

Are 'Square-Eyed' People Found Only in Dogpatch

Square Eyes!
 "Let's get a mob together and run 'em outa town!"
 "What does it matter that they haven't done anything? They look different, don't they? Isn't that reason enough?"
 And so a mad, hysterical mob prepares to drive these "different" people out of town. Even the efforts of one lone believer in right seem to be in vain.

Oh, but this isn't a true situation. It's happening in a fictitious place called "Dogpatch." This is all a figment of a writer's imagination. It couldn't possibly be true; no real human beings could be so cruel and heartless. People aren't judged by how they look, but by what kind of people they are.

No thinking person in seeking right and truth would let "square eyes" prevent him from seeing the human kindness and the value of the human personalities of people who look different. Cries for help do not go unaided in a society of civilized people. There are no traps set for "square-eyed" children. People realize that each person is important as an individual and that people aren't to be typed according to shapes of eyes.

But do they? Is our society really as civilized as we like to think? Do we really recognize the worth of an individual? Do we?

Sure, this is America. And it can never be a "Dogpatch"—that is, it will never be as long as we have "Mammy Yokums" who recognize the dangers of prejudice. The question now is: Are we going to join that screaming mob or will we stand alone and help the "square-eyed" people?
 —J. W.

Use of Freedom Brings Changes

Things have changed! Remember all the gripes and complaints, all the criticisms and suggestions, all the urgings and wishes which you have been reading about in the Cluster? Although the Cluster can only suggest action and portray the views of the students, these seem to be having immense effects. Wrongs are being righted; new suggestions are being fulfilled; and ideas are bringing actions.

"Congratulations" to the ROTC band for beginning our new era of Chapel programs—programs of interest and variety. "Thanks" to the new Mercer students who are realizing the importance of proper behavior in Chapel. And expressions of gratitude to the Administration for providing trashcans and for replacing burned-out classroom lights. All around, progress is being made and Mercer is busily improving.

Here on the Mercer campus is being vividly illustrated the true importance of freedom of speech. By using that privilege of crying out against wrong, of striving to enthrone right, of using the press and various student organizations to pursue problems, Mercer has become a living example of a working and thinking student body.
 —J. W.

Note of Thanks

On behalf of the student body, The Mercer Cluster would like to thank the Administration for the installation of a telephone in the third floor of Sherwood Hall and for the new speaker system in MEP. It would also like to thank Dr. W. G. Lee, chairman of the Campus Beautification Committee, for the trash cans which were placed on campus in answer to a letter published in the Cluster three issues ago.

Bell during Chapel Can Be Annoying

Yesterday's Chapel has pointed up a problem that, although existing, has not been too noticeable this year. Many times a Chapel program extends beyond the time allotted it.

On certain occasions the third period bell has been delayed so as not to have the noisy class-time reminder ringing during the program. On other occasions the bell has been allowed to sound at its regular time, in some measure disrupting the Chapel proceedings.

The need for the appointment of someone within the Administration to see that the bells be delayed until the end of Chapel seems in order. Yesterday the Minneapolis Symphony was presenting "Fantasia" from Tchaikowsky's Romeo and Juliet when the third period bell rang and disturbed the entire gathering, both the orchestra and the audience. Such can be very annoying.

We would like to ask that steps be taken by the Administration to see that such does not happen in future Chapel programs.
 —J. M.



"Anything Good Today?"

HERE'N THERE WITH KRISTINA MOORE

The Men Take a Shot At the Girls

About this time every quarter everyone is full of gripes (Isn't it just awful the way everyone is griping? Growl! Snap!) and it seems appropriate that they should be aired sufficiently and given the recognition that they (so richly) deserve.

With this in mind, my secretary, Frances Wiatt, and I proceeded to call up all the fraternity suites we could contact and take down their gripes about girls. Ouch! As Bob Steed once said in his "Sportscope" column, there was only one stabbing and it wasn't fatal. At any rate, after long hours of abridging and censoring, here are the results. The editors assume not one iota of responsibility for them.

The first on the list was conceit. Says one boy, "Most girls are too stuck up. Says another, "They expect a boy to run after them." A third simply said, "They're conceited." "Shut up!" we explained.

Talking came next on the list. Primarily the boys objected to girls who talk about all their other boy-friends on a date. (This doesn't seem to create too good an impression, for some odd reason.) One boy said that he objected to girls who were prone to talk about people in general. "They gossip too much," he gossiped. Another fellow disliked girls who "talk too much when they're dancing."

Female strategy was also out to ribbons. Too many girls try to "play both ends against the middle," they said. (How untrue! How extremely untrue! The real feminine reasoning, according to a panel of MEP authorities is, you can go with one boy until something better comes along, but what if something better comes along and sees you going with him.)

According to the fraternity reports, girls are not at all understanding. "They don't even try to understand men," said one. (The appropriate comeback for this would be "What's the use?") Strong objections were also raised against girls who "expect too much of men" and those who are "never pleased."

Finances played an important part in the gripe list. The fact that girls "like to spend money than ain't theirs" was particularly stressed. Girls were labelled "extravagant" and "spoiled." (It must be admitted that the average woman quite often says to herself, "How nice it would be to be rich instead of so very good-looking!")

Next came the complaint that "girls distort the truth." Too many girls give too many excuses, said the boys. They dislike the girl who refuses a date saying, "I have to study." (Quite often, gentlemen,

this is sad, but true.)

Some of the boys seemed to be of the opinion that college girls aren't good wife material. Girls were accused of having "no domestic adeptness" and of being "unable to boil water." Now if we just had a Home Ec department . . . we'd know how to boil water.

In addition to these major complaints, there were quite a number of minor ones that didn't fit in any of the above classifications. One boy didn't like for girls to wear Bermuda shorts. A second said that girls were "pseudo-personalities." Only one offered the half-hearted compliment that there were "too few of them."

As was mentioned before, the editors take no responsibility for this column and any resemblance herein to any person, living or deceased, is purely coincidental. (Incidentally, the editor's chief gripe about girls concerns girl columnists who don't meet deadlines.)

Tune in this time next week for a violent rebuttal entitled "The Girls Hit Back." (There will only be 200 stabbings, all fatal.)

Trustees Okay Negroes at OBU, Cite State Policy

Approval of a motion which will make possible admission of Negroes to Oklahoma Baptist University marked a recent meeting of the OBU board of trustees.

The motion, as made by Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and chairman of the board of trustees, was "that the admission policy of Oklahoma Baptist University conform with that now in effect in the Oklahoma state institutions of higher learning and accredited senior colleges in Oklahoma."

Regarding approval of the admission policy, Doctor Hobbs said, "The trustees of OBU, after long and prayerful consideration of the matter, have taken this step with a sense of obligation to the university, to the Baptists of Oklahoma and to the cause of Christian education. We do so with the strong conviction that it will meet with the approval of those whose servants we are."



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