

Frosh Success

With the recent turmoil in student government concerning the eligibility of student body presidents, the role of students in campus government, et al, it was refreshing to hear of the fine progress at last Saturday's Frosh Leader's Conference.

IF APATHY IS EXISTING at some levels of student government, at least it is not evident to any great extent at the freshman class level: no less than 150 students showed up for the well planned day of discussions (more than three times the number that turned out for last year's frosh conference).

A large amount of the credit should be given to hardworking officers of the freshman class, who managed to make the program Saturday such a success.

Student leaders don't just materialize at the junior and senior levels where many of the important campus offices become available. They are trained through active participation, through learning about their campus in the crucial freshman year, where so much of the channeling into living organizations, fields of academic and social interest is done.

THE SPEAKERS at Saturday's frosh conference indicate the freshman classes' interest in finding out about the many phases of campus life they are being initiated into.

We hope the enthusiasm shown by the freshman class at their Saturday conference will rub off on the rest of the student body and so pave the way for a more responsible student government.

Last Ditch Stand?

The bitter struggle in South Africa has produced yet another plan to maintain white supremacy in an area dominated ten to one by Negroes. According to an Associated Press report the government of wounded Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd will embark upon on a large scale program to bring in white immigrants. An interior minister has claimed that increased immi-

gration is "of the utmost importance for the union."

FOR MANY YEAS South Africa's immigration laws have been unfavorable to the settlement of English speaking persons in South Africa. This has been primarily because of the fear they would vote against the nationalist government run by men of Dutch descent. Now, with the country gripped by a bitter conflict, and as the realization looms that many citizens are poised and ready to flee at any moment, the cry has gone out for additional immigrants.

You must admit the prospects aren't designed to attract an eager flood of settlers.

THE PROPONENTS of apartheid sound like they have their backs to the wall. Harassed by world censorship, dependant upon native labor, it looks like the beginning of the end for the strict segregationist policies of the present government. That these men cannot seem to realize this fact can only lead to tragic consequences before a settlement is reached.

Poor Old Joe

According to what we hear on radio and television, it's small wonder so many of America's finest got lost in London, fleeced in Panama and Scollay Square and never did manage to find the enemy.

THE POOR FELLOW, by and large, must have been too dumb to eat breakfast in the morning without being bugled in to the mess hall.

This doesn't square with our recollection of the American soldier and sailor, but the Veterans Administration apparently is paying for ads pleading with the GI on pension, or getting VA checks for school, to leave a forwarding address when he moves—so he'll get his check on time.

THE CREAM OF AMERICAN Manhood, as we remember him, would leave not one, but two or three forwarding addresses if he thought money might be forthcoming.

Either the veteran has changed, the welfare state has lulled him into somnolence—or they're giving that money to the wrong people.

Little Man on Campus



"IF YOU EXPECT TO TEACH FRESHMAN COURSES PROFESSOR NEWBLOOD - YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO EXPECT STUPID ANSWERS!"

Harvest Time on College Hill; Students Look to Bright Future

By HAL BOYLE

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—It's about harvest time in the meadows of learning.

AMERICA'S greatest spring crop — its college graduating classes—is matured and ready to seek its own place in the golden granary of time. The 1960 crop looks like a record one in terms of both quantity and quality.

Critics of our younger generation might feel better about our nation's future if they would take the trouble right now to go and see how these "hopes of tomorrow" really measure up.

I did just that the other day during a visit here to the University of North Carolina, which has won over the years an enlarging recognition as one of the great pastures of the mind and spirit.

CHAPEL HILL has always had a tradition of relaxed freedom and wide culture, and the late Thomas Wolfe was only one of many creative minds that have found inspiration here.

For any middle-aged man his return to a college campus is always a kind of journey into Australia. But it can teach him a few things too.

The campus at Chapel Hill is beautiful. The walks are shaded by trees so old they are like shrines in leaf. The buildings, a mixture of architectures, blend in a friendly weathered warmth.

BUT ON THIS walk upon this day it was the students, not the mellow atmosphere of the campus, that kindled in me a reverie of comparison.

One does not like to be unfair to his own youth, but on the other hand it is not wise ever to get the idea that all that was best in the world died with it.

Looking around at the students I passed, pausing now and then to listen to them, I had the feeling they were superior to the college students of my own generation.

It wasn't only that they had more height and perhaps more health. They had an air of easy assurance and self-confidence visible even to an outsider.

IN MY DEPRESSION-haunted generation the fear of being unable to find a job after graduation often made the last two years in college miserable. We hated to leave alma mater because we feared the world had no place for us.

At one bull session I can recall a group of seniors deciding that if they could sign up right then for a guaranteed income of \$200 a month for life they would be glad to do so.

These students here would strike no such frightened bargain. They are hopeful, and they believe in themselves.

MANY EDUCATORS defend this college generation as perhaps the best in our history, and I am inclined to go along with this view rather than with those doom-criers who hold we have raised a generation of spoiled milkshakes.

Returning from my stroll I had no desire to relive my own college days. One time of youth is enough for one life.

I felt no tinge of envy for these young men and women. But I did feel that the world they so soon will set forth to better will fare no worse at their hands than it has at ours.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My Ma read in ur paper that she was supposen to wear dressy cottens for Junier Weekend. As cinse I's just a froshman down heer at the University, she (my Ma) was hoping to get down for the festivittees.

Howsomever, she ain't got no dressy cottens. We all is just poor farmin folk and caint afford such fancies.

Supposin she were to come down, wood it be awright for her to wear her overalls ifn she promisses to warsh them? She sais she will bring down her ner paar that aint really two derty.

Sincerely yourn
Jim Dutcher
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University Participation Assured in NDEA

The question over whether the University should withdraw from the National Defense Education Act has been settled. Oregon will continue to participate under strong protest—but nonetheless, participate.

THE DECISION wasn't easy, if one is to judge by the length of recent faculty meetings. Strong arguments for withdrawing — un-American, presumes guilt until proven innocent — were balanced by equally forceful pleas for remaining in the program. The latter point of course, boils down to the question of money.

That the University chose the more practical course does not seem surprising, although some of the more liberal institutions which have already withdrawn might have a name for it. Where else is this school going to obtain funds so readily when you consider that the loan program here can't begin to compare in terms and amounts available with that national behemoth called the Federal government.

OREGON, in the throes of expansion and eager to attract competent students in both the graduate and under-graduate level, must have something to offer them. Accepting open-handed offers from the Federal government is much easier than wrestling funds from a tight-

fisted legislature which, of necessity, must strive to distribute tax monies in the fairest manner possible.

Will this short and practical view hinder in the future the right of academic choice? Possibly. Maybe a precedent has been set that in the coming years will be difficult to break.

On the other hand, Oregon did come to grips with the problem which, with the exception of Reed College in Portland, no other school in the Northwest has done to any sufficient degree. The University has also

gone down on record as strongly opposed to the affidavit, on the loan fund and on other fellowship programs emanating from Federal agencies. An ad hoc committee has been established to work for the removal through Congress of two part loyalty oaths.

WITH THE nation's intellectuals bearing down on Congress, and Senator John Kennedy's bill for removal of the affidavit due for imminent consideration, we can only hope the results of the full-fledged academic campaign may soon be realized.

Sid Long

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

THE UNIVERSITY of Cincinnati News Record ran an April Fools Day issue with a booming headline: "Oscar Leaves, Tuition Goes Up."

Before reading further and finding out that due to Oscar Robertson's "graduation and several NCAA rulings, tuition will be raised next year \$25 per student" was only an April 1st prank, it sounded just about as believable as another April Fool Day paper which nearly convinced many students that

Dwight D. Eisenhower would be the new president of the University of Oregon.

Technology News, from the Illinois Institute of Technology reports the following from a student poll:

'Q: Did you attend any of the Student Union Board sponsored free hour movies?

YES: 16; No: 57.

'Q: Would you like to see these movies continued?

YES: 58; No: 2.