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### A Time To Criticize, But . . .

We will be the first to admit that our basketball team leaves a great deal to be desired, and within a few issues we will fully explore the problem. But a related matter has arisen (not unexpectedly) which makes us wonder just what a "loyal" supporter is.

When the team returned from the

Wake Forest debacle Wednesday night, they were greeted by an effigy of Coach Dean Smith swaying in the breeze outside Woolen Gym. A few students were across the street sitting on the wall in front of Winston Hall, and no one else was in sight.

The effigy was torn down by the team captain before Coach Smith arrived, and when Bill Cunningham inquired of the spectators just who was responsible not a sound was to be heard.

To protest a bad basketball club is one thing, but to do it in such a cowardly, underhanded manner is another. This form of protest is as worthless as any we can think of, and we hope there will not be a repeat performance in the future.

### Our Weekly Awards

**MAN OF THE WEEK:** Dan K. Moore, who yesterday outlined a program which should bring the state to its highest level in history, and which promised to continue the excellent work done by outgoing governor Terry Sanford.

**LIZARD OF THE WEEK:** Whoever got beaten 107-85 by Wake Forest.

In today's DTH a letter criticizing the team appears. The two students who affixed their names to this letter make an excellent point, and their criticism should be carefully considered by the team.

They also have the fortitude to come into the open to air their grievances, and have selected the most widely-distributed forum on campus to do so.

A related matter is criticism of the team in general.

**LOSERS OF THE WEEK:** Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.), Rep. Albert Watson (S.C.) and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, all of whom got their just desserts in Washington early in the week.

We hope the future gripes will be confined to constructive, logical thought, and we will certainly devote any number of column-inches to this discussion. (Despite the charges of some of our more illustrative enemies, we do not suppress letters to the editors).

**FINANCIAL KILLING OF THE WEEK:** By Raleigh businessmen, who saw their town filled (by the inauguration) for the first time since Gen. Sherman's army visited April 13, 1865.

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### Jim Light - SG's "Forgotten Man"

In recent years, it has almost been axiomatic that the Treasurer of the Student Body annually becomes "the forgotten man" in the realm of UNC student government. Lest anyone forget, therefore, we take this opportunity to lead a deserved round of enthusiastic applause for Jim Light, who currently occupies that neglected office.

When Jim Light ran for treasurer last spring, he promised that he would, if elected, be a treasurer first and a politician second. He didn't hem and haw; he just asked for votes so that he could serve the University which had grown to mean very much to him.

scientific approach to his job have contributed much to the psychological stability of Student Government this year, and his excellence in the performance of his duties has been the foundation for a continuation of the financial stability which Student Government has long enjoyed.

Jim got his mandate, and he has fulfilled his promise. He has been an exemplary treasurer, demanding careful accounting on the part of the myriad of agencies which consume the \$180,000 annual budget of Student Government. He has kept a close eye on agencies which have shown a tendency to be lax with their funds, and has employed his pleasant forcefulness to bring errant groups back into line. He has been scrupulous in attending to the duties of his office, spending long hours in consultation with the accountants in the Student Activities Fund office in order to keep the financial wheels of Student Government turning smoothly.

The backbone of any sound organization is its stability, financial and otherwise. Jim Light's personality and con-

### A Good Choice

The selection of H. P. (Pat) Taylor Jr. of Wadesboro as Speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives appears to be the first of several hoped-for signs of progress and forethought by the new General Assembly.

Taylor was picked by a House Democrat caucus Friday, and since the Democrats have 106 of the 120 House seats, his nomination is tantamount to election.

He lost no time in expressing a positive outlook to the group, saying first that he wants the 1965 General Assembly to work quickly and efficiently. Noting that it costs \$5,600 a day for the legislature to meet, Taylor called for a fast start and an early adjournment.

Taylor also encouraged his colleagues to be prepared to introduce legislation immediately so that even the first day of the session won't be wasted. There is certainly room for improvement—last year only four bills were introduced on opening day.

Finally, the new Speaker says he intends to increase the number of committees but to reduce their size, thus giving further impetus to speedy action.

All of these ideas seem to indicate that the General Assembly will be headed by two excellent people—Bob Scott will preside over the Senate—and that the body will get down to work with vengeance. The people of North Carolina have a right to expect nothing less.

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## PEARSON: THE MAN ON THE CARROUSEL

By DAVID ROTHMAN  
DTH Columnist

WASHINGTON D.C. — "How many garbage pails must a person empty to be called a garbage man?"

So wondered Judge Everett Hoop of the Superior Court in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Judge was referring to columnist Drew Pearson, who recently started a \$175,000 libel suit against G. W. Snedden, publisher of the Fairbanks News-Miner.

Snedden in an editorial had called Pearson "the garbage man of the fourth estate."

How many garbage pails must a person empty?

The 66-year-old columnist should know the answer to that question. Since beginning his column in 1932, he has tangled with everybody — from Presidents downward.

Pearson's "Washington Merry-Go-Round" is published in 160 papers, including the Raleigh News and Observer, where it appears daily on the editorial page. He is America's most widely syndicated political columnist — and perhaps its most controversial one also.

Newsweek says that his writings are more closely followed in Washington than any others because:

1) Congressmen wonder if he has anything on them, or (2) They wonder if he has anything on their opponents.

Love Drew Pearson or hate him, but don't underestimate his influence.

Pearson's writing sometimes appears hastily done, even somewhat disorganized. Yet his prose is vivid and expressive. Maybe too expressive. A recent column began: "Two lame duck Congressmen made a sure Santa Claus don't forget them."

Pearson being Pearson, he went on to give the names. Then he listed several other representatives with families on the government payroll.

Another specialty of Pearson's is the reporting of unnecessary Congressional tax laws abroad.

Most likely, his eagle eye on Washington officialdom has proved to be his best source of public praise and admiration.

At times, Pearson himself comes news. "Never one to duck a fight," people say when discussing him in Washington.

In fact, in December 1950, Pearson actually got into a fist fight with Joseph McCarthy, the controversial junior senator from Wisconsin.

A more prosaic bout involved McCarthy's libel suit — followed the incident as Pearson had been taunting McCarthy with questions about his tax difficulties.

Tax difficulties and other personal problems of Congressmen — that's another area covered by "inside-dopester" Pearson.

During the recent campaign, Pearson reported that one Farley Goldwater's sons had been seen at a California night-club.

The elder Goldwater was campaigning against alleged immorality in American life, and Pearson

appeared anxious to relate the son's personal tastes to his father's speeches.

Pearson's VIP watching is done with the assistance of a two-man staff. An associate, Jack Anderson, writes "Washington Merry-Go-Round" when Pearson himself does lengthy research for the column. (Pearson, however, usually does the writing.)

Pearson probably has more accuracy in his articles than of other political Washington scribes. But don't believe the statement that "his quiet, almost retiring personality shows no trace of the hard-boiled reporter."

His statement appears on the dust jacket of "U.S.A. — Second Class Post Office" a book which Pearson and Anderson wrote shortly after Russia had orbited its first Sputnik.

"U.S.A. — Second Class Post Office" shows Pearson at his best. It shows that his "inside dope" can be both logical and convincing when he does not work under the pressure of a daily deadline. "Washington Merry-Go-Round" is a mixture of one or two generally known facts with a dose of anti-Soviet

### The Law And The Layman

The Washington Star

**THE OCCASIONS OF JUSTICE, Essays Mostly on Law.** By Charles I. Black, Jr. 213 pp. (The Macmillan Co., \$5.)

The layman — unfairly perhaps — is a mixture of lawyers as men whose mission in life is to raise confusions and invent obfuscations rather than to put them to rest.

Charles I. Black, Jr., Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale, is interested in the second activity. Most often he brings order out of chaos by eliminating irrelevances and reducing the ranges. Sometimes he produces the same effect by demonstrating that a debate is taking place within artificially narrow bounds.

A majority of the essays in "The Occasions of Justice" are on the problems of segregation. Almost all of them have been published before, and we are moving so rapidly in this area that they already have acquired a faint aroma of history.

Nevertheless, the magnificent clarity of the thought is still impressive and important.

Merry-Go-Round" often ap-

peals more to emotion than to reason, and most readers judge Pearson solely on the basis of the column.

Pearson's book also shows that he is at times constructive, not just a professional jangler. His concern with human welfare goes far beyond his helping to send turkey dimers last Christmas to the poor of Mississippi.

Bucking bureaucracy, he is active abroad. He organized in 1951 a group to start an active "friendship" penetration of the Iron Curtain.

Balloons containing "freedom pamphlets" were sent aloft from a West German plane in a field. Winds blew the balloons eastward into Communist Czechoslovakia.

The pamphlets did not openly advocate revolution. Rather, they were intended merely to convince the Czechoslovaks that "the people of the West had not forgotten them."

In 1949, before the first balloons had been launched, Pravda told its readers: "The Pearson news booklet is a mixture of one or two generally known facts with a dose of anti-Soviet

The opinion of the Communist press did not change soon after 200 million of Pearson's pamphlets reached the people of Eastern Europe.

Believe it or not, Pearson was named Father of the Year in 1948. Since then, he has received other honors from groups assailing him for the proverbial eagle eye he keeps on Congressmen and the way they use public funds.

Many of Pearson's detractors say he is a spokesman for the Democratic party, as well as one for the integrationists (at all times.)

I've followed Pearson's column for three years. During this time, I've seen Pearson criticize Congressmen of both parties. Indeed, he is said to have aggravated President Kennedy, and he does not always place the current administration in a favorable light.

I've also read columns in which Pearson suggested that part of the integration movement might be under Communist influence.

Drew Pearson has angered many important people. With his flamboyant prose, he has damaged many reputations, perhaps too many. But he has done so simply as a curious reporter "interested in a story only for a story's sake."

### UNC Isn't A Finishing School, Chancellor Sharp Says

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Dr. Baroff seems to have hit the nail on the head in "College Students Must Take Risks." In fact, I think I even heard Dr. Sharp say, "ouch," despite the non-time-of-day of Lenior Hall.

When I first heard of Dr. Sharp's remarks on wearers of dirty socks, last month, I thought he might have been quoted out of context. However, the reprinting of his speech in Tuesday's DTH showed that the remark about the dirty socked men was in keeping with the tenor of much of his speech.

Dr. Sharp appears not to want to make UNC a finish school for "Carolina gentlemen," yet he and Dr. Baroff seem to be in disagreement as to how to avoid such an eventuality.

The DTH has offered much stimulation in the reprinting of these two articles, but my sympathies are hoped for those of much of the student body do not, at present, lie with Dr. Sharp. But Dr. Baroff's article is for a rebuttal, and it is my hope that the DTH can coax Dr. Sharp to give one.

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### Loan Sharks May Find Future Tough

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Commercial lending to college students forced to borrow to pay their education bills has now become big business — and, in some cases, a nasty, vicious business.

President Johnson is now struggling with the final form of a highly-touted 1965 education program. Federal help to needy students will be a major part of the final package.

The wonder is that the Presidential Commission on Consumer Interests, headed by Mrs. Esther Peterson, has not pushed the outrageous interest and other charges now being paid by some unwitting students.

Mrs. Peterson is not unaware of the problem. She wrote a letter in September to Dr. Francis Keppel, Commissioner of the Office of Education, about "the need for public disclosure of the interest rates on some commercial loans for college education."

As a result of her letter, Dr. Keppel's office hopes to bring out a pamphlet sometime next month warning parents and students about "feedback" lending agencies. A few of these, according to testimony given Congress based on a 1962 study, collect interest and other charges at an effective annual rate of up to 50 per cent. It is, of course, strictly legal.

The curious thing is the long time it has taken for Mrs. Peterson, the Office of Education, and the colleges and universities themselves to get around to the billing of students who are to be best a path to the finance companies. As long ago as last February, Sen. Vance, then a Democrat, was making speeches on the floor of the Senate, warning against "the shocking development" of runaway interest rates on college student loans.

Not only that, but a good many private colleges and their smaller resources are unwittingly allies of the loan companies. They funnel needy students into the outstretched arms of the loan companies without reading the fine print. In some cases, smaller colleges use the loan companies as bill collecting and accounting agencies.

If the President proposes a strict Federal guarantee of commercial loans to students, the interest rate could be set at 6 to 6 1/2 per cent. It is charged by the most reputable commercial lenders.

Several variants of a government guarantee program have been discussed in the White House. An outside public opinion poll, with government control of the board of directors, might be set up to make and administer a revolving fund. Or the President might recommend direct Federal loans on a subsidy program with Uncle Sam picking up part of the interest cost.

But the sudden interest of Mrs. Peterson and the Office of Education is good evidence that education loans are now (famously) being recognized as big business.

Last fall, for example, more than one million new students started college for the first time in history. The total college and university student population by next fall will be close to 5 1/2 million. Rising college enrollment means rising costs. Fully one-half of these students live on campus or all of their bills by borrowing.

The cost of going to a "public" (state university or land grant college) institution has doubled since pre-war and will double again by 1980, to an estimated \$2,000 a year per student. Private colleges cost vastly more.

President Johnson has these statistics at his fingertips, and his new plan will undoubtedly end interest-rate gouging.

But so profitable has the student loan business become that two of the largest finance companies engaging in it — Household Finance and the nationwide finance company called C. I. T. — have informed Sen. Hartke that they will back a plan of government guarantees covering repayment of their loans. Even though this would drastically reduce the effective rate of interest and other charges, these huge finance companies would apparently still turn a nice profit at 6 1/2 per cent.

On the other hand, a straight Federal loan program (as opposed to a guarantee program) would cut them out of the business altogether.

### All Quiet On Front In Darien

By ART BUCHWALD

WASHINGTON — It is probably dangerous to admit that I have friends who live in Darien, Conn., the upper-class community which has taken such beating in the news recently over its teenage drinking scandal.

Most residents have suffered from the publicity, but not everyone. My friends have a young son named Michael, whom they sent off to boarding school. At first he was treated just another wayward kid by his schoolmates and given the typical freshman treatment.

But then Darien broke into the headlines as a "sin city." Things suddenly picked up for the boy. He became a big man overnight. Many older boys who were giving Mike the cold shoulder tried to become his friends, so they would be invited to Darien for the holidays. His roommate even canceled a trip to Hawaii so he could go home with my friend's son.

Michael was sought after by the best clubs and invited to work on the school newspaper. He wrote his parents:

"I've done my best to uphold Darien's scandalous reputation. I've described the police brutality, the nightly orgies, and the martial law. They believe everything I tell them and insist on hearing more. I would appreciate it if you could send me information or clippings which could help the legend. If I had two more good scandals, I believe I could make the track team."

My friends were very happy that Michael was getting along so well in school. They sent him clippings and items from the papers, some as far away as Boston, which had headlines out of "course."

Michael's father added juicy details to the letters, which he'd called from old John O'Hara novels.

All in all, things went smashingly for Michael. He made the track team and when Darien got picked up on a possession of marijuana charge, Michael was asked to join the school theatrical group.

But unfortunately the Christmas vacation rolled around and Michael's friends asked if they could come home to Darien with him. He couldn't think of any good reason why they couldn't, and so he wrote his parents warning them that all would be lost unless they would be the challenge.

Michael's parents were at a loss as to what they could do. They couldn't risk going to jail to keep up Darien's reputation, and at the same time they had the future of the son to consider.

So they tossed a half-dozen empty whisky bottles around the living room and hoped that would do the trick. But Christmas turned out to be very uneventful in Darien. No teenage parties were raided, no parents were booked, no marijuana was found, and all of Michael's friends had a very, very dull time. Most of them were bitter and complained things were much more exciting in their own home towns.

Well, the vacation is over and Michael is scheduled to go back to boarding school today. But he isn't very excited about it. Because of Darien's failure to live up to its image he has lost all the good will he built up in the last few months.

"When you get back to school," one of his house guests, who was a junior, warned him, "we're going to treat you like the punk freshmen you are. Darien is for the birds."

### LETTERS

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