

# Deans Should Closely Air Plan For Holiday Extension

The following editorial was written before a decision by the Calendar Committee to resume classes January 3 instead of January 2. We feel it points out the very factors on which the committee made its decision Tuesday afternoon.—Ed.)

We hope that Deans of the University will approach open-mindedly a proposal by the student legislature that classes be called off January 2.

It is, indeed, a serious plan by student leaders to escape the threat of dangerous highway driving and complications of return travel to UNC on a day long marked by numerous highway tragedies.

And it would be a step forward for student government at UNC if Deans of the University would compromise with the student body in this effort to eliminate the necessity of travel on New Year's Day.

The proposal now rests in the hands of a committee of University Deans. Its future—either passage or rejection—depends on the case which student leaders can make for the proposal. We believe such a case can be made.

First, such a situation as now exists at UNC seldom occurs at the University. Our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday class periods have been slashed from the normal 45 per semester to 13, due to the Chancellor's Installation and Caravan cuts which both occurred on Saturday.

Thus, we see that at least one of the two excused abolitions of Saturday classes was prompted by a condition that is infrequent at the University—the installation of a new Chancellor. It is a ceremony which, we hope, will not occur again here in many years to come.

Secondly, reading day this year will fall on Saturday if the present schedule is continued—another unusual occurrence at UNC. By virtue of its being followed by Sunday, we will, in effect, have a natural reading day anyway.

And another factor to consider about the proposed reading day as now scheduled is that, by virtue of its falling on Saturday, we would have half a reading day anyway, since classes end at 1 p.m.

Thus, students actually will have an unusual day and a half for preparation for final exams even if the current schedule is effected. If the schedule is changed to allow reading day on Friday, Jan-

uary 17, we still will have more time for reading than is the case under normal circumstances.

If student leaders are sincere in their abolition proposal, and we believe they are, then perhaps arrangements still could be made for an extension of the holidays to January 3 even if reading day cannot be held Friday, January 17.

For if an extension by one day of the vacation period could conceivably save students from the dangers of holiday travel, it would be a noble act to give up the first half of Saturday, January 18, as a time for reading and devote it to class periods for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday classes.

We believe that students who really want to prepare for their first exams will find time to do so, under the above proposal, during the afternoon and night of Saturday, January 18, and throughout the following day, Sunday.

In fact, due to the calendar arrangement this year, students would have even more time for study under that proposal than to observe reading day in another year, which normally would come sometime during the week without the benefit of a free day Sunday.

These, then, are the basic arguments on which students can rest their case for extension of the holiday period. We hope that the Deans will examine our case closely.

## HENDERSON & BETTS Praise Deserving For N.C. Authors

We would like to extend our congratulations to two of Chapel Hill's distinguished citizens who were honored during North Carolina's "Culture Week": Dr. Archibald Henderson and Doris Betts.

For Dr. Henderson, it was the third time that he has received the Mayflower Cup from the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society since 1911. In that year (when the award was known as the Patterson Cup) he won the prize for his work, "George Bernard Shaw: His Life and Works." Again, in 1932, he was presented the cup for "Bernard Shaw: Play-boy and Prophet." This latest presentation was made at the society's 57th meeting in Raleigh last Friday for his nationally acclaimed book "George Bernard Shaw: Man of the Century." Historian, biographer, critic and scientist, Dr. Henderson has again been honored, as in Albert Einstein's words, "an extraordinary combination of artist and scientist."

Mrs. Doris Betts received the fifth annual Sir Walter Raleigh award for the best work of fiction from North Carolina during 1956. The award came in recognition of her book, "Tall Houses in Winter." Although she now resides in Sanford, Mrs. Betts resided in Chapel Hill while her husband was attending the UNC Law School and wrote most of the novel at that time. Besides being one of our most talented creative writers, Mrs. Betts has also found time to be a housewife, a newspaper reporter and a mother.

The Daily Tar Heel takes great pleasure in extending its good wishes and felicitations to Dr. Henderson and Mrs. Betts, celebrated citizens of the highest personal endeavor and achievement.

## Brussels, Money

Russia is spending \$60 million on their pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair. The U. S. Congress has shaved our appropriations to \$12,345,000.

We imagine that, after the fair, congress will create an investigating committee to find out why we made a poor showing at Brussels, and the incurred investigating expenses will probably be in the millions.

## CAROLINA CARROUSEL:

# No Children, No Christmas For The World

GAIL GODWIN

Some one remarked to me the other day that if there were no children, Christmas would lose most of its meaning.

I think that is about the size of it.

When one thinks of the Christmas season, such things run through his mind as Dickens' "Christmas Carol", Santa Claus, gifts, stockings, chimneys, and snow.

These are the very things that delight a child most. What child has not brightened a household with his exuberant, "Tiny Tim" radiance as he proclaims in his cherubic voice, "God bless us all, every one," or something having the same effect?

What youngster does not start carefully penning "letters to Santa" in November—or sometimes in July? And could we count the endless questions about the whys and whereabouts of this wonderful, generous, fat man in red?

What young face does not burst into ecstasy as the rattle of tissue paper and the breaking of ribbons gets into full swing? As the contents of the extra-long stocking (that would not even fit father nowadays) reveal themselves to wide eyes? As the Yule log sends warm, crackling flames up the chimney which will deposit Santa in the living room a few hours later?

What boy or girl does not wistfully for the sight of that cold white blanket as the curtain is cautiously pulled back on Christmas morning?

Perhaps if more of us were children at times, Christmas and a lot of other things about life would be more wonderful. There are too many Scrooges and not enough Tiny Tims. There are too many cynics and not enough appreciators.

Perhaps if we remembered that the reason Christmas ever got started in the first place was because a little boy made his bright-eyed entrance in the world, we might recapture that zest and zeal we had as children.

There were three men who were quite brilliant and scholarly and wise who made their entrance on the strategic scene of the first Christmas those many years ago.

But they forget their formulas and theories and calculations as they started in childlike awe at the Christmas gift which had just been presented to them and to humanity.

## Dangerous Gap in Our System



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# Education 11: Question Of Control; The Answer: Socialized Education

By CURTIS GANS

Last week the U. S. tried and failed to put a satellite in orbit. The failure was almost total.

The Russian delegation to the U. N. the next day offered the U. S. aid under its program of technical assistance to backward nations.

This is diplomacy with tongue in cheek, but it points up a great need in the U. S.—the need for more funds to educate Americans so that they will not be behind, any other.

Much has been written in the past weeks about the need for improvement in the field of education. The need is in terms of an upgrading of standards, encouragement of individual initiative, and money to encourage both teachers and pupils in the form of salaries and facilities.

In a democracy, there is a responsibility on the government's shoulders to provide for equal educational facilities for all children regardless of location on the map. This need is not being met.

There is also a responsibility for the government to provide for equally qualified teachers so that students can get equal educational opportunities. This need is also not being met.

It is not being met because the wealth of each of the states in the United States is unequal. Hence, a teacher in North Carolina may start a salary of \$2,000, while a teacher in California may start

with a salary of \$5,000. The student coming from North Carolina schools, because he gets a somewhat inferior brand of education, may not do as well as the student from California, and consequently some of the brain power of the U. S. goes down the drain.

Secondly, if the central government gives aid to the state that is financially behind, the government is being unfair to the taxpayer from California, who deserves equal aid remuneration for his investment. Hence, as long as the school systems are under state control, there will continue to exist an inequality in the taxation by states, in the payment of teachers, in the educational facilities, and in the value of aid received from tax expenditure.

A solution to this dilemma is apparent, although it indeed should cause some outcry.

The solution is to put the entire school system of the U. S. under the control of the central government. The tax money used for states schools should be incorporated into the U. S. tax structure, and in order that schools may be improved over their present level without sacrificing the gains that some states have achieved, there should be increased taxation. For it must be noted, that to have the superiority that America wants, Americans must pay for it, and not sit behind their television sets and peacefully contemplate a tax reduction.

To this comes the cry: THAT'S SOCIALISM! So, it is, but it is perhaps the only way that students in all parts of the nation can receive equal educational opportunity. It is perhaps the only way to realize uniform standards of achievement. It is perhaps the only sure way of seeing that enough money is going to all the schools in the U. S.

There is a danger inherent in this. The danger is that the party in power may dictate what is to be taught, in order to insure its being kept in power.

There is a way to overcome this. This is to put the central control of education in the hands of a bi-partisan or non-partisan group of educators. The group should not be chosen politically, but should be chosen from the group of educators themselves. There should not be more representatives from any one party than there is of another party. They would be responsible for allotment of funds, recommendations for taxation, setting up of standards, and the insuring of equal facilities and equal quality of teaching for all.

What is proposed is constitutional revision, to take the central control of schools out of the hands of the states and put it in the hands of the central government. To make American democracy a true, efficient democracy, this is necessary.

## 'STATE OF CAMPUS'

# Evan's Text

(Below is the second and final of a two-part series on the text of Student Body President Sonny Evans' 'State of the Campus' address to the legislature last week. It begins with a discussion on Graham Memorial, the student union.)

(2) Howard Henry, of the University of Wisconsin, is the top available man in the country whom we have sought for the past three years and consider to be eminently qualified. Thanks to Chancellor Aycock's understanding of the status question, which was the big stumbling block removed this summer, Mr. Henry has been hired and will arrive on the campus on July 1, 1958. Unlike many campuses, where Student Government and the Student Union compete against each other, we have the potentiality and the background for the outstanding organizational setup in the country since the Union has always been the programming arm of Student Government and since the two at this campus have grown up together. The Building Committee of the Graham Memorial Board of Directors, headed by Joel Fleishman, stands ready to move ahead with the preliminary planning for the new building.

(1) Regardless of all that has been said over the past few weeks and last year, Jim Tatum is a dedicated man, who loves this University more than anyone imagines. If there is any decay or preferential treatment of athletes academically, and I don't believe there is, the fault lies with the administration who sanctions it rather than with the football coach who might desire it. However, if you believe that a student is a student first and whatever else he is second, then the segregation of football players is wrong. It violates the principles of student freedom of choice which almost every student on this campus enjoys. Football players must be integrated into the university community, and they cannot be as long as they live together and eat together not by conscious choice but by requirement.

(2) When I mentioned that "almost all" students enjoyed freedom of choice, I was making reference to the problem of "segregated integration" which takes place in Steele Dormitory with the Negro students. To those of you who don't have the background, these students now room in Steele. These students are here because of court order, and Student Government by its silence sanctions this principle of a second class student citizenry. What will happen if a Negro football player is ever accepted at this university? Which segregation will take precedence? Will he go to Cobb or to Steele? I think you can see the ridiculous situation in which we find ourselves.

## IV. THE HONOR SYSTEM:

(1) On Friday, we go before the Faculty Council to present a proposal for placing the granting of excuses for illnesses as a matter of honor between the instructor and the student as was demonstrated during the Fall Term. It seems a paradox to treat a student in only a portion of his campus life, and we are hopeful for success. This of course would mean that only students who were truly sick would go to the Infirmary for treatment, and that the burden of granting excuses would be removed from the present areas except in cases of an individual professor requiring it.

(2) The Attorney General's staff has labored long and hard as has the Honor System Commission to draw up for the Legislature's approval a far-reaching and all-encompassing plan for the improvement of the structure of the Councils in an effort to bring these Councils closer to the students. The Judiciary must fashion itself to meet the rising student population, and all students must be guaranteed the rights which will be assured in this plan. It will be presented to you in the coming weeks.

V. SELECTION OF EDITOR OF DAILY TAR HEEL: The committee set up by the Legislature weeks before the recall election is hard at work to fashion a full report for this body in February. It is my hope that some sort of change be made to forever insure to the student body competent and responsible editorship of our outstanding daily newspaper.

## VI. FRATERNITY-SORORITY SYSTEM:

The IFC under the leadership of Bill Redding is leading an active year and should be congratulated. However, problems such as the drinking rule which undermines the entire Honor System and everything for which it stands, the discriminatory clause which is a great issue in colleges today but has not even been considered on this campus, the presence of book reports and themes as opposed to quizzes in fraternity files (the sororities burned theirs years ago), have gone unnoticed by responsible students for too long a time.

## VII. THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM:

My thanks go out to Ralph Cummings and the Traffic Advisory Commission who have drawn up a full report to be presented to this body very soon for the administration of the new Bell Tower Parking Lot. Chancellor Aycock has stated that the providing of spaces for student cars is not a problem which should be solved by the use of student money and has made it possible to reduce the fee on student cars. The decision on what to do with the current accumulated \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) is under consideration now and will come before the Legislature very soon.

There is so much to do and so little time to do it in every area that we can mention. The only way that anything can be accomplished is by close cooperation among all of us in achieving the goals that we set for ourselves. The Administration is watching closely to determine whether or not all that has been said about the greatness of the Carolina Student Government is true. It is with great courage of conviction that I have spoken to you tonight on the way—the only way—in which I think we can justify our existence. Student Government is more than a training ground for future life when it seeks to instill in its citizenry a social conscience and truly contribute to the University community.

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