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TAR HEEL TOPICS

The band will probably get their new uniforms in time to wear them at the opening of Graham Memorial Building.

The Maryland baseball team was a victim of the Carolina's latest malady Tuesday. Seven Old Liners went out on strikes.

Gina Pinnera, the "Italian" soprano who sang, or rather gave a concert, here Monday evening, not only speaks in the American manner but with a decidedly North Carolinian accent, according to no less an authority than Collier Cobb. In addition we have been informed that her real name isn't Pinnera at all, but Eugenia Choate. Pretty soon we will begin to suspect that the lady ain't no Eytalian after all.

A neophyte milking a cow on the sidewalk in front of Eubanks'; another being led around by a much be-ribboned duck; still another escorting a pair of pigs about town; multitudes clamoring under dormitory windows for over-ripe eggs—and getting them. And all night long over all the village the monotonous thud of paddle meeting flesh—how barbaric are the Greeks!

"Whenever I go to the polls in an election I am pounced upon by about a hundred politicians. I can't escape them without losing either my religion or my vote"; one of the speakers declared at the fracas over Johnny Booker's student government plan Tuesday night. Mebbe so, but if the Booker plan were put into effect the politicians would be so greatly increased that they would probably get his religion, his vote, his watch and his pants, if nothing more.

Two Student Government Reforms

Some two score of those most interested in student life here, including Dr. John Booker, Frank Graham, R. B. House, F. F. Bradshaw, Ed Hudgins, Jeff Fordham, and most of the outstanding undergraduates, participated in a heated three-hour discussion of Dr. Booker's plan for re-organization of the existing system of student government at the joint meeting of the Di and Phi Tuesday night.

Dr. Booker's plan was passed by a rather sizable majority. That indicates very little, since only the ac-

tive members of the two societies, comprising not more than half of those present, were allowed to vote. After the first hour the debate degenerated into a most undignified dog-fight, a clash of two diametrically opposed opinions, each utterly intolerant of the other.

Proponents of the Booker plan failed to show how it would be other than a cumbersome, impractical mass of governmental machinery. Dr. Booker has one excellent idea in this plan, but he has many others worse than useless. The chief point that he has scored against the present student government is the fact that three out of the seven members of the student council represent the graduate schools, in which about one-sixth of the student body is enrolled. The undergraduate body, with five-sixths of the students, elects, directly or indirectly, only about one-half of the student council. Without a doubt Dr. Booker's proportional representation idea should be put into operation, so that all the units of the student body should have representation on the council according to number of students in each unit. In every other respect the Booker plan is impractical and undesirable. It advocates creation of a legislative body of 150 students, a judiciary consisting of a student court corresponding to the present student council exactly, and an executive department substantially the same as the present office of the president of the student body. In other words, Dr. Booker wants to retain the present student council with the addition of a huge judiciary department and an immense amount of red tape. How could 150 men on this campus be prevailed upon to work for many hours each week on governmental problems; and if such a body could be secured, what could it accomplish?

The accusation that Dr. Booker's primary concern in drawing up the plan was to inject new life into the decaying, corpse-like Di and Phi by transforming them into governmental bodies is probably untrue, but on the face of things it certainly sounds reasonable.

The opposition faction was fighting for the status quo; their arguments were based upon the absurd supposition that the system of student government here is the best that can be evolved for a University of this type and size. Sentiment is over-stressed in their contentions; frequently they referred to the mistaken idea sometimes expressed by men at other institutions, unfamiliar with conditions here, that Carolina's student government is the best in the country. They admitted the disproportionate representation on the present council, and weakly attempted to justify it. They did succeed in making the glaring defects of the Booker plan apparent, however.

The entire discussion Tuesday night was beside the point. It was a clash of conservative and liberal elements, and as is usually the case in such a discussion, it was concerned chiefly with unessentials. For a greater portion of the time the question of frame-up control of campus-political affairs was the primary point of contention, which is related to the Booker plan not at all. There is no reason to suppose that frame-ups could not dominate campus politics under the new plan as easily as under the present system.

Election of student council members on a proportional representation basis by schools entirely rather than by undergraduate classes and graduate school units, as at present, would accomplish all the good that the Booker plan would result in, without the apparently great evils that the plan would bring into being. If in addition all jurisdiction over cheating and drinking cases were taken from the faculty executive committee and placed in the hands of the student council, student government here would be such in reality rather than primarily in name alone. So long as a faculty committee deals with a majority of cases of cheating, student government does not really exist.

These are the only two highly desirable changes in student government

here at present. They would not result in a perfect student government, but they would set up a practicable, efficient representative system of self-government.

Open Forum

SAYS MR. DUNGAN SHOULD APOLOGIZE

Editor of the Tar Heel:

I feel that J. E. Dungan owes the Playmakers an apology. His biting sarcasm and supposed criticism does not voice the sentiment of the audiences which attended the theatre last week-end.

It seems that Mr Dungan fails to see a good plot in any of the three plays. I suppose he saw the play, "The Man Who Died at Twelve O'clock," produced by the Playmakers a few months ago. The plot in any of the three plays was better than the one in this play, and yet it was written by Paul Green, the second greatest playwright in America today. The essential element of drama is conflict, and all three plays had enough dramatic conflict to hold the spectators' attention to the end.

I do not know what Mr. Dungan's conception of good acting is, but it seems to me that his idea is a series of forehead wrinkles, eyebrow twitches, superfluous gestures, and a different tone of voice for every word. The producer of a play tries to make his actors act in the most natural manner possible. Ibsen, the father of modern drama, had his actors rehearse their parts with the curtain down so as to secure the greatest naturalness possible. I think Mr. Bailey acted the part of the preacher just as well as it could have been acted. Probably Mr. Dungan doesn't associate with preachers enough to know that. It is strange that he did not find any fault in the actresses.

The Carolina Playmakers are one of many so-called Little Theatres in the United States. These Little Theatres are doing more for the development of modern drama, especially the one-act play, than any other movement in America. The Playmakers have probably done more to help this university than any other one thing. I am sure that criticism of this sort will not encourage them in the least and may tend to discourage them.

Alexander Pope once wrote:
 'Tis hard to say, if greater want of skill

Appear in writing, or in judging ill. . . .

Ten censure wrong for one who writes amiss."

This seems to be true on our campus. How unfortunate we are to have a critic who can not criticize any better than this! Every one who ever expects to succeed in the literary field has to go, I suppose, through this stage of amateurish efforts. But how boring it is for those of us who want to read good criticisms!

JUNE GUNTER.

CONCERNING BOOKER'S PLAN

Editor of the Tar Heel:

I would like to have a few inches in your Open Forum in order that I may say a word concerning the Bi-Cameral system of student government proposed by Dr. J. M. Booker.

On last Tuesday night the Phi and Di societies met in joint session to discuss the merits and the demerits of this plan which was so ably presented by Dr. Booker. At this meeting the active members of both societies voted upon the question, and, to the great surprise of the campus generally, were overwhelmingly in favor of the proposition. In order that the actually interested persons may have an opportunity to express themselves unrestrictedly, the Di Senate is to conduct an open forum within its halls on next Tuesday night, April 16.

My purpose here is not, as it might seem, to announce the coming meeting of the Di, but to make a statement concerning some of the conditions existing at the joint session of last Tuesday evening. Those men present who were most ardently opposed to the proposed change were for the most part unable to vote because of the special ruling of the Phi that only active members were to enjoy that privilege.

In the second place, there was a group of men present who were far more interested in the passage of the bill than they were in the interest of the campus at large. Private and group interests were predominant in their minds. Their number was quite large and their minds were already made up before the meeting convened. At the next meeting I want to see us get above the petty prejudices centering around the local units and branch out into campus statesmanship. I hope that I will not be misconstrued here to the extent that it will seem that I feel that only those who are opposed to the system proposed are possessed with a campus

interest. There are many commendable and worthwhile elements in the plan which Dr Booker propounds. I want to see the men at Carolina think the thing through and express themselves.

After a bit of consideration and thought, I have reached the conclusion that the plan will be far more detrimental than constructive. In case it is wholly adopted, the campus will receive a fatal blow. However bundle up a few ideas and bring them along for dispensative purposes next Tuesday night.

FRED G. GILREATH.

Twin City Highs Trim Heel Frosh

The Winston-Salem high school nine defeated the Carolina freshmen 5 to 1 here Wednesday, hitting two Tar Baby pitchers hard to win. Short's homer with two on base counted three Winston runs in the first inning.

Clodfelter and Livengood had three hits each for the Twins, while Branch hit three for the yearlings.

The score:
 The Score: R.H.E.
 Winston-Salem 310 000 010—5 7 0
 U. N. C. Frosh 000 100 00—1 6 2
 Livengood and Carter; Harrington, Chapman and Kushner. Umpire—Sapp.

OLD WEST TO BE ENTERTAINED AT CAROLINA TONIGHT

Old West Dorm will be entertained at the Carolina tonight at the first show, Manager E. C. Smith announced yesterday. All men living in the dormitory will be admitted free at 7 o'clock if they are at the theatre with the dormitory president at that time.

El Paso is the only large city between San Antonio and Los Angeles, a ride of 1,500 miles.

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