

Halitosis And Non-Greeks: Myths Of Ostracism . . .

The University campus is currently undergoing the madcap of sorority rushing and pre-fraternity rushing.

It is, of course, during this period that all manner of propaganda is disseminated concerning the necessity of Greek affiliation to insure social acceptance among the younger set of University-ites.

May we be iconoclastic for a moment? This is a myth—an icon which should be shattered.

The facts:

(1) An exceedingly large number of prominent student government officials and leaders in all phases of campus life are independent.

(2) Independence may have its definite advantages. E. Z. The student body president two years ago was elected, for all practical rea-

sons, because he proudly sported the label:

"Independent of all parties, factions, and sects." This is not to say that the myriad of functions appurtenant to Greek life are not advantageous.

But we would like to impress the fact upon freshmen and transfers that independent campus life does not lead to social ostracism.

There is a valuable communion among fraternity brotherhoods and sorority sisterhoods.

But independent campus life affords its advantages also.

Arrive at your own decision without being afraid that non-Greek affiliation will make you a walking halitosis about which:

"Even your best friends won't tell you."

Tain't so, McGee!

Opportunity To Serve: Moppet Needs Help . . .

Graham Memorial Student Union has been called the campus ragged moppet.

Assuredly it is inadequate to fill the needs—recreational and extra-curricular—of a 7,000-plus student body.

But the GM Activities Board courageously and admirably struggles forth under the direction of President Benny Thomas.

GMAB is currently waging a

campaign to fill various chairmen-ships—Film Committee, Calendar Committee, Reception Committee and so forth.

It affords enterprising students an excellent opportunity to serve the overall campus community.

The Daily Tar Heel urges that students devote their extra-curricular time to this exceedingly worthwhile and necessary function.

ODES ON MUSIC:

Is Jazz The Unknown Soldier?

By Grayson Mills

It was bizarre atmosphere, but then you hear Dixieland in unique places these days.

A bunch of boozed big wigs from Occidental Life Insurance were throwing their annual dance, and had chosen the luxurious confines of the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California for their revelry. In addition, the Oxidentals pulled an unprecedented move in the area by hiring the world famous Firehouse Five Plus Two to provide their music. The smoke-eating crew, it was unanimously decided, was doing a great job and, as one guy punned, "Were alarmingly good."

I was in this crowd, sneaking in uninvited, and playing the role of an aspiring insurance salesman, while attempting to corner the group's highest-class musician, soprano saxist George Probert and interrogate him for opinions on where Dixieland is heading.

Today, Dixie is better than ever. It, like everything else, has felt the pangs of progress and has been fortified by improved modern technique and more thorough knowledge of the odumous possible chord combinations unknown in the time of Baby Dodd and Bix Beiderbeck. Yet in spite of this, Dixieland goes over with the public like John Dillinger at Fort Knox, and things are getting worse.

Puffing pensively on his Marlboro, George listened intently as I asked, "Why does Dixie go over like a lead balloon with the masses?" Probert replied, "Poor distribution for one thing," he said, "and not enough disc jockey play for another, Dixieland is the unknown soldier of the music world!"

The weight of these words is dark indeed for that dying race, the traditional jazz fan.

For this horrendous negligence makes it conceivable that within our lifetime, Dixieland could very easily slip gradually away, and all that will remain will be records, great memories and regret that something wasn't done.

I have heard young supporters ridiculed and made subject to hideous laughter, because their taste in jazz wasn't "up-to-date." And often the weaker of these non-conformists tragically forsakes his principles to join the pack and root for the music of Antarctica. Those who refuse to be swayed by vogues remain in silence, listening, buying, enjoying their kind of music.

I wastold by Kid Ory, the father of jazz trombone, and still swinging at 70, that a love of Dixie is something that takes years to develop. "Often," he said, "they don't join us 'till they're 25 or 30." He made the point that he, Louie, Turk Murphy, Bob Seabey, and Wilbur Debaris, are still packing them in, and I pointed out that they ought to be since you can count the number of dixie spots on three or four hands, and there are still enough die-hards and curious souls to fill them. Even in New Orleans, Dixie joints are folding like a skeleton.

Now the noise of restriction has been tightened around the necks of whites as well. And the University's primary force—its student enrollment—is gasping and rasping for breath.

Facilities should be increased to accommodate the rising enrollment. North Carolina and the nation's youth should not be denied educational opportunity.

Sea Islanders Deplore Feds

From Sea Island in the heart of Talmadgeland comes an announcement by Southern governors that they "deplore" the use of federal troops to handle the Little Rocky fiasco.

We, like many others, deplore having to witness the federal handling of what we feel is states' business.

But we feel, in light of the absolute necessity to prevent sacking of federal laws, Goofier, pardon, Goller Ike's action was justified.

Perhaps Southern governors ought to "deplore" and officially censor Ozark Orval's invitation to

"Who's On First?"



FROM THE CONNECTICUT DAILY CAMPUS:

Asiatic Influenza Takes Wild-Fire Toll: No Cause For Mass Hysteria

The university's decision to offer free influenza vaccine inoculations to students is an excellent move, particularly considering the rapidly mounting number of Americans coming down with the disease. Just Friday the United Press reported that over 100,000 Americans had contracted the flu. Up to Saturday 15 deaths had been reported from the disease in this country. The University of Colorado admitted that at least 350 students there had "acute respiratory infections."

England has already been hit hard by the flu, with hundreds of thousands of Britons stricken. Many schools and industries have been forced to close. Mississippi so far has reported over 20,000 cases of the disease.

It is evident that the disease is going to hit the United States very badly, and it is encouraging to see that the University of Connecticut is going to do something before it hits Storrs.

Up until Friday there had been 86 cases of influenza reported in Connecticut. The state Department of Health admits that the disease will hit Connecticut—that it is just a question of when it will hit with full force.

Certainly the university would be an easy target normally. Students come from all over the

state, with many from other states, and some even from other countries. The students live in dormitories, where they are in constant contact with many other students, and they attend class, where they are near more potential "carriers." The influenza could rapidly reach epidemic proportions at the school, and the infirmary could not begin to take care of the number of students that undoubtedly would come down with the disease.

One shot provides immunization in 70 per cent of the cases, but persons allergic to eggs, or persons with asthma or hay fever will be ineligible. Key personnel will be inoculated when the vaccine arrives, and then students will be treated. The Connecticut Department of Health is supplying the vaccine at cost, according to Dr. Franklin M. Goodchild, the university's Director of Division of Health Service and the University Physician, but when the vaccine will arrive is not known yet. Dr. Goodchild expects the vaccine within the next few days.

After the excitement over influenza has quieted down, a subject equally worthy of consideration by the infirmary and the administration would be polio shots. For something as valuable as these vaccinations it would be a

shame if nothing could be worked out so that Uconn students could be inoculated against this always-threatening disease. Campus service groups said last year that they would be willing to help administer the shots, and the infirmary's facilities could be used. Can't red tape be cut for something as important as this?

The university will be performing a fine service when it inoculates students against the Asian flu. Why not expand this service later to include students' inoculations, at cost, against crippling polio?

NOTE ON US HISTORY

It is a mistake for the US to pretend, as we sometimes do, that we have never aimed at "territorial aggrandizement" or encroached on the property of our neighbors. There are people who do believe this, but anyone who has read our history knows that it is not true, and that our acts of intervention and aggression have invariably provoked bitter protests from Americans who believed in our declared ideal. The fact, of course, is that the US—like any expanding political organism—has taken what was useful to it by such means as came to hand. —Edmund Wilson.

READERS' REPOSITORY:

Sundry Remarks Upon A Myriad

INTEGRATION OR VICE VERSA:

Editor:

No one in the South with access to a medium of mass communication has been spared the details of the ugly mess in Little Rock. Once again the Southern States and the Federal Government have met head-on, this time in the most dangerous clash since the War Between the States. States' Rights controversy has ceased to be a contest of oratory and legislation and has become a battle of bayonets, clubs and rifles.

Not only has President Eisenhower set a dangerous precedent by stripping Arkansas of its authority and its militia, he has created a situation in which every state in the South is forced to take action in order to maintain its sovereignty and dignity.

Nine Negroes attended classes at Central High School Wednesday. The immediate cost was a bayonet nicked arm and a clubbing. What will be the eventual cost? How many more "Little Rocks" will there be before the South is reduced to a voiceless occupied territory by the bloody iron fist of the Federal Government or another disastrous War Between the States breaks out?

Is there another answer to the problem? Is there a peaceful means by which advocates of integration can be convinced that the greatest majority of Southern people hold no malice for the Negro, wish to see him obtain a fair and equal education, but do not desire to mingle with him? Most integrationists seem to hold the opinion that if the Federal Government shows its power in a few places and Negroes are forced into white schools, that whites will accept this and all troubles will end. This is erroneous and no amount of wishing will make it so.

Unless the Federal Government and supporters of immediate integration accept this third alternative, and in the near future, the United States will be split asunder by a calamity greater than any the Communist World could produce.

It is time for the soldiers at Little Rock to return to their camps, the Negro students to return to their former school, and the angry mobs to return to their homes. The attendance of nine Negroes at Central High School is not worth sacrificing a peaceful United States, a United States made strong and kept strong by state and federal cooperation.

Call off your dogs Mr. Eisenhower and the NAACP, before your kennel burns down around you!

PAUL RULE

MORE VICE VERSA:

Editor:

Integration, what is it? What does it mean? For some little time now I've heard integration, segregation, rights, Civil Rights, etc. until it's running out of my ears.

I haven't made a detailed study of the situation, nor am I completely sold one way or the other. The main thing I see, and the thing that keeps popping into my mind, is that the very point is being missed by everyone, or at least the people in control of the rules.

Let's see, what is it? Oh, yes, this thing of RIGHTS: I keep hearing that all men are created equal, well maybe so, if this could be proved it might simplify things. Well, back to rights, whose rights? This is what I want to know: it seems to me that while one group is being given so many rights, others are being deprived of them. If everybody is so damn equal, then let everybody have a say. I seem to remember reading about a little incident a few years back concerning a tea party, let's see, Oh! yeah, something about representation.

Where is all this voting power? Why, all at once is a complete people forced to abide by some ruling that most of the people passing the rules don't understand.

I have a small sister and I've noticed that when she is given small amounts of money relative to her increasing age she learns to spend it fairly sensibly, but I'm pretty darn sure if my mother gave her a large amount all at once she would have sugar-diabetes or something worse by the time she is twelve.

I keep hearing some junk about the tolerance and integrated social life in the North. Boy! I've lived in and around Philadelphia a large part of my life and everywhere I've been there is about twice as much prejudice as here in the South. Of course they have learned a lot of tricks to cover up that we don't know, but they've had a hell of a lot more time. Personally I can't see what they are crying so much for anyway, they fought and won a pretty big war for the Negroes, and since they won them, why don't they just take them all and then there wouldn't be any dispute.

Now I seem to be straying from the point. I bet if all the Whites started trying to get into the Colored schools some "History-making Commander-in-Chief" would really have to bring out the National Guard. This tea party I read about seems to have led to some kind of National Guard incident and I think the two situations are quite similar.

Really and truly, I don't believe the people of the South want to hurt or persecute the Colored People, it just takes a little time. Perhaps a little compromising and a little arbitration might help. Also I think some of these "big wheels" might show and try listening to someone who knows what he is talking about. After all this little deal of rights should work more than one way. There's a little paper I always kind of looked up to and I think some of these rule passers and so called big wheels should take off a little time and read it. It's called "The Constitution of The United States."

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