

## Editorially Speaking

### AN OPEN LETTER

TO: ED GAITHER, THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, DOUG HUNT, THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND THE STUDENT BODY.

The TAR HEEL is essentially a publication of, by and for the Carolina student body. As Editor-in-Chief it is my duty to see that they are informed of all things which concern them, which are within our coverage. It is not in my authority to express personal opinions or carry through these pages personal grudges, nor is it my intention.

I was not present at the Legislature's meeting last Thursday, and the facts that I possess were given me by those who were. I understand the questions that were debated, and since the TAR HEEL and myself figured in them to a large measure, I feel it my duty and obligation to write this letter.

The TAR HEEL is at fault. The banner headline on the front page was misleading in that it named the bill the "Elections Bill." While the bill did have to do with elections, it was principally "The Student Council Bill."

I believe the inference of the title "Elections" was made clear by Ed Gaither, to whom I wish to apologize both as Editor-in-Chief of the TAR HEEL and as myself. THERE WAS NO INDICTMENT OF ANY ONE PERSON INTENDED IN EITHER THE NEWS STORY OR MY EDITORIAL. The purpose of the story was to explain the action that was taken. The purpose of the editorial was to waken the student body from their sound slumber of indifference.

The "discovery" came directly through my questioning of the announced elections. The investigation and consequent action was instigated in the name of the TAR HEEL.

Here is an account of the "discovery." I called Libba Wiggins after reading the account of the bill in the October 7 edition of the TAR HEEL. I told her that I believed a mistake had been made and asked her if she would read the bill to me over the telephone. This proved very unsatisfactory, and she agreed to come to my office. Here we went over the bill for one hour. Fred Flagler joined us. At first Libba suggested that the Ways and Means Committee stop the election at its meeting the next, Monday, night. With our deadline on Sunday night the TAR HEEL would not have been able to carry the story, so I made the suggestion that Doug Hunt be called. The remainder of the story is as he told it at the Legislature meeting. I asked Libba to do the explanations to Doug because she was more familiar with such things.

Out of this confusion one shining good point arises: The need for closer cooperation and mutual understanding between the organizations and individuals on this campus. Let old grudges and political differences be forgotten, to the end that we may all strive for the same goal which we are trying to reach individually.

Sincerely,

Charles Wickenberg, Jr.  
Editor-in-Chief of the  
TAR HEEL.

### TH REPORTER SPEAKS

Much of the trouble at Thursday's meeting of the Legislature can be traced back to the fact that the wording of the original Student Council Act and of the Amendment to it was ambiguous. We have noted, in the months that we have had the Legislature as our TAR HEEL beat, that many of the bills have been poorly worded.

We feel that if more care were taken to make the bills clearer, and easier to read, even at first glance, that such muddles as occurred this week over the Act would not happen.

We suggest to the Legislature, and its committees that in the future they be more careful of their wording. We realize that their intent is clear, but intent cannot always be expressed to the Student Body.

Much of the mix-up that is, it seems, everlasting, in the Legislature, comes from "rule by heresay." We feel certain that when Bob Lip-ton's Archives Committee gets its report in—we hope in the near future—that more accurate information will be available to both the Legislature and the Student Body.

Frankly, we feel that the Legislature has, otherwise, done a fine job. It has been "on the ball" and that there is too much criticism of that body by students who seldom, if ever, attend a meeting.—J.D.

### NOTE TO STUDENT BODY

This week, in debate with the publishers of the Yackety Yack, Cookie Marett, Yack editor, lost, at least temporarily, a battle regarding the Yack budget.

The Yack, as planned by the editor who was

## The Ram Sees...

BY AN OLD GOAT

Abiding by Sir Francis Bacon's advice, Mascot Rameses II offers the following "chewed and digested" scribbles from his TAR HEEL tin can. . . .

BMOC DELTA PSI ALUMNI

The Welcome doormat at St. Anthony's Hall and the glad-to-see-you smiles, wreathing the faces of the good Delta Psi brothers were evidence of the fact that Phil Hammer, with his charming wife, was an overnight vacationer at Carolina. Over luncheon and cocktails, Phil, who works in Washington for an agency with a mile-long-name . . . The United Nations' Rehabilitation and Relief Association, talked about the Russian phase of his assignment. . . . So college romances can't click? . . . Phil's wife is the former Jean Ross of Charlotte . . . In 1936 she was head of Women's Student Government while he edited the DAILY TAR HEEL. . . .

PRIZE PACKAGE "CY"

Junior Birdmen soared high in their praises the Sound and Fury show presented at Happy Hour on Tuesday evening. . . . Betty Lou "Cy" Cypert, as the prize package of Packet Show No. 1, took curtain calls galore . . . while "thousands cheered." . . . Orchids to McKeever coeds Flo Taylor, Jan McRae, and Ann Atkinson, who have turned almost professional designers and seamstresses . . . "proof of the pudding" . . . the Sound and Fury costumes.

PIN-UPS—RECORDINGS FOR THE "CHAPEL" HOUR

Another new fraternity girl . . . this time it is Ginny Hart, President of the ADPi sorority pledge class . . . the lucky guy is Frét Crider, KA . . . just to carry things out in good style, the KA's tuned up and serenaded Ginny last Friday night. . . .

Lewis Wilkinson, outgoing President of Phi Kappa Sigma, recently handed Tri Delt Mary Upshaw his pin and gavel attached. . . . Wonder if she'll ever use the gavel a la rolling pin fashion! . . .

The Fiji's have added another girl to their sweetheart list . . . This time it is Annabelle Jackson from Ogden, North Carolina . . . she was pinned last week-end to Billy Edwards. . . .

Sigma Nu's seem to be suffering from an epidemic of late . . . not the chills and fever variety . . . but it is contagious. . . . They've now pin-up girls galore. . . . Perhaps they like the idea of a coed fraternity. . . . Most recently the White Star shines for Betty Black and Frank Caufield. . . . Well . . . WHO is next? We wonder. . . .

UNCLE SAM CALLS

Fare-thee-well said the Delta Psi's to Dick Gordon, who'll see the bright lights of New York City only from a "nose to the grindstone" angle . . . he's plugging away at Merchant Marine O.C.S. . . .

Rooster Bush, last year's Phi Kappa Sigma president, is at Gulfport, Mississippi. . . . Perhaps he's crowing over his good luck . . . enjoying Mississippi sunshine and warm Gulf breezes. . . .

A MAJOR AND OTHERWISE

A Bostonian, not with gold or even silver bars, but oak leaves, was Ann Hancock's weekend escort. . . . To be specific, Major Richard Bradford was an on-campus visitor. . . .

Visiting Carolina straight from overseas duty were Tau Epsilon Phi's Ensign Joe Schwartz and Marine Mel Blackner. . . . Both of them have been decorated. . . .

RAMESES SEES

Not "Come the Dawn" but come the dark, Rameses will be seeing you at the Midwinter Germans Prom. . . .

elected by the student body, exceeded the budget by about \$1,000. All the "extra" features of the Yack have been removed in order to make it conform with the budget. If the Publications Union Board wished, it could allow Miss Marett to use an additional thousand dollars with which to produce a good annual. Until the present time, the PU Board has been ill-disposed toward such a move. The TAR HEEL will keep the student body informed about the activities of the PU Board, the governing board of the Publications Union of which each fee-paying student is a member.

### AT HOME

We had a nice chat with Dr. Frank Graham a few days ago. Among other things we learned was his "change in bases." Where he used to spend all but a few days of a month with the WLB in Washington, he is now at the University all but two or three days of a month.

His presence on the campus is most gratifying, and we hasten to urge those who do not know our President to meet him.

Knowing Dr. Frank is an education in itself.



Harry War Bond Cartoon Service

### —OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE A PIG?

A PIG is an animal whose habits are a terrible disgrace. He stuffs his belly with every bit of food in sight, leaving nothing for his next meal. He'd be an awfully sorry little pig if the farmer suddenly stopped filling his trough. You keep spending your money as fast as it comes in and, when this war's over, you'll have an "empty trough" on your hands, too . . . that is, if you'd rather be a pig.

(On the other hand, you can always register a War Bond pledge and forget about your post-war financial problems.)

### Letters To The Editor

To the Student Body:

Evidently the Tar Heel staff was all wet on just who was responsible for the bill, which had "the fallacy" and various statements made in the various statements made in the news story about the legislature last issue. It seems that the student body in general and some of the members of the legislature in particular were somewhat riled at the Tar Heel headline. This is entirely my fault. There are no excuses to offer except the fact that it was impossible for me to gain a clear picture of the situation. I meant in no way to imply that Ed Gaither, chairman of the Elections Committee had headed the faulty bill if that is what the general consensus of opinion was. The headline was written with the understanding that the bill was an elections bill, not because of the title necessarily a document construed by the Elections Committee of the Student Legislature.

My apologies are in order to the student body for this misunderstanding.

Fred Flagler, Jr.,  
Managing Editor,  
Tar Heel.

January 10  
Officers, Cast and Staff,  
Sound and Fury Production,  
University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Dear People:  
I do not know how to transform a word of thanks into fancy words or flowery phrases but just bear with me for a couple of seconds and perhaps we can struggle through this thing together.

Speaking for all of the cadets in the V-5 unit who were lucky enough to be on deck for your Sound and Fury show this evening I want to thank you for your first-rate performance. Wish that you could have heard some of the comments from the Cadets after the show. Perhaps if Mr. Wallace could have heard these comments he would change his mind about the so-called unappreciative cadets. No kidding, every cadet present enjoyed the show and eagerly looks forward to some more of the same in the future. (Soon we hope.)

A/C Robert D. Beach.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in the Tar Heel (Jan. 9) made me see red. You point out that just a few people are controlling this campus and implore the other 2,990 to do something about it. That is the most assinine request that you could make. Apparently you are unaware that a huge political machine which is wielded against the "nobody" candidate. It is impossible for him to get votes because the Greeks, the Playmakers, etc., have their BMOC's already picked out for the offices. Surely you must have had your tongue in your cheek when you said Carolina is one of the most liberal schools in the country.

Sincerely,

Don Kady.

Ed's Note: Apparently the letter writer is unaware that the campus is controlled by students from all walks of university life — not A HUGE POLITICAL MACHINE! He missed the boat, and the editorial.

If the belief that the request, as he interprets it, is sincere, I invite him to approach any student leader and offer his services.

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## It Could Be Worse

By Robert Morrison

### Impressions of Carolina

Over the holidays I had the opportunity of talking with a young minister who was an alumnus of Wake Forest and had some very definite ideas about the University of North Carolina. His opinions reflect those of many people who misunderstand just what a "liberal" college is.

"When I was visiting in Chapel Hill in 1936 for a council of churches," he began, "I spent the night in a fraternity house. They were in the process of having a big week-end party. There was not a sober boy or girl in the house; everyone had a cigarette in one hand and a glass or bottle in the other. All over the campus there were drunks and general recklessness. Frankly, never in my life—before or since—have I seen such a degree of immorality."

"If I had a son or a daughter," the clergyman continued, "I would rather see him dead than on the road to hell and eternal damnation at Carolina."

In righteous indignation I answered him: "If your son or daughter was very young, of a weak character, unsure of himself, or lacking self-control, the fears you express might be realized if he attended Carolina. On the other hand, if he were matured, aggressive, mentally strong, and self-disciplined, there could be no better school for him than Carolina. In the atmosphere that prevails in the state's university, four years will either 'make or break' a student. In a tremendous and overwhelming majority of the cases, the student's character is immensely improved, and his code of morals

reaches a higher level. Carolina is not a prep school; when a person comes to study there, he is interested in training himself for the serious business of life by living under conditions that are similar to the unsheltered world, and Carolina is even a little kinder than that world."

"Evidently you saw Carolina at its worst. You are judging the institution on the basis of a single incident. In truth, some of the most sober-minded students come here to study. There are many pre-ministerial students on our campus. They find that the background that they receive here is of great value in meeting the needs of their profession, the ministry, which is rich in opportunity to serve mankind and better the world. Some of the most brilliant men in America are members of our faculty. Our academic standing is unquestionably high. Carolina has contributed more prominent statesmen, governors, judges, and even a President, than any college in the state."

"The keynote of our University is liberalism and personal freedom. The things which you described in exaggerated form are examples of the misuse of liberalism and personal freedom, but the great advantages of our keynote dwarf the chances of it becoming a medium for exploitation."

"So remember the success of Carolina alumni in the world; remember that freedom of action is worth the price of its occasional misuse; remember that you can't judge a book by its cover or by one of its pages; and then when you think of the Carolina Ideal, you will know that it could be worse!"

## LISTEN STUDENTS

By Jimmy Wallace



And remember "Foolish Nobody's James" spelled backwards giffs "semaJ s'ydoBN hsilooF."

It is customary about this time of year for me to write a paragraph or two devoted to the YMCA directory. Since it is customary to repeat this column on this particular subject, it becomes evident that columns do very little good. Here's the situation. The "Y" gets the names and addresses of all the students, compiles them alphabetically, and then sends them to the printshop. There, after a few months, the directory is printed.

During these few months, however the trimester ends, and a good-sized portion of the student body leaves school; so the directory is not very effective. 'Tis not the printshop's fault. As everyone knows there is a shortage of printers and printers' supplies. The directory should not be printed at all. It should be mimeographed, and if that method were used, the directory could be gotten out to the students within say a month after the names were compiled. If advertising were subordinated in importance to getting the directory

into the hands of the students, maybe the directory could be gotten out before the war is over.

It really is fascinating. The student body as a whole, steers completely clear of student government until some tempest in a tea pot presents itself. Then, many budding journalists swoop down and begin to make journalistic legislation. I guess that it can't be helped though. This is a democratic society, or at least it pretends to be so. So, everyone is entitled to freedom of speech. Sometimes, however, that speech becomes almost unintelligible and certainly rather inane and childish. On this page, for instance, there is an example of overworked synapses which is a case in point.

Mark Twain once said that he did not know who was being referred to by the editorial "we" unless the editor was talking about himself and his tapeworm.

And remember, "Foolish Nobody's James" spelled backwards giffs "semaJ s'ydoBN hsilooF."

## Reading The Exchanges

With Jerry Davidoff

College training programs of the Navy, which had been cut in order to release more men for active duty, will be increased by 2,000 officer trainees in July, according to a bulletin recently issued by the Navy Department.

These trainees will be selected from the enlisted personnel of the Navy. Requirements are similar to those of the V-12 and N.R.T.C. programs. Accepted students may choose their course of study from three plans: deck, engineering, or supply corps.

Length of training depends upon previous college education, the type

of specialized courses the student is qualified for, and continued satisfactory scholarship and officer-like qualities.

On entering the college training program, the student forfeits whatever rating he may have, but if he is dropped from the program for any reason except disciplinary charges, his rating will be restored. Upon completion of his training, he

Enlisted men with two or more years of college education will not be recommended for this program, but are eligible for officer training

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