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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Old things are always in good repute, present things in disfavor.—Tacitus.

PURLOINED PARAGRAPHS

If Cal had known what hard work it is to write for a living, he might have chosen to run in 1928.—Arizona Producer.

"Mr. Borah," says a Washington analyst of the political situation, "is himself again." But that doesn't make it much clearer.—Detroit News.

There's a new disease scare prevailing throughout the nation called "parrot fever." If a habit of talking much and saying little started it, congress had better look to its defenses.—Akron Beacon-Journal.

Tar Heel Topics

The question of the day: who are you gonna vote for?

A word to the wise: don't wear your new suit today. The politicians are likely to do plenty of vote-snatching around the polls.

"Additional details of the meeting will be published in a later issue of the tetedainshrd-luetaio Tar Heel"—extract from story in yesterday's issue of the S. L. C. D. As if the Tar Heel isn't cussed enough by persons not on the staff!

Before the beginning of the Carolina-Maryland debate in Gerrard hall it was announced that both teams had prepared the affirmative side of the question, due to a misunderstanding. The officials should have kept quiet—the audience wouldn't have known the difference.

Although 658 of the 944 who voted in the Daily Tar Heel's prohibition poll favored repeal of the 18th Amendment, the real news in the results is that 358 professed that they did not drink. Guess Dr. Horace Williams was right when he said that there aren't honest men in the student body.

The True Import Of Elections Day

Elections day always provides a colorful spectacle at the University. When the elections are as closely contested as they will be today, a vital human drama is enacted around the polls. Rival candidates and proselytizing priests of all political faiths rub elbows in the throng about the polls, haranguing prospective voters in an attempt to convert them to "the true light." Ebbs and flows in the tide of votes bring exuberant joy and heart-rending disappointment out of all proportion to the importance of the contested offices.

Usually campus elections are entirely devoid of real issues. The candidates must conduct their campaigns for votes on the basis of their personal qualifications rather than upon their attitudes on questions of importance to the constituency; student officials decide very few genuine issues during their tenures of office, and the attitudes of candidates are usually identical on these issues. Therein lies an explanation of the vast amount of personal slander and petty muck-racking which accompany all campus elections.

Although today's elections will be an exception inasmuch as there appears to be at least one clearly defined issue at stake, victory for one or another of the two parties is of very minor importance to the welfare of the student body as a whole. The only important aspect of the elections from a campus-wide viewpoint is that the results should represent the consensus of opinion of the entire student body rather than that of two or three small cliques within it. And the entire body politic, especially the inert mass of students who are not affiliated with fraternities, must vote if this end is to be attained.

Americans are notorious for their indifferent attitude toward the election of their public officials. Reliable estimates place the percentage of the electorate casting votes in the last presidential election at not more than one-half. This disinterest is a decided reflection upon the American public. The present undergraduate generation will control the political and governmental fortunes of the nation within an amazingly brief space of time, and it is of great importance that it develop while it is in college the democratic ideal of representative government, which can be attained only through a keenly interested and voting body politic.

It is the privilege and duty of every University student to cast his vote at the polls today.

Reward or Opportunity?

Today the campus will decide who shall lead all the major activities next year; two men are up for every office and a lively fight is certain. The strongest backing point for each candidate that is being used is his long, illustrious, and noteworthy career; the voters are asked to reward him for three years of faithful service. "So and so really deserves that office" is the most frequently heard phrase.

But what will Mr. X do when he is elected? That is a more important question for the voter. Will he sit back and enjoy his honor, accepting the office as a fitting reward for the work he has done, or will he take the office as his golden opportunity to do something and show the best that is in him? That is the most important question. Often a man who has been "priming" for a major office will consider that his work is over when he attains it; often he does exert

his best abilities in the attaining of the office rather than the administering of it.

In the election today let us consider the man with the greatest potentialities and the man with the greatest ability, rather than the man with the most ballyhooed record. Let us consider how the man will respond to his opportunity and give him the position on his abilities alone, and let us not necessarily reward him for work already done. —J. D. McN.

TO BE FRANK

The recent appeal for information concerning the cooling drink that has been termed at times "Tom" Collins and "John" Collins elicited a number of replies. The most interesting is from a faithful reader who signs himself Park Winslow. The letter is:

My dear Fizz,
The delectable beverage of which you spoke is one of my favorite tipples. It has always been called Tom Collins by your ancestors and mine as they planted their feet upon the brass rail, and I cannot see why we should break up a custom of years and call it John Collins. John is doubtless a fine name, an admirable name, but it is not the name of a drink.

Tom Collins was an old time barkeeper (may he forever rest in peace) whose claims to immortality rest not only in the drink upon which he bestowed his name. I believe that he was also the co-author of the incomparable "Tom and Jerry," the making of which is fast becoming a lost art.

I am very glad to have earned your undying thanks, dear Fizz, but am afraid that it will do me little good. Nothing will afford me greater pleasure, however, than to take of the other part of the reward, as concocted by yourself, as soon as possible.

To longer and stronger Tom Collins,
(Signed) PARK M. WINSLOW.

Which is a very delightful letter. Except for one thing. Our ancestors, we are quite sure, never drank a Tom or a John Collins.

Now that the campus is overwhelmingly wet in sentiment (as if one did not know that before) if Mr. Winslow will meet us in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A., we will make and drink a Tom Collins, together.

The best story that comes out of the political fervor that preceded today's election was caused by yesterday's downpour. A lady in distress wanted a ride from the Alumni building to the Co-ed Shack. A helpful person called up one of the more politically-minded fraternities and advised them that if they sent over a covered conveyance immediately, they would secure votes for the ensuing elections. And the story ends with the arrival of a luxurious car, ably chauffeured by an experienced driver. We wish we could add that the young damsel did arrive home in a dry condition but the truth is that her conscience smote her heavily and she did not wait for the taxi to arrive. And the taxi, with its driver, returned to the center of political schemings, a bit crestfallen, we know.

The Greater Chapel Hill Business Men's Association unofficially is in favor of more and greater political campaigns. More sandwiches, cigars, cigarettes and soft drinks have been sold during this past week than any other.

It is hoped that the campus will take an active interest in the movement that is growing to

Tar Heel Candidates' Policies

(By Will Yarbrough)

The editor of the Daily Tar Heel has agreed to publishing statements of policy on the part of the two candidates for the editorship next year, and I submit the following items which I pledge myself to inaugurate, provided the student body should select me at the polls today:

Believing in the joint control of the Daily Tar Heel by the editor, the board, and the student body, I pledge myself to return the paper into the hands of the student body. Too long, competition for the editorship has been a matter of stifling opposition; too long, the selection of the editor has been controlled by a few; I believe that every man enrolled in the University has the right to run for the editorship.

If elected editor, I should require that no advertiser be granted favors denied to others.

A larger and more efficiently operated staff should be maintained in order to insure full coverage of all student events.

I favor free expression of all student opinion through the Open Forum columns.

Through the editorial columns of the Daily Tar Heel I should demand publication of financial statements by all classes and organizations which collect and spend student funds, or audited financial reports of money disbursed at least once a year.

I believe that the editor should show a greater personal interest and contact with the reportorial staff.

And I further pledge to keep the paper on a sane, understandable level but to eradicate all errors in grammar and fact, working toward the ideal of making the Daily Tar Heel one of the five best daily college papers in the United States.

(Signed) WILL YARBROUGH.

(By Joe Jones)

During my three years on the editorial staff of the Tar Heel I have been impressed with the remarkable improvement in the paper. I believe that the Daily Tar Heel plays an important role in student life, and I have an earnest desire to work for its further improvement.

Since I am under obligations to no one for my present position on the staff, and since I have no fraternity affiliations, I shall, if I am elected to the editorship, be in a position to champion without reservations the best interests of the entire student body.

If elected I intend to follow Editor Holder's precedent of personally writing six editorials each week, and I shall strive at all times to maintain a vigorous and fearless editorial policy. My foremost aim will be to support student sentiment and all general movements arising from the student body. The Open Forum columns shall be devoted to free expression of student opinions at all times, if I am elected.

I have made absolutely no promises concerning staff positions or promotions to any member of the staff or to any one else, for if elected I shall award positions on the basis of merit alone. My freedom from all fraternity and political obligations will enable me to do this.

Having frequently been tormented by having my own stories butchered up in the Tar Heel, I contemplate a more careful editing of copy. I likewise have plans for improvement in the make-up and content of the editorial page.

Running as a non-fraternity man on a non-fraternity platform, I take this means of clearing up a question about which there seems to be some misunderstanding: Not only have I had no intentions whatsoever of joining a fraternity, but my pledges to my non-fraternity supporters precludes all possibility of my becoming a member of a fraternity now or at any time in the future!

Sincerely
JOE JONES.

Lenten Season Daily Devotion

Friday, April 4—Joy Through Service. (Read Acts 20:32-35.) Memory verse: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Meditation: To the immature this is nonsense. They have not yet discovered the mechanics of joy. We make much use of the phrase "getting a kick" out of life. Those who use a gun know that a "kick" is the rebound that comes from release of pent-up energy. "A kick out of life" comes as a part of a similar process. The child jumps up and down and laughs. The student bends to a problem and finds joy in it. The loving heart pours itself out joyfully. No man is happy for long in merely receiving things. It is nature's protest that he is not the center. Happy people are those who put the center of life outside themselves. In spending, not in getting, in realizing their noblest hidden energies, they find life's greatest and most enduring happiness.

Prayer: O God, we pray thee that we may exercise this day the noblest capacities that thou hast implanted within us. Give us wisdom and courage to put into daily practice our best thoughts and dispositions, and the things we most sincerely believe. Amen.

Government railways in Norway are being electrified.

Nominations

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- Editor Daily Tar Heel
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Joe Jones
- Editor Carolina Magazine
Jay Curtis
Richard Chace
J. C. "Red" Williams
- Editor Yackety Yack
Clyde Dunn
Douglass Kincaid
- Editor Buccaneer
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Gil Pearson
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- Vice-President Y. M. C. A.
Ellis Fysal
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- Secretary Y. M. C. A.
John Miller
Harry Finch
- Treasurer Y. M. C. A.
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William Draper

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- Burgess Whitehead
Jim Magner
- Vice-President Athletic Association
Jimmy Maus
Henry House

Debate Council

- Roscoe Fisher
Bill Speight
G. P. Carr
Beatty Rector

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- Rising Senior:
K. C. Ramsay
Crawford MacKethan
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Holmes "Chink" Davis
J. D. McNairy
Henry Anderson
- Rising sophomores:
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