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Get It Straight

In the issue of October 7 the TAR HEEL carried an editorial asking the students to express themselves regarding the probability of returning the paper to a semi-weekly. Many "Open Forum" letters have been sent in—so many the paper couldn't carry them last issue for lack of space, though we hope to find room for all of them today, and sentiments have been expressed both pro and con. But some of the letters give evidence that their authors have lost all track of the meaning and purpose of the editorial.

Judging from some of the communications, one would be led to think that the Editor of the TAR HEEL is a ruthless villain trying to force the paper back to a semi-weekly. In fact we did not once in the editorial, which was a column long, say that we, personally, would like to see the paper change its status quo. The source of the reason for printing the editorial has been shifted decidedly. We stated that "The Business Manager has already felt the need of a change and has taken the subject up with the Publications Union Board, which is holding the matter in abeyance until student sentiment can be registered in the approval or disapproval of a change." This is why the editorial was written. The Business Manager of the TAR HEEL took the matter up at a business meeting of the Publications Union Board, which we did not attend, before we had heard of any desire for a change. He told us about it later. Then Mr. J. M. Lear, one of the two faculty members of the P. U. Board, suggested that we might write an editorial concerning the proposed change, with the view of registering student opinion.

The students have not failed to express themselves. But we are yet to understand how some students got the idea that the Editor was trying to force the student body to take a semi-weekly and be satisfied. We believe that a consensus of the staff would reveal that the majority are in favor of continuing the paper as a tri-weekly, but after all the question must be decided by the student body.

We called for expression of views and many have responded, but if there are others who want to express an opinion, we suggest that they dig up a copy of last Thursday's issue and get themselves straightened out before beginning to write.

The Magazine

The Carolina Magazine, an almost misnomer, made its appearance last

week and gave a very favorable impression from a first glance. But a little more careful investigation revealed that it is no longer a Carolina product. Dr. A. C. Howell gave credit for ten-fourteenths of the contributions to outside contributors and impressed it with the emphasis that he put on the fact that the Magazine is no longer a product of the University of North Carolina.

If this is the case, and it is, why should the students be forced to pay for something which is not by them, for them, or of them? When the Magazine was put under the blanket fee of the Publications Union, it was "a magazine of opinion and literary expression of the students of the University of North Carolina." But this has ceased to be. The Assistant Editor has said that it is a better magazine than it was formerly, so why shouldn't the students pay for it? To which we answered: The American Mercury is still better than the Magazine, so why shouldn't the students submit to a forced subscription to it? The Assistant Editor also said that only two students had made contributions this year, and they were short poems by freshmen. There is nothing mysterious about that. Why should students waste hour after hour trying to write something to compete with writers who are nationally known? It would be a futile effort indeed.

Editors of the past have been able to get out a Magazine by students here and it did credit to the University. Much of its material was reprinted in other literary publications. The last issue of the New Student carried three pieces from issues of last year's Magazine. The pieces were two poems and a short story. And the New Student carries the "cream" of student production from the entire country.

We hear so much about the rising South and the new interest it has taken in literary endeavor only to see our literary Magazine adopt a policy of getting the best material it can get, regardless of its source. In speaking of the Editor, Mr. Howell said in his review: "He has been fortunate; but his action is a serious reflection on the interests and capacities of our student body."

Trackmen Are Needed

Team Will Meet Duke University on November 30.

A call has been issued by Coach Dale Ranson for men to report to him at once if they are interested in the mile relay team, which is being organized here for the first time. Coach Ranson states that he can easily use at least 15 or 16 men on the team in competitive work. He calls attention to the fact that duty done in relay work this fall will be taken into consideration at the time of regular track awards next spring.

The first race will probably be held on November 30 with Duke University. Duke has already begun training for this meet and the running done in the mile relay team composed of four men, is expected to promote 1-4 mile work in this country.

BAND IS WORTHY ADDITION AT GAMES

Local Band Fraternity is Petitioning National Kappa Kappa Phi.

The University Band opened its program for the year at the South Carolina football game Saturday afternoon. The Band made a more than creditable showing, and, in conjunction with the Cheerios, proved to be a surprise; for neither organization had been practising very long. Although military marches have been used almost exclusively by the bands of former years, the present band varies its program by a plentiful addition of Jazz—an addition that has proved very popular at the pep meetings.

About sixty-five men appeared for the band tryouts this year. Two hours a week are spent in rehearsals, and though the Band offers less in the way of trips as compensation than any other organization on the campus, it appears where and whenever it is needed.

Mu Sigma, the local band organization, is now petitioning Kappa Kappa Psi, national band fraternity, and hopes to establish a chapter here before the Christmas recess.

The Driftwood Fire

Dave Carroll

Here I gather up and store
Sticks that drift upon my shore;
And you may find what you desire
On salty rainbows of my fire.

"But what good came of it at last?"
Quoth little Peterkin.
"Why I cannot tell," said he;
"But 'twas a famous victory."

And so 'twas. The ghosts of former leaders and the earthly beings of some contemporaries won a decisive battle last week. The flame which has frightened away the wolves of the past was revived to help win a moral victory and a football game. The excellent support given a valuable part of this institution's curriculum last Saturday is to be commended. The awakening of campus consciousness was the result of feverish work and renewed loyalty. Can its benefits be retained? Football games are not to be underestimated; but there are also other battles to be fought. We wish the spirit of reasoning loyalty all success and progress.

To a Blade of Grass
We have noted with increasing disgust the students' latest and laziest compromise with distance. Instead of using the walks, which are provided for walking as well as ornamental purposes, many careless amblers whose largest contributions to the world are at their lower extremities began a diagonal path across the central campus green. This path has now become a hideous snake, stretching from the direction of Old East to Battle dormitory. It lies there, a mute testimonial to the unfeeling indolence of the student body. It is to be doubted that the men who were so slovenly as to break that path are more valuable to the University than the grass which they killed. Surely their rescue from a few extra steps along two well directed walks is not to be placed before the beauty of the campus.

Another section of grass, not seen so quickly by critical visitors, is being ruined by the meal-time trek of students from Old West toward the "Pick". For this short-cut, the students can hardly be blamed. There is insufficient provision for travel in that direction. Of course the grass must be maltreated sometimes. Only narrowness of mind could permit a howl against occasional walks across the green for convenience. But this habitual and unsightly practice has won to the ranks of its shiftless originators many students who should know better. We especially regret to see the co-eds, with inherently good ideas about lawns, join the bands of scrub professors, boys, and negroes who stalk blindly through cultivated beauty. We feel sure that the practice owes its beginning to ignorance, and is being promoted only by carelessness. We plead for the life of a blade of grass.

The Disgrace of the Nameless
On the campus of the University, justly proud of its buildings, are four new dormitories which have been denied the dignity of names. The "triangle" and the Woman's Dormitory are now dubbed "P", "Q", "J", and "Co-ed Shack". Why the university authorities have been so deaf, dumb, or blind as to realize no need for a christening ceremony, we cannot understand. The aforementioned buildings constitute in every way a valuable element of the campus. There are illustrious alumni whose names might well be used at this time. Surely the alphabet and college boys' slang are not fitting providers of names. What is to be gained by delay, by childish postponement of the inevitable, the desirable? Watch yourself, University. Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years.

Holy Night, Silent Night,
Hold Your Tongue, Neophyte.
We don't mean "holy" in the Sab-batical parlance. But there is a holiness which pervades every night, whether darkness be accompanied by the artillery of a furious sky and soothing tranquillity of simple rest, or the weird patter of refreshing rain. The sleepless nights are omitted from our picture; for them you have the alternative of electric fans and patent medicines. And don't forget the Black Draught advertised at the Pick so recently; Lydia's concoction and it will make you sleep always. Perhaps you should pray more. Anyway, we hail the night as holy.

With that much said, we call the attention of fraternity men to the present "quiet" rule requiring silence of victrolas, saxophones, and other carnal weapons after 9 p. m. It seems that several initiating orders have completely forgotten this considerate rule, for the past few nights have reverberated with the wails of agonizing initiates. How any body of men, presumably among the select, can cause such a din of paddle-music around the Quadrangle and Law building, we cannot understand. Experience shows that there is a value to

compelling a neophyte to grovel and about his woes before dormitories. There the unfortunatefortunates find third-story gods who willingly satisfy their lusty prayers for rain or water. But this could be done earlier in the night when little studying is attempted. The past disturbances are not only an infraction of recent rules, but an example of rudeness extraordinary. We take this opportunity to make known the effects to the offenders, to whose fair-mindedness we entrust the solution.

All men from Moore County are especially urged to be present at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night at nine o'clock for the purpose of organizing a county club. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the "Y".

400 Campus Organizations—A Help or a Hindrance?

(Continued from page one)

People's Fellowship, Christian Endeavor, Young People's Interdenominational Union, Student Bible Classes, Bible Discussion Groups.

Literary 3
Debate Council, Di Society, Phi Society.

Publications 12
Tar Heel, Magazine, Yachety-Yack, Buccaneer, Fawn, Yellow Journal, Freshman Handbook, "Y" Directory, Smoke Screen, X-Hi-Y, Intramural Yearbook, Publications Union.

Departmental Clubs 15
El Centro Hispano, Le Cercle Francais, Der Deutscher Verein, N. C. Club, Graduate Club, Alembic Club, Wm. Cain Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, Philological Club, Latin American Club, Journalism Club, Mathematics Club, Murphy Educational Club, Law School Association.

County and Prep School 30; Dormitory Organizations 13; Athletics 167 (Varsity, Freshmen, Intra-mural); Classes 12.

Miscellaneous 9
Woman's Association, Rifle Club, Republican Club, Executive Committee, Central Administrative Council, Student Activities Group, Committee of 100, Booloo.

Total number of Student Activities 402. Total number of Student Presidents 159; Total number of Student Captains 167; Total number of Editors of Publications 11; Total number of Managers 184.

Each of these 402 student organizations claims to have a definite purpose here on the campus. If these claims are just, how many one of them be called superfluous? While these many organizations may seem to defend themselves, they are open to just criticism on at least two counts: (1) They take the students time from other worthy objectives, and (2) they do not reach the great mass of the students.

The chief differences between Oxford and a typical American university, according to Mr. Hollis of the Oxford Debate Team, is the matter of organization. The "idle and easy ways of Oxford and Cambridge" are, he says, more conducive to deep thinking than the hurried, active life of the American university. "From spontaneous conversations around the fire sprout the germs of real education." The "activity man," led on too often by the desire for office, for personal advancement, for the seeming glory of having a long list of activities by his name in the college annual, departs from the realm of serious study and concentration to consume his time in rushing from one activity to another and thus obtains no lasting benefit. The innumerable campus organization take



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CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 14.

4:30 p. m.—Faculty Volley Ball.
7:00 p. m.—Playmaker Rehearsal, Memorial Hall.
7:30 p. m.—Artillery Officers in U. S. Army Reserves will meet in Davie Hall annex, first floor laboratory.

Friday, Oct. 15.

8:00 p. m.—Gerrard Hall, address by J. J. Hayes, Republican Candidate for U. S. Senate, under auspices of the Republican Club.
8:30 p. m.—Playmaker performance, "A Thousand Years Ago," Memorial Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 16.

3:00 p. m.—Varsity Football, Carolina vs. Duke, Emerson Field.
8:30 p. m.—Playmaker performance, "A Thousand Years Ago," Memorial Hall.
8:30 p. m.—Joint Meeting of three Y. M. C. A. Cabinets in Gerrard Hall.

In India they have few automobiles, but the snakes tried to make up for the lack by killing 19,308 persons last year.—Detroit News.

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