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IF THE STATE IS ABLE, NOBODY NEEDS THE MONEY MORE THAN US

At this critical time, with the financial affairs of the state in a decided muddle and the subject of a tremendous controversy with one side maintaining that there is a five million dollar deficit in the State Treasury and the other side declaring that, on the controversy, there is a two and a half million dollar surplus, the Tar Heel hesitates to start any propaganda advocating greater appropriations for the University than the Budget Commission has recommended.

There is no doubt but what the University needs the money very badly, and if we do not get somewhat nearer the amount we originally requested, it will prove a serious handicap in the building program and phenomenal growth that the University is now going through. Every dollar of the appropriation requested by President Chase, as laid down before the Budget Commission, would be spent wisely and judiciously, and every item that was listed on the report is sorely needed here and must be had, sooner or later, to fit in the scheme of the Greater University.

Yet if Mr. Maxwell is right and Governor Morrison and the Budget Commission have erred in their calculations, the Tar Heel realizes that our original request is hopeless, and even the recommendation of the Budget Commission now may be subject to a considerable slicing at the hands of the Legislature. The Tar Heel, indeed, even in its great passion for the University, under such circumstances, would not advocate such an appropriation as a wise step, for it must be remembered that the students here will be the tax payers some day, and also it touches every man here, if the credit of the state should be, as Mr. Maxwell claims, completely wrecked and "on the rocks within two years." The investigation now under way should clear up this matter and the people of the state will know just how the finances of the state stand at the present time.

Should Governor Morrison be correct—and we trust by the help of the heavens that he is—then the Tar Heel makes haste to inform the Budget Commission that it has made a grievous mistake in slicing the University's requests so unmercifully, and we believe that we should have every dollar that President Chase's report called for. Certainly, as an editorial in this paper some time ago pointed out, if we cannot get that original demand, the Legislature will not cut down still further this report of the Budget Commission, and we will at least get all that it recommends.

The money that Governor Morrison would put in this Shipping Bill, which from every indication looks to be just about the most insane and foolish project imaginable at the present time in face of our country's failure with the Merchant Marine, would surely go mighty well in Chapel Hill. The Uni-

versity has a great deal to show for the money that was appropriated to it to launch the great building program that has enabled it to enlarge into the Greater University, and Educational progress in this state has never proved an unwise investment.

Let, as Mr. Pickens suggests in a letter to the Tar Heel in last issue, the students think about this matter and letters to the Legislators from their home counties showing appropriation possibilities here will not be amiss. Here we feel the tangible good that money can do and has done, and we feel, that if the state is able, no money could be better spent than in enabling us to continue the great work started six years ago.

"TOOTING" IS GOOD BUSINESS!

The current issue of "Intercollegiate Athletics" carries an article on the Fetters at Carolina, written by Buxton Midyette, formerly a member of the Tar Heel staff, and who will again be connected with this paper when the track meets are held this spring.

The Tar Heel congratulates the writer on his contribution, and believes that he has rendered Carolina a real publicity service. If more of this kind of thing could be done, Carolina's athletic reputation would spread abroad, and this University would get proper credit for the successful teams it is producing.

There is no better means of attracting able men here to go out for the teams than by shooting the publicity out over the country, when the institution really accomplishes something worth while in the way of athletics. Other institutions "spread it on thick" and work up good reputations by this publicity method, and since it is a perfectly legitimate thing, and Carolina is experiencing successes worthy of such, why should we not do the same and get our share of the country's praise?

We hope to see in the papers and magazines some more articles relative to Carolina athletics similar to this one that features the current issue of "Intercollegiate Athletics."

PLEASE GET BUSY

We dislike to continue harping on this German Club and dance orchestra business, since the great majority of our readers are probably more or less disinterested, and also since to some it may appear that we are talking through our hat and trying to run somebody's business that is not our own.

But it is our understanding that still no orchestra is engaged for the Easter dances, although negotiations have been under way for some time. Rumor hath it, leaders of the dances, that you are working entirely too slow and before you know it the dances will end up as those this fall, a rather feeble social demonstration for a grown up college. We say it again that the German Club is counting on you giving us some real dances here Easter, worthy of Carolina, and be it remembered that one of the prerequisites is good music. Good music cannot be had at the last minute, and it is now high time that these preparations were completed.

By the way, now that the Commencement leaders have been elected, why not begin planning the final dances right away? It is not too early now to get an orchestra engaged, and the beauty of it is that right now we can get the very music we want, whereas if this matter is put off until the last minute, as it has been done heretofore, we are liable to find ourselves again without proper music.

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.

NERO

To the Editor of The Tar Heel:
The most popular course on the campus is the "Pick". Although no college credit is given for the work, its reels nevertheless leave their indelible impression. History is taught there as well as at Saunders Hall. Among other portrayals of the life of the ancients that have instructed us in the mental make-up of the Fox producers, none pleased quite as much as "Nero." Of course it is impossible to reproduce the life of Imperial Rome. Even Shakespeare failed to do that. His Romans were Englishmen. But they were at least human beings. Fox's Romans are caricatures of human beings or rather feminized, Puritanized moralities walking around like figures in a Punch and Judy show. That gives "Nero" its incomparable charm.

The dramatic climax when Nero was trying vainly to shuffle off the mortal coil with knives ranging in size from

a lady's pocket knife to a meat axe and his neat finis as a Tarheel yells "gouge him," can never be forgotten. The terrible lion scene in which some peaceful, sleepy, and probably sick lions were brutally driven from their berths by the porter and forced to fondle and caress some denizens of the East Side of New York who rushed up to the lions with piteous and imploring yells of "please bite me" haunts us in the wee, small hours of the morning. The spectacle of an emperor inviting the entire empire of Rome to witness his domestic squabbles has the touch of the miraculous. How a Nero who showed all his cards could have stayed in the game for ten minutes is not easy to understand, but then things that are easy to understand are not the subject of movie dramas. The burning of a paper mache Rome, however, furnished fire and animation for the play as the galloping of horses and the waving of arms and wiggling of thumbs furnished action and the languishing eyes of a "barbarian" maiden who, although from the wilds of Vannia or some other suburb of New York, seemed not to lack the care and attention of Broadway hairdressers and modistes furnished the motive power for the conquest of Spain and the conversion of the conqueror of Spain. As a spectacle it was worth the 40 cents to an American audience although a Jap who had never seen the inside of the Roman coliseum and whose intellectual curiosity gnawed him constantly for a sight of that paragon of vice and that exemplar of the worst of human nature whose ridiculous fat form strutted through a Fox movie could hardly afford to pay four days wages to satisfy his longing. Before a discriminating Chapel Hill audience Nero entertains and amuses, but lest some in other parts of this or other states should take him seriously, a law should be passed prohibiting his further appearance or else commanding his hari kari in the first reel unless he reforms and learns how to behave and act like a human being of the time of Rome or any other time. For what purpose is Mr. Stroud's former boss hired to superintend the Los Angeles fairland except to elevate the standards of the movies? He is evidently raising the bar for our imaginative high jumpers, until even the most gullible and the most credulous will have difficulty in clearing it. There is no objection to fantastic monstrosities, provided that they are so labelled, but for the sake of our freshmen who until they come to the age of discretion are entitled to protection against falsehood masking under the guise of history, the Board of Censors of the American people should refuse to give further financial stimulus to such wicked extravaganzas.

SPORTOGRAPHS

R. C. M.

Wake Forest has secured the services of Henry Garrity, All-American half back at Princeton in 1920-21, as director of athletics and coach of football. Phil Utley, present coach of basketball, will handle the baseball team this spring and continue in the capacity of assistant athletic director at the Baptist institution. Both men will have places on the Wake Forest faculty.

W. L. ("Monk") Younger will become head coach of football and basketball at

The Chapel Hill barbers announce the following lecture courses for the coming quarter: "Hunting and Fishing Experiences, How to Settle the European Mess, Prohibition and Orange County Corn, Women and their Fallings." Students may register for these courses for the price of a shave and a hair-cut. No text books needed. All are invited to hear these problems threshed out by men who know.

HOMER HOYT.

Mince and Comments

The playmakers have departed on a tend day jaunt through the state. However, classes will be held as usual.

Please, Honorable Legislature, come through with several million kazooskas soon. The co-eds need two new dormitories, Louis wants another library, and Doc Lawson has got to have a nice big gymnasium.

Sincerely,
Harry and Charlie.

Get 'em while they're hot! Samuel Buxton Midyette's story on the Fetzer brothers now on sale at Foister's Reading Room.

The librarians at the reading room used rare judgment in placing the copies of Buck's story beyond the long reach of the customers, for if they would read the article they must pay.

"The bell shall ring," cried some at the Di Society last Saturday night, "The bell shall not," bellowed others, and so it raged for half an hour. Then President Pike Trotter awoke from a deep slumber, vetoed the resolution, appointed a committee, and order was restored.

The song of the thirteen lawyers who passed the bar last week with apologies to Al Tennyson:

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The Law may bear me far,
A grin spreads o'er my happy face
For I have passed the bar.

The following was clipped from the last paragraph of a freshman I-A theme: "She bent over my inert form breathing noisily and her lustrous black eyes glittering like fire flies. I awoke with a start to find myself asleep; but it was all a dream."

Carolina 20, Trinity 10. Jake, the Editor was right. We do need a coach.

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Davidson September 1st. He is coaching the V. P. I. quint this season and assisted Cullage in handling the football team there. Younger was a star end at Davidson under Coach Fetzer, and later made a great reputation at V. P. I.

The Lynchburg Elks probably have the best basketball team in the Old Dominion. Opplen and Carrington, stars on the University of Virginia quint last year, are playing with the Lynchburg outfit. The captain of the team is J. G. Johnson, who played at Carolina in 1915-16.

In the first eight games of the season, Carolina has made 272 points to 188 for opponents. Green scored the most field goals, 29; and Carmichael led the team in point getting with 94. The Blue and White center made good 60 of his 85 tries from the foul line, for an average of seventy-one percent.

Wake Forest defeated State at Raleigh Saturday 27 to 22. The Baptists had already beaten Trinity on the Wake Forest floor 30 to 18. It looks like Wake Forest has the best team in the history of basketball there.



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