

Can't Keep His Big Monmouth Shut!

The Eye Of The Horse

Roger Will Coe

THE HORSE was seated high in otherwise empty Emerson Field seats and wagging his head in lugubrious concern. I wondered what gave? "A pain gives," he responded disconsolately. "If the current trend prevails, Sports will be as synthetic as some of the new so-called wonder fabrics. No wonder Baseball's box-office is dropping, and people are staying away from Big-Time Football in ever-increasing numbers."



How did he mean? "Well, take Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick's careful screening of normal tempers and juicy repartee in big-league games. Shucks, half the fun of the old-timers rivalries was in watching the rhuvarbs over plays and decisions. I'm not saying they should go so far as the old time Giant-Cub rivalry, when the termination of every game would see the opponents retire under the grandstands to continue their altercations without benefit of interference by the umpires. But to have some big-leaguer with loving-cup ears and ham fists and the temper of a gamecock say, 'No comment,' when asked about a certain play, or a certain wise-crack flung from the enemy bench—well, this is approaching emasculation of the game."

He meant that Casey Stengel-Chuck Dressen argument that was hushed up so fast and unnatural-ly? "Yeah," The Horse nodded, trying to get the wax-paper cover off a Scuttlebutt sandwich and compromising by swallowing the whole thing. "Don't taste any different this way," he explained when I looked askance. "And how about Irv Noren, of the Yanks, being fined for waving what they called a derisive towel at the official-scorers when they called a Billy Martin bingle an error instead of a hit? How is this I ask you? What have we got here, the U. S. Supreme Court, or a bunch of hard-boiled, tried by fire and fire-water sportswriters, manning the official scorer seats? Used to be when a sports-writer got a towel waved at him it contained a brass spittoon in it."

That was silly, yes. "And how about whatever it was happened in the Tar Heel-Terp game at Kenan, last Sat'day? A Maryland ball-toter collided with a Carolina tackler, and the tackler came up with the ball and beat it scoreward? The play was nullified, and Carolina was whacked fifteen yards for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. What unsportsmanlike conduct? Had the Tar Heel made out he had caught the ball on the fly, and he hadn't? Should he have set a date to a public and official return of the ball to the rightful owner thereof? Had someone on the bench said a naughty word, or the disappointed Tar Heel himself done so? What?"

Wasn't that the official's business? "And that of every spectator there, too," The Horse growled. "Where do the officials think their dough comes from, bushes Trees?" The Horse was the only one I knew lived off those. "Well, the officials at that game belong in trees, and I do not mean they are birds," The Horse snapped. "If they weren't kissing Jim Tatum's foot, it was only because his shoe was in the way."

I thought this was unsportsmanlike. This sort of talk. "It's normal, human, and American, too," The Horse said. "It would be nice if our Sports were, I think."

CREDO

Todd

The constitution of the United States is a highly interesting document. James Madison is said to be the father thereof, and the more conservative minds of the country in 1789 approved of the work of Governeur Morris, who is generally credited with writing the final draft.

At the time of the writing of the constitution, perhaps the most important feature in it was the great power given by the framers to the federal government at the expense of the states. But probably the most controversial feature of the constitution today is the civil liberties granted thereby to the several persons who make up our union.

The great bulk of these civil liberties are included in the first ten amendments, which were adopted in 1791. One of the most interesting of these ten is the first. It says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Obviously, the framers of these amendments felt that the danger of conformity enforced upon the people was far worse than any peril of dissention. Moreover, if enough people dissented, or petitioned, something must be so wrong as to require rectifying. Further, the framers felt that provided no legitimate law were broken in the process of exercising of this right to think, one need not be called on to answer for it ("Congress shall make no law...").

To bring this up to the present day, there are a great many laws on the congressional books dealing with such actions as espionage and sabotage and the constitution itself defines treason (not so that we will know what it is, but rather what it is not.)

Occasionally, if some Senator or Congressman feels that one of us is in a position to inform them on certain subjects, they call us before a congressional committee of one sort or another, and call upon us to testify to a good deal for which we are in no way responsible to Congress. Or one may, if certain conditions are fulfilled, be called as a witness at trial hearings. We may ask if we are now or ever have been a member of the Communist Party.

After a perusal of the first amendment, it appears to me that the refusal to answer a question which has a moral persuasion as its objective is quite proper. This statement should not be taken to approve or condone illegal acts, but as yet it is not illegal to join the Communist Party. If Congress or the courts are interested in acts of espionage then they should ask whether or not we have committed them alone or in conjunction with certain other

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Palinurus Pours A New Cup Of Tea

Editor:

It is with great interest that I note that Mr. Jay Pursel of Scribner's has joined the literary tea party. However, I am afraid that the cup of tea which he served up was a muddy mess of liquid that was unbecoming so fine a gentleman.

The cloudiest drops contained his most convenient lapse of memory. The Sunday of the week he was here he and I dined at the Monogram Club in the company of three other literary gentlemen. If he will cast his mind back, I am certain that he will remember that stimulating occasion. At that time he and I engaged in a conversation of some hour and a half in length. Hence, the information contained in my original article came directly "from the horse's mouth."

Morever, Mr. Pursel knows who Palinurus is. He was informed of the column and seemed pleased when a projected column on Scribner's current best-selling novelist, Alan Paton, was proposed.

Fourth, Mr. Pursel refers to Scribner's "cheap" edition of Hemingway at \$1.75. I agree that the volume is worth the price, if one can afford it. However, there is a great difference between 25c and \$1.75. As for Mr. Pursel's motive for coming to Chapel Hill, I can only surmise that, like the workers of America, he has a "sliding scale" depending on his action at the moment. I do know that he expressed concern over the letter from Professor H. K. Russell which was a protest against the removal of titles from paper-bound editions.

Now, in regard to his references to the "Rathskellar rumor" attributed to Palinurus, I can reply that the article was verified in the following way: you know, I abhor being so petty, but under the circumstances I feel it is necessary. You called me a hypocrite. A hypocrite is one who is given to false pretenses as of virtue etc. I assure you sir, such is not the case. Please, buy yourself a good dictionary and use it.

Now my final advice to all who wish to write letters to the editor. I love to see these letters pour in. They stimulate readership of the paper and my column. And here are some simple rules to follow in writing such letters. (1) Type the letter neatly on white paper 8 1/2 by 10 1/2. (2) Check it over for any possible errors. (3) Sign your name. (4) Tear the letter neatly into seven (no eight) pieces, throw it in the wasteban and go see a movie. bye now...

Mr. Pursel himself gave the information that Scribner's made only four per cent profit on its books. He did not explain that the profit was higher after the costs were paid; he didn't need to, for that is easily understandable. But this latter bit is an argument for reducing the price to the consumer.

Moreover, I had a copy of his reply to the letter of Professor H. K. Russell. Mr. Pursel's letter is dated August 18, 1953. In that letter he categorically makes this statement concerning the college sales of paper-bound books: "The major outlets are railroad stations, drug stores and magazine stands throughout the country. Strange as it may seem, the college sale of Bantam books is of little or no concern to the distributor."

Furthermore, in regard to the present status of the publishing industry, not only did I get a great deal of information from Mr. Pursel, but I also talked with Mr. Lambert Davis, head of the University of North Carolina Press, and Mr. George Scheer, a former UNC Press man and presently representing several publishing firms.

Finally, I talked to Professor Russell over the consequences of this policy of the publishing industry, and he told me that he was greatly concerned about it. What then is the effect of Mr. Pursel's reply. After reading both my original article and his letter, I can state emphatically, "Nothing!"

The following points were the ones made in my original article, points which Mr. Pursel's cup of tea neither clarified nor refuted: 1. Scribner's is withdrawing works of certain well-known authors such as Hemingway and Fitzgerald from the paper-bound editions.

2. The result of this policy is a much higher cost to the student. (See PALINURUS, page 4)

Losing A Loser

It is hard to criticize a group which has shown such an outstandingly fine spirit from the first kickoff on... the Carolina supporters

But certain demonstrations during Saturday's game cannot be overlooked.

The rooters' function is to support the team. This calls for great enthusiasm (which we're glad to see back this year), but never for sheer emotionalism uncontrolled by good taste and reason. Several times in the past Carolina has been penalized for the unsportsmanlike conduct of its supporters. To cause a penalty against one's own team is bad. Far worse, however, is the damage to the reputation of the University.

Fortunately, no penalty was called Saturday for this offense. The unfortunate thing is that Carolina, the host school, displayed poor qualities which were witnessed not only by all present but reported to the radio-listeners and written up in the newspapers.

Such a yell as "The referee has no daddy" might have been checked by the head cheerleader. Instead, he chose to encourage the act rather than stop the jeers.

There was more at stake Saturday than winning a football game. Too bad we had to lose both.

Electivology

Anita Anderson

You want the latest word on good electives? O. K., let's thumb through the catalog.

Here's a winner: Social insurance 194. What coed wouldn't love to acquire this in addition to her other pursuits of study? And here's one made to order for all social chairmen: Organization of Parties 175. See, a course for everyone. Also related to parties is Spenser 112.

Serigraphy 122? I don't now what it is either, but it sounds impressive. And approaches to Drawing 44 might be interesting if your approach hasn't been working too well lately.

It's all Greek to me, but if you want to get specific, there's Greek mythology — not a bad course to elect anytime. If not Greek, try Beginning Sanskrit 111. Vulgar Latin 220? Sounds questionable.

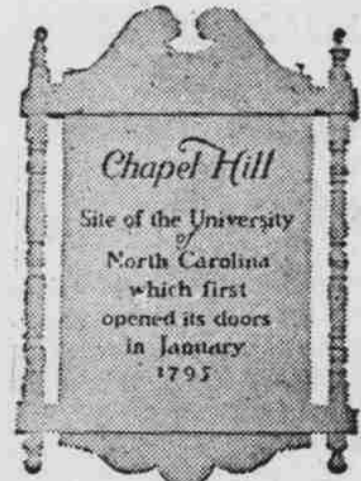
No, I don't see that Arboretum course you're heard about unless Pathology 161 is related. You want a math elective? Here's one that doesn't sound too "mathy": Normal Families 209.

Maybe Dr. Kinsey will give the last word on Virology 120. Speaking of sectionalism, how about Northern Painting 272?

If you want to be very active and win a lot of honor and things, this Honors Course is aprapas. Maybe the Old Well will even ring for if you're proficient. You say you'd just as soon take sedimentation 247? O. K., gather your moss while you may.

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Passing Remark

Ron Levin

Boyoboyboy! (Sanskrit, trans. hurrah!) At last some results. At last public opinion has been stirred enough to bring a whole bag full of letters to the editor. Congratulations to the students who wrote in.

This proves three things. (1) You do read The Daily Tar Heel. (2) You read my column. (3) You can read. I hate to take time out to answer you fellows but the record must be set straight.

To whom it may concern (Don Henderson): I assure you, sir, that writing a column for this paper

has not been my only contribution to this school. If you had been here during freshman orientation week and dropped in any night at Graham Memorial in the main lounge you might have seen something. Ask most any freshman... he'll tell you. Though my egotistic nature would like to have me tell you in front of all these readers, there just isn't enough space. Don, if you must write letters to the editor, please, m'boy get the facts before you take pen in hand. That way they can't get you for libel.

To whom it may concern (Carl (Billy Graham) Gregory): Carl, you write fairly well, but your talent is going to waste by merely writing letters to the editor. Hell, man, go first class. Write a book of your memoirs and then retire. In reference to Ralph Long. If you had been sitting with me that night watching him in his cups resemble a fumbling idiot and listening to him brag about how he, Ralph Long, exposed some old grandmother, who thirty years ago wore red socks to a policeman's ball, you would have thought twice before writing your letter. If you had heard what he said not knowing he was being listened to, you would have written a letter home instead of to this paper. And may I quote you Mr. Gregory. You say, "if Long's testimony is authentic." And I say in answer to this if bullfrogs had wings!

To whom it may concern (Art Einstein): Art, your letter was the most sensible and thoughtful of the group. You're absolutely right. My only purpose in digging at the system in my column was in the hope that in the mere mention of the words, "honor system", some students might be stimulated to take more interest, to activate their ideas, and to wake up to the facts. I am not a cynic, at least in this respect. I am an idealist with regard toward the honor system, and my only hope is that through this column I can kindle the glowing embers of the student body to a flame equal to the days of Davie and Hinton James. I am rapidly losing hope.

To whom it may concern (Fred C. Underwood): My dear boy, I do not set myself up as a shining example of what Carolina students should be as you said, sir. For three years I was a (quote) "no damned good student in a fraternity house partying on weekends". To tell the truth I really enjoyed it, but there's more so much more here than any of us dreamed of. Fred, I didn't praise myself, I condemned others. There is a difference,

