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Bumper Crop Of Tar Heel Eggheads
Is Needed For Our Future Freedoms

SOME good football players who go to college are students. Some good students who go to college are football players. There would seem to be a balance struck here in the public's esteem, but there is not. For it is one of the rules of education-as-usual that fame is bestowed on he who is player first and student second, while anonymity is reserved for he who is student first and player second.

Ever hear, for example, of Bob Kennel, 5-11, 181-pound N. C. State senior from New Bern? Probably not. He was on the Wolfpack grid roster last year, but not as a letterman. Kennel has been lettering for the last four years in State's toughest grid — nuclear engineering. His letter is A. And in that fact there is some comfort for the crowds who sat Saturday afternoon under the unseen spotlights and poured out their acclaim for those who are players first and students second.

There would be more comfort if there were more Kennels reading themselves for the laboratories in which the nation's destiny during the space age will be worked out. There will have to be more Bob Kennels making their letters in sciences rather than in sports if there is to be any real security in the future for any of us. For in cosmic football, the score is: Soviet Russia 2 U.S.A. 0.

BUT ISN'T it nice that State College is turning out both top scientists and elusive halfbacks? Not so nice as it seems. State is spending almost as much on football grants-in-aid this year as on non-athletic scholarships. One-hundred-and-forty-two students recruited primarily for athletic ability are getting a total of \$190,458. Six-hundred-and-nineteen students recruited or accepted for scholarship potential are receiving a total of \$190,045.

This is rather a depressing ratio in view of the fact that even before Sputnik I there were about ten jobs waiting for every scientist or engineer graduating from State. It is more than depressing in view of the fact that the Soviet graduates more than twice as many scientists and engineers each year as does the U.S. It could be shocking that Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Strauss says: "I can learn of no public high school in our country where a student (as in Russia) obtains so through a preparation in science and mathematics, even if he seeks it—even if he should be a potential Einstein."

And the threat of Soviet science has more than military implications. "Many people are afraid we will be attacked by Russia," says nuclear physicist Edward Teller, known as father of the H-bomb. "But I do not think this is the most probable way in which they will defeat us. They will advance so fast in science and leave us so far behind that their way of doing things will be so much better that there will be nothing we can do about it."

HERE IN Tarheelia, both State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are doing something about it now. Bob Kennel is lettering A in nuclear engineering because State embarked four years ago on its Talent For Service program which applies, in a sense, the techniques of football recruiting to a search for scholars. State creates the demand for its graduates. It found that approximately two-thirds of the valedictorians and salutatorians of the state's high schools were receiving no higher education. Twenty-eight of these were granted \$500 scholarships the first year. There are 90 in this year's group, but the amount of the scholarships is less. The Talent For Service program could well use more and larger scholarships. Still the progress should not be discounted. Just a few years ago, State was spending about three times as much on athletic grants-in-aid as on purely academic scholarships.

At Chapel Hill, UNC has been selected for the second straight year by the National Science Foundation to take

part in a national program of training high school science and mathematics teachers. The University was awarded a grant of \$266,800 to train 50 high school teachers in the latest techniques of instructing sciences and mathematics. A basic purpose of the program is to help high school teachers encourage greater interest among students in these subjects and to prepare them better for higher education in them. This purpose results from the fact that UNC is better fixed in the matter of capable facilities and good facilities than it is in promising students to whom they can be assigned. "It may seem a long way," UNC observes, "from the end objective of producing more scientists to awakening the interest of high school pupils in math and sciences. But it is a genuine purpose, nevertheless, to start a chain reaction that will produce the needed scientists. Many investigators in education feel that the first step in creating the interest of pupils in any subject is to have a good teacher who can thrill and rouse in the pupils the wish to follow a certain avenue of knowledge."

UNC, INCIDENTALLY, has about \$6 to spend on non-athletic scholarships for each \$1 spent on athletic grants-in-aid. It, too, has its Bob Kennels who are quietly lettering A's in the sciences while the crowds are cheering it up for the heroes in the stadium.

None of this is meant to suggest that football fever is the cause of America's dangerous intellectual ailment. The cure need not lie in athletic de-emphasis but it must lie in intellectual re-emphasis. It could be argued, in fact, that alumni contributions to collegiate football machines actually prime the pump for contributions to more fruitful endeavor. The Kenan family that built Kenan Stadium at Chapel Hill poured considerably more money into the Kenan professors than enable UNC to supplement the salaries of its most valuable faculty members and thereby keep them in Carolina classrooms.

THE glorification of brawn over brains, however, is a symptom of the nation's scientific deficiencies. And money alone will not remove the deficiencies. The basic trouble is that intellectual pursuits simply are not well regarded in the U.S. More than occasionally they are the object of suspicion or ridicule.

The President of the U.S., for example, has defined an intellectual as "a man who talks more than he knows." The Postmaster General once assured a political audience that the President was making "good progress in rooting out the eggheads who, needless to say, are now being rooted right back in again. Commenting on Hemingway's Old Man and the Sea, former Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey wondered "why anyone would be interested in some old man who was a failure."

THE scientific mastery the U.S. must have tomorrow depends on the encouragement and attention given its budding scientists of today. It depends on a radical and voluntary rearrangement of America's intellectual attitudes. For a free society cannot consist of teachers and order the interests of its students as Soviet Russia does and remain free.

Says Dr. Teller: "Those of our children who get really interested (in the sciences) should be given an opportunity to go ahead and go much further. We should see to it that they are appreciated in their schools, not only by their teachers but by their fellow students. This is not undemocratic."

"I would like to leave you with this single idea: That science is amusing, that it is absolutely necessary for the survival of the free world, and that science of the future is very squarely in your hands."

THAT'S a good place to leave it—adding a Monday morning cheer for Bob Kennel and all the other anonymous members of his team who are lettering A's in science.

Babbity Revisited: America's New Boom In Buncombe

By JAMES T. FARRELL

Editors' Note: This article is an indictment of America's "swelling indigestion of complacency" as from the Amloch Review. Novelist Farrell is best known for his "Suds Lorian" trilogy, written in the 1930s.

IN THE 1930s some American writers wielded a power in the land which no writer today possesses. They were voices, rousing the best of a generation, driving many members of the press and the rabbi on the defensive, morally and psychologically; they posed the prob-

lem of what at least a temporary victory would be. Buncombe lost some of its market value about two decades. But now that value is higher than ever. The real market value of buncombe today is fabulous as compared to what it was in the '30s. And buncombe itself is different. In those years of our militant youth, buncombe was literary, earnest, respectable, dull.

NATION UNPREPARED

Never in history was a nation as rich and as powerful as America at the end of the last war; but also never in history was a nation as unprepared for its historic role. Then and now, there was posed for America the question—propose within the category of proper investigation and debate to assess that America is not learning sufficiently.

No reasonable person would dispute the historical fact that business has made a contribution to American development. And almost no one in America wants to take business away from business men, but until they change and learn in new fields, business men have many areas of incompetence and blindness.

Few of them ever seem to master politics. Business men in politics frequently have as much capacity to put their feet in their mouths as they have an ability in their fields to make money. Business is their life.

In this country, too many business men seem to have a yearning to be built up as heroes and as models in matters other than business. Many of them are capable and intelligent. I should never wish to encounter them in a lighted alley of finance, let alone a dark one. But a number of them, who cannot write a speech, will hire men to write their speeches on matters of which they know less than I do about engineering. Many of them boast, and believe it, too, that business has made America great, and they intend to have more contributions of others.

Their advertising men are reaching that point of fantastic conceit whereby they are ready to crush Khrushchev by making understandable to the world what "the people's capitalism" means.

PEACE BY PLATITUDE

These attitudes are affecting what is called American propaganda abroad. We are in danger of keeping the peace by platitude.



H. L. MENCKEN
A Belly Laugh At Boobery

lems of values, even where values were sunk out of sight in manners. This was the way in which "the liberal imagination" was expressed, even in the work of a man like Mencken, who was not a liberal.

Morally, and psychologically, the '30s was an era of individual personal revolution. The implied or stated criticisms and revelations of values in that decade cut a harder and more glaring white light on defects, misdirections and faltering trends. Many investigators in education feel that the first step in creating the interest of pupils in any subject is to have a good teacher who can thrill and rouse in the pupils the wish to follow a certain avenue of knowledge."

What was fought then has sur-

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

'Modern Republicans' Are Looking Up, Too

Hamlet
Editors, The News: THE Russians have sent two Sputniks up. In rebuttal, our government is going to send our taxes up. That's "Modern Republicanism."

PETER TWINKLE
P. S. A former Democratic Party is helping to build the launching machine.

Both Major Parties Dead In The South

Falls Church, Va.
Editors, The News: WHEN Gen. Eisenhower marched his troops down through Little Rock's Central High School in September 1957 like Gen. Sherman marched down through Georgia he definitely killed the Republican Party.

When the Democratic Senate allowed the civil rights bill, as amended, to pass in September of the 1957 session it killed the Democratic Party in the South.

When the Democrats of the South allowed FDR to persuade them to give up their veto rights in party nominations they ceased to mean anything in party councils.

Southern members of Congress oppose the formation of a new party in the South as it would settle their seniority on com-

mittee assignments. Does this really mean much to the average voter?

Others, mostly opportunists, are trying to form a new party and Gov. Faubus is taking bows. Is the real Jeffersonian Democrat? After the next Democratic convention is too late to form the party.

J. CLYDE NESOM

Has Our Civilization Advanced So Far?

Charlotte
Editors, The News: CIVILIZATION has not advanced very far when a person can be fired from his job because he does not belong to some union or because he refuses to pay dues to a union. Every free-born citizen has a right to join or not to join whatever he pleases.

And civilization has not advanced very far when our courts can force race-mixing in our schools, when innocent people can be convicted in our courts, and sent to prison. I have heard prosecuting attorneys in court and on the TV screen, trying to convict the accused, and calling them murderers, thieves, criminals and all kinds of names, before they were proven guilty by a jury. Many innocent persons have been convicted by circumstantial evidence and sent to prison.

We have many kinds of laws which take away our liberties, and more laws are made every day by states and by Congress. Some of them are contrary to the constitution.

PARKS A. YANDLE

I fear that we are in for possibly the biggest inspirational drive in history. It is called the People to People Program, and it was inaugurated by the President at a White House conference. The aim of this gigantic effort is to tell the truth about Africa and to correct the lies and distortions of Communist propaganda.

'PEOPLE'S CAPITALISM'

This is to be achieved by private citizens organized in committees which will deal with almost every phase of American life from an understandable reposition of "the people's capitalism" to stamp collections.

What values will "P. P. P. Inc." convey? What ideas? What views? And will this be a foreign policy? And do we have to

have all these committees and this big boom in inspiration to prove that the Russian leaders are just plain liars?

NEW PLUTOCRACY

History is changing fast. The Hungarians do not want postcards from America. The French do not either. What some nations want is leadership from the United States. Others want games of power politics.

I fear that new plutocracy, the hucksters, the new class of brain trusters, platitude-heads instead of eggheds are hot bent, not for leather, but merely to organize the world's most pampered freedom campaign.

I put the moral in the form of a question: Do we have a sense of humor, a means of retaining a

sense of balance? Once upon a time, there was a wonderful sense of humor in America.

Ours is the spirit of the '20s suffering from large triumphant and swelling indigestion of complacency. Indigestion is dangerous.

SICK OF PROPAGANDA

The world is not a Salvation Army project. It is a form world full of people. And the world is growing sick of propaganda.

If we are capable of learning as a people, we had better start in now. For we have a serious role to perform. This role is to contribute a dynamic example of freedom, the most meaningful way of life available for man. We cannot play this role with gimmicks: We must play it with ideas.

'Yessiree! Two Heads Are Better'n One, Ol' Buddy-Boy'



Ike Rides Two Horses

Reassurance Vs. Austerity

By DORIS FLEESON

new Eisenhower program. Notably, they do not include any form of the school construction bill which narrowly failed last year.

OBSSIVE FEAR

The truth is that the President and certain of his close advisers have a tenacious and obsessive fear of anything in the way of federal action which might impair local responsibility and control. It is going to be difficult

for them to accept the implications of federal action in the field of education, just as it has in the past.

Repeatedly, in his speech the President stressed the role of the citizen. "The biggest part of the task is in your hands," he said at one point.

Unquestionably this reluctance to make so great a break with the American past as the program to undertake the Soviets implies will be shared widely by members of Congress. It only makes it the more necessary for the President to arouse the country to the situation and attitudes regarding education which brought it to its present pass.

DIXIE'S OPPOSITION

Another area where any presidential fuzziness would have dire effects is among educators. They have struggled long and hard to arouse the country to the situation and attitudes regarding education which brought it to its present pass.

In the period the educators themselves have become committed to various programs and methods. They will not give up their pet projects easily. For example, many can be expected to demand revival of school construction plans.

The bill lost before in part due to southern opposition aroused by the integration struggle. That opposition seems certain to be increased by the remarkable that the administration seems to be shying away from it in the next go-round.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Will He Bite The Bullet?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
A club at Middletown, Pa., might have created a serious racial incident the other day, but good sense on the part of two officers patched things up.

The incident occurred when Maj. George Acheson, commander of Olmstead Air Force Base, slugged a Negro officer, Capt. John W. Read.

'Stop The Game'

Officers on active duty had gathered for what they called a "dimmy" drink which consisted of dinner, drinking and recreation. The recreation consisted chiefly of a dice game.

Capt. Read kept stopping the dice game. As the dice were rolled, he kept calling, "stop the game." Thus, under the rules, he had a right to do three times on each point, as long as the dice were

actually in motion and had not come to a stop.

Acheson Objects

Gen. Acheson, no relation to the former secretary of state, seemed to think that Read was slugging him. He was also calling out after the dice had come to a stop so that he could see what they favored him. He was putting his hand over the dice. Acheson told Capt. Read to quit obstructing the game.

The Negro captain made some remark that his money was in the game, too.

Stern Warning

Finally the commanding officer walked round the table and told Capt. Read to "stop the game." "Now look, I have told you two or

three times not to do that. You have been covering the dice with your hands and that's cheating. If I have to tell you once more . . ."

Capt. Read muttered under his breath, "Bull . . . general."

Without further ceremony, the general slugged the captain.

Read Refuses To Talk

Captain Read, when queried, refused to admit that the incident took place. He said Gen. Acheson has a good record and he would say nothing to hurt his career.

Gen. Acheson was asked: "We understand there was a dining-in affair at Olmstead on Nov. 6."

"Yep," he replied. "And that it consisted of dinner, drinking and recreation in the form of a dice game."

Air Force General Slugs Negro Officer

"Yep," was the general's frank reply. "And we learned that you hit and knocked down Capt. John W. Read."

"No, I bounced one off his chin."

Racial Incident Avoided

The general then described the incident quite frankly, admitted both had been drinking but were not drunk, explained that it was the remark, "Bull . . . general," which got him sore. He said that Read had come around the next day and apologized. The general told him to forget about it. Acheson described it as a "dimmy" officer.

Both officers have good records. Of course, craps and liquor can sometimes mess up a record, but it's a tribute to relations in the Air Force that an incident of this kind could take place without arousing racial passions.

THE INVISIBLE MONSTER

THE hidden persuaders of the advertising world have come out of hiding. You can see them in action, not with your eye but with your old reliable subliminal sub-controllable subconscious. The Subliminal Projection Company of Manhattan is now capable of showing unseen advertising messages on movie and television screens in 1/3000th-of-a-second flashes. During a six-week experiment with this device in a New Jersey theater, unknown guinea pigs (the profs cannot have regarded them as human) purchased 18 per cent more Coca-Cola and 57 per cent more popcorn.

The inventor defends his demon by suggesting that it may do away with long annoying commercials. Who would have thought a day could come when we would find their blatancy preferable!

It does not take a Casper Milquetoast

to see in this new device another giant step toward the robotization of man. Its brainwashing possibilities are so obvious that even its inventor recommends immediate controls. Massive retaliation seems to be in order. We have drawn up a little list, in which the monster is universalized: Don't go to movies. Turn off TV. Buy no brands that do not display a "No Subliminal Projection Advertising" affidavit . . . Plan a down payment on some sort of Walden Pond.

There are other items on the list, but in the immediate perplexity that follows the announcement of this nearly ultimate weapon it is important to recall that the advertising world has had us on the verge of this for some time. The race has surged all previous manipulative devices. Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. And a rage of resistance.