

# Building Program Progresses; Union Building Most Interesting

The university's building program is now well under way. Probably at no other time in the school's history has so much construction been going on at one time.

Work on the Student Union Building, new dormitories, and the School of Business Administration is well under way.

Of course, the most interesting project to the students will be the Student Union Building. Among other things, the building will house a cafeteria, canteen, student publications, a bowling alley, many student organizations, and a lounge.

This building will probably do more for

the individual student than any other thing yet attempted. At the same time, it will serve as a meeting place, making for a closer association of students.

Progress, however, is not always expressed in terms of buildings and beauty. And so, the academic side is running parallel with the building progress. Better quality in instruction is being stressed and results are forthcoming.

Combined, all these factors are contributing to "a greater Carolina" for greater Carolina students.—BL

# Religious Emphasis Week

Another Religious Emphasis Week is over, and this year's program seems to have been one of the best so far. This year, more than before, the discussions and seminars were aimed at the interests and needs of college students.

The speakers, and fine speakers they are,

stuck close to the theme, "A Faith to Live By." Their messages were practical and applicable; and practicality appeals to the collegiate mind.

The organizers of RE Week are to be congratulated. They did a difficult job well.—BL

## Letters to the Editor

# Reader Defends McCarthy; 'Who's Who' Selections Questioned

Dear Editor:

I do not profess to be an authority on politics, but after reading the article in the November 19 issue of the Gamecock, written by T. E. Brown, I would like to have the views of my colleagues made known. So I would like to ask you to print this letter to Mr. Brown. We have all read one side of the story. Now let us read the other side and give our readers more grounds to decide the issue on.

Respectfully yours,  
Steve Roberts

If we, the loyal Americans, agree to a censure of Senator McCarthy, we might as well agree to a full scale Communist movement to overthrow the government. There should be more men in our country like Mr. McCarthy. We would then show the Reds that we mean business.

Why are so many people against this true American? Don't they want Communists to be brought out into the open? Do they want us to become a province of Russia? Does any true American want this dreadful thing to happen? Of course not. The average person becomes sick at the thought of being under Red rule. If we expect any progress in the attempt to rid this country of Communism, we must stick together and fight as one unit. As the great Abraham Lincoln once said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." The only way to fight Communism is to combine our forces in an all-out attempt. But as far as any non-partisan can see, all your loyal Americans in the government are doing is halting progress by fighting among themselves. Yes, if more men would think and act as Senator McCarthy, things would be so much better with all concerned with making our great country a country which all the people of the free world can look up to and respect.

To my understanding, Senator Watkins made the statement that whether or not the members of the committee were partial against McCarthy was irrelevant. To me, this is a very asinine statement. Is this the kind of man your wish to follow? Are we to condemn a man before he has a chance to speak? I think not.

Now, non-McCarthyites, you look into your mirrors. You take a non-partisan look. Look yourself in the eye and ask yourself, "Do I want a free America or

do I want a Communist-ruled country?" When you have answered this question, and have realized all the good things that can come by letting Senator McCarthy continue his investigations, then . . . and only then . . . can you call yourself a "True American."

I remain,  
Steve Roberts  
"A True American"  
"Who's Who"

Dear Editor:

I guess there's always something or someone to criticize. We gripe about the stupid phone system we have and wind up with fever phones. We cry about the cut system and get a few cuts. We get renovated dorms, but no drinking fountains to go with them, and many other conveniences that could very easily be provided. Then some one criticized the cheerleaders and last week, the administration.

Well, I'd like to pitch in my "fifty cents' worth" now in the form of a few questions. Being a senior myself and having known these 24 seniors who were selected to "Who's Who," I'd just like to ask, "Do you think the selections were justified?" Now don't get me wrong . . . I'm not jealous. Actually, most of these students are worthy of such an honor. Then there were a few who weren't. Frankly, I think I could have made it, too, IF I had jumped at every thing that came along, sacrificing a high academic standing for such, joined a fraternity and maybe had a fraternity brother on the committee that helped present names and make selections.

Why should a few students select a group of students for such an honor? If that's the basis, why not really make it democratic and let the whole student body elect them? Now, frankly, I don't think this should be done. Why not just have a faculty committee make the selections? I ask this because out of the five students on the committee all were named for the honor except one, and the only reason she was not selected was because she is not a senior!

Then "selections are based on academic rating, character, personality, and service to the university." May I ask, "What kind of an academic rating?" I suppose I've had classes with most of them, and for your information, at least three have failed courses, not to mention the number of sixes that were made. Then there were a few who were "members of the Garnet and Black and Gamecock staffs" whom I haven't seen over there in three years. Actually, what kind of a person does it take to make "Who's Who" . . . the editor of a college paper? Not so in this case! Member of KSK? Not so in this case! Well, who???

Name Withheld by Request



"Okay, okay, what the hell are you selling?"

AL TISON

# Green Discusses Problems of Christian

I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I will hazard a guess that RE Week will cause much talk for some weeks to come . . . The one man who impressed me most was Canon Bryan Green, because of his approach to the problems of being a Christian.

I imagine that all of us wonder, at times, if drinking beer, and saying G . . . D . . . are sins, and whether they are pretty bad sins or right small . . . well, Canon Green says they are important all right, but that ourselves are the basis of sin. Everybody wonders how much or how little they have sinned, say, during a day, and whether or not it is worth while to ask forgiveness for things that we can't be sure are sins.

The answer given was that being able and contented to get through life without God was sin—well, this more or less contradicts the age-old saying that "God helps those who help themselves" . . . however, we are told that God helps those who need help.

This philosophy, when I first heard it, left me a little bewildered, because there are a great many of us who have been taught and who have taught ourselves to face the facts, build up not only a defensive force, but an offensive force as well, and put it to use so that we may in time enjoy the knowledge and financial reward of being "a damned good man at such and such an occupation and greatly respected," and note, that the world is like a wheat field, you get a good harvest if you sow a good crop.

And note, too, that if you sinned a little while battering

your way to the top, you can be forgiven—well, Canon Green said that after a while we became accustomed to our little everyday sins, and don't even realize it.

But if we stop every now and then and consider whether this or that is a sin, I have visions of being left at the starting line while all of the unconcerned sinners go charging down the race track of success—how can a man rightly consider the people who will be losing money (and faith in themselves and the trust of their families) when he is selling stocks on the exchange in order to retain faith in himself, since his success depends on his ability to make money? What is the answer to these problems?

Canon Green said that we must realize that our self-sufficiency is the basic sin, and that all of the little sins are results of this attitude and the practice of this philosophy. Canon Green implied, in my opinion, that this was the exercise of human free will, and therefore, to be expected; but said the Canon, it was our good fortune that God would hear the prayer from a man who said "God, I am the sinner, forgive me." The basic sin includes self-sufficiency, conceit, use of others, and selfishness, which inflate the ego, but leaves out God.

How can one enjoy college and follow such exacting rules? Does it include drinking beer? Gad, sounds awful! But, at the same time, if you think just a minute about growing accustomed to little sins, you can see the good sense in taking stock of yourself, and asking forgiveness of the basic sin so that the little ones won't be so perplexing.

DEW JAMES

# Planning Convention Is A Tough Job

Last Saturday, we, along with two other Gamecock staffers, journeyed up to Clemson for a South Carolina Collegiate Press meeting. Having fair winds and a late start we arrived exactly one hour late. But, since Carolina is the host school for the S. C. C. P. convention in the spring, the dear members of the executive board received us cordially and proceeded to give out with the "has to be done prior to."

Among the "has to be done" are such minor things as reserving park benches two nights for approximately 100 people, including women; finding hotdog joints cheap enough they can afford to eat; make name tags so they can remember their names; make maps of the campus so they don't wander into classes; and arrange for evenings of soft lights, dreamy music and light food so they don't get bored.

One of the things we noticed at Clemson was that when there's a meeting, there's a choice of meeting rooms. We could use No. 1, No. 2, or just pick a number up to something like No. 15. We also took quite a fancy to their two or three-acre dining hall, their lounges, and their ultra-modern dorms. Amid the splendor, we could but utter, "At least, we have a football team." Period, end of quotation.

Here Comes the Bride—Last week while gleaming page three of the *Loris Sentinel*, we found ourselves being stared at (picturewise) by one of our high school classmates. The old girl got her man, or at least the promise thereof. One thing bothered us though . . . Directly underneath the inch-deep, two-column wide, bold face cutlines announcing her engagement appeared this 24-point headline: "RULES FOR HANDLING GUNS GIVEN." Pure coincidence in the page make-up, we're sure!!!

Who says women carry everything in their purse? The other day we turned a corner and met two giggling co-eds picking up pennies from the walk and grass and throwing them handful by handful into a black purse. Acting on gentlemanly pretenses, we stopped and held the purse while they retrieved the spill. This must have been a special purse because all it had in it was little brown pennies.

We still haven't been able to figure out what they were doing with so many pennies. The two most logical solutions judging by the evidences are: they had just cracked a bubble gum machine, or they are operating some sort of a gambling concession in their dorm!!!

BEN McELVEEN

# Carolina Should Admit Negro Students

The subject of segregation in the public schools has been opposed and supported, chewed and re-chewed, and hashed and re-hashed so much and in so many varied ways that even this approach is repulsive.

There is nothing original I, or anyone else, could possibly say in approval or disapproval of segregation in the public schools that hasn't already been said, thought, or written about before. So why continue? Stop right here!

Nope! To stop eating isn't going to cure ulcers! And to stop fighting or defending segregation isn't going to solve the integration problem.

Therefore, I will continue, placing myself open for repugnance by the admitted repetition. "Segregation is wrong. Its practice is sinful, hypocritical, and backward. It represents the antithesis of the great concept of the brotherhood of man. It opposes all that is democratic, decent, and religious. It confines a specific group of people to an intellectual and spiritual prison. It condemns them to a low standard of living which they can rise over only after overcoming tremendous obstacles. It restricts their full enjoyment of all the beautiful gifts which God put on the earth for all to partake of."

The practice of segregation contradicts our Declaration of Independence which states that all men, being created equal, are endowed with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." So Gus Manos stated in an article, "Segregation Is Basically Wrong," which appeared in the *Gamecock* on Nov. 20, 1953. It is perhaps not an unfair summary of the pro-desegregation arguments.

It is so obvious that desegregation is eventually going to be in existence throughout the South that I feel somewhat embarrassed to utter such a naive statement. I can only ask, ridiculing my modesty by more modesty, "Is the University of South Carolina going to hold out to the very end?"

I think that the university has an excellent opportunity to indicate some weak sign of its foresightedness, its broadmindedness, and all those other words that have been so aptly applied to

"nigger lovers" by admitting Negro students immediately. Another second wasted, and it will even be too late for Carolina to be accredited with being at least sluggishly foresighted.

By refusing to admit Negro students, Carolina is merely marring its own educational reputation, and is stubbornly hanging on to the prejudices of its forefathers. And when an institution of learning is so asinine as to allow segregation on its campus then that's about like preaching atheism unknowingly to a group of agnostics.

Among the white colleges and universities in the South that have already officially admitted Negroes, according to *The Negro Yearbook*, 1952 edition, the Universities of Arkansas, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia are but a single handful. But South Carolina, will you always persist in being backward?

The Supreme Court unanimously outlawed racial segregation in public schools on May 17, 1954. And although there was no effective date, the decision applied to 21 states (including South Carolina) and the District of Columbia where segregation had formerly been permitted or mandatory.

Now, South Carolina must invent some sly, legal method of avoiding the Supreme Court decision, adopt a "private school" amendment—such as Georgia's—, or, in the one other perhaps not even considered method, abide by the decision of the Supreme Court.

The University of South Carolina, being state supported, must take some action toward integration, or be liable for suit by any Negro student desiring admission. Whether Negroes are allowed at the university, I think, should be left up to the student body—not the administration. And I think that the majority of students at Carolina are broad-minded enough to adapt themselves to desegregation now. If not, they must step aside for those who can.

I favor admitting Negroes to the university. And that is the most egregious repetition that I have said yet! But until some action toward that goal is accomplished, foresighted individuals must bear the repetition.

MONTY HORMEL

# Play Reviews

Last Thursday (Dec. 2), I attended two productions staged by the University Players at the Carolina Playhouse. The first was a one-act, five-scene play by Moliere, titled "The Doctor In Spite of Himself." The play was highly humorous, due mainly to the efforts of Moliere and not the performers. Herb McFarland (Sganarelle) showed a remarkable talent for overacting, but managed a passing performance despite this drawback. Jack Rast (Geronte) played the part of a grasping old man right down to the last wrinkle and gray hair. Almost without exception the supporting cast appeared as if they were being drawn across the stage by strings. I must compliment the make-up artists and the people responsible for the costumes for doing a very good job, roses to all of them.

The second feature of the night, "Overtones," was a one-act, one-scene play by Alice Gertenberg. In order to criticize this play I can only recall the words of some oft-quoted critic by saying, "I envied my feet, they were asleep." I will not say that the actresses in this production were devoid of talent, only that they made poor use of that which they had. Taffy Wallace (Hetty), had the irritating habit of running all of her words together into one big word. Sandra Hull (Harriet) and Pat Arant (Margaret) both seemed to be a trifle insincere in their portrayals of two very sophisticated ladies. Delight Tiemann seemed a bit bored with the whole thing. To the people handling the lights I give an onion. Jack Rast, the director, is automatically a candidate for the onion.

# Collegiate Clippings

Those Sneaky True-False And Pop-Quizzes . . .

NEW YORK (ACP)—True-false tests took a beating and were characterized as "sometimes presented in a tricky manner," according to results of a faculty-student survey taken among approximately 300 Central State College students. "Pop quizzes" drew even more unfavorable reaction.

Two hundred and eighteen students considered true-false tests "inadequate to measure the knowledge of a subject," while 69 students disagreed. Sixty-nine students thought that "pop" quizzes should be given, while 272 voiced objection.

A report in the University of Buffalo Spectrum gave the following figures:

Seventy per cent of those questioned thought that at least three to nine tests should be given during a semester before a semester grade was given. Fifty-seven per cent thought that from four to nine or even more tests should be averaged to estimate a final grade. Tests frequently given were thought to be written for past classes rather than for the current semester, 199 students said, while 136 felt that all tests appeared to be current. Suggestions offered included study sheets which would indicate material a test would cover; and



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