

Linder To Speak On Euler's Cipher

Professor Arthur Linder will address the Statistics Colloquium on Monday, December 2, on "A Cipher of Euler's."

A cipher is a kind of mathematical puzzle or code, and cryptograms—writings in a cipher—appear in newspapers and magazines today to challenge the ingenuity of readers. In the eighteenth century, such puzzles enjoyed great popularity in the courts of Europe, both for popular enjoyment and for the very serious purpose of communicating secret political messages, and people were retained by royalty for the purpose of inventing and deciphering these codes and puzzles.

In the year 1744, the famous Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler, writing from Berlin to

Christian Goldbach, who had been in the employ of Catherine the Empress of Russia at St. Petersburg, posed a cryptogram to him for solution. It is not known whether or not Goldbach solved Euler's cipher, but many mathematicians have attempted it in later years without success. Not long ago when a committee of mathematicians was organizing the collected works of Euler for publication, a prize was set for the solution of this unsolved cipher. Professor Linder and a mathematician colleague, Professor P. Speziali, accepted the challenge and deciphered it. Professor Linder will describe the cipher and their method of solution, which was based on statistical methodology, at the Colloquium Lecture.

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to his visit October 12, 1961, the other Presidential visitors to the UNC campus were James K. Polk in 1847, James Buchanan in 1859, Andrew Johnson in 1867, and Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938.

The Kennedy visit brought but the largest contingent of press representatives ever to cover a news event in North Carolina—over 300 newspaper, radio, TV and magazine and wire service people came.

These were given press kits, citing the schedule and who's who for the day—plus special pamphlets welcoming the press, and apologizing for the short shrift given to newspapermen when they came to Chapel Hill 102 years previously, in 1859.

It was entitled "An Apology and a Welcome to the Press Covering the Visit of President Kennedy to Chapel Hill."

A subtitle was "A Mere Oversight."

It read, in part: "The University of North Carolina offers belated but sincere apologies to 22 newspaper correspondents who were not accorded our usual red carpet reception when they visited Chapel Hill in June of 1859 at the time President James Buchanan was an honored guest at Commencement."

"By modern standards of press relations, the journalists following the President in his travels received (let's face it) pretty shabby treatment. We hope on this day, October 12, 1961, to make up for the mistakes of 102 years ago.

"In justice to University officials and Commencement marshals of 1859, not much was known here in those days about care and feeding and vital helpfulness to visiting journalists.

"President Kemp Plummer Battle in his History of the University of North Carolina explained it as "a mere oversight."

"A reporter for the New York Herald complained that no one made arrangements for newspapermen to obtain food. No hotel or room reservations were made for them. No one offered a table or vantage point for witnessing the events.

"A Raleigh news man was even more vehement. He described the awful ride of the press corps from Durham to Chapel Hill. A fine carriage transported the President's party. But the 22 newsmen were loaded in an alleged "passenger coach," actually a converted wagon without springs. The trip was rough and bumpy, and the vehicle traveled at the speed of two miles an hour—six hours to make the 12 miles journey to Chapel Hill. The reporters had to pay their own way—two dollars a head for a one-way trip."

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The Chapel Hill Weekly, issued every Sunday and Wednesday, and is entered as second-class matter February 28, 1923, at the post office at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, published by the Chapel Hill Publishing Company, Inc., is under the act of March 3, 1879.



THAT TIME AGAIN—The Christmas tree has gone up in Eastgate Shopping Center. The sight of it strikes a glow in young hearts anticipating mounds of Christmas goodies, and a slight pang of apprehension in older hearts bracing for the onslaught of the Christmas season. But

there will come a time when the shopping is all done and the house is squared away and nothing remains but to shred all that beautiful wrapping. Then suddenly the tree and its winking colored lights will have a newer, softer meaning.

—Photo by Town & Country

Merson Collects Varsity Letter

John Cox Merson, son of Martin Merson of Chapel Hill, has been awarded his varsity letter in cross country by Amherst College. Merson was one of three sophomores on the team, which ended its season last week by defeating arch-rival Williams 24-33.

As a freshman, Merson won his numerals in wrestling and crew as well as being captain of the freshman wrestling team. He also served on the Freshman Council and is currently a member of the Student Council, of which he serves as co-secretary. He was the recipient of the Gordon B. Perry Award to the freshman "in good academic standing whose participation and attitude in freshman athletics and other activities are outstanding." Merson is currently on the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance.

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Durham Recalls JFK and LBJ

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Mr. Durham recalls that Mr. Johnson once won an election by 87 votes, but because he had been calling himself Landslide Johnson, four years later the voters had forgotten the 87-vote margin and landslide landslide into office again.

Mr. Johnson is a warm, outgoing man, he said, somewhat more so than Mr. Kennedy was. He recalled that during the Truman and Eisenhower administrations "you could pick up the phone and talk to the President within two minutes." Mr. Kennedy was harder to get to. The braintrusts ("those Irish boys") "lightened up around him."

Mr. Durham will not venture an opinion on the difference between the Kennedy and the Johnson intellects. "Intellect is something you can't put your finger on," Mr. Kennedy was and Mr. Johnson is "well above the average intellect."

Sitting in a cottage behind his East Franklin Street residence, among walls coated with framed photographs of Congressional colleagues and other governmental friends ("all his anti-ques," Mrs. Durham calls these souvenirs), Mr. Durham predicted that President Kennedy would have won the election next year if he had lived.



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Cupola

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plained again that he thought the building "should present its face as originally intended."

Mr. Strowd said he favored the amendment because the railing seemed to have developed a tendency to blow down under strain.

The motion was called to a vote. Mr. Giduz, whose attention had apparently lapsed for an instant, accidentally voted for it.

Mr. LeGrand turned pink with mirth. Mrs. Walters threw back her head and laughed uproariously. Mr. Giduz quickly requested a revision of the vote. A vote by show of hands was held. Mr. Giduz was alone in voting against the amendment.

He suggested, "as a maganimous gesture," that the vote for the amendment be made unanimous.

The original motion also passed. Result: remodeling contracts were awarded to Clancy and Theys, J. T. Self Electric Co. of Durham, and Carolina Air Conditioning Co. of Durham for the heating work, all with only alternate number two, and with a ten per cent additional allowance. Mr. Peck and Mr. LeGrand will prepare a bond anticipation note for \$4,000 for presentation to the Aldermen at their next meeting. When the actual cost of the remodeling is known, a bond will be issued for that amount.

But the Board was not quite finished with the cupola problem. A few minutes later, in the course of authorizing Mr. Peck to advertise the Town's old wheelless tar kettle for sale, Lucien Faust, representing four planners attending the meeting, rose and said, "The Planners' Bench wants to suggest that it might be possible for the tar kettle to be used as a cupola."

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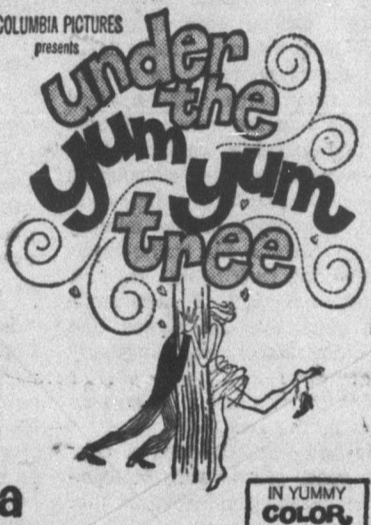


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