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A POETRY SOCIETY

The Southern Arts number of the Magazine (which, by the way, is a very splendid issue) advocates the forming of a poetry society in North Carolina. In a Symposium compiled by W. J. Cocks, Jr., it seems pretty generally agreed that this state needs and wants such a society, and we understand that active steps have already been taken in forming this organization.

Of all the comments quoted, the Tar Heel believes that the attitude taken by Miss Nell Battle Lewis, of the Raleigh News and Observer, is the most sensible, and should be the spirit of the organizers:

"It seems to me that a Poetry Society in North Carolina would be an excellent thing to try out. No one can tell whether or not it would be successful, because that would depend, of course, on how much talent there is in the state and whether those who possess it would take an interest in the society. Both are unknown quantities at present. But I am highly in favor of organizing it, with, however, the understanding that, to begin with, it would be a tentative venture, not heralded by too proud a clash of cymbals, since there'd be no telling when it might painfully expire. For if, for the sake of rhyme alone, the organization came to be over-run by fulsome eulogies on North Carolina or choked with Pollyanna's vacuous gladness or maudlin with simpering sentimentality, I should vote to disband it immediately. However, I believe that there are quite a few people in North Carolina who are seriously interested in both the production and the appreciation of good poetry, and a society such as you propose should certainly afford them grateful stimulation."

North Carolina unquestionably can produce and has produced men with creative powers in the field of literature, and today has men capable of writing very good poetry. Such a society as the one now being organized will do a great deal in encouraging more and better poetry. It is true that there is danger of this organization not "taking" and becoming a dead-head in short order, but the least that we can do is to give it a fair trial.

A SPLENDID CHOICE

The campus is elated, and justifiably so, over the election of Bill Blount to captain next year's football team.

This versatile center has been a conspicuous player on the Carolina team for three seasons, and as a player, both defensive and offensive, he has distinguished himself in almost every way possible. This year he has been picked as all-state center, and placed on some of the South Atlantic all-star selections; in practically every selection on the second All-South Atlantic team. His passing is always of the very highest order, and in spite of no great amount

of weight, he has ever kept the center of line immune from any attempted bombardment.

Bill Blount has been the moving and guiding spirit of the Carolina eleven this year, along with that great football player, Pritchard, who has the honor of having captained about the finest eleven the institution has turned out. Blount is a fighter, with all the fighter's instincts, but his brilliance lies in his cool headed cleverness and his spirit of never giving up. If any man can inject fighting spirit into a football team, it is Bill Blount. Also, he knows football from A to Z, the rules and the tactics of the game, the things that make up the great college sport.

The team could not have chosen better. Bill Blount is a born leader, and under his generalship, the Tar Heel has right to feel greatly optimistic for a repetition next year of this season's remarkable successes.

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE.—This column is for the free exchange of opinion among our readers. Use it if you have anybody to kick or anything to praise. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the author; no anonymous communications will be published.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

I wish hereby to express my hearty appreciation of the spirit of co-operation which the Woman's Association has shown and is showing us in the effort to make the Carolina campus a better and more enjoyable place to live. I wish to state in the beginning that the Y building is for the use of the women students just as much as it is for the use of the boys. By this I mean that the Y. M. C. A. building belongs to the University students and is at their service at all times. Since the "Y" belongs to the students, it is plainly understood that there are no charges whatever made for its use by the students. It would be absurd within itself to think of charging students for the use of a building that is theirs and primarily for their use. I will further say that the only reason that we, the boys, are in possession of the building, so to speak, is because there are so many more men than there are women students in the University. The girls are always welcome to come and help the boys share in the use and enjoyment of the building that has no place on the campus except for the use of all Carolina students, both male and female, at any and all times. One of our chief aims in getting Miss Willie Ames as office secretary instead of some man is that we felt that her presence in the office would make the girls feel more at ease in coming to the "Y." Again let me say that the Y. M. C. A. and Woman's Association are co-operating and wish to continue this co-operation. In behalf of the "Y," I wish to thank the Woman's Association for its past favors and the healthy check which it contributed to the "Y" budget.

To show how the girls feel toward the "Y," I enclose a recent letter which I received from the president and secretary of the Woman's Association.

C. C. POINDEXTER,
President Y. M. C. A.

(Enclosure)

Dear Mr. Poindexter:

At the November meeting of the Woman's Association it was voted unanimously that we express our appreciation to the Y. M. C. A. for its splendid help in putting over the Halloween Carnival. The work of the members of the "Y" was invaluable and we want them all to know how very grateful we are. Won't you please express our thanks to each and every one of them?

The check which we enclose as a gift towards the drive fund is a material expression of the co-operation which we wish to exist always between the Y. M. C. A. and the Woman's Association, a co-operation in which the "Y" has already done its part so generously.

With best wishes always,
JANE TOY, President,
VALLIE UZZELL, Secretary.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

I read with interest the communication of a sophomore to the Tar Heel with regard to the advisability of having first year men wear caps to distinguish them. He recommended that if the freshman class should vote to wear caps, a council should be elected to "force" unwilling first year men to abide by the rule, providing that if a first year man should continually refuse to wear a cap he could be put on probation by this council. Personally, I am in favor of freshmen wearing caps. I think it would be a good thing, and it would save a lot of trouble and delay in getting first year men organized. But there is strong argument both pro and con. I think that if first year men would start wearing them, and thus establish the custom, in-coming men would take it as a matter of course and wear them. However, should they decide to do this, I am opposed to any kind of force being used to make unwilling students abide by the rule. An

attempt to force anyone to wear these caps would run decidedly against the grain of no small number at this University, and furthermore, at the moment this attempt is made, the novel and attractive features of the whole business would disappear. Besides, could a man be put on probation because he refuses to conform to a fancy in the matter of his personal dress? I see no more reason why a man could be put on probation because he refuses to wear a red cap, than he could be put on probation because he is a Jew or a Catholic, or any other religion which is not fostered by the majority of the people. I repeat, however, that I think it is a god thing, and I believe that it would be a great help to all concerned should it be put across by the freshman class.

L. C., '26.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

This campus is supposed to be one of the most democratic campuses in the whole world. We pay a matriculation fee each quarter of \$12 each; with 1500 students this amounts to the sum of \$64,800 each year. This fee is supposed to cover all the fees for the use of the gymnasium, the library, the medical attention of the University physician and nurse, and the athletic fee. In return for this fee we are supposed to get free use of the library, free medical attention, free athletics and free use of the gymnasium.

We get free use of the library and free medical attention, but do we get free use of the gym and free athletics? Go down to the gym some Saturday morning and try to get a basketball to play with. Although some people have been able to secure a ball, the chances are very much against your being able to do so. Journey down to the gym some night to watch the basketball practice—a sign will greet you with these mournful words: "ONLY PLAYERS ADMITTED AFTER 7:30." Is this free use of the gym? If so, why? There may be some reason why no one is admitted there after 7:30 p.m. but what is it and why is it? Who owns the gym? Does it belong to the students, does it belong to the University, or does it belong to Dr. Lawson? Several men have advanced the theory that it would be a good idea for the University to buy the gym and turn it over to the students, and I think that this would be a good idea. At least the students should be allowed to watch others enjoy the use of it, even if they do not desire to use it themselves.

Is wrestling classed as athletics? It is supposed to be. Yet we must pay to see even the tryout for the wrestling team. Why is this? I asked the man who was disconnecting every spectator who entered the gym last Tuesday night from 15c, and he told me that this was necessary because the University did not finance the team. Wrestling is just as true a sport as football, basketball, baseball or track, so why is it not being financed by the University? If it is not able to do so out of the sum of \$64,800 which it receives for this purpose, let us vote upon ourselves another blanket fee to finance it. It is only fair that we should do this, because it is our team. It is our team in the same way that the football team is our team and it is due the same support. It is only right that we do this. If the whole campus is to receive the credit for its victories or for its defeats, then let the whole campus support it.

All of us would hate to see the men of these teams pay their own expenses in the wrestling and then share the glory and honor of their victories. Men, that is not the Carolina way of doing anything.

If the officials of the University are not going to back this team, let us "step into the harness" as true Carolinians should, and finance it ourselves, because it is as truly an activity of the University as debating, football, basketball, baseball, tennis or track.

This, I think, is the opinion of the majority of the student body.

R. L. DULA, '25.

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As the result of a recent contest, the Boll Weevil has announced the following men chosen as associate editors: W. B. Vaught, W. L. Whedbee, E. H. Hartsell, C. B. Colton, G. Y. Ragsdale, R. S. Pickens, M. Smith, R. L. Felton, Nady Cates and Abram Weil. Beginning with the first issue after Christmas, these men will start work as regular members of the Boll Weevil staff.

Paul John Weaves will leave Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Southern Supervisors' Conference at Atlanta of which he is president.

The manufacture of antiques is carried forward on such an extensive scale in Egypt that many collectors are unwilling to risk buying them, and market for the genuine article has become practically ruined.

NO STADIUM, SAYS UNIVERSITY CHICAGO STUDENT PUBLICATION

An interesting attitude taken by the students and faculty of the University of Chicago, regarding athletic contests, has come to light in a recent editorial in the Daily Maroon, official student publication.

The editorial declared that the students and faculty of that institution do not want a stadium and that the University need not cater to the public's football taste.

"The University has plenty of money," the editorial asserted, and went on to say:

"The University would be collegiate, the public would be amused; and may the two never meet. We do not want a stadium."

Men students at the University are said to have evidenced some difference of opinion regarding the editorial. Several University of Chicago alumni said that they had been among the chief agitators for a bowl which could accommodate the huge crowds now denied tickets to the big games. The present seating capacity is 35,000, and it was reported that there were 200,000 requests for tickets to the Princeton game.



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