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By Bill C. Brown

Tar On My Heels

For fifteen hours a day I sit in class and get nothing but theory thrown at me. That can be carried too far in life.

We all know of the Botanist who spends all his time studying a flower until he has little time for anything else. There are students who, like the Botanist, spend all their time with their books and have little time left for living.

The peril of religion seems to be toward theorizing too. Creeds are useful, and some churches say we cannot do without them (although the Disciples of Christ Church gets along without one). But creeds are not the whole; it is too bad when a person is content merely with preserving the creed.

What is the use of a theory if it is not applied? Such is the doom of religion on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Attend church and you hear little other than theory. The same is true of youth groups of some churches. They are satisfied with the creed and in preserving it without living it.

What we need here more than any other thing is not effective student government, a better working honor system, or more beautiful buildings, but good old fashion religion. The type that gets inside a man and makes him want to be a Christian rather than simply theorize on the subject.

Excuse me if I sound like a Sunday morning gospel hour preacher, but perhaps they are not as foolish as some of our "theorists" make them out.

I don't believe in this "put your hand on the radio receiver and think about your illness and I will cure you" preachers, but I also don't believe in so much theory.

Inspiration is what we need. Not theory. I've heard it said that a man doesn't have to attend church to praise God. Truer words were never spoken. The woods on a spring day is a far better place. There you don't find theory. There you find God in all His glory.

Too bad more of us don't "have time" to find God in this way.

But we also need the church in a vital way. We need it every day, not just when something like a war comes along that we wish to win.

The Church should be a part of our life that we can't do without. That is because it should be inspirational. A church dedicated to theory as are many of Chapel Hill's great churches does not fill this spiritual need for me.

Neither does a youth group fill this need if it is dedicated to its creed rather than the fulfillment of that creed in a vital way.

This column was not written to envoke enraged letters from those who disagree. That would be theorizing again.

Let's get to work and live like Christians rather than theorize on what a Christian is.

Letters To The Editor

Freedom Lost?

To the Editor:

Your editorial summing up the tragic decline of freedom of thought on this campus is a most timely revelation. A cause, perhaps, of this decline is a confusion in our minds as to whether such freedom is a necessary and wise part of our American heritage, or a dispensable luxury in these hard times. I submit the following evidence on the problem:

The free interchange of ideas enables scholars to come closer, in cooperation, to the truth than would be possible alone. The power to converse is a large part of the power to think.

Searching evaluation of our social system, its goals and efficiency, provides the only chance of improving it.

Widespread discussion of public policy insures that all pertinent ideas are recognized and provides a check against the mistakes in fact and reasoning that would occur if one man or one small board, however well-intentioned, made the decisions. And the slaughter of a million people in World War II shows that we have no guarantee that such despots would be well-intentioned.

As freedom is lost, so do we lose the means of regaining it. That gives a finality to our choice today.

Wyman Richardson

Dear Uncle John

Madam Editor:

What difference does it make how the Morehead building is or is not used? The important thing is that it cost three million dollars—everybody knows that it is Communistic not to revere and worship something that cost that much.

Besides, it is a genuine imitation Colonial building and everybody knows that the ultimate superlative in beauty is to be found only in imitations of 17th Century adornments.

Your editorials almost sound like you advocate that the Morehead building should be somewhat "functional." Perish the thought, for it is damn Yankee philosophy! By the noble, true Southern standards of culture, the worth of a building is measured solely by external appearances.

H. A. Hartung

Dear Uncle John:

This is to let you know that in spite of the very loud and very biased so-called "criticism", there are many of us who deeply appreciate the wonderful things you have done for this university; in particular the scholarships which are helping so many to do much excellent work. I apologize for the students who so love to criticize they never stop to think of the good.

Jacqueline Ingram

Saturday's Game

Madam Editor:

Some errors in a school paper are common and quite excusable. However, this year's sports page has been guilty of many which are inexcusable and even ridiculous.

I refer this time to an article in Sunday's paper by Bill Peacock which was written about the Furman basketball game on Saturday night.

I don't see how any competent writer who covered the game could say that Carolina used a zone defense to stop Frank Selvy and hold him to six points. A zone defense was never used in this game by the Tar Heels. The guarding of Selvy was handled by Vince Grimaldi and Bob Phillips in a straight man-to-man defense.

Let's either get on the ball or get someone else who can handle the job and print the facts.

Tom Weil

P.S. From the same day's paper: "There are two teams on Carolina's cage slate the Tar Heels have never managed to conquer—West Virginia and Temple hold a 2-0 edge over the Tar Heels—CAROLINA BEAT TEMPLE 70-65 IN PHILADELPHIA THIS YEAR."

Madam Editor:

We, the undersigned, were happy to see Carolina win again Saturday night. We have no objections to winning.

But the very obvious "hogging" of the ball by certain players brings forth objection.

We realize that it is possible for a player not to see a teammate who is wide open for a shot at the basket, and the player not throw the ball to the teammate. But when it happens to the same teammate several times in a row, something is taking place which should be stopped.

We don't know whose fault it is—the coach's or the players'—but if just four players are going to handle the ball, why not just use those four and let the other one stay on the sidelines and rest? He does just as much good as the others when it comes to guarding opposing players, so why not let him shoot when he has a chance? Maybe the others are "afraid he'll be high scorer."

Our chances of getting into the tournament March 7-9 are slim enough now. We hope something is done soon about this "prejudice."

O. J. Tyson
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From Raleigh News and Observer

Right Side Won

The right side won in the so-called "Cold War Over Hot Coffee" at the University of North Carolina.

Students objected to the use of "frozen coffee," alleged to have received the enthusiastic endorsement of faculty members at a luncheon.

After 30 days trial, the new beverage has been discarded in student eating halls and a return has been made to traditional coffee. For many Americans coffee, particularly breakfast coffee, is an institution not to be tampered with. Faculty members, or anyone else, are at full liberty to make any changes they desire, but no changes of this sort should be enforced on students or anyone else, who have to eat and drink what they find.

Anyone wanting recognizable and familiar hot coffee is entitled to it and many would be unable to start the day satisfactorily without it.

By Henry Bowers

Presidential Memo

The recent letters to The Daily Tar Heel criticizing the stand taken by this student government administration regarding the seating of certain students in the student section at football and other games, have partially missed the point and yet they have partially hit it. They have missed the point since student government based its action upon the grounds that any student, when admitted to this University is entitled to all privileges granted other students unless by his actions he makes it necessary for some of those privileges to be taken away.

The letters were quite correct, however, in assuming that I am opposed to segregation and that I am most anxious to take any action, in keeping with practicalities, which will aim toward the eventual elimination of the segregation of races. "In keeping with practicalities" is a purely personal standard for the determining of what should or should not be done, and no overall principle can be laid down to make it more specific.

There is, however, one principle which may be used as a basis for action and that is the role which the state university should play in relation to the people of the state who support it. It would seem to be the contention of the writers of the "Garvelle" letters, as is the contention of Buckley in God

and Man at Yale, that the consumers of the University product have the right and duty to control the policies and curriculum of the University. If this philosophy of education were logically extended, the University would be relegated to the position of following the flag of public opinion and would surrender its traditional position of leadership. The University must continue to be controlled by its faculty, its administration, and to some lesser degree by its students if it is to fulfill its mission and obligation to the people of the state. In the matter of segregation, then, I would have the University take the lead in its abolition.

It is not merely a moral question or a legal question. Rather, it is a very practical question, laden with self-interest as well as piety. A hard-headed realization that it is to our economic and political advantage, both as a state and as a region, to remove the legal barriers which exist will hasten the end of such unjust legislation. Each day, the injustice of Jim Crow legislation and the inevitability of its collapse, due to its immoral and impractical nature, becomes increasingly obvious.

The University, if it persists in identifying expediency with discretion, will find itself in the rear ranks.

On Campus

The following note was left on a car parked in a restricted area:

Mr. Officer:
 Please don't give us a ticket today. We all have a real hard

quiz and were too tired to walk to class—just this once, please—we won't do it again.

Thanks
 Three quiz-tired coeds

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