

OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

In the Tuesday's issue of the TAR HEEL under the guise of the Driftwood Fire appeared a most puerile, unwarranted, and obnoxious attempt to cast slurs upon the reputation of the "Highest Honorary Organization" on our campus, The Golden Fleece. It was of extremely bad taste and "Dang nigh dastardly." In the first place, what is it that the writer of this column is so "peevish" about? What has the Golden Fleece done or refrained from doing that is should draw such fire from such a "Literary Light?" He calls attention to the fact that all of the deep thinkers of the campus should unite and rise in arms to eliminate the Golden Fleece from the campus, but offers no reason for this action except the fact that it should be done. The deep thinkers, I presume, are to take his word for it or to figure out for themselves the reason why. The fact that the Golden Fleece is supposed to be the highest honorary order here suggests that there must have been some reason for its being considered so. It was not just merely organized and immediately happen to become highest. It undoubtedly deserved the distinction before it received it.

He suggests that possibly the Leaders of the TAR HEEL, the Carolina Magazine and others, possibly others connected with the Publications Union, should be included in the Golden Fleece, and further on he says that it should be driven from the campus. Does he mean before or after these men are included?

Organizations such as this one claim and keep invade the right to choose their own members. They very seldom go to the writer of a "special" column in a college publication for advice as to whom they should choose for fellow-members. Of course the mistake must have been theirs in this case.

Just where and when does all of this "hero worship" which he most gallantly assigns to the Golden Fleece take place? I have failed, so far, to see the members subjected to such an indignity.

Granted that there is hero worship here, why abolish the hero to get rid of the worship? A dead hero is worshipped more than a live one most all of the time.

But let us not, We the "deep thinkers," deprive the "great" of the admiration and recognition which is due them as a result of their accomplishments. And let us not allow the fact that one man does not consider them to be "great" prevent us from considering them as we see fit.

When it comes to a question of the "limbo of the Passed" and someone or something being relegated there, the Golden Fleece has the Driftwood Fire outnumbered several to one. With majority rule, the Driftwood Fire would be elected chief leaver.

The writer suggests the possibility of a man attacking the Golden Fleece, "afterward" becoming a "leader" of men and subsequently being tapped by them, to be "rejected." It is this course which he wishes to follow, or is it "sour grapes?"

Let him justify himself, if possible, or let him retract his statements.

R. L. DULA.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

The rottenest thing of the year in the way of campus journalism is with us in the form of the review of the Carolina Playmaker production of last week. Verily it would do justice to the annual Yellow Journal, and

it stands as a disgrace to the TAR HEEL staff.

At any time that an organization like the Playmakers goes out representing the University on a state tour of 12 days and is acclaimed to the skies by the papers in every town it plays, and then returns home to its own fellow students with a performance necessarily polished by the experience of the trip—to get a story from a prejudiced, pin-headed reviewer—then something is rotten, and not in the state of Denmark.

That rotten something is well known to a large part of the campus; it should be known to all. It doesn't seem to be a secret that the man who reviewed "She Stoops to Conquer" was at one time himself a playmaker, but due to his ability to make trouble was practically kicked out of the organization. Since that time he has taken advantage of his position on the TAR HEEL staff to vent his spleen on the folks who "didn't appreciate him." The disgrace comes in the fact that a prig like this is allowed by his higher-ups on the staff to review performances when it is known that he has everything and anything but an open-minded, fair attitude toward the organization. During the past year he has had opportunity after opportunity to reveal in that superiority complex of his, and has tried in his stories to create an unfriendly attitude toward the Playmakers here on the campus.

In his latest piece of rotteness he follows his usual style of setting himself up as a professional critic, tries to see an amateur organization measured against professional standards, and goes out of the way to be nasty. Such statements as, "Charlie Norfleet is by no means a finished actor," should make us laugh. As though either the Playmakers or Charlie claimed to be "finished." Charlie is a law student, a lover of the theatre, and a good amateur actor. The others are students, amateur actors, and folk who are engaging in that work purely for the joy that they get out of it. Why try to measure an undergraduate organization like that in a professional light? Anything the Playmakers lacked in putting on a professional performance, the reviewer certainly overdid in a vain attempt to write a professional review. His was a far worse story than the show a show. However, despite this knife-in-the-back story appearing Saturday morning, it is said that for the first time in the history of the Playmakers a S. R. O. sign was hung out Saturday night.

The head of the Department of English in one of our neighboring colleges, who both saw the show and read the story was openly indignant that such a thing should pass.

What would the result be if a man with a worm-eaten mind and a soured attitude toward football were turned loose to cover a game, a man who had been kicked off the team for instance? Suppose he should turn in the type of story on the game that was turned in on the Playmakers, and the story was used. The coaches and team would come around the next morning and pounce on somebody with a hearty licking. A reporter could never get by with it.

The shame of the whole thing is that this conceited ass still gets his chance. Surely there is somebody on the staff who can cover Playmaker offerings, let's give that activity a half-way decent chance.

H. C. L.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Yesterday morning while the election was in full swing and talk was getting rather warm concerning the election of our new sub-assistant football man-

agers someone thought it necessary for some reason to call off the election until today. Why was such a thing thought necessary? Surely it was not because no one was voting. Why is such a thing ever done? Only because there is something crooked going on. What was wrong then? Is it not fair for different groups to work for their different choices? Is it not fair for one to try to influence or convert another to his ideas? Was there anything connected with this election that was not just as fair as other elections that have come off in the past? Did not every one have a chance to vote as he pleased? Was not each man able to secure a ballot and mark it as he saw fit?

If all these things are correct as surely they are, why, then, was the election postponed?

W. P. F.

Southern Conference Tennis Tournament to Be Played Here in May

The University of North Carolina will be the stage for the annual Southern Conference Tennis Tournament according to the reports of the University delegates upon their return from the conference meet at Jacksonville, Florida. The tournament will be held during the first week in May.

This will be the second time in three years that Chapel Hill has been the scene of the Conference Tennis Championships. The 1925 tournament, held soon after the opening of the new courts back of the triangle, proved to be an extremely successful event. The tournament was won by Dan Murray, representing Tulane, for the third successive year after a thrilling five set final match with Berry Grant, Georgia Tech ace. Last year's tournament, held at Atlanta, saw the crowning of a new champion in the person of Tom Slade, brilliant University of Florida court star.

100 Is Record Class

Professor Hobbs, of the University faculty, is conducting a class in Albemarle on Rural Economics as a part of the work of the University Extension Division. The enrollment is over one hundred thus making this class the largest of the year.

Trabue Talks to Educators in Raleigh

At the Conference of Supervisors of Rural Education, called by the United States Commission of Education, in Raleigh Monday, Dr. M. R. Trabue delivered an address on the "Place of Supervisors and Teachers in Educational Research."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

4:30 p. m.—215 Murphy Hall. Thursday reading. Professor Jones will read.

8:30 p. m.—Carolina-George Washington debate.

10:00 p. m.—Davidson County Club, Y. M. C. A. (Smoker) Gerrard Hall.

8:30 p. m.—Glee Club Concert, Playmaker Theatre.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
8:30 p. m.—Mary D. Wright Debate, Gerrard Hall.

8:30 p. m.—Phi Beta Kappa meeting, Episcopal Parish House.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
11:00 a. m.—Singing class of Methodist Orphanage will give a sacred concert at the Methodist Church.

NEGATIVE WINS IN DI FROSH DEBATE

Cancellation of French Debts Is the Query.

Only after a warm discussion, the team of John Mebane, of Greensboro, and Garland McPherson, of High Point, defeated Emmett Wilson, of Asheville, and Mercer Blankenship, of Charlotte, in the Di Senate intrasociety freshman debate. The winning team upheld the negative side of the question, Resolved: that the United States should cancel all French debts incurred during or subsequent to the World War.

In spite of the contention of the affirmative that non-cancellation is opposed to the best economic principles and would eventually work to our own detriment, the argument of the negative that France can pay and can be made to pay carried the day. The speaking of John Mebane was outstanding on the winning team.

Fencers Meet

An important meeting of the fencing club will be held tonight at 7:00 in the Tin Can. All who are interested in the art are asked to be present. The fencing equipment has arrived and the first regular work-outs will be held immediately after the meeting.

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Standard Comedy—"The Vulgar Yachtsmen"

Ledbetter Racqueteers Meet Beta Theta Pi Players

By virtue of their victory over Ellis and Lee, representing Steele dormitory, the Beta Theta Pi team, composed of Charlie Waddell and Malcolm Cameron won its way to the final round of the annual intramural tennis doubles tournament. They will meet Matthews and Barney, who are upholding the honor of Ledbetter's boarding house, in the final round the latter part of this week.

The tournament this fall has been unusually successful. Although the entries were slightly fewer than usual, the quality was greatly superior to that of other years. The tournament play was productive of several excellent matches among the many contenders. The most outstanding among the teams beside the two finalists were Kendrick and Wilson (Manly), Merritt and Bunch (Grimes), and Scott and Norwood (Mrs. Ledbetter's).

Methodist Orphans Sing

The Singing Class of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh will give a sacred concert at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

LOST

An open-face Hamilton watch with gold "N. C." fob. Watch engraved with my initials and "U. of F., 1922"; Gold "N. C." bears my full name. Reward to finder. Benjamin B. Lane.

Chase and Companions Return from Mississippis

President Chase, Librarian L. R. Wilson, Dean N. W. Walker, and Registrar T. J. Wilson, Jr., University delegates to the annual meeting of the South Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, have returned to Chapel Hill from the conference at Jackson, Miss.

While at the meeting, Dr. Chase, who was chairman of the committee on examinations and admissions, recommended that Elon College, Greensboro College, and Guilford College be given membership in the organization.

Dean Walker was president of the association and presided over all the meetings. He also delivered the presidential address. Dr. Chase and Dr. Wilson also delivered addresses.

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