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BACK AGAIN

Once more having escaped (?) the insidious arrows of outrageous Cupid, having withstood the violent attacks of indigestion, having weathered the cold grey dawn of the morning after, and having had a glorious time for ten mortal days, the dear student body is back on the Hill of all Hills to take up their researchings again and in a few days, to be perfectly frank—next Monday—to try their heads and hands and teeth and toes at ascending or going through or getting over or around the Hell of all Hells — another typographical error, it should have been "i" again.

AFTER EXAMS

With this issue The Tar Heel begins its second act as presented by the present cast. After this issue there will be a two week's intermission that those who desire may take refreshments. When the examinations shall have blown over and all the paths of campus life are again safe and sane The Tar Heel will again come out of its hiding and again assume its place among the tolerated existences of the life here. The Tar Heel, as we understand it, is not to advance the interests of any special class of things here, only in so far as it is the official organ of the Athletic Association. But it is more than that. It is the organ of the student body and of the University. It is not to promote the good of a few. Neither is it to allow a few to promote their own good at the cost of the larger good. It is to advance the interests of the students and of the University. And it is with this idea that we shall work this spring. If any there be who would not be wet, let them get out of the rain; for the rain falls for the good and for the bad alike. But it has different effects.

THE MAIL BOX EPISODE

What has been denominated by many as the "shame of the century" transpired when the mail in the campus box was allowed to accumulate from not later than December 10 until the box became so full that not another letter could be crammed into it on January 5. Then the students for the first time became aware that they had for nearly a month been mailing letters and cards which never entered a post office.

When the box was opened on Sunday at the demand and on the information of the aroused students, a large waste paper basket was filled to the top with the mail matter which was extracted from the box. There were letters and cards and packages. There were letters begging for money to go home on, letters inclosing checks in payment of debts, letters bearing tidings of love, Christmas cards, letters and small packages. Each time that an on-looker at the identification court held by the side of the box saw a letter posted by him he would cuss and explain his troubles. "That accounts for it" was the continual and constant statement of unfortunates. One student had to draw a draft on his father in order to get home for the holidays as a result of the failure of the mail to become mail; another had cussed out a business firm for laxity in responding to an order placed with them by him, a third had missed some friends Christmas as the result of an invitation that failed to invite, while Cupid's arrangements were very nearly annihilated—so some fifty students thought

"The shame of the century", the "crime of carelessness", the "slaughter of the innocents", the "imposing ineffectualness of authority", a "damnable outrage", and "Hell" were the most nearly printable of the characterizations of the affair that came to the editorial ears. With all of which we are very nearly inclined to agree. Some one certainly fell down on his job. But the campus mail box is an University affair; and as we have said before, in this democratic community the welfare of the masses is not sacredly guarded.

SANITATION, FOR INSTANCE

An additional evidence of the fact that democracy cannot attend to everything at so large a place as this is afforded by the deplorable hygienic conditions here—conditions, though, no worse than those that prevail at the other colleges in the state. Sanitary conditions here are a glaring unreality. The rooms occupied by the students are not half-way swept and cleaned up. A twenty dollar a month negro janitor, who has some not less than thirty rooms on three floors to clean up each day, make up the beds in, carry water to, and janitor generally, cannot do the work, and do it as it should be done. Besides this, even if he had the time to do the work he has not the knowledge necessary. He knows nothing about sanitation—nothing at all. He does not know there is such a thing. He has never been used to it. All that he knows to do is to make the beds, hit four licks with his broom, knock the dust and dirt from the center of the room under the bed, chiffonier, washstand, and radiator; and then hits three more licks and knock the remainder of the dirt into the air and corners of the room. After that he goes to do at least twenty-nine other rooms in the same highly efficient manner. All of which is highly injurious to and fraught equally with dangers for the students.

The laboratories are treated in the same highly efficient manner. One of them is so well janitored that the instructor who holds his classes there has one of his classes to clean the room up each day rather than do his work and keep his classes amid such unhygienic surroundings. There is certainly great efficiency in the department of janitorology.

Both of the physicians this year have made reports to the administration informing him of the status quo. But these reports with their recommendations for greater care in looking after the physical welfare of the students have met with no unexpectedly enthusiastic response. As things are, if any bad and contagious disease should make its appearance in our midst, we would certainly be caught in a delicate position.

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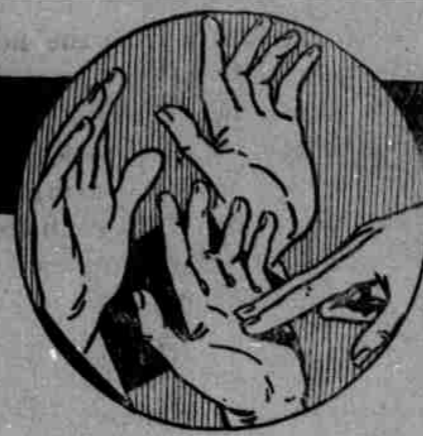
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