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### Lacking in the Present System

Claiming that they do not have "sufficient time," many professors are denying their students the innumerable benefits to be obtained from weekly, or bi-monthly conferences. In cases where the class enrollment is so large that such an arrangement would be impossible, the professors have an excuse for their neglect. But when the number of students in the class is small enough to allow these conferences without undue trouble to the instructors, there is no reason why they should not be encouraged.

As a matter of fact, as one philosophy professor has expressed it, the teachers owe it to their students to give them as much time in conferences as the pupils themselves desire. But so seldom are professors found who follow this policy, that when the students are fortunate enough to have such a teacher, they are at a loss to know how to make the best use of the faculty-student conference. The ideal plan, of course, would be one which approaches the one used at Oxford, i.e., where the students are in constant contact with tutors. These tutors even live in the houses, as they are called, with the students, being ever ready to confer with them on questions coming up in their study. Recently Harvard has installed a similar arrangement, and thus far it has proved most satisfactory.

It is entirely out of the question for the University of North Carolina to adopt such an arrangement. For to do so would require an increase in the number of faculty members as well as a considerable increase in the appropriation from the state. A move of this sort at the present time is entirely out of the question.

But at least the professors here can make enough sacrifice of their time so as to allow regular student conferences. It is true that the students are now at all times welcomed when they wish to confer with the instructors on various questions. There are numerous men in the student body, however, who do not take advantage of this opportunity, and it is the part of the faculty members themselves to encourage these personal sessions. This can only be done by required faculty-student conferences.

Actually there are three means by which students may develop their knowledge: one is by personal study, the second is from the class lecture, and the third is by means of the personal interviews between student and professor. To deny the students this last plan is to rob them of an essential phase of their educational development.

### Spiking The Guns

Amid the clamor and hubbub arising from our national financial crisis, the installation of a new president, beer bills, and other occurrences of a less formidable nature, can be heard the faint rumblings of the major trends in the making of man's social history.

One of these trends has been the gradual atrophy of the democratic spirit since the war. This has been due usually, but not always, to the economic plight of the various nations. At the present time, the classic example is Germany. Beset by factionalism, stifled by the manifestly unfair treaty of Versailles, and plagued by economic evils, Germany has turned to the fantastic Adolf Hitler in a desperate attempt to achieve some sort of unified national policy. The highly romantic appeal and the strong flavor of "knight-

errantry"—the losing of oneself in a cause—is characteristic of the Fascist movement.

(Incidentally, it is interesting to note here the connotation of the term *Socialist* in the mind of the average American and the average German. In this country there is a strong prejudice against the word; whereas in Germany the word smacks so much of constructive reform and progressive, judicious legislation that even the Fascists or Nazis—arch enemies of Marxian doctrines, the foundation of Socialism—have adopted the *nom de politique* of "National Socialists.")

With the rise of the Hitlerites to power, we witness one more slap at the now almost tragically farcical catch-phrase we used in our deluded war-time romancing: "Making the World Safe for Democracy." Junkerism, universal military service, re-armament, and Chauvanism are re-ascending to mock at the ideals of Woodrow Wilson. A prospect of rampant nationalism and saber-rattling from Germany now seems in the offing; persecution of Jews and Communists will be the order of the day.

It remains to be seen whether Hitler possesses the ability to organize and to integrate the forces of public opinion in his favor to compensate for the lamentable conditions which prevail in the country. Harry Elmer Barnes has predicted a Communist revolution following the Fascist regime. In that case, it seems likely that unless something radical is accomplished in the way of spiking the guns of German discontent, the future appears extremely dark for European peace.—V.J.L.

### The Tocsin

President Frank Graham has sounded the tocsin in his appeal to the student body to enlist in the campaign against the proposed 42.8 per cent reduction in state appropriations laced on the University and public education. The problem of the University administration has become the personal problem of every student in Chapel Hill. In solving his own problem, the student will aid the cause of public education in the state, which in the present crisis threatens to reach a perilously low ebb unless immediate action is taken.

All students should have a part in that action by writing, not to their parents alone, but to friends throughout the state, defending public education against the proposed drastic cut. The student on the campus now has an effective weapon with which he may do battle with the forces that endanger his very existence at the University.

Many parents of University students are not fully cognizant of the gravity of the situation which confronts the University administration. By enlightening and winning the interest of these people the student body will indirectly exert an influence upon the General Assembly which may prove efficacious in relieving the strain in the atmosphere around the business office. Interested persons in the state should be made to realize that whereas educational institutions may be sadly disparaged or even abolished in insufficient appropriation, a great liberal university is not a species of phoenix which may arise again over night from its own ashes.

The University has acquired prestige over a period of years in which inflations and depressions taken together have but given it a tradition of solidarity. These shall not perish now because a few near-sighted legislators have not vision enough to see that in their frantic though earnest struggle to balance the budget they are blindly attempting to undo in part all that has been achieved in the cause of literacy in the state and in the south. Time after time the students of the University have rallied to the call of their president and now, as in times past, they shall not fail him.—R.H.B.

### Not the Usual Huey

The gentleman from Louisiana's newest propaganda in favor of his schemes for a reorganization of wealth distribution comes out under the name of "The Long Plan," which he explains briefly in a printed handbill distributed through the mail. Senator Huey's opening sentence is promising enough: "With the one law which I propose to submit the minute Congress meets, I think most of our difficulties will be brought to an almost immediate end."

In brief, the Kingfish proposes to tax away excess wealth. First, he wishes to levy a tax on fortunes above ten million dollars, graduated so that when a fortune of one hundred millions is reached, the levy will take all the balance above that sum. Secondly, there will be an inheritance tax, also graduated, which will prevent any person from inheriting a fortune over five million dollars. And thirdly, he proposes a more effective use of the income tax to the extent that no individual will be permitted to keep more than one million dollars from earnings of one year. Senator Huey estimates that "The Long Plan" will bring in to the Federal treasury approximately fifteen million dollars per year, which revenue he proposes to spend mainly for public works, thus creating jobs for the unemployed.

After the technocracy fiasco, the American public will undoubtedly be more wary of a pro-

posal that declares itself so frankly to be a panacea, and it is extremely doubtful that "The Long Plan" could be engineered past Congress. But aside from the extravagant claims of his Plan, it may be safely stated that we have not yet realized the extent to which the income tax can be used as a federal measure. Andrew Carnegie, for instance, recognized this by his belief in a fifty per cent tax on income over one million dollars. Is Huey, as we are so prone to gather from his senatorial antics, all "hooy?"—A.T.D.

## Our Times

By Don Shoemaker

### Out of the Kegs By Christmas

Beer by April! That's what the boys in Washington have promised us. They first set it at 3.2 per cent, but the Senate thought that the folks back home could stand another cut of .15 per cent, the people being used to cuts. So beer will come back, a little weak from legislation and thirteen years stagnation.

What worries this department is the beer question in Chapel Hill. Will beer come to Chapel Hill in the balmy days of an April? Spring? Where will it be sold? Will chapel hour be dope time or beer time? All these questions and many others will be answered on our next broadcast.

### Literature

The four most popular volumes in the Bull's Head in pedagogical circles are *The Student Fraternity Murder*, *The Kennel Murder Case*, *The Red Castle Mystery*, and *Dr. Priestley Lays a Trap*. The above mentioned quartet sees pretty active circulation in faculty circles, although we understand that the young professors don't care for mystery stories much; read more weighty works that improve and stimulate the mind.

Dr. Bell's Scotty pup nearly wrecked one of the volumes, *The Student Fraternity Murder*, which might mean something or other. Drs. Van Hecke, Henderson, Caldwell, Pearson, Howell, and Paine are the best mystery story fans, however. They all like 'em slightly gory but involved in plot. That's why *Egyptian Cross* fell out of favor with the professors. It was so gory it kept most of them awake nights, which is a bad thing for anybody in the English department who teaches an eight-thirty class.

### Poesy

The Poets' Corner got together the other evening in the *Carolina Magazine* office and discussed ways and means of penning prize-winning odes for *Poesy*, a college anthology which the Poets Guild will publish this summer at the World's Fair. A spy with a long red beard and a green hat, doing under cover work for this department, reports that there were about seven poets present (he couldn't be sure, 'cause his hair kept falling down over his eyes), including the folks who write about trees, old shoes, rain on the window-pane, etc. He also says that the headquarters of the Poets Guild is on Christadora street (New York), which is rather a poetic location.

But we wish the poets well, and send this little blessing: Success, success, to all you guys, Here's hoping you may win the prize With odes inspiring and sonnets witty To satisfy the Guild committee. Now all can't write like Miss Millay, Or Bobby Frost and Steve Benet,

Or Carl Sandburg and William Morris,  
 Or Gertrude Stein and Latin's Horace,  
 Or Robinson, Edward A.  
 Or T. S. Eliot and Percy MacKaye,  
 Or Dotty Parker and Bodenheim  
 Or Robinson Jeffers and Oppenheim—  
 But if you must write modern trash  
 May Allah keep you from Ogden Nash.

## Autopsy

By Robert Berryman

### NEXT TO GODLINESS?

Several days ago, Joe Smith, University student, went to the Y. M. C. A. to get his laundry. His supply of clean shirts was almost gone, so he needed his last laundry bundle of the term. Now, the laundry department is in the habit of refunding the balance of each student's laundry deposit in the lobby of the Y, and of distributing the last bundles by having each student call at another room in the Y and paying cash. Joe Smith had no cash money for the banks were closed, and, besides, he rarely had much cash money at any time, for he was a self-help student and lived from hand to mouth.

When he went to the desk where he was accustomed to receiving his refund check, he found it unoccupied. Instead, there was a huge ugly sign: REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL CLOSE OF BANK HOLIDAY.

The laundry owed him approximately three dollars as a refund—he was a thrifty boy, and washed many of his clothes in his own room. He went to the window to receive his laundry bundle and found another sign, equally huge and equally ugly. It read: "Unless Spring term registration slip is produced, laundry packages will be held for cash."

Joe Smith, by the University schedule was not due to register for three days—but he needed a clean shirt now. He asked the price of his bundle. "Eighty-eight cents," he was told.

"You owe me about three dollars," Joe said to the stern and unbeautiful woman with pencil stuck in her hair, the laundry's representative, "Couldn't you let me have my bundle and take the eighty-eight cents out of the three dollars which you have of mine?"

"No," said the unsmiling laundry sentinel.

So, Joe Smith, dejected at having to wear his not-so-clean shirt three days more, shuffled out of the Y's front door . . .

There were many Joe Smiths last week. It is doubtful that their plight will cause the least of pangs to the hearts of those who live from the laundry's bounty. Joe Smiths are an uncomplaining lot; they are philo-

sophic—they could not be otherwise and yet remain in school as self-help students.

But if the laundry persists in its high-handed and unsympathetic attitude, assumed not only in this example of stupidity but in many other cases, some day, some one will rise to complain of it so vigorously, that the laundry's back will be broken, and it can no longer act as high mogul of the required deposit of \$8.50 per term of each student.

Let us pray that that "some day" and that that "some one" come soon to relieve us.

## NEGRO WILL SUE FOR ADMITTANCE INTO UNIVERSITY

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C. A. McCoy and C. O. Pearson, attorneys, and S. C. Coleman, newspaper writer, were the first openly to announce themselves as sponsoring the movement. McCoy and Pearson drafted Hocutt's petition. They announced last month that they would make a formal application for the admittance of Negroes at the University and intimated that they would carry the fight to court if necessary.

In the petition filed Wednesday, Hocutt alleged that he formally demanded admission to the school of pharmacy and was denied on the grounds that he was a Negro. This action, the plaintiff maintains, was "wrongful and fraudulent violation and contravention of the constitutional rights of the plaintiff as guaranteed to him by Act I, sections 17 and 27, of the Constitution of North Carolina and Amendment XIV, section 1, of the constitution of the United States."

Hocutt qualifies himself as "a person of African descent, of good moral character, twenty-four years of age, and possessing the necessary scholastic prerequisites for registration and admission to the University of North Carolina."

An order requiring that Hocutt be admitted to the University or cause be shown why he should not be was placed in the hands of Judge M. V. Barnhill remained unsigned last night. The University and Dr. Thomas J. Wilson, Jr., registrar, were named defendants in the action.

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