

Time To Shake Off The Cobwebs

Just before the thud of finals hit campus last week, The Daily Tar Heel published a thoroughly searching feature on the lack of campus housing for married students.

Reporter Charlie Sloan laid bare a series of hard facts that seem to indicate one trend — the University is doing little to provide additional housing for married students, even though their number grows yearly.

Admittedly, the problem is complicated and expensive, and we place no blame on any single administrator. However, in the face of a doubled enrollment in just ten years, a good fourth of which will be married, the lack of effective action is appalling.

Vigorous building activity on the nearby State College and Wake Forest campuses stands in marked contrast to the Chapel-Hill situation.

Victory Village, a so-called temporary project for married students, houses 352 families. Another 300 want to get in right now. And this is the only housing Carolina offers these students, many of whom are doing graduate work and have families. The town people, being as acquisitive as those in any other booming community today, have made no effort to provide low-cost housing for married students.

All this adds up to a serious situation, one in which many talented students either leave Chapel Hill for want of quarters, or live expensively or uncomfortably.

Dean of Student Affairs Fred Weaver has reminded Financial Officer Billy Carmichael about the

problem "from time to time." But Carmichael — whose job includes gathering money for needed projects — says glibly: "The main thing we've got to do is find some money."

Fund-raising efforts here have recently succeeded in establishing a television station, remodeling the Old Well, and subsidizing athletes. While it is plainly the State's job to provide student housing, in emergency situations the administration should turn to private sources. And few would question the seriousness of this problem.

The General Assembly, meeting in an atmosphere thick with racial controversy and economic problems, was asked to loan money to the University for new married student housing. This would mean the rents students paid would have to be high enough to repay the loan. The average student would find such rents oppressively high.

The administration here knows that the student body will double in ten years; they know well over 20 percent of the students will be married.

Thus, the choices of action are abundantly clear: The General Assembly should be made more aware of this need. If necessary, private grants should be sought. Should self-liquidating housing be the only workable answer, then the loan should be over a long enough period to make student rents reasonable.

The Daily Tar Heel, with these possible solutions, wishes to underscore the need. And we urge the administration, particularly fundraiser Carmichael, to shake off the cobwebs and act.

The Vatican And Protestantism

The Vatican's Sunday magazine, *Osservatore Della Domenica*, has made some interesting remarks about American protestantism. In a recent article, the magazine says American protestants derive most of their piety from the "amusement" which they seek in church. It continues:

Protestantism is more and more losing its religious character. . . . The average Protestants are people who look on Sunday for a little amusement or prayer, who believe both in God and the usefulness of doctrinal and ritual questions, who choose their churches on the basis of the personality of the pastor, the politeness of the usher, and ease of parking the car. . . . On Sunday, about midday, you see the people go out, bowed by the pastor, who in various guises or disguises stands at the door to smile at his faithful. . . . The wife of the officiator, standing in the background, performs the honors of the house, or, as she says, the honors of God. . . .

To Protestants, *Osservatore's* remarks will have obvious significance, coming, as they do, from a Church which, in the final summation, does not believe in religious diversity — especially the type of religious diversity so supremely manifested in traditional American Protestantism. The Vatican holds to the view that, in general, there is only one True Church, ordained before the dawn of Protestantism. The Vatican certainly is entitled to its opinion on the question of religious diversity. Protestants respect it as an opposing view, so long as the Vatican respects their view that religious diversity is an essential and unalienable liberty of the human being.

Osservatore's remarks do have an amusing side: That is, their general truth. But the charge that "Protestantism is more and more

losing its religious character," which might have at times been a legitimate charge, is becoming steadfastly less legitimate. American Protestantism has always willingly accepted the dilution which can come to a church when it puts individual and individual church autonomy ahead of central authority which claims absolute and infallible status. In other words, American Protestants know by inheritance and observation that the individual soul — their major concern — will benefit more over the long haul by liberty and diversity as opposed to authority and centralization.

From the beginning of recorded Western history, religion, like many other institutions, has changed in pendulum-like pattern. The early Christian Church, before Constantine gave it legal recognition because he had a helpful vision before a battle, was an underground movement. At the dawn of the Reformation, Christianity was monopolistic. After the Reformation, there is a question among theologians whether what Protestants had was actually something new or something as old as St. Augustine's thought. There is a question whether the Reformation was a thrust at something untried, or something tried before and gradually abandoned.

Thus the pendulum holds, and while the Catholic Church has remained more or less unchanged, the Protestants, with the supremacy of religious diversity, must willingly accept change — whether or not that change might make Protestantism "amusement" in the eyes of the Vatican.

Amidst all its cursory — and partially true — comments on American Protestantism, the Vatican magazine really asks one question: "Will Protestantism be possible?" *Osservatore* doesn't think so: "The majority do not hope for it nor want it nor believe it realizable." While union may, if it comes, lend militance to the Protestant movement — and we would approve of that — we hope Protestants will recognize both good and bad features of the ecumenical movement. On the good side: the elimination of doctrinal differences that are purely petty; and the gain of momentum. On the bad side: A retreat from religious diversity — the religious diversity supported by the First Amendment to the Constitution — and a diversity absolutely essential to an open society.

TAR HEEL AT LARGE:

He's Backing Big-Time & Present DTH Editors

By Chuck Hauser

I like the Big Time. I like Big Time football, Big Time basketball, Big Time ping pong, and Big Time mumblety-peg.

I believe that as long as the University is engaged in intercollegiate athletics, it should field the best teams possible. It should hire the best coaches available and it should win as many games as it can. If it can play a football bowl game every year and make the Top Ten in the national basketball ratings every season, I'm all for it.

WINNING

I believe, along with Coach Jim Tatum, that winning is everything. He did not say — as some people have interpreted him as saying — that winning, at any price, is everything. He knows that a University's first mission is academic.

Jim Tatum is a Big Time coach, and I am all for him.

Big Time football pays for the University's extensive intramural program. Big Time football receipts permit the University to engage in varsity sports which bring in no receipts — soccer, and cross country, and fencing.

RECEIPTS

Lacrosse, for instance, was dropped as an official sport a few years ago. Why? Because University football receipts were down and there wasn't enough money to pay for that particular minor sport.

Big Time football provides varsity and intramural sports opportunities for hundreds of students who would not otherwise get the chance to participate.

At the University of Maryland, academic standards skidded downward at the same time that Jim Tatum was raising athletic standards. This was not Mr. Tatum's fault; it was the fault of a weak university president — Curly Byrd — who was so wrapped up in his desire for sports recognition for his school that he forgot the primary purpose of a university.

NO WEAKNESS

We are fortunate at Carolina in that we do not have a weak president. Chancellor House, Acting President-Elect Friday and our other University officials are not only strong leaders, but they have an intelligent sense of proportion concerning academics and athletics. We need not fear that the academic mission of the University will be trampled underfoot in any race for athletic

recognition. I have said that I believe in the Big Time. This includes Big Time newspapering. The Daily Tar Heel has long been recognized as a Big Time student newspaper. The quality of its editorial leadership and the freedom of expression which its editors have traditionally exercised have put it far forward in the ranks of college publications.

I have often disagreed with stands taken by past editors of The Daily Tar Heel. But at no time have I been in such violent disagreement as I am now with Yoder and Kraar over their opinions on Big Time athletics.

FOR EDITORS

Yet, when I go to the polls next week to cast my ballot in the recall election, I will vote to retain Ed Yoder and Louis Kraar in office. I will do this because, although I disagree with what they have written, I know that they have been guilty of nothing more than stating their honest convictions. If they did otherwise, they would be compromising their own integrity and that of this newspaper, which has always proudly stood for editorial

freedom.

Anyone who disagrees with an editorial in The Daily Tar Heel has access to the letters-to-the-editor column to state his disagreement. If a person can write interestingly enough, he may be allowed to write a regular column for the newspaper, and use that column to disagree with the stands taken by the editor.

DISAGREED

As a daily columnist for this newspaper prior to my Army service and again in the spring of 1951 when I returned to the University, I often disagreed in print with stands taken by the editor. My column was never censored or barred from the paper because of any disagreements I had with my boss.

If the readers of The Daily Tar Heel believe, as I do, in the Big Time, they will cast a solid vote to retain the present editors of The Daily Tar Heel next Tuesday. Because to throw those editors out of office simply because they have expressed views which are unpopular on the campus would be a thundering retrogression to the small time, and I don't like small time anything.

Stevenson Form Tops In California Jaunt

By Doris Fleeson

OAKLAND, Cal.—Adlai Stevenson got off to a good start in northern California, that pleasant region its people call superior California in saucy derogation of the more relaxed south.

The candidate is in top form and the sun is shining. His local managers know where the best steaks are and, in other respects, are well financed. The crowds cheer and the papers are full of it.

These are ingredients well calculated to mitigate the fatigue attached to primary campaigning, commonly called the mashed potato and green pea circuit. The description is often accurate for days on end.

CONTRASTS

The 1956 Stevenson offers some sharp contrasts, all for the better, to 1952 and some likenesses, one bad, to the 1952 version.

He speaks as well as ever, his speeches small and great singing with lines he can live with. "You cannot conduct foreign policy from a newsstand. . . . I do not say I am qualified to be

President. Anyone who says he is qualified lacks the first qualification: humility. But I am available."

Such remarks at an Oakland box supper led to Californians being assured by the San Francisco Chronicle that Stevenson was still "interesting, witty and intellectual."

RESEMBLANCE

The one resemblance to the 1952 candidate that drives the reporters and his own press secretary to ulcers is that he still polishes these gems by hand up to the moment of delivery. With a three-hour time lag on the West Coast added to other publishing problems, reporters find it sometime impossible to get it all to their papers so that others can enjoy it too.

Stevenson's stubborn answer is that his first obligation is to give his best to the audience which has come to hear him. He is sorry about the difficulties, he says rather stiffly.

If the American people are not in the mood to listen so much the worse for him, of course. But that is his own mood.

'Seems They Finally Found A Place For Me To Live'



It Is Necessary To Have Hope

By Joseph & Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON—In the Eisenhower-Eden "joint declaration" there is a single reference to the "hundred million people in what were once ten independent nations" who are "compelled to work for the glorification of the Soviet Communist State." But the reference is purely formal. No one thinks any more that any serious attempt will be made to loosen the Soviet grip on the satellite states.

Even so, it may be worth describing a recent talk with Dr. Arnhost Heidrich, former Secretary General of the Czech Foreign Office. One of these reporters first interviewed Dr. Heidrich in the gilded Czernin Palace, in the spring of 1948, a few weeks after the Communist seizure of Czechoslovakia. The interview was a memorable one.

Dr. Heidrich was quite astonishingly frank, warning the reporter that the Soviet appetite would by no means be satisfied with Czechoslovakia. Then, towards the end, he turned the interview around. Would there soon be war between the Soviet Union and the United States? The reporter replied that he thought not—a long period of armed tension seemed more likely.

"Then," said Dr. Heidrich, "there is nothing left. I must escape."

Escape he did. He now lives, with his wife (who escaped a.l.o.) in a small house in the Washington suburbs, where he leads the strange dusty life of a political refugee. Perhaps one or twice a year, Dr. Heidrich and the reporter who interviewed him in the Czernin Palace meet again, to chat about the world. It is always a rewarding experience, since Dr. Heidrich has a remarkable insight into the world situation. But it is a.l.o., somehow, rather sad.

Dr. Heidrich, a chunky, stout man with an odd resemblance to the late W. C. Fields, tends to judge the present by the past. He often reverts to the time he went to Moscow with the Czech delegation which was brusquely warned by Stalin against joining the Marshall Plan. As secretary of the delegation, Dr. Heidrich took notes of the conversation in the Kremlin. He recalls how, in a moment of expansiveness after delivering his ultimatum, Stalin told the cowed Czechs a good deal about his plans for the world.

"Our first task," Stalin said to the Czechs, "is to tear down the power positions of the United States both in Europe and Asia. Once this is done, England and France will be too weak to resist the pressure."

Dr. Heidrich is convinced that the Soviets have never wavered an inch from their purpose of dominating all Europe and Asia, however much their methods may have changed. He sees last summer's summit conference at Geneva as just another means to the same end.

"Geneva—a catastrophe, a disaster," he says, with a sharp, chopping gesture of both arms. "Every year they gain something, but now is much worse. Before—you had something. They feared your bombs. But now—nothing. They know since Geneva you will not use your bombs. They have nothing to fear." He pauses a moment, placing his fingers together in a judicial gesture.

"Always before, I am wondering, how can the West win this cold war? So many advantages on Soviet side. Flexible, they decide—they act. No public opinion. If the people must sacrifice, the people sacrifice. But at least they were afraid of you, and now no longer. Now I do not see at all how the cold war can be won."

How about the "liberation" policy, for winning the cold war, about which so much was heard in 1952? Dr. Heidrich smiles thinly, and picks his words carefully. "Mr. Dulles has said that the time will come when Soviets realize control of satellites is more anxious than advantageous. I am very pessimistic. Skeptical." But, he adds quickly, the President's Christmas message to the satellite people was good. "People who live under such conditions are always happy to have occasion to hope."

Yet surely, by now, the more intelligent Czechs must realize that Czechoslovakia will not be freed? Dr. Heidrich's short arms fall heavily into his lap, and for the first time his round, merry face looks drained and old. He shrugs again, "To live it is necessary to hope," he says. Then he gets heavily to his feet, says farewell with elaborate courtesy, and starts off on the long walk to the small house where his wife bakes delicious little cakes, and where hope lives stubbornly and illogically on.

Reader's Retort

Alumnus Best Praises DTH Editorial Page

Editors:

I don't care what they (the stockholders) say, I think you're putting out a good paper and a thought-provoking editorial page. Those who oppose you may think they want a namby-pamby editorial page which mirrors only undisturbing opinions, but I wonder if they have considered how dull that would be. Ah me, it must be wonderful to be a student at Carolina now!

Incidentally, away from the subject of Big Jim I thought your comments on the Alumni Review were exceptionally good.

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