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Failing Carolina?

By Harry Snook

(Ed. Note: This is the second of two columns designed to stimulate discussion on student government at Carolina. The opinions are not necessarily those of the Daily Tar Heel.)

Inconsistencies in the Carolina Way of Life must be eliminated as further proof that UNC's ideals are practicable. The first of this series of articles listed the honor system and the block fees structure as examples of useless and probably harmless practices that need the attention of an alert student body. Here are more:

The University places great emphasis on the value of integrity and moral consciousness. Yet North Carolina's ex-servicemen are being over-charged for tuition. UNC accepts the maximum allowance by the Veterans Administration under the G. I. Bill for veterans, even though the allowance is far more than the normal tuition rate. It is true that all U. S. universities do the same, but this is no excuse for Carolina to passively join the parade of welfare-state benefit-seekers.

Another deplorable practice stems from South Building in the form of an emphasis on faculty research rather than on teaching. To be sure, research is vital and must be continued, but not at the sacrifice of our state educational facilities. It would be well for the Administration to remember that state tax monies support the University primarily for the education of North Carolina's young people. Until courses of study have been set up in such a way that students may handle them with a minimum of instruction, our professors should concentrate upon teaching as their first obligation.

The University of North Carolina formally endorsed the NCAA Sanity Code and, to keep faith in the Carolina tradition, must observe both letter and spirit all of the provisions. Does UNC wink at some provisions of the Code? This could be another instance where signing a pledge has small effect on actual deeds.

The majority of students and most faculty members seem to believe that Carolina's compulsory class attendance policy is a poor approach to raising the general academic level. And the University does seem more intent upon setting attendance records than upon real academic achievement. A "C" student can pass a course if he meets the attendance requirements, but an "A" student is automatically given a failing grade when he falls below a prescribed number of appearances in class. This bears out the contention that attendance takes precedence over learning.

Most of us were greatly impressed when we arrived at Carolina, and most of us, within a few months, lost our interest in it. Perhaps this explains why our Student Government is still only a puppet organization having little real power. No serious harm would come from this situation except that too many students leave Carolina thinking the system to be truly a representative self-government. Too many Student Government enthusiasts lose the ability to recognize a form of government that is actually "of" and "by" the people. And these students, as citizens, have little chance of preserving our democracy against ideological encroachment.

Only a few of many inconsistencies in the Carolina Way of Life have been mentioned. Yet the total effect of these inconsistencies upon the average student is probably more profound than the basic ideals of our school. Though Carolina is founded upon unimpeachable principles, these are too often distorted in practice. UNC is not unique in this respect—many other universities find it difficult to practice what they would teach.

Carolina's deeds must match her ideals and, happily, Carolina offers her faculty and students the opportunity for improving conditions. With thought and industry we can make what we believe to be the best school into an even better one!

Parking Lot Needed

One Daily Tar Heel "Letter to the Editor" writer last week suggested that the DTH could bring much greater benefit to the students by devoting its editorials toward providing more parking space on campus rather than blasting the campus policeman. Assuredly, however, if a DTH editorial would produce more parking space, then we would make the campus parking problem a daily installment.

The shortage of parking space continues to be one of the major problems on campus, however, and perhaps the political parties will see fit to include suggested measures to remedy the problem in their platform this spring. The University Safety Committee has been unable to reach a solution despite lengthy consideration, and none appears in sight outside of constructing a new parking lot.

This latter suggestion of building a new lot should be given serious consideration by University officials. Not only would a new lot be of benefit to students all year long but it also is an absolute necessity when 40,000 fans descend by car on the Hill for football games in the fall.

The woods beside the Bell Tower have been suggested as the most logical place for the lot. As it stands now, some 40 or 50 students park their cars along the narrow winding road in that area now. As long as students are going to park there, there really is no valid reason why this Bell Tower locale could not be used. enough trees could be left, or more shrubbery could be planted so that the parking lot would not detract from the beauty of the campus.

It has also been suggested that the area behind Venable Hall could be leveled off and turned into a perfect parking lot. As it stands now, this site, between Venable and the Naval Armory, is occupied by messy underbrush. This venture would no doubt prove more costly than the suggested Bell Tower enterprise.

The University is a fast-growing institution, but actually the total amount of parking space on campus has diminished. It's about time some positive action such as constructing a new lot were taken.

It's Hill-arious

By Zane Robbins

Seems that Prez Truman and the Democratic bigwigs are ready to give Gordon Gray, University president elect, everything but the White House to keep him in Washington. Latest reports say that HST is using the lucrative Atomic Energy Committee chairmanship as bait to hold the present Army Secretary in the Capital City.

However, in an Associated Press report released Monday, Gray said that he considers himself "the new president of the University..." adding that he plans to take on no new work except the UNC presidency.

Tarnation number three hit the campus Tuesday, and was greeted by the usual batch of moans and gripes. But this time the students' attitude wasn't completely tinted in black. There were words of praise for Editor Tom Kerr's burlesque of the Kinsey Report, for the snappy new full color cover, for Dave Sharpe's Valentine poem, and for one joke.

There's a story making the rounds these days concerning the father of Deborah Kerr, one of Tinsel Town's most promising new starlets. The elder Kerr, it seems, is a plumber, and outside his place of business is the sign, "Honest Kerr—Used John Dealers."

Staggered by the departure of a host of top-ranking ends, including All-Americans Art Weiner and Kenny Powell, and his entire blocking back corps, Carl Snaveley opened Winter drills earlier this month with an air of suspense overhanging the camp.

The big question on everybody's lips was, "How will he fill those important gaps before next season?" King Carl soon dispelled all fears, however, as

he eliminated the need for a blocking back by ditching the conventional single wing and adapting his offense to the backfield material on hand. The end problem was solved by shifting speedy Bill Albans and C. C. White, a pair of free-wheeling backs to the offensive end positions.

And now the world seems rosy again for the Grey Fox and his Tar Heel footballers, who many are predicting will outshine last year Cotton Bowl aggregation.

A dozen of the best roses in town go to Allison Pell and Muriel Fisher, co-social chairman of the Senior Class, for their fine work in bringing roly poly Tony Pastor and his band to "The Hill." And we'll betcha right now that the Pastor crew gives a concert to rival that presented by Freddy Martin, who, we believe, put on the best music show of the year.

Speaking of music, Johnny Long's band is a good bet to play one of the remaining dances on this year's slate. The Newell (N. C.) native is one of the few top names bands that has never played a dance on this campus, and there is a strong move afoot to bring the ex-Dookman and his crew here before the year is out.

Long, by the way, recently recorded another Orville Campbell-Hank Beebe tune. It's called "I Never Found Out About Love," and critics say it has a chance to become one of the top novelty ditties of the year.

It looks like the world's greatest bargain is about to pass out of existence. The penny postcard, which survived two wars, inflation, the worst depression in history, and various other world-shaking events, is on its way out.

Collectors Items



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Time To Wake Up

Veterans-Bonus-Government

By Bill Johnson

Back a few years ago 11,000,000 Americans put on uniforms of one sort or another and went off to fight a war. It took them a while to win the thing but most of them felt that the time and effort had been worth it. After all, they were fighting for their own homes, their own families and their own country. They liked this stuff we called democracy and couldn't quite see letting a bunch of other people come over here and tell them how to live and where to live and, sometimes, even whether to live.

Anyhow they won the war and when they came back home everybody was mighty proud of them. To tell the truth, most of them were pretty proud of themselves. So they put those little yellow things in their lapels, called themselves veterans, and sat back while everybody bowed and scraped and piled tokens of appreciation at their feet.

First there was that discharge bonus—\$300 in three monthly payments. Then came the unused leave bond that added from \$100 to \$500 more to the veteran's bank roll. Most of the individuals states and even a few of the large cities got into the act by dealing out bonuses that ran up into the thousands in some cases.

We don't want to forget that thing called "veterans priority" either. It doesn't mean so much now, but back when a lot of things were real scarce it helped a lot toward getting jobs and houses and things like that. If the vet didn't want a job he could drop by an employment agency once a week and pick up \$20. It was quite a racket, too, until most of the "52-20" boys got tired of the agency always trying to get jobs for them and took their names off the rolls.

The G. I. loans fell in with the other gifts and plenty of vets rushed out to buy homes, start businesses and buy farm equipment with Uncle Sam standing by to back them up if the going got rough. On-the-job training was, and still is one of the sweetest rackets that the vet-pleasers dreamed up. The object was to assure the veteran of an executive's salary while he was learning to earn an office boy's wage. An employer could hire an experienced man, pay him a token salary, and let the government do the rest. Or a farmer's son could go back to the farm on which he had worked all his life and knock down more cash than his old man had ever made by simply telling the V. A. that he was learning to "hoe taters" or "slop the haws."

Through it all, the G. I. Bill that sent the vets back to school has been the shining light that gave the veteran something for something instead of something

for nothing. Still it is just another gift that no one had to give the vet unless they wanted to—just one of the things that too many vets quickly came to expect as his just due. Some students even got to joking about the number of books and pencils and reams of paper they could get and pass out to their non-veterans friends without it costing them more than a signature.

There are plenty of other benefits too. Pensions to the wounded, free hospital care, \$1 a day for each day that a vet spent in an enemy prison camp and many other services of the Veterans Administration. All these without mentioning National Service Life Insurance which, in spite of what some say, is still one of the best deals anyone ever had.

Then comes our most recent handout—the sizable refund on insurance which promises to add a few hundred more bucks to veteran's bank accounts. Perhaps, this shouldn't be considered a handout since the vets will be getting their own money back, but the government could have done something else with that money if it had wanted to—don't fool yourself about that.

So when you look back on the past few years you have to admit that the veteran has been a pretty fortunate guy. The government and the people he fought for have repaid him as no other nation has ever done. Most of the vets realize this and are honestly grateful. They asked only for assistance in re-establishing themselves in civilian life and they feel that such assistance has been granted in a most generous manner.

Unfortunately, there is another group—the professional veteran—the young man who returned from the war convinced that the American people owed him a living—the young man has, in the last few years, convinced a large segment of the population that all veterans are entirely self-centered, inconsiderate of their nation's welfare and interested only in capitalizing on their service to their country.

Why these characters feel that they rate this prolonged care is difficult to imagine. Maybe they're a bunch of kids who are afraid of facing life without the increasingly paternal hand of Uncle Sam to smooth the bumps for them. Or maybe they're just too stupid to realize that their unceasing demands are cutting their own throats, and that in the years to come they themselves will have to refill the treasury that they are now intent on draining.

Not all the blame should be put on the vets though. Unscrupulous and irresponsible politicians come in for their share of condemnation. Much of the legislation thus far enacted to reach the age limit.

in the vet's behalf was a direct appeal for the veteran vote. With congressional elections coming up again this year, the legislators are again screaming for bigger and better handout for the vet. A few have mustered the intestinal fortitude to risk losing the vet vote by doing what they think is in the best interest of the country, but their campaigns haven't been helped any by the pressure brought to bear on them by the American Legion, the VFW and other such organizations.

Now that a few of the politicians are beginning to see the disastrous fruits of their fancy, they're finding that it's too late to back out. This small portion of the vet population makes such a big noise that the honest vets can't be heard. The fact that the vast majority of veterans neither ask for nor want additional benefits is seemingly unimportant. Their voices aren't heard, so they can't be considered.

So the time has come for the intelligent, thoughtful members of the veteran population to make a little noise—a noise loud enough to convince the lawmakers that all veterans should not be judged by actions of a loud-mouthed minority. There are still hundreds of veterans on this campus—enough to at least convince a few people that most vets don't have to be coaxed and pampered into doing what is right. Unless someone starts the ball rolling, this nation and its future elections may be governed by selfishness, bigotry and corruption, inspired by the very men who claim—and perhaps rightly so—to have saved the day.

It is time, then, that more and more thoughtful veterans, matured to responsible citizenship, should face the issue squarely to say, "We have been many times repaid; we've had enough."

Such would be fitting and right.

SIX-MONTH VACATIONS ORDERED

PASADENA, Calif.—(P)—William Joyce, Jr., president of a shoe manufacturing firm, received no complaints after he announced a new rule for company executives. The rule: All executives must take a six months vacation, with pay, upon reaching age 50. But Joyce wasn't just being a good guy. He thinks his plan will more than pay for itself.

"Men who have been working at top speed for years need to forget business, step back and look at themselves and take stock of the world in general," Joyce explained. "I believe that a six months vacation will fit these top flight men for many more years of service."

After making this statement, Joyce boarded a ship with his family for a six months vacation in Hawaii. Yes, he was the first the legislation thus far enacted to reach the age limit.

DREW PEARSON ON The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON—At his weekly Cabinet luncheon, shortly after news of the London atom-secrets leak, President Truman told his official family that he had never been so alarmed over the International situation.

Not only was he alarmed regarding leaks to Russia, he said, but it now appeared that Russian War production had advanced much further than our Intelligence information had any previous idea of.

All this has resulted in a decision by the President and the Secretary of State to write a new blueprint of foreign policy. This will include a revision of the American defense problem—based on the assumption that Russia now possesses all our atomic and hydrogen secrets—and will probably result in upping the budget.

Meanwhile, here is an overall picture of what the U. S. A. faces on the two most important but widely separated fronts of the cold war.

1. EASTERN EUROPE—Developments here are highly encouraging. They are so encouraging that President Truman's long face may not be entirely justified.

IN BULGARIA, long considered a Soviet stronghold, unrest is so rampant that civil war prevails outside the big cities. It began when farmers staged a sit-down against Communist demands, refused to plant grain and concealed their quotas supposed to be turned over to the government. When troops moved in to seize the grain, they were met by gunfire, with the result that hundreds of peasants have fled through heavy snow to the mountains or to Turkey, and police have burned down several villages to catch guerrillas. Two Bulgarian soldiers, recently fleeing to Turkey, reported: "Living conditions are beyond endurance. The Russian officers training the Army treat us like enemies. Hundreds of soldiers are plotting to escape. When the weather gets better, there will be many Bulgarian Soldiers surrendering to you."

IN ALBANIA, Communist forces are having such difficulty that a pro-Western revolt appears certain. If this is successful it will be a bad blow for the Russians because they had counted on Albania as their

one outlet on the Mediterranean. In fact, they have already built up the Saseo Islands in the Adriatic as a powerful submarine base, now harboring the Italian warships given Russia under the Peace Treaty.

ALONG THE Hungarian-Yugoslav border the situation remains tense with the Red Army turning powerful flood-lights on Yugoslav defense positions every few days in the war of nerves. Twice Hungarian-Russian patrols have crossed into Yugoslav territory and been captured. They were permitted to return across the line after an operation producing sterility.

Because of desertions to Turkey and Yugoslavia, information from the southern satellites is fairly accurate and so discouraging to the Communist cause that this may be one reason why Moscow is concentrating on the Orient.

2. THE FAR EAST—Here it looks as if the United States was in for bigger and worse headaches. Here the brazen imperialism of Great Britain, France and the Dutch, practiced for more than a century, provides the most fertile possible field for Communism, and Moscow is making the most of it. And unfortunately, the United States, which had a good anti-imperialistic record in the Philippines, is now tied by alliances to the imperialistic policies of our allies. Our support of the British in Hong Kong, of French mismanagement in Indo-China, of Dutch stupidity in Indonesia, plays directly into the hands of the Communists.

ACHESON'S DECISION—All this was why Secretary Acheson held an important staff meeting last week at which it was decided to make an all-out stand against the southward march of Communism. French Indo-China was selected as the battlefield. If the Russians get below Indo-China, it was decided the rest of Asia will fall—Burma, Siam, the Malays, Ceylon, India, probably Indonesia. This would mean another half billion people under the Red flag and the most disastrous defeat for the U. S. A. in recent history.

As a result, Acheson's special part of the President's ordered fund allocated to help the French against Communist Ho-Chi Minh.

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HORIZONTAL

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- tropical rodent
- artificial water barrier
- slight depression
- spoken Jewish high priest
- singing voice
- Pacific islands
- Indian arrow poison
- Indian tents
- measurements
- accumulate
- optimistic
- small rug
- speed
- youth
- came into view
- declare
- concerned
- strawmer
- the dill
- Nova Scotians
- labor
- Bulgarian coin

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- Babylonian god
- confidential
- small rocks
- apples
- constellation
- comic strip
- foreigners
- sand hill
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Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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