

# Otelia Connor 1895-1969

The little old lady with the umbrella died Tuesday night of a heart attack.

Otelia Connor came here in 1957 to see her son's graduation and immediately adopted the campus and its students as her home and her children.

Otelia's primary concern on this campus was persuading students to use proper manners. If you put your feet on a desk, she told you to move them; if you walked on the wrong side of the sidewalk, she would grab you and pull you to the other side. If you smacked your gum or left your tray on a Lenoir table, she gave you the point of her umbrella.

She shocked students who ran into her for the first time. They would talk for days about the "70-year-old lady" who had accosted them, calling her a tyrant, a meddling old lady, or worse.

Her columns in this paper have touched nearly every facet of student life on this campus in the past several years. Her final, and perhaps most perceptive column appeared in last week's Tar Heel.

It was in this column that a 74-year-old lady told the people of this community, "Now I realize there has been change, from the time of Moses, the Apostles, George Washington on through to the present."

She was speaking of the current trend among many college males towards growing long hair.

"There are many male students on the campus with beautiful hair," she wrote. However, reprimanding students who had gotten out of line she said, "some should be ordered to wash their hair, take a bath and put on some clean clothes."

She continued to admonish those who felt "there should never be any changes," some of whom hadn't spoken to her since she supported long hair, as "juvenile."

Such was Otelia Connor. She was a beautiful lady who took her time to try to improve the lives and actions of others.

Above all else it may be said that she cared for us, for all of us.

All who knew her, loved her and will feel the loss brought by her absence. Indeed, the entire university community has suffered a loss. Her son and daughter will be joined by her 15,000 other children in mourning her death.

In her memory we hope the students of this university will ponder the wise piece of advice with which she ended her last column:

"Let us all, students and adults, grow into maturity, and be ready to accept the next period of change around the corner."

## Saga Changes?

There is a new manager of the food service. Apparently Saga Food Service didn't feel that Troy O'Brien was doing the type of job they wanted so they replaced him with Ted Young.

However, don't expect much to change except for the name of the manager. Saga is still solely interested in making as large a profit as they can.

With the only goal of a company being money many factors get ignored—like the workers. In all likelihood Saga is still planning to rid themselves of the burden of permanent, unionized workers, regardless of the effects upon the lives of the workers.

We hope their new approach includes some consideration of the workers. If the new Saga manager is willing to give the workers a decent job with reasonable hours he has nothing to fear from this student body.

However, if Ted Young expects to open the food service next year without the workers then he can also expect to be put out of business shortly thereafter.

## Splices On Things In General

Erica Myer

Just some thoughts on the state of things in general—

I was reading "Ebony" the other day and noticed a certain paradox. All editorials and stories point to the necessary and admirable ideal of black dignity. But much of the advertising proclaims the virtues of skin bleaches and hair straighteners.

Perhaps it's like the Southern newspapers which occasionally editorialize against the evils of the demon rum and run full page ads about the glories of certain brands of beer and booze.

That's where the money is.

I trust summer newcomers will forgive me as I give some credit to the Spanish Department. This is handed out in light of an unflattering editorial I wrote last semester.

Don't misunderstand, the position I took earlier still holds—there should be no more than two semesters of language required. But, despite my saying that and other uncomplimentary things (and despite the equally uncomplimentary letters I received from one of the instructors in that department in return) the grade I received at the end of last semester was a hard-earned but honestly-given C.

Thanks sincerely, Dey Hall. Only one more semester, hopefully, and we'll be done with each other.

There's a new guide to colleges out. It's called "College Confidential" and is a breezy, flip summary of how to get in to college, how to stay in and how to enjoy life while there. It also includes a rundown on various colleges and universities.

Chapel Hill is the only link on the Consolidated University

chain to receive its own separate section, but a couple of others are mentioned, if unflatteringly, in the last paragraph of the UNC description.

The book claims that girls who want to be "teachers go to Greensboro," that "engineers, tree tappers and shop teachers go to Raleigh" and that "the cream of North Carolina and an even creamier crop of outsiders end up at Chapel Hill."

Legislators who would increase out of state tuition, take notice.

"We came in peace for all mankind."

Let's hope so. If man can do this—stand upon the moon, touch a celestial body for the first time since the universe began—then he can also change the slums, feed the starving, make the deserts fertile, create harmony between the races and give mankind peace down here, too—can't he?

Teddy Kennedy made a bad mistake.

He gave a girl a ride home from a party.

Even if that is all it turns out to be—and I hope it is—the rose will still smell like a stinkweed, name or no name.

Because Miss Mary Jo Koepche is dead.

The Kennedys are a long suffering family. And this is no help. In one dark night, Ted Kennedy may have lost the presidency.

Whatever the final verdict is, people from cab drivers to corporation executives are drawing their own conclusions and few of them are favorable.

Not long ago, Ted Kennedy had the 1972 Democratic nomination all sewed up, whether he wanted it or not—and all indications were that he wanted it. But, people

don't like their idols, their restorers of Camelot, to have clay feet.

Therefore, he may now have trouble being re-elected in Massachusetts.

Kennedys do not make a practice of loosing. The only contests lost have been John Kennedy's try for the 1956 vice-presidential nomination and Robert Kennedy's defeat in the Oregon primary. A loss in Massachusetts, on home territory, could do Ted Kennedy's political career permanent damage.

He made things much more difficult for himself. Now Senator Edward Kennedy will have to do it the hard way. He's a capable, intelligent and well-known man. But, he blew

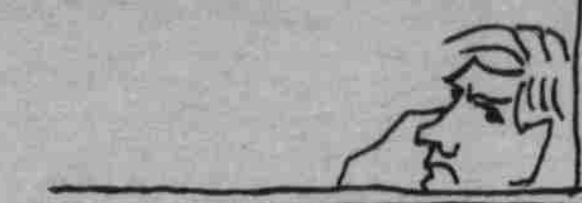
his cool and may have lost everything on a Chappaquiddick bridge one dark night.

And after his statement the saddest question in Kennedy admirers' minds is "If Ted can't fully explain a car accident, if he is that thrown by a relatively everyday occurrence, can he handle the presidency?"

Nevertheless, the Kennedy name and the Kennedy mystic lives, it's wounded, but it lives—for now.

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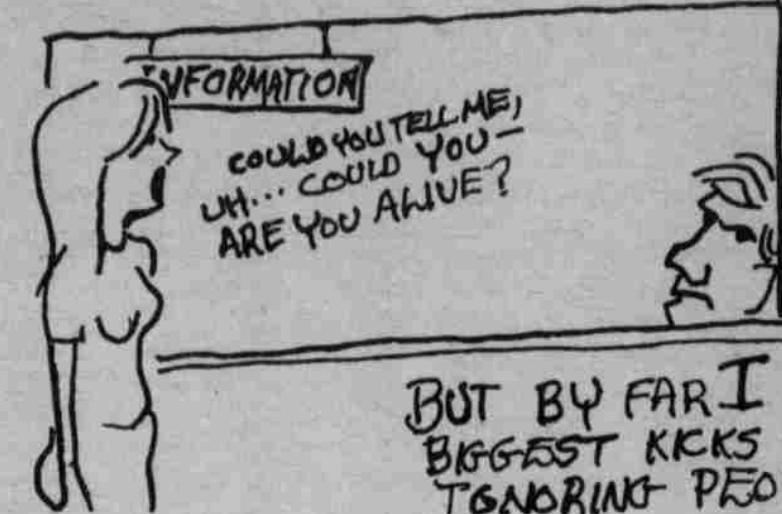


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Ken Ripley

## Soul Food For The Summer—A Letter

(This is the fourth installment of a five-part letter written Easter, 1969)

Up to now, family, everything I have talked about is something that has been done for us or without our control. God created His plan for us; we were born into separation and are unable to pay for it; and Christ has canceled the debt and give us access to God and to new life. But now we must look at our own individual response to God's bridging the separation between Him and us.

The Bible tells us that God's atonement for us and breaking down of our separation was a gift. Paul writes, in Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast." In the verse that talks about the wages of sin, Romans 5:8, it adds, "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Herein lies what it means to be a Christian—to accept God's gift, Jesus Christ.

A Christian is not a person who is better than other people, but a person who has something they don't. But Christ died for all men and paid for all our sins, once for all. Man's response, since he could not himself come close to God, must be to accept that gift, not to just look at the gift and admit that it is there. We cannot, we dare not, confuse acquiescence with acceptance.

A good example of what it means to accept Christ is something that happened while we were watching one of our ill-fated basketball games on television. Someone came in with a bucket of chicken that he had bought for all of us. When he passed it around, we took a piece if we wanted one. Although he had bought it for everyone, we had to take some if we wanted to share in the benefits of eating chicken. Likewise, we can know that Christ died for us, but if we don't accept that gift, we cannot share the results. We will remain separated.

Becoming a Christian, accepting Christ, is not something that can be done for

us. We are not born into a relationship with Christ; nor are we baptized or confirmed into a relationship. Other people cannot decide for us. Becoming a Christian means personal commitment to God; it means giving up our lives to God through faith in Christ.

Becoming a Christian means a decision and involves action. Love involves action. Christ died for us in love. We accept Him in an act of love. God gave us free-will, because He wants us to voluntarily love Him, to want to be with Him. The Bible describes how to become a Christian in John 1:12, "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

Being a Christian is not easy. It is hard to be a Christian, a true follower of Christ. It means a sacrifice of ego to God, not just once but a thousand times. It means letting God rule your life, controlling you. Being a Christian involves a new way of life. A Christian accepts Christ, like Thomas did, as "My Lord and my God." Christ is not only our Savior, but our Master. We

can be reconciled with God in an instant, but it means living with Him forever.

Colossians 2:6 says, "As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him." A decision to accept Christ is not a light one, to be made in fun. It involves being honest both with ourselves and with God. We must want to become

Christians, and we must want to live as Christians in a world that is basically non-Christian.

To those people who want to become Christians, Revelation 3:20 illustrates what it means to accept Him into your life: "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and

he with me." When we accept Christ, we open the door of our hearts to him—we invite him into our hearts through personal invitation, through prayer. We don't fall into Christianity; we pray to God, asking Christ to come into our lives and to take over, admitting our need of Him and desiring what He was to give us.

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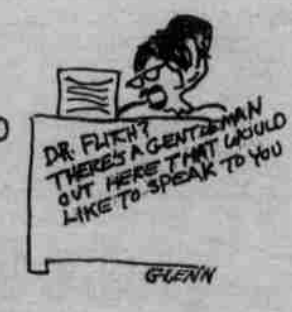
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## To The Editor

As a student at Carolina in 1966, I remember seeing a letter in the Daily Tar Heel from servicemen in Vietnam who wanted pen-pals at U.N.C. I have a pen-pal in India, who has asked me to help him find pen-pals in the United States for some of his friends, most of whom are students in the universities. I am enclosing his list of names and addresses, which also gives ages and hobbies. If you can print this list, perhaps some of the students in Chapel Hill would like to build a little international understanding through personal correspondence with these students in India.

Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
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