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GREEK LETTERS MEET CHALLENGE

Among casualties of World War II, list the American Greek-letter fraternity. And, among postwar developments to be watched with interest, list the co-operative efforts of the leading national fraternities to rehabilitate the fraternity chapter as an instrument of service to its members and to the institution at which it is situated.

On the home-front side, the Greek-letter fraternity's difficulties antedate the late world war. The fraternity has been criticized justly or unjustly on the score of its alleged snobbishness; the mental anguish it inflicted, if unwittingly, upon those students it refrained from inviting to join; and, until the fraternities began a number of years ago to hump themselves to correct this matter, criticized on the score of the fraternity's decelerating effect upon its members' pursuit of scholarship.

And on the fighting-front side, the Greek-letter fraternity suffered during the war—as did colleges and universities, themselves—through the draining-off of manpower and through the conversion of facilities to war uses. While chapter memberships dwindled, chapter houses were commandeered and converted into war-use dormitories.

Now comes the National Interfraternity Conference, which enrolls sixty national Greek-letter fraternities, with a postwar program designed to enable the fraternity chapter to function most effectively in campus and community life, render substantial service to war veterans returning to school—and, in the process, establish itself in a new position of campus and general-public esteem.

Plank No. 1 in the conference's platform is the elimination of "the old collegiate snobbery" by broadening fraternity membership so that returning veterans, as well as students who have not been in the armed services, "will find on the campuses a true manifestation of the democracy for which the war was waged." Against that objective, critics of the "fraternity system" will find it difficult to throw rocks.

How nearly the fraternities, through the labors of their conference, will approach their goal only time, of course, can tell. But from this distance it would seem that no fair-minded person would deny that they have sensed their present-day responsibilities and undertaken, energetically, to fulfill them.

DI ON THE RACES

The Dialectic Senate voted unanimously Wednesday night in favor of equal educational opportunities for Negroes, and more interesting still is the fact that the Senate voted by a large majority in favor of admission of Negroes to the University of North Carolina and for the abolition of the Jim Crow Laws, which demand racial segregation on public transportation facilities.

This is not the first time that students of this University have shown their detest of racial discrimination. Perhaps Carolina is a bright spot from which this re-emphasis on human equality will spread.

The editor of *The Flat Hat*, the student newspaper at William and Mary College, was expelled from school for expressing the same views which have been expressed by the Dialectic Senate. The Tar Heel has gone on record against the senseless and unfair racial discrimination which is legalized by the laws of the Southern states, and we have not changed editors because of such.

This clearly shows that the University of North Carolina is an oasis in a desert of prejudice. We must keep it that way and introduce at least conservatism in a reactionary South.

KIRKLAND NEEDS SUPPORT

Some rather half-hearted support has been given to Head Cheerleader Jack Kirkland and his carefully selected team of cheerleaders.

In days when college football is becoming a commercial racket, real school spirit is challenged. We need a revival of the college pride which breeds a real support of our students who excel in athletics.

Kirkland and his cheerleaders have planned three more big pep rallies for this gridiron season. The first pep rally, which preceded the game with Georgia Tech, was well attended, but the student body hasn't showed much response since. It is time that athletics become the special concern of the student body, and that teams become indicative of the athletic ability of the student body.

In order to insure better athletics and wholesome participation by students in athletic programs, the student body must enthusiastically back their teams. The pep rallies, although often a trifle juvenile, represent the spontaneous interest of the student body in their team.

Attend the next pep meeting—you'll enjoy it.

Life Can Be Beautiful

One Day In Our Lives

By Dick and Wyc

We were lounging around in the Y court a couple of days ago, sitting on what people usually sit on . . . the benches, of course, trying not to look stupid, which was a difficult task in itself, when we were approached by a very beautiful young lady who claimed she was a calendar. She was crying because she was in a quandry as to whether she was Wednesday or Thursday—if she were Wednesday she was Halloween, and if she were Thursday she wasn't even the same month. Gad, she DID have a problem!

Gathering her tenderly into our arms, we attempted to comfort her, but it was no use; she wouldn't be comforted. In fact, she was very nasty about the whole thing, we decided as we picked ourselves up off the ground. Offering her a piece of candy—peppermint candy—we subtly asked her why she was so upset at the thought of being Wednesday instead of Thursday.

"If I'm Wednesday," she sobbed, "that makes me Halloween . . . and you know what that means!"

"There, there now," we said, attempting to caress her ruffled locks; but she wouldn't be unruffled. In fact she was quite nasty about the whole thing, we decided as we picked ourselves up for the second time.

At any rate we were interested in making . . . some sense out of her story, and so, keeping our distance, we asked her just what horrible fate would result should she turn out to be Halloween.

Looking at us sadly, she began: "Although I may look it, I'm not a full-blooded calendar. True, my mother was a calendar before me, but I must admit my father was not a man of too high character. He was," and here her voice faltered as she cast her eyes shyly toward the ground, "he was a beer keg. Yes, a no-good worthless beer keg . . . Let's see . . . he graduated from Duke, cum laude, in '21, after flunking out of UNC following the first two weeks of his freshman year here. But don't you see what

this makes me? Poppa was continually seeing all sorts of weird creatures . . . the T. D.'s, or D. T.'s he used to call them . . . and I've inherited his fear of phantom spirits and ghosts. And if I'm Halloween . . . oh, why was I ever born?" she sobbed again.

"There, there, now," we consoled, "have another piece of candy little girl."

"Oh, no thank you, kind sirs," (that's us) she replied coyly, slugging us again, this time hitting us with a hand-bag we had mistaken for a steamer trunk.

We picked ourselves up, regrouped our position, and held a hasty council with Mr. Anthony and Dorothy Dix, who we espied waiting in the book line at the Y. They were unable to help us . . . the problem was much too complex for them. Had these two benefactors of mankind, Dick and Wyc (that's us), at last stumbled upon a case they could not unravel?

Then it came to us . . . Gad! This buxom lass wasn't even a calendar! "Little girl," we shouted triumphantly, "we've solved your problem. You're not a calendar . . . you're a beer bottle! Haven't you ever studied Mendelsohn's law of dominant characteristics? Gad! You've been living the wrong life!"

We had noticed that her golden tresses were rather foamy but figured she had just come from getting a shampoo . . . that foam had been the clue which had unlocked the solution to our clever little minds!

"Oh, thank you, thank you," she cried, blowing the foam joyously from her eyes. "Now I can go down to Harry's and take my place alongside all my father's friends."

As she left, happily singing the last chorus of "I'm Only an Old Beer Bottle," we settled back in our easy chairs and lighted our trusty marijuana weeds, secure in the thought that we had once again done our share in proving to young and old alike that "Life CAN Be Beautiful."

Report From THIPA

Progress Made On Campus Constitution

By Douglas Hunt

Early last January the Student Legislature created a special committee of the Student Government Association and gave it broad powers to make a thorough investigation of the present student government establishment, proposals which student leaders and others would advance on the basis of their experience in student government, and the revisions which would be necessary to turn the present student government into a smoothly functioning organization.

Since that time the committee, with one group of members or another, has been holding meetings. The first big job was to find out what Carolina has now. And it took pretty nearly three months to do it. After that, hearings were held and preliminary discussions begun. The actual work of outlining the provisions of the constitution has been going on since August 20. Since that time fourteen meetings have been held.

The first major decision the committee made concerned the problem of eliminating duplicating agencies of men's and women's government. It seemed that when a woman is guilty of lying, stealing, or cheating she is guilty of exactly the same kind of violation of the honor code as a man who lies, steals, or cheats. For that reason the committee decided that the same group could try cases involving such violations. On the other hand, it is equally true that since women have different social rules from men a different agency is necessary to try violations of the social rules. The committee arrived at a simple formula: combine the two governments where they are similar; separate them where they must of necessity be different. The result is that the proposed constitution will provide for one student court composed of men and women to try honor violations and separate men's and women's courts to try social violations.

Similarly, in the legislative branch a legislature composed of men and women will, if the constitution is adopted, be the lawmaking body for men and women in the mat-

ter of student fees, appropriations, approval of presidential appointments, overriding the presidential veto, listing offenses to be tried by the Student Court and dividing them into categories for which maximum and minimum punishments may be designated, and making all laws necessary and proper for the general welfare of the student body.

Women's social rules will be made by a Coed Senate and enforced by a Women's Social Court, and men's social rules will be made by a Men's Senate and enforced by a Men's Social Court.

The student body is guaranteed the rights of petition, initiative, and

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In This . . . Poet's . . . Corner

"Fear No More . . ."

By Sara Smith

Rest easier, young Bill,
Rest well tonight.
These lamp-lit, golden trees
The silence keep.
The other boys are all asleep.
Sleep warm and long tonight.
Try to forget
The weary thoughts that stalked
Along your stare
Into the desk-light's chilly glare.

Speak freely from your heart
To those who know
That you were just alone.
Not strange nor queer,
Over-straining truth to bring it
Near.

Now in October find
A boy named Tom,
Who knew these golden trees—
And also knew
The anguish of the lonely few.

In memory of William Peck,
freshman at the University of
North Carolina, 1945.

* Thomas Wolfe (d. 1938).

VIEW'S of the NEWS

By Sara Tillett

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has taken the stand on the wage-price question that wages should be generally raised and that this can be done with negligible increases in prices. Price increases will be approved only when they are necessary to boost pay to equalize earnings with cost of living, to equalize wage rates in an industry, or to insure full production in essential industry. It is hoped that industry will, wherever possible, raise wages without requesting price compensation. As yet, neither labor, management, nor Congress has shown signs of taking action along the recommended lines.

IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH, President Truman declared that the United States wants no territorial expansion, supports popular sovereignty as the method for deciding type of government and boundaries of liberated areas, will not recognize any government forcefully imposed on a nation, will sponsor self-government for all people prepared for it, believes in freedom of the seas and equal access to raw materials for all nations, and will strive for peace and prosperity through cooperation. We will use our armed strength "solely to preserve the peace of the world."

This speech has been hailed by

many as a statement of our national goal. It has been criticized on the theory that its remarks re self-government of liberated peoples are too sharply pointed at Russia's policy in middle Europe.

OVER FIVE HUNDRED SCIENTISTS have recommended international control of atomic energy to the house military affairs committee chiefly on the grounds that there is no effective defense in view against atomic warfare. Prime Minister Attlee will arrive soon in Washington to discuss with Truman the extent to which atomic energy "know-how" will be kept in "secrecy."

WITH THE CRUMBLING of the Vargas regime, Brazilians celebrate what they hope is the end of dictatorship. President Linhares promises that elections will be held in December.

RUSSIA has agreed to permit the landing of Chinese government troops in Manchuria. Communists continue fighting against increasing forces.

EISENHOWER REPORTS "dangerous unrest" in Germany which points to the possibility of organized resistance in the near future. He reports also that little progress has been made in the construction of administrative machinery.

Just Another Opinion

Are Students Effective?

By Roy Thompson

Over at the KA house there is a fellow who enrolled here at Carolina at the beginning of the July term after spending a short time at Dook. His name is Jay Swartzbaugh. He has seen something that Dook students laughingly call student government in action. Now that he is here at Carolina he is all too often prone to laugh at our student government. He thinks that it's the same thing. He thinks that students who work in our Coed Senate, our honor councils and our Student Legislature are wasting their time with what he calls "yapping." He thinks that our student government organizations have no real authority that can't be overridden by administrative officials from South Building. He may be right.

On the evening of October 18 the Coed Senate and the Student Legislature passed unanimously similar bills which called upon Acting Dean Stacy to rescind her order prohibiting coeds from eating in fraternity houses after December first. Copies of the bill were delivered to Dr. Frank Graham, Acting Dean Stacy and Chancellor Robert House on the morning of October 19. This is the first week in November. Nothing has happened. Maybe Swartzbaugh is right.

Thursday night the Student Legislature created a committee of four students to meet with Chancellor House and find out why no action has been taken on the legislature's recommendation. Those of us who believe in student government believe that a solution can be found. We believe that so long as there is nothing of a moral nature involved the coeds should be allowed to eat where they please. We believe that

they will do so. We hope that South officials will see the light.

Students are often inclined to be impetuous. They are often inclined to see their side of a question while ignoring the other side. Students are often screwballs who condemn everyone in South Building collectively. This is unjust. There are those who at times seem to warrant condemnation, but it should be done individually. And it should be done only after careful deliberation of the issues involved.

In this case the issues have been deliberated. Dean House and Acting Dean Stacy have been heard. The business side of the question has been presented by a member of that part of South Building's organization. The Interfraternity Council has discussed it. The Dialectic Senate has discussed it. Coeds have discussed it in dorm bull sessions. Student opinion is that coeds have the right to select their own dining rooms.

Now the cards are on the table. Student government, even a usually conservative coed student government, has asserted itself and demands to be recognized. We either have a student government here at Carolina, or many of us have lived in a dream world for years. All over the campus people are asking, "What is going to happen now that you've given the legislature's bill to Dean Stacy?"

Swartzbaugh says that student government is a waste of time. He says that the legislature can't really accomplish anything. He says that student leaders don't do anything but yap. We've either got student government here, or we don't have it. Swartzbaugh says that we don't have it.

And Swartzbaugh may be right.

Letters To The Editor

Editor of the Tar Heel

Dear Bob;

This is a letter that might better have come from Gene Johnstone himself, but since I see by the Yack's Staff page that he is not likely to write it, I feel that in the interest of fair play, somebody must.

Gene merits quantities of praise for getting out the annual against great technical and administrative odds. He deserves and is getting enormous credit for the fine work he did in taking on the Yack in the middle of the editorial year and shepherding it to its final appearance on the campus. It isn't to take any credit from Gene that I write or from Margaret Woodhouse, who, I feel sure, contributed much to the spirit of the book in its present form as well as a splendid job as business manager.

But I do not think we should overlook Cookie Marrett. I feel competent to speak as a member of

Cookie's original staff, who, along with Gene, Margaret, and (let us by no means forget) Joe Al Denker, was present when the ideas and format of the book were mapped out.

It was Cookie who staged the first Yack Beauty Ball and secured the money to make her color scheme for the book an actuality. It was Cookie who convinced the PU Board that its frozen funds would serve Carolina better in the form of bleed-off division page pictures and sketches of clocks (to emphasize her "Time" theme.) Cookie was the plan (and Denker's the wonderful execution) to make the underclassmen section a living record of campus life rather than a stiff unrecognizable gallery of line-ups. . . .

I could continue on through the book at the risk of boring you, but I think I have said enough to remind you that those of us who think

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