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PARAGRAPHS

Where are those student directories? More than a month gone and nothing but a promise.

We pity the freshman who was told to go to gym every day when he first got here and hasn't found that fellow Jim yet.

Something new was started this year when each freshman was required to have his picture taken for reference by the University authorities. Just give them a number now and they will feel more like convicts than students.

This one is too good to pass up. An Associated Press representative was here last Saturday and picked up a story about the Magazine and the Faun. The last paragraph was thus: "The Faun editors also are said to have attacked the TAR HEEL, the unofficial athletic organ."

Some people thought the tug-of-war was rough here this year. An exchange coming into the office from the University of Denver shows the frosh being dragged through the icy waters of the Platte river just three and one-half minutes after the annual fracas had started.

Carolina must be a great university. Such is described as one that has so many freshmen that the upper classmen don't have to attend chapel.

The second episode of the Peaches Browning affair is getting its part of publicity. No matter how much money Ed Browning has to put out, he won't be as humiliated as he was last April when he had to fight the children's association of New York to get his youthful bride.

Co-ed Cora says there's usually a fish at the end of a line.

GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

The great Mencken was a great disappointment. During his recent visit to Chapel Hill he didn't cuss the South, he didn't cuss the University—in fact, he didn't cuss anybody.

He didn't talk much for publication; but when he did talk, it was mostly praise. He thought Chapel Hill a charming place. He noted particularly the absence of sign boards that are so common in many college towns, and he was equally pleased that there were no ugly signs to mar the beauty of the Chapel Hill-Durham highway. He reaffirmed his faith in the University of North Carolina as "one of the great intellectual centers of the country." He even went so far as to pick our own Governor McLean to lead the Democrats to victory in the next presidential election.

Wherever he went the great Mencken applied soft soap in place of sulphide. He was playing the role of guest and playing it with the same vigor that he plays the role of critic. True, he had criticized the South severely but he had always laid claim to being a friend of the South. Now that he was here, as guest of the South, it was up to him to observe the amenities of social intercourse. And he did the role in great shape.

Did he want his hosts to take him literally? Of course not. Did he really think that Governor McLean has a fine chance of securing the presidential nomination? Did he think the University of North Carolina was about perfect, as universities go? Did he find nothing here that he might have lambasted? Will he cease his vituperation of the great South once he is back in his Baltimore den? Of course not!

It was the same old Mencken talking with his tongue in his cheek. There may have been those among us who had grown accustomed to taking the man seriously, who half-way expected, half-way hoped that the great critic would storm his way up and down the Southland, rearing and tearing and charging as he went. To those, the visit of the great Mencken must have been a great disappointment.

PRESS INSTITUTE BE HELD HERE AGAIN

Third Annual Newspaper Gathering Here January 5-7 This Year.

January 5-7 was the date selected by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Press Association for the third annual Newspaper Institute to be held in Chapel Hill. The program and the speakers for the occasion were discussed, and the main topics for consideration were selected.

Members of the committee present were: A. C. Hunnicutt, of Albemarle, president; A. L. Stockton, of Greensboro, vice-president; Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary and treasurer; B. A. Lowrance, of Charlotte, field secretary; Fred H. May, of Lenoir; J. W. Noell, of Roxboro; O. J. Coffin, Chapel Hill; Robert W. Madry, Chapel Hill; R. M. Grumman, Chapel Hill; and M. R. Dunnagan, Durham.

The Band will make several trips during this quarter, and is now in rehearsal for a formal concert to be given sometime during the winter quarter. One of the most interesting features of the bands' program of this year is the petitioning of Kappa Kappa Psi, national band fraternity, by the local organization Mu Sigma.

A Madrid newspaper has offered \$7,600 to any person who can write an article convincing an international court of arbitration that Columbus was Spanish by birth.

COBB TALKS ABOUT THE COAST EROSION

Professor Addresses the 290th Meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Society.

At the 290th meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society Tuesday night at 7:30, Room 206 of Phillips Hall, Dr. Collier Cobb spoke on "Coast Erosion and Shoreline Protection," illustrating his lectures with lantern slides.

The speaker pointed out that the geological and tidal conditions of every part of the coast vary so much that no general laws can be laid down as to the principles on which work for their protection can be carried out, and that each particular locality, if it is to be properly treated, must receive a careful examination as to its geology and the physiographic processes to which it is subject; that even these processes are constantly undergoing change.

Detail Talk

He spoke of the destructive work of waves on the shores of England, on islands in the North Sea, islands and bluffs in Boston Bay, and various land areas composed of glacial till, whose destruction it is almost impossible to prevent. He showed on the screen the various methods in use in Holland, very expensive, but justified by the great value of the land protected. Next the methods used on the Bay of Biscay, where dunes were built up to a uniform level above which the prevailing winds did not carry the sands and then used for extensive pine plantations, had become an important economic asset. Similar methods had been applied around Niigata, Japan, with conspicuous success. The speaker also gave some account of the methods used on the Frisian Islands of Borkum and Nordernay, great summer resorts on the coast of Germany.

Next followed a description of the plans followed on the shores of New Jersey, where the entire sea beach of 120 miles is given over to summer resorts. The principles of protection studied on all these coasts were considered in the light of their possible application to 325 miles of North Carolina coast, destined yet to become both a summer and winter resort for thousands of people who work fifty weeks in the year that they may have something to spend in the remaining weeks of vacation.

After Dr. Cobb's talk, Mr. Brown read the nominations of the different branches of science for membership in the society. Eleven active members, Professors and Instructors, and seventy-eight associate members, outstanding students, were nominated and accepted into the society.

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OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Many condemnatory articles have recently been published in the TAR HEEL in connection with Mr. Fowler's story, "Slaves." This, I think, is a mistake. Mr. Fowler wrote and published his obscene bit of filth, not for the purpose of receiving the hearty approval of the student body, but on account of his desire to step into the limelight. Has not his desire been realized? Congratulations, Mr. Fowler. Recognition is what he got. He did not care whether his recognition consisted of praise or disapproval. The very fact that his story stirred up so much commotion will be an inspiration to him to write filthier filth. Would not indifference to this bit of trash have been the best policy?

Any writer can become prominent by writing things out of the ordinary, and not in harmony with public opinion. It requires a genius to acquire recognition by writing usual things with which the world will agree.

Is it not a bit degrading to enter into a controversy with a tenth rate writer of filth? I should think that all self-respecting persons would be above such a degrading pastime.

Besides the fact that one is being very condescending to deem Mr. Fowler's story worthy of consideration and criticism, it is very pleasing to Mr. Fowler to know that his story has caused so much commotion. I, personally, would not give him that pleasure.

A FRESHMAN.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

The open forum letter in Tuesday's issue of the TAR HEEL, signed by A. S. Kartus, has caused much unjust criticism of S. G. Chappell on the part of several members of our student

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body because of the erroneous statements and unprovable accusations made by the author. As to whether the student referred to should have been expelled for being drunk there is and should be no argument, for everyone here who is familiar with the laws of student government knows that it is a shipping offense for any citizen of this campus to drink and especially to cause any disturbance by his drinking.

The unjust criticism to which I refer is that going the rounds of the campus that Chappell had the student locked up in jail overnight. Where Mr. Kartus got his information I do not know and furthermore I do not care. However, I do know that had Mr. Kartus received his information from eye-witnesses as I have he would never have written such unjust accusations of the President of our student body. He would have found that Chappell told one of the boy's friends to take him to his room before he did get into trouble. With this admonition Chappell then left without even seeing or talking to a policeman. After this the boy was found out on the street dog-drunk by a policeman, locked up, then he was reported to Chappell, and turned out at 5:00 o'clock in the morning. There was but one thing left for the Student Council to do and they did that.

H. McSWAIN

ENGLISH NOTICE

The secretary of the English Department wishes to announce that examinations to remove composition conditions in English will be held Saturday, October 23 at 4 o'clock in Murphy 203.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.
8:30 p. m.—Public lecture with lantern slides, "The Skyscraper as an Illustration of Imaginative Life in America," by Dr. Edgar Wind. Phillips Hall.
SUNDAY, OCT. 24
8:30 P. M.—Playmaker Reading, Paul Green, "In Abraham's Bosom."
MONDAY, OCT. 25
8:30 p. m.—Y. M. C. Cabinet, "Y."
9:00 p. m.—Fayetteville Club, "Y."
TUESDAY, OCT. 26
7:30 p. m.—Phi Assembly, First Year Law Room, Law Building.
7:30 p. m.—Di Senate, Di Hall.

Dale Talks About Track in Chapel Monday

Speaking in Chapel Monday, Dale Ranson, track coach, urged all men expecting to take part in the annual intra-mural cross-country race Friday, Oct. 29, to start training at once. Several prizes are offered for the winners, including a huge cake for the first hundred men to cross the tape. Over two hundred took part in the race last year, which is over a two-mile course.

Coach Ranson stressed the importance of athletics in the life of the student body, and attacked those who say that they are over-emphasized in college. "Sportsmanship is the golden rule of athletics, fair play and a square deal to everyone," he said.

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