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Taffy Pull

By Fudge

**Inconsistent Policies**

The current fuss over the University's handling of student parking violations is not the first time the entire legal concept of the enforcement has been challenged.

Students who were here in 1953-54 will remember the celebrated case of law student J. Kelly Farris, who challenged the legal authority of student traffic court, and who threatened to charge Donald DuShane with extortion. The office of student affairs had sent Farris a card informing him that unless he paid his fine, the money would be deducted from his breakage fee. He maintained this constituted extortion.

Before the Farris case appeared, however, there had been several other attempts along the same lines. There will undoubtedly be more, in view of the fact that no one at the time of the Farris case seemed quite sure how the lines of authority came down to the student court.

However, this most recent case is different in some respects from all the previous ones. The student court is not involved directly, to the immense relief of most of the people connected with that body.

Yet the fact that the court voided an earlier ticket for parking in the same location points up one of the basic weaknesses in the whole enforcement system. There is an appalling lack of coordination between the student court and the physical plant, which is responsible for keeping "no parking" areas clear.

The court has been extremely lenient in dealing with students who violate parking regulations in the evening, but the campus police keep passing out the tickets. This whole mix-up probably could have been prevented if the court and the physical plant had formulated a common policy, and if the physical plan was consistent about which areas were for service parking and which were closed to parking at all times.

**Future Phi Beta's**

Freshmen scholarship is being honored in two different ways this week—both for freshmen men and women.

Monday night Phi Eta Sigma, national scholastic honorary, initiated 15 new members into the organization.

Tonight approximately 100 freshmen women will be honored at the annual Smarty Party, sponsored by Mortar Board, national senior women's honorary.

Both groups are concerned with freshman grades and judging from fall term averages, this is a worthy cause.

Catching students during their first year in college would seem to be a good idea.

Presumably if they can be motivated to study then, then will continue to do so.

Professors must find it gratifying to see some of their students being honored. Parents must find it satisfying also. And we hope that students do too.

A true college education must include some sort of awareness and of respect for scholarship. Without that respect, a college education doesn't mean much.

May you all be future Phi Beta Kappas. —(A.H.)

**Crowded Edifice**

The proverbial doghouse is a crowded edifice, populated with harrassed husbands and erring cabinet officers.

The latest to take up residence is Secretary of Agriculture Benson, who got there because he allowed a subordinate to sign a letter which sent Congress into an uproar. It may even have perturbed a few farmers, that is, if they have time to read Harper's magazine.

The letter praised an article called "The Country Slickers Take Us Again," which appeared in the magazine's December issue. It conveyed the impression that the nation's farmers have come to regard handouts as part of the Bill of Rights.

And as Benson is finding out, it just isn't proper for the secretary of agriculture to agree with writers who say things like that.

But Benson isn't the first member of the Eisenhower cabinet to feel the sting of public censure. Nor is he probably to be the last.

Secretary of State Dulles was the first in recent weeks to be nailed to the cross of public condemnation. He made the mistake of reflecting over past foreign policy in an election year. What was only the "Brink of War" became as hot as the real thing for the maligned official when his statements appeared in Life magazine.

Then Secretary of Defense Wilson stepped up for the treatment. He was accused by Gen. Mathew B. Ridgway, former Army chief of staff, of "playing politics" with the nation's defense when manpower cuts were ordered in 1954-55.

None of these three men are undergoing their baptism to public criticism, however. Dulles has suffered a number of times for inopportune statements. Wilson is well-remembered for his "bird-dog" utterance, and Benson for the Ladejinsky firing. Another old hand is Secretary of Interior McKay, who has been guilty of everything from owning a strike-bound auto agency to calling labor leaders "goons."

Make room in the doghouse, men. Humphrey, Folsom and Mitchell might want in one of these days.—(J.C.R.)



"Yes, he's quite possessive."

**INTERPRETING THE NEWS**

**President's Fast Reply Clears Allies' Thoughts**

By J. M. Roberts  
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President Eisenhower's fast reply to Moscow's latest "peace offensive" cleared the air of any thought among America's allies that she might be going into bilateral negotiations without them. It permits the talks with Anthony Eden to go forward without distraction.

Premier Bulganin's offer of a treaty of friendship has been laid away with the many other superficial, propagandistic moves by which the Soviet Union has sought to complicate relations between the United States and Western Europe.

Initial reaction from abroad, and Eden's statement on arrival in New York that the President's reply was "admirable," have already taken the edge from any Soviet attempt to make it appear that America refuses peace.

The attempt will, of course, be made. Molotov laid the foundation for it in Prague Saturday by remarking that it was hard to see how anyone could turn down a treaty of friendship. But hardly anyone can fail to understand the President's explanation that it is the spirit, not the form, which counts.

The British press, which has often complained when America brushed off Russian generalities, does not do so this time. This time the propaganda is quickly recognized and dismissed, and interest centers around the issues being discussed in Washington.

The fact that Russia is out to stir up trouble in the Middle East completely overshadows honey. The emphasis in Washington is not on any survey of Russian intentions. Her intentions are accepted as clear, and the study is of ways to meet them.

The trend of thinking on both sides of the Atlantic now seems to be toward bringing Israel and the Arab states into negotiations—to make a peace rather than prevent a war.

It seems quite likely that Eden and Eisenhower will agree to offer some inducement—perhaps a regional economic development plan to go into effect when the opposing sides have created an atmosphere in which it is possible to work.

The Arabs have never seemed much interested in this approach, preferring to nurse their hate while continuing their ancient inefficiencies.

American influence in Israel and British influence in certain Arab states is still sufficiently strong, however, so that pressures as well as inducements can be applied if they are willing to do so. At any rate, mutual procedure is likely to be agreed upon.

On other matters of Anglo-American division, such as testing atom bombs, blockading Red China and keeping her out of the United Nations, the two great allies probably will not get beyond the status quo. But they can at least discuss them without any fear of unilateral action in the background.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Emerald Editor:**

This concerns the removal of Lloyd Weisensee's vehicle from a University parking lot at the behest of a University official. The Emerald's news story Monday was basically fair and certainly brought to light the machinations of the parking designation and policing system, perhaps for the first time in understandable detail. As a material witness, I would like to express my observations:

1. The yellow line in the center of the disputed area is not clearly visible as the Emerald sketch would indicate. In fact, it is imperceptible at night on a wet pavement. A casual glance even during the day scarcely discloses it. This should be contrasted to the Co-op driveway which has a clear yellow line and a "No Parking" sign.

2. The express authority of the watchman does not contemplate towing vehicles away from this space. The three situations where he has such power are enumerated in the Emerald story. Incidentally, the parking regulations published last September by your paper do not forbid using this particular slot.

3. ORS 98.810 makes it unlawful to park in such an area . . . if there is in plain view on such private property a sign prohibiting public parking thereon or restricting parking thereon." Is a yellow line, even a clear one, a sign within the meaning of this statute?

4. Ostensibly, authority and jurisdiction as to student parking matters has been delegated by the University to the student traffic court. Since a previous citation for parking in this place was dismissed by this body, I wonder if the watchman

was not being a bit overzealous. Are not the school's representatives, as well as the students, bound by the decisions of the traffic court? Even though the traffic court does not govern from the point of view of absolute legal rights, in a case like this should it not govern from the point of view of enhancing student-University relations?

It would seem that the parties in this matter are desirous of abiding by University regulations. Weisensee did attempt to get his car through University channels, but was given polite refusal. It is unfortunate that an ambiguity has led to this misunderstanding. It is hoped that clearer parking rules will be issued so that one can act accordingly.

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