collision that cost 55 lives over the Washington airport.

The Bolivian government now refuses to pay the balance of \$7,500 due on the plane, though before the crash it had insured the P-36 with Lloyds of London.

Bolivia has even stopped \$10,000 payment on another plane, a P-47, even though it was already delivered in La Paz. Yet the dealer here, Paul Aubin, can't sue Bolivia unless it waives diplomatic immunity. Furthermore, the relatives of the passengers killed in the Bolivian crash cannot sue—without the Bolivian government's consent.

Help for Franco

The American Charge D' Affaires in Madrid, Paul Culbertson, has cabled the State Department that crop conditions are extremely bad and a Spanish revolution may start anytime. Culbertson reports that the only way to prevent the overthrow of Franco is an American loan.

The battle of the Admirals isn't over yet. Admiral Blandy, commander-in-chief of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets, fired another round last week while at the New York Yacht Club. He told a Navy audience that they must keep up the fight not only in writings and speeches, but in everyday conversation. The new FHA policy against racial discrimination isn't worth much. It won't stop landowners from enforcing racial restrictions—as long as they don't put it in. Secretary of State Acheson may deny it, but he has authorized George Kennan to begin drafting a new international control plan for atomic energy in the light of Russia's successful atomic bomb explosion. The new plan probably won't be accepted by the Russians, but it will face the fact that they have the bomb. General MacArthur has recommended that the 27 American lend-lease frigates which Russia has finally returned to us now be given to the Japanese. MacArthur feels it is time to rebuild the Japanese navy as a bulwark against Communism in the Far East.

Taking the Lead

The UN And Peace

By Andrew Neal

The United States' role of taking up the lead in strengthening the United Nations may well become our greatest responsibility. Few realize how important this is or understand why. A chance to redeem ourselves in the eyes of the world, to regain much of the respect we have lost, would do us an immense good. Further, we need to keep abreast of other nations which are ahead of us on the road to sanity. It is a moral obligation for Americans to lead movement toward lasting peace.

The resolution in Congress calling for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, empowering us to take the lead in bringing about the revision of the United Nations Charter, is only a preliminary step forward. Its importance, however, is of first magnitude and its support by Congressmen is heartening. Quite a few preliminary steps have been taken toward revision of the Charters, some hesitant, others tentative. Nevertheless, the increasing realization on the part of Americans that the United Nations must carry on in order to maintain peace is becoming more and more apparent.

The movement is drawing in to the fold many individuals and groups who wish to fight for the preservation of life. Unfortunately, not enough are seriously interested in the outcome. Several countries, in writing new constitutions or in revising old ones, have made provisions to join a world federation when the hour is ripe. These are in Europe and Asia, where the

movement is strong, where the people have been through trying ordeals, where the people want peace at any cost.

HCR 64, will come up for consideration in January. Introduced by Rep. Brooks Hayes (Ark.) this one has the support of 102 members of the House and is pending in the Senate, where it has 21 sponsors. It neither goes against nor around the United Nations; it is designed to give it vitality. HCR 64 states a policy and is not a blueprint for action, though it gives our foreign policy a cohesiveness and direction. A bipartisan group of almost fifty Congressmen, representatives of large and influential organizations and many prominent American citizens have testified in favor of HCR 64. It reads:

Resolved that it is the sense of the Congress that it should be a fundamental objective of the foreign policy of the United States to support and strengthen the United Nations and to seek its development into a world federation open to all nations with defined and limited powers adequate to preserve peace and prevent aggression through the enactment, interpretation, and enforcement of world law.

We cannot back out now, as we did on the League of Nations. Since we have emerged from this last war as the greatest nation, and the United Nations has been destined to rise on our soil to stay, so that we would not back out this time, it is our moral duty to play the game through.

And it is one of survival.

Most, if not all, leagues have been doomed to failure because they had no powers to preserve peace. The Achaean League, the Holy Roman Empire, the League of Nations—here are but a few in the long and futile line searching for the answer to a unified government of mankind. The United Nations must have powers limited adequate to assure peace and, for this, we must act now with faith.

Random Shots

If anyone is losing that old Christmas spirit, then the Carolina campus is the place to go if they wish to regain or retain it, whichever the case may be. The actions taking place at the university as Christmas draws near are enough to start one believing in Santa Claus again, and, more important, enough to convince one that the true spirit of the occasion is not dead.

To explicate: consider the very fine Star of Bethlehem program, under the direction of Roy K. Marshall, being given at the Morehead Planetarium; consider the generous action of a fraternity on campus in deciding an orphan's trip to the Cotton Bowl to see his idols; and, finally, consider the many student organizations that are giving parties for and contributing to the underprivileged children around Chapel Hill to make sure that they will have a merry Christmas.

Give generously to the March of Dimes and Tuberculosis Christmas Seals campaigns.

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Blondie



By Milton Caniff

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