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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Emotion and not reason is the force which precipitates in and tilts the minds of men this way and that.—Owen Wister.

An Explanation

The position of the Daily Tar Heel in regard to publication of names in the Readers' Opinions Column seems to have been misunderstood. Letters of comment or criticism will be published as desired by the writers, but any letter of abuse will be published only above the signature of the writer. This is not an effort to curb free expression of opinion through the Daily Tar Heel but is to protect the Daily Tar Heel from becoming an organ of vituperation.

University Track Team Delivers

With its victory over Washington and Lee yesterday the Carolina track team successfully withstood the second assault recently against its eight-year record of victories in dual competition. Victories over Penn State and Washington and Lee with the accompanying record-breaking performances point to victories in the State and Southern Conference meets.

But more impressive than the track victories were the large crowds to witness the meets. Those crowds indicate a growing interest in track at the University and throughout the state. Eight years ago only a few spectators with a personal interest in competitors would turn out for a meet. That was when Coach Bob Fetzter was seeking to coax students to go out for the sport. After a few years state records began to fall and a little later the Carolina men were beating Southern records. Finally in 1926, the team repaid Coach Bob by winning its first Conference title in many years.

Again this spring Carolina

seems destined to again pay tribute to Coach Bob's energy and tireless effort in behalf of track. But whether the team wins the Southern title or fails to place among the first three teams we know that to Coach Bob goes whatever praise due Carolina for its success.

The Future Of Debating

Indeed, it would require a rare prophet to predict with any appreciable amount of accuracy just what the future of debating at the University of North Carolina, or any other modern institution, will be. The debating situation here is not a peculiar one at all, but rather a typical one. All will agree that the number of Carolina students who are interested in debating is pitifully small, as compared with the crowds which once thronged Gerrard hall to witness intercollegiate forensic encounters. Some will not agree with the writer, however, in his contention that the rather limited group who are now actively engaged in forensics here manifested just as much of the competitive spirit and give just as much evidence of interest in debating as did the much larger groups of forensic enthusiasts of two generations ago. To develop this point of view and to take a glance at the future of debating as indicated by its present status is the task of this writing.

We can be very dogmatic in stating that the spoken word has lost much of its power. We can be equally positive, however, in contending that the spoken word is still supreme even though its pinnacle has been threatened time and again by the written word. As long as the spoken word "holds its own" there is little ground for thinking that debating will perish. But even at that, there is no validity in believing that debating will rise above its present status under conditions which now exist on the average campus. The Carolina campus situation with reference to the debating problem is a good index to the outlook in general. Other organizations having more of the youthful, romantic appeal have sapped the life out of debating. Although forensic activities have held their own at Carolina for the last decade, their future usefulness will be measured in terms of advancement and growth from the existing low ebb of appeal. Forces to brighten the future of debating must be external. There is no degrading factor working from within.

Although there is a great deal of disagreement as to the relative calibre of past and present debates, we believe that intercollegiate debating of the present decade compares favorably with that of past decades. The lamentable decline in forensic interest is due, therefore, to external causes, rather than to decay from within. The rank and file of students don't attend debates now, because they have football games, the movies, numerous social organizations, etc.—products of rather recent times here in Chapel Hill.

There are some who think that the growing popularity of radio debating will guarantee an acceleration of the existing interest in the noble art of argumentation. This will undoubtedly help; yet the radio cannot be counted upon to make future intercollegiate debating what it ought to be and what it once was. The eventual solution seems to lie in a change of student attitude. Debating needs to be popularized, just as other branches of intercollegiate competition have been popularized.

The writer is firmly convinced that the pendulum will swing

one way or the other within the next few years—debating will either perish from the University campus or it will come into its own. Present indications—consisting of an obvious quickening of interest during the last two years and the popularizing effect which the radio is having on debating—indicate that the pendulum will swing in the direction of renewed interest and greater volume of participation on the part of the student body.

Debating is essentially an intellectual activity. Few mental exercises, if any, are more beneficial to the student. We believe that this fact, which has been overlooked in the rapid commercialization of education which the last decade has witnessed, is coming to light in the present generation of Carolina students. The pendulum has undoubtedly begun its backward swing is purely a matter of speculating and argumentation." Just how fast the pendulum will swing is purely a matter of speculation, but it is the swing of the pendulum of student interests that controls the future of intercollegiate debating here and elsewhere.—J. C. W.

Readers' Opinions

AN EXPLANATION

There was no other intention on our part in the case of the recent humorous article on the conduct of the managers of the "T" Dormitory student store than to present a kindly fictitious feature story. It is my most sincere hope that I may not be misunderstood, or that my friends—Mr. Rector and Mr. Williams—may not be censured. Alan Lowenstein

HOW TO MAKE A "FLORAL STILL LIFE"

Editor the Daily Tar Heel: In answer to many inquiries, Mrs. Totten, chairman of the flower show, asked me to give a statement to the press, telling how to make a "floral still life." We shall greatly appreciate your courtesy in giving us space for the following explanation.

Take a strong box, wood or strong cardboard; leave front only open; wire through two holes in top, with strong wire for hanging. Line box with dark cloth or paper to give background effect—crepe paper can be used. Lining can be pinned or glued in. Attach real or suggested frame to front of box. Gilded cardboard rope or twisted paper can suggest frame.

Place vase, basket, quaint shoe or hat, or whatever articles desired, in box, and arrange flowers therein. Advisable to choose receptacle that will hold water for flowers to keep them fresh. Name still life—as "Purple Pansies," or "An Old-Fashioned Posy," and write name of sender on back of box. Deliver to me at the Tin Can, April 30, between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, or between 7:30 and 8:30; or May 1, between 8:30 and 9:30 in the morning. Entries closed at 10 a. m. for judges' inspection.

Seven prizes offered in this exhibit—four for adults and three for children. Any person in the vicinity may enter a floral still life. Each person may enter as many as desired. All entries welcomed.

MARGARET F. HOWE, Chairman.

Dr. Lyons Is Ill

Dr. J. C. Lyons of the romance language department was taken to Watts hospital, Durham, Saturday morning suffering from a case of appendicitis. After a three days' observation the doctors decided to perform an operation this morning.

ANOTHER DEBATE IS PLANNED FOR HILL MAY 7 OR 8

The debating team of the University of North Carolina will compete with the team from University of the South on May 7, or 8, at Chapel Hill. The team representing this university will consist of McBride Fleming-Jones and W. W. Speight.

The team will uphold the affirmative side of the chain store question. This debate will be one of a series of annual debates that the teams from these universities have been having. Last year the University debated at Sewanee, Tennessee, the town in which the University of the South is located.

Former Med Students Receive Appointments

The local med school has just received the list of appointments of former pre-med of this school who are taking work at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. They are as follows: from the University of Maryland—M. D. Bonner, Mercy Hospital, Baltimore; L. T. Chance, Maryland General Hospital; D. E. Forrest, University Hospital, Baltimore; R. D. Oliver, Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore; D. S. Owen, University Hospital, Baltimore; Z. D. Owen, Mercy Hospital, Baltimore; and H. G. Strickland, Mercy Hospital, Baltimore.

Those from Jefferson Medical College are R. H. Brown, Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia; W. H. Harmon, U. S. Marine Hospital, Philadelphia; R. G. Woodruff, Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J.

Several juniors are doing good work, ranking among the first half of the class at the University of Maryland.

This is the first time in several years that a former University man has been appointed to the U. S. Marine Hospital, a position which requires an efficient man.

Dr. Holmes Goes To Europe Next Month

Dr. Urban T. Holmes of the department of romance languages of the University, will leave Chapel Hill May 20 for a six-week sojourn in Europe.

During his stay abroad Dr. Holmes plans to do some research in connection with a new edition of the poet Du Bartas which he, in collaboration with other University professors, is preparing.

It will be the first complete edition of Du Bartas since 1632, and will contain, in addition to the entire works of the poet, a lengthy introduction and commentaries which will be chiefly the work of Dr. Holmes.

He will return to the University in time to teach in the second session of the summer school.

Other members of the romance language department who will visit Europe this summer are J. C. Lyons, A. K. Shields, W. G. Salley and S. A. Stoudermire.

Education Professor Will Address Seminar

Dr. A. M. Jordan of the school of education will speak at the mathematics seminar Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Jordan's address will be upon "The Theory and Application of the Coefficient of Correlation." This is expected to be a very interesting subject for it concerns the application of mathematics to economic, social and psychological phenomena.

The honor system on examinations was installed in 1875, when the University reopened.

DURHAM SHOP TO STAGE BIG SALE

The Durham Men's Shop, Inc., located at 111 West Main street, begins this morning the greatest disposal of merchandising that it has ever attempted in the many years it has been in business in Durham. The company is offering a \$75,000 business adjustment sale on nationally known merchandise for men, young men and boys at a season of the year when it is unusual for reduction to be made on this class of goods.

The store was closed all day Monday marking down the stocks and preparing for the event. This morning at 9 o'clock the store will be opened to the public in what is declared to be the greatest downfall of clothing values ever seen in this section of the state.

The Durham Men's Shop is the successor to the W. A. Slater Company and for over 30 years these two firms have been doing business at their present location. These years of service to the people of Durham and this section of the state stand behind every purchase made during the sale. According to the store, this is a wonderful opportunity for students to anticipate their needs and to completely stock their wardrobes while these prices remain.

"Strictly Unconventional" Is Example of Screen Technique

The complete freedom from mechanical limitations attained by talking pictures in just two years of life is said to be particularly well demonstrated in "Strictly Unconventional," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's all-talking adaptation of W. Somerset Maugham's stage hit, "The Circle," which will show today at the Carolina theatre.

In the early days of talkies, filming was held down by crude microphones which could not record sounds farther away than three feet. This meant that if a player were sitting, he could not rise in the same shot, without hitting the "mike." This, of course, made the early stories somewhat stilted and interfered greatly with that smooth flow of action which is such an asset to a good motion picture.

In "Strictly Unconventional," however, it seems, there are no such limitations. Six characters speak separately from different parts of the room. Characters complete a difficult scene while walking between two or three rooms. They sit down, jump up suddenly, run—and their voices continue throughout. In several instances the microphone is over

20 feet from the speakers. Always the "mike" follows the people, follows them with such ease that picture players no longer are "mike" conscious. They can entirely forget the recording apparatus. It can follow them anywhere and at any speed. They don't need to halt, slow down, or break up their interpretations in any way.

The old library building was dedicated on June 4, 1907.



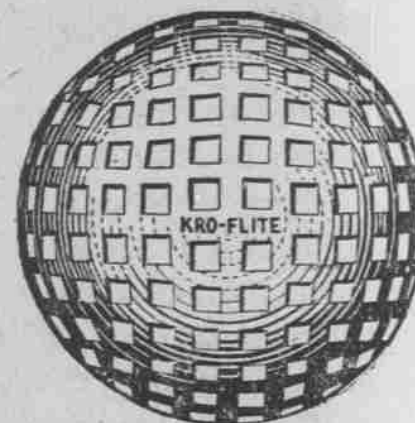
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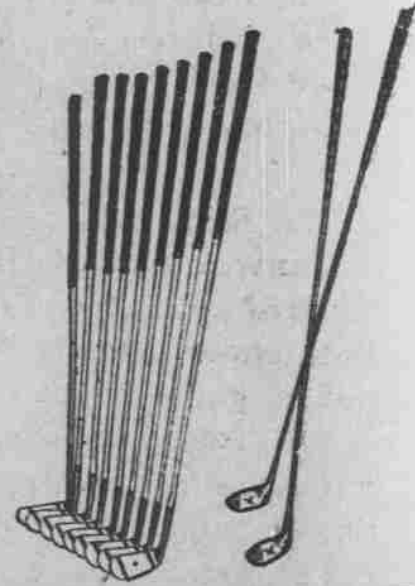
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