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Readjustment

Appealing to the student body and those interested in the University to regard the present financial predicament as temporary, Dr. Chase points out that although the English department is the greatest sufferer by reason of recent resignations, a man "of national reputation in the field of English is perfectly willing to undertake the job of rebuilding the department, even at such a time of financial distress."

We agree with the President. The University has gone forward during the past eight years until today it heads all southern institutions in education. But we are halted temporarily. Shall we forget all that we have done and be pessimistic as to the future? Or shall we remember that as a state supported institution the University must share the progress and the conservatism of the state alike?

Carolina is not to be retrogressive now. We have advanced. We shall continue to advance. At the present time the University is adjusting itself to conditions within the state. Within the next few years we shall again be on the forward path. Our present financial dilemma will be remembered as the beginning of a new era in the history of a great University.

But in order that the Daily Tar Heel may prove a true prophet we must remember that many financial crises are the result of attitudes and not facts. Let us face the future with the knowledge that the University of North Carolina is an educational institution, a state supported institution, and that as such we shall share the state's prosperity and its privation alike—ever facing the future with knowledge that we are, after all, seeking to impart to the youth of the state the means of knowledge. The University is greater than the Budget Bureau or the legislature. It will continue to exist. We are halted temporarily, but we shall renew the struggle with renewed vigor in the years to come and

carry on in the channels Dr. Chase, Dean Hibbard and others have hewn for us with the knowledge that although a college generation is soon to pass into the world of experience another is anxiously knocking at the door of opportunity.

The State, The University, And Hard Times

Hard times are upon us—that is a fact which cannot be doubted. Bankruptcies are commonplace in our most prosperous centers, and the general condition of business is admittedly bad, as almost anyone will testify. The farmers are more discouraged than usual, and even the capitalists are becoming anxious. Property valuation has decreased to such an extent that citizens of a certain county have taken steps to have the evaluations as listed in the taxbooks reduced. And it must be added that there is no indication of an immediate change for the better.

When its citizens are prosperous the state is prosperous, and when the population suffers the state and all its direct dependents must also suffer. Thus is North Carolina in the midst of financial woes, and the University, having had her appropriation severely sliced, cries forth. The Daily Tar Heel has lamented the situation, as have many professors and others intimately connected with the institution. In fact, most all of us here have an idea that the University has a prospect for the future which is very empty indeed.

But after all, these situations have occurred before. No later than 1920 did the University face a similar outlook. Because of the economic depression, a readjustment had to be made, and the progress of the University then may have been retarded temporarily. But in the period of prosperity which followed, the University shared in the good fortune of the state as she had shared in the state's reverses. So it seems that now, in a situation similar to that of 1920, we must bear with the taxpayers the burden of depression.

Of course the University must have sufficient funds if its activities are to be carried on in a manner which will be of credit to the institution, but we cannot afford to be pessimistic concerning the future. We can be optimistic without being foolishly so. Certainly in the period of prosperity which inevitably must follow, the University again will share, and because of this temporary condition we must not let the morale of the University be weakened. The situation, gloomy as it appears, must be faced, and we must realize that a readjustment must be made. Keeping our faith in North Carolina, we, as citizens and future citizens, believe that the first problem of the state lies in the way of economic stability.—B. M.

Readers' Opinions

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:
It has occurred to me from several expressions in the Tar Heel that there is a good deal of unrest among the students as to the recent faculty losses which the University has suffered and the financial condition.

Naturally we would all wish most heartily that the situation were otherwise in both respects, but it is easy to overestimate the importance of temporary fluctuations both in departments and in financial support. The English department, for example, has suffered more heavily than any other University department in losses of men, yet only this morning I received a telegram of acceptance from a man who has been the first

choice of a committee of the department to serve as its head. In other words, with a full knowledge of the situation, a man of national reputation in the field of English is perfectly willing to undertake the job of rebuilding the department, even at such a time of financial stress. Our other losses will be filled. The University is going forward on a sound foundation. There are fluctuations in the support of all state institutions from time to time. Men will come here and grow to maturity and fame as has always been the case.

I do not like to let this last issue of the Tar Heel appear without this sort of word. Every forward step of the University of North Carolina during the 136 years of its existence has been a struggle. Its upward journey will always be a struggle, but its reputation, its spirit and its courage have brought it through crises beside which the present disturbance is but a temporary cloud passing over the sun.

H. W. CHASE.

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:
I am not a co-ed but a temporary resident of Chapel Hill, an interested reader of the Daily Tar Heel, and one who loves the University of North Carolina as the Alma Mater of father, brothers and son. I must say that I have been shocked and indignant many times at the slurs and insults that have been given to the co-eds by some of the so-called "Carolina Gentlemen."

I have felt impelled to voice my sentiments ere this, but refrained from doing so until I read the communication "A Woman Speaks," and the ungallant answers.

I glory in the spunk of the co-ed who wrote in defense of the women of the University, and I deplore the fact that there are men in this University who speak of the co-eds as "wenches."

Webster's definition of such is "a young girl; usually in an invidious or bad sense; female colored servant." Do you think a gentleman would so insult a lady as to speak of her in such a term? I can not think so. Would they not resent their mother or sister being spoken of in this way?

The University boys of my day were of a different mold, and I am glad to know that there are gentlemen here now, as I have had the pleasure of knowing them and I do not believe they have written any of the insulting articles that have appeared in the Daily Tar Heel this week against the co-eds.

Why should it be considered an affront for the girls to have the advantages of an University education? Do not the taxes of the women of North Carolina as well as those of the men help pay the expenses of the University? Why should their daughters be denied the privilege of "drinking deep of the spring of knowledge"?

It is so absurd that it is ridiculous for "R. L." to say the girls come to the University to try to get married! There is an abundance of egoism in this remark, and my advice to the girls here and elsewhere would be to steer clear of such a man.

As for the attractiveness of the Carolina co-eds, Mr. Carroll says, "if Carolina co-eds rated better there would be more attractive girls" (here I suppose he means). Whose fault is it that they do not "rate better" on this campus when such things are said of them by some of these gentlemen (?) in advertising a dance, "bring a girl, if you can do no better, bring a co-ed."

I also read in the Daily Tar Heel that one student bragged that he had never had a date with a co-ed.
I would like to know what

"Ivan the Terrible" intended to convey by saying that "the type of girl which the men of the University desire to associate with is not going to be recognized until such time as she has duly arrived on the campus."

Now I do not know all of the co-eds of this University, but I do know many of them and the homes from which they come. And I say unreservedly they are worthy to compete with any "visiting girl." I care not from whence she comes, and Carolina students should feel it an honor to have them as their friends. Treat them with consideration, give them their just dues and recognition instead of insults.

A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY.

THIS THING OF JOY-KILLING

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

There is a certain class of people who take their keenest delight in joy-killing, which means suppressing or attempting to suppress the pursuits of happiness of others. This is really an abnormal pleasure and persons suffering therefrom should see a psychiatrist.

The foregoing has reference to the complaint filed in the Readers' Opinion column of the Tar Heel for today. This joy-killer says he got the surprise of his life when he passed by a store and saw some students and co-eds dancing in a local store. He accuses these people of dancing for the benefit of the onlookers, while as a matter of fact they did not know whether anyone was looking at them or not; and what's more, they didn't care.

As for the dancing's being the biggest shine ever pulled at the University, it could hardly be awarded that honor, since the insignificance of the matter would not warrant it. To drop

in a music store after lunch and dance off a few records is no evidence of lack of training, etiquette, morals, or mental stability. It is no worse than hanging around a drug store; in fact it isn't as bad for dancing is a much more enjoyable pastime than loafing.

Those stopping in for a few minutes of dancing before going to a two o'clock class do not ask for public approval. In fact they do not consider the public in the least. And why should they? As long as the managers of the store do not object to a little innocent amusement for a short time, students and co-eds are not going to care whether or not some Puritanical faultfinder disapproves of their taking a little time out for recreation. The argument that the dancing isn't businesslike and the recommendation that the participants go into dancing for a living is veritably laughable and smacks of the reasoning of a freshman taking English 1a and making D on the course. As an argument it is pitifully weak.

It is not the purpose of any student or co-ed to turn the store in question into a dance hall, but with the following points in view, who wouldn't take advantage of an opportunity to "hop" a little: the managers are very agreeable; the best victrolas are available to play the latest and snappiest records; the floor is excellent, and after-supper danc-

ing at the woman's building has long since ceased.

In closing, it might be well to remark that possibly and very probably the "griped person" does not dance, himself, and therefore cannot appreciate how those who do feel about the matter. Usually this is the case when such complaints are voiced.

G. F. C.

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