

Pen Points



By H. J. Galland

Where Does Interest Lie?

Thursday night Sherwood Anderson lectured in Memorial Hall. On that night "The Desert Song" played in Durham on a one night stand. Statistics are not yet available as to how many students trekked to Durham for their entertainment and how many merely stepped across the campus to Memorial Hall. We are inclined to say that in the matter of such statistics, which can be taken as a commentary on the intelligence and information of the individual, statistics on interests lie. Mr. Anderson, despite his blasting of a pet idea, was interesting. So was the show in Durham. But the remarkable part of all this is that, contrary to your expectation, we believe that Mr. Anderson drew a bigger crowd. Which is a step forward, and a triumph for the entertainment committee. The pet idea mentioned is that all reputable poets and men of letters wear flowing locks and ditto black ties. But we forgive Mr. Anderson. We know an eminent dramatic critic in New York who looks like a pants manufacturer, and another equally eminent who seems to belong in a restaurant shelling out beans—in appearance we mean. So you never can tell.

Interlude

I love your lips,
I love your smile,
To me you're thoroughly worth while

Your eyes are nice,
Your figure swell
(Which is important, truth to tell)

But dear, I'll swear
I can't assume
What makes you fav-
Or such perfume!

Maybe So

Joe Mitchell's criticism of the Playmaker production of "The Enemy of the People" caused a bit of a ruckus in the Open Forum column. In view of that, it is interesting to note that one dramatic critic stated that Walter Hampden's production of that play, now running in New York, was put on as a comedy. The more we consider this, and balance it with the results of the Playmaker production, the more inclined we are to think that Hampden was right after all. Surely the production here had its humorous aspects, what with all the "You don't know what you're talking about!" stuff flying around in the wake of the show.

Dangerous Curves

A disillusioned senior in Emory University wrote a letter to the editor of the school paper which we think is significant. It is a word of warning addressed to freshmen particularly, and those who may need the advice in general—and most of us need it. But the letter explains itself:

"To the Editor:
Dear Ed:

Is the joy, the bliss, the thrill of a tender kiss worth the price of three hours time, two "cokes," one pack of "Luckies" and the gargle of Listerine one must pay? Or is the lingering ecstasy of a clinging embrace a worthy compensation for the lies, the sleepless night, the efforts and the powdered coat-lapel?

"I am a senior and like all other men of the class am certain that a diploma shall be mine in June and the presidential chair a few years later. I have dated one girl steadily since my entrance into the university. And looking at it in a cold-blooded, economical way—was it worth the price?"

"My statistics on the matter show: 2,578 hours lost on dates, 1,649 miles traveled to and from them, 17,893 hours of lost sleep, 3,479 "cokes" purchased, 14 girls "rushed," 56,837 hairpins recovered and her brother bailed out of jail four times.

"On the other side of the sheet my data shows the receipt of 73 heartrendings, and 18,439 indifferent kisses, 19,511 tender embraces, chronic insomnia and the loss of a good fraternity pin.

"If my efforts and money expended on the quest could have been utilized I could have played 1,378 games of poker, lost \$7,652, would have been somewhere between Black Rock and Big Stick, Wyoming, with seven more years to my life and would have bought 27,923 packs of cigarettes or nine carloads

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Those Same Frosh

Some time ago we said something about how the freshmen were working out on the freshman football field every afternoon with quite a few scrimmages with the varsity thrown in. Evidently their work is bringing results for they certainly have one good freshman team out there. In fact it is one of the best yearling outfits that has been assembled at the University in many years.

They started out by beating Duke's Blue Imps by one touchdown. Then they took a long trip up to New Jersey. Evidently the trip had no bad effect on them, for they turned back the Princeton Cubs 7-0. This bit of work brought them into eastern fame. After scrimmaging the varsity for five weeks, the coaches, Enright and Belding, sent them against the powerful Maryland frosh. The story of that game has been told. They did their stuff and came out one touchdown to the good. This ranks the Carolina Tar Babies as one of the most powerful freshman outfits in the northern portion of the Southern Conference. Whether they would rank equally as well further south, for the sport authorities usually can't see any team except those from their immediate section.

What should prove to be a very interesting game will be played here Saturday. The freshmen will take on Virginia's young Cavaliers. If comparative scores mean anything, the Heellets should win. But we have an idea that the freshman coaches at Virginia, one of whom is Joe McConnell, former Davidson center and Woodberry Forest coach, will be priming the Old Dominion yearlings for the Carolina scrap just as "Greasy" Neale is pointing the varsity for the Tar Heel game Thanksgiving. But we say that the Tar Babies should win from the young Virginians.

More about Virginia

When we said that Virginia usually points for the Carolina game, we weren't talking through our hats. The Old Dominion students measure the success or failure of their football seasons by two games. One is the Washington and Lee contest and the other is the Carolina game. Regardless of whether they lose every other game on the schedule, if they win those two games, the season is a success.

Just why this condition exists is hard to explain. But it does. After four years in prep school under the shadow of the Rotunda, we find that the Washington and Lee and Carolina games are all important. It is fortunate that Tar Heels do not measure their season by such standards. Not that the Virginia game is not an important one, but we hate to see a team point from the first day of practice for one game.

However, as we said, if Virginia manages to eke out a victory over the Heels Thanksgiving, they will be thoroughly satisfied. But we can't see how Virginia would be able to say that they had a successful season this year just because they beat Carolina and the Generals from W. and L. What about the Maryland, Y. P. I., and V. M. I. games? Of course there is the tie game with Princeton, but ties aren't victories. Anyway that tie game is somewhat offset by the fact that the somewhat battered and trampled Old Line team ran over Yale and then along comes Princeton, whom Virginia tied, and runs over the same team Maryland beat while Maryland is putting the finishing touches on the Cavaliers.

All we are driving at is that the Virginia coaches are certainly pointing their team for the Carolina clash and if they win how they will say what a football team they had this year. We can't see it that way.

Mrs. Ellis of Henderson, is spending a few days here at the bed side of her daughter, Miss Constance Ellis, who is confined to the infirmary with a severe case of influenza.

of the best rock candy. I ask you, "Ed"—was it worth it?" There is the case stated completely and convincingly. He who runs may read, even as he who rides to his dates in a flivver. A moral-lesson, gentlemen, a very moral lesson!

One Way To Do It

A student on the campus rides to his eight-thirties on a bicycle. We like the idea very much. A nice little rack can be fixed up on the handlebars which will hold shaving utensils and a tray with breakfast, not forgetting clips to hold the morning paper. We wouldn't have any excuse for being late then? Don't you believe it—how about blowouts?

Dr. Caldwell Will Address Debate Class

Dr. Caldwell, of the history department, will address the Debate Class Thursday night at 7:30 on "The Facts of History." He will tell the class how to derive representative conclusions from the facts of history.

This is the second of a series of three lectures preliminary to work on the query for the next inter-collegiate debate, which will take place about the middle of February. These lectures are designed to give the class a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of argument.

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