

Cuba's College Prexy Carries 'Gat'

Few university presidents go about the campus armed with a pistol. One who does is Major Rolando Cubela, educational (and political) head of the University of Havana. The weapon he carries is not to safeguard the scholastic honor of that venerable institution, which is nearly two and a half centuries old, but to defend his own person against students protesting the political perversion of their school.

While in Cuba's case it is hardly necessary, one of the most reliable ways to get a line on a country's political drift is to watch what is happening to the universi-

ties. Sadly enough, the University of Havana, which once had autonomy and was even a place of refuge for those espousing liberalism under Batista, is being bent to Castro's will.

Appropriating the prestige associated with this old, famous Caribbean university, Castro is using leftist student groups to accomplish his purpose. But few are deceived. Catholic students have been beaten and kicked. The faculty is melting away. Soon the university will be but a shadow of its former self, another casualty of Castro's revolution.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

"Dear Editor," one of our readers asks, "what is wrong with the American educational system that it cannot teach at least a few economic fundamentals . . . enough of the facts to make more of our people intelligent enough to see through the political hokum that so many candidates holler at you? Why is it possible for so many voters to accept as possible those pie-in-the-sky promises made to them in order to get their votes?" Well, that's a good question. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that too many educators, themselves, are ignorant of economic fundamentals . . . so how can they be expected to teach them to their pupils?

United Nation's Dag Hammarskjold has revealed himself as winner over one Nikita Khrushchev . . . that dangerous Soviet head man who recently demanded that Dag resign as UN secretary-general and be supplanted by a three-man secretariat, with Russia trying to dominate the trio. K also wanted to move the UN from New York to Switzerland, Austria, or even Russia. But Dag later openly replied that he would stay on his job, K or no K. That's the stuff, Dag! Give no quarter to that konfounded, contrary, kursing and Dag-konquered K!

In an effort to improve control of auto and pedestrian traffic at Woodward and Maple intersection, local police chief Moxley has stationed two officers there between four and six o'clock week days. "I have instructed them to pay special attention to double parking, parking in prohibited areas, obstruction of traffic and any other maneuvers that would delay traffic. Pedestrians are warned to use painted crosswalk areas, also."

Our own opinion of Senator Kennedy, should he be elected President, is that he will swing wide open the doors to usher in plenty of the Welfare State; in the case of Nixon, he won't swing 'em so wide open . . . but he'll keep 'em ajar. In either case, it's going to usher in an era quite removed from traditional American economic and political procedures. Governmental bureaucracy is destined to expand into its shackling controls over private enterprise.

If only more U.S. citizens would devote more of their time and thinking to the problems of state and federal government, what a splendid progress we could be making. The real civic truth is that too many

votes are cast under the impulses of a variety of emotions . . . and, it is true, you cannot develop a sound economic system by reliance on emotions only.

"Everything the Republicans have done or will do is or will be wrong", is the theme song of Jack Kennedy. To which Dick Nixon echoes: "Everything our side has done, or will do, necessarily hasn't been perfect, or won't be 100 per cent okay . . . but, in the long run, it costs less than though your side was or will be doing it." What a campaign! What pigmy-like statesmanship!

Speaking of modern advertising . . . wonder why some razor blade manufacturer, plus some shaving lather ditto, don't gang up on Cuba's Castro et al and use them to show how neatly whickers can be removed . . . so easily, too. At the rate of Cuba's economic decline, maybe Castro will be able to use such testimonial dough.

Don't those new sidewalks in downtown Birmingham vastly improve the appearance of our business center? Credit for this belongs to city officials, who were aided by the Central Business Committee in launching this needed pedestrian improvement.

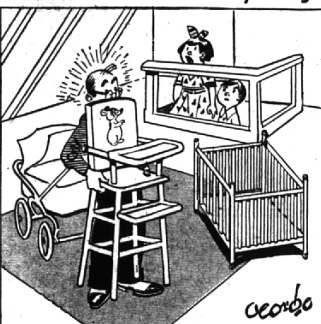
The federal government paid more than thirteen million dollars in bonuses to employees for money-saving suggestions and outstanding work performed by them. That's fine . . . and only was more than over-balanced by the thousands of others who found plenty of ways of increasing the tax load on the people.

If you enjoy listening to your clergyman, if he is the personification of a working Christian; if he now and then inspires you to want to live a better, finer life . . . if he does such to you and/or you, why not tell him, often, what you think of him? Then, figuratively, watch his wings sprout and grow to flapping size.

Speaking of taxes, a Georgia editor believes that "If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad in his day, he should see it now with representation."

Witty Grit magazine declares that "If the cost of college education continues to snowball for many more years, a person can make a profit by remaining ignorant."

Ticklers By George



"Mother just came back from the doctor's. She says not to put any of that furniture up here."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Local Woman's Opinion On Homemaking Course

To the Editor: While clipping the article "What Should We Teach Our Girls," to send to our daughter, a Home Ec graduate from MSU, I felt I would like to express my opinion on the worthwhileness of classes in that field for all young girls.

I am sure you will grant me that the future most fulfilling to any girl is marriage, a home, children, a place in the community and the world.

I AM NOT trying to argue that she should be slighted, but I do feel that classes in home economics are just as important for a girl.

My husband and I feel that the education our daughter received at McKenzie high and at MSU in home economics has been of so great a value to her that I can not begin to tell you the visible results in making her a good wife and mother.

She teaches part time in Colorado, keeps a lovely home no matter how busy she is, and her husband who is an army officer and makes most of her clothes at a fraction of the cost of ready made.

SHE TAUGHT a year in Michigan while her husband finished his last year at U of M. The classes which she took in both high school and at MSU in "Family Living" came at the right time in her life to be of the most help.

And I would like to see girls take such classes as early as 6th grade. She has learned early the value of balanced diet, management of income, management of time from the homemaking angle. She will

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1910
We need a slogan, and we need bad-Birmingham does. The Eccentric has offered a prize, a five year subscription, to any one who suggests a motto, or rather a slogan.

Up to this date, only seven people have sent in slogans. We are sort of disappointed over the results as we hoped to have at least 100 or more by this time to present to you for decision. The following have been sent in and we wish there were more.

1. Birmingham Grow.
2. Wake Up.
3. Birmingham For Mine.
4. We work for Birmingham.
5. We work For a Beautiful Birmingham.
6. Be Neat, Be True, Be Dutiful, to Birmingham the Beautiful.
7. Be a Birmingham School Graduate.

Now while two or three of the above might do so and seem to us good enough, still there are not enough to choose from. We want the entire village to . . . send in a slogan.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 22, 1930
Payment of \$60.07 to Alvin A. Mudge, village electrical inspector for expenses he incurred in a convention of electrical inspectors in Chicago, Sept. 14-18, was authorized Monday by the village commission.

Mudge originally petitioned for \$70.72 as his expenses, but after lengthy debate in which the members of the commission expressed disapproval of paying the expenses of department heads at State conventions, the expenses account was pared to \$60.07 and approved.

Junior Birmingham branch of AAUW meets today at 6:45 at Devon Gables for dinner.

Information and advice for the prevention and cure of many communicable diseases were given to members of the Barnum Parent-association in their second meeting held at Barnum school Thursday afternoon, by Dr. Harold Roehm, Birmingham physician.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Mrs. Joseph MacGregor, Sixth district committeewoman for the American legion auxiliary: "Newspaper implications that the American legion convention in Boston was wet were false. The boys all behaved like perfect gentlemen, and if there was any drinking, it was done by non-Legionnaires."

go to Germany after the first of the year with her husband for a three year tour and we can see her, knowing that she will be able to cope with many problems that will come up in living in a strange country.

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Historian Advises Preservation Of Shenandoah

To the Editor:

In a recent letter from Dr. Emil Lorch, retired head of the college of architecture and design of the University of Michigan, and long chairman of the architectural committee of the Historic Society of Michigan, he enthusiastically referred to the circular barn written up in The Birmingham Eccentric recently.

Quote: "Shenandoah is remarkable unique and should be preserved as a show. So also the Winner House."

What a such experienced and (See HISTORIAN, 7-B)

15 YEARS AGO

Oct. 18, 1945
The annual budget of the City of Birmingham school district for the school year of 1945-46 was formally adopted Tuesday evening at the October meeting of the Board of education. The budget totals \$444,341.06, which is an increase over the budget for last year of \$33,929.07. It was said at the board meeting that the increase is made necessary by the rising costs in every operating department.

City commissioner Ralph Main says that traffic dangers on W. Maple street are growing worse every day. The commissioner told his fellow members on the board Monday night that he had been through a real scare Monday.

"The other fellow was scared, too. In fact, people all around seemed frightened for a moment, when a man slugged out from the parked cars directly in front of my machine. I almost went through the windshield. I stopped so quick, I think something should be done about the traffic situation before someone gets killed."

LATHRUP—The Recreation department will sponsor the first dance of the season for students from the 7th grade up, on the evening of Oct. 28 in the Annie Lathrup auditorium. It will be informal even to blue jeans.

STRICTLY FRESH

Production would probably skyrocket if every man worked as hard as he tells his wife he does.

If you're not doing what you like, why not try liking what you do?



A man hopes that his lean years are back of him. A woman hopes hers are ahead of her.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

A woman can be cured of almost any illness if you tell her its a symptom of advancing age.

Concert Set Oct. 30

Mal Johnson, formerly on radio, television and the legitimate stage, will be guest soloist during the evangelical effort Oct. 24 to 30 at Grace Baptist church, Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. He will conduct a concert of sacred music at 3 p.m. Oct. 30.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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You hear people say many things. Here are some comments you probably never will hear:

POLICE OFFICER: "I'm sorry, fellow. You WERE within the posted speed limit."

PUBLIC OFFICIAL: "I can't do anything for you voters that you can't do for yourself."

MANUFACTURER: "I don't care if it does cost money. Our object is to make the best dgidgit possible in spite of the expense."

NEWSPAPER EDITOR: "I really don't have any opinion on that particular subject."

PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN: "I certainly wish I could get a nice job inside an office somewhere."

CUSTOMER: "I really must buy my needs at your store."

BUSINESSMAN: "We don't need your business."

CREDIT MANAGER: "All our accounts were paid up by the 10th of this month."

MOVIE PRODUCER: "This film we just finished is lousy."

WAITRESS: "Sorry, but I don't deserve that tip."

NEIGHBOR: "Here's that hammer you loaned me an hour ago."

HUSBAND: "Honey, let me carry that package."

WIFE: "It's perfectly all right with me, Dear, if you put your feet on that chair."