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## A Duty Done— A Duty to Be Done

Friday morning there will gather in Graham Memorial a group of students representing the student bodies of all the larger colleges in the state and most of the smaller ones. Upon this group will fall the responsibility of carrying on the work which has been done to cement the students of North Carolina into one unified federation. Not only to see that the federation maintains the level which it at present holds, but more than that, to carry on and build up to the goal which its founder, John Lang, had visions of when he brought together the first group of students and founded the federation.

No student organization in the state is filled with greater idealism than the Federation. It does not belong to one campus nor even to a few campuses, but to every campus in the state. Its founder had dreams of a great student commonwealth which was to be greater than any student body, which was to bring under one standard and one ideal all the students of the state. It was an immense undertaking and one that could not be completed in a day, a year, or even several years. The end of its fight is in the far future and each year, each regime, but a step on the way.

Saturday will mark the end of another year of the Federation, a year in which its destiny has been presided over by the University. Haywood Weeks, president of the Federation, has realized more than any of its presidents since Lang, the full possibilities of such a group and the need of bringing out its full power for doing good in the field of student government. He made a great contribution in the founding of the *Student Journal*, in making it a Federation in reality and not just in name.

Such is the true purpose of the Federation, and such is the task which the present administration has sought to accomplish. Carrying on is the responsibility which rests upon every delegate to the convention.—V.C.R.

## Government And Business—

The senate banking committee has ordered a thorough investigation of private banking operations. That such a step should have been taken long ago is quite evident. The long list of shady dealings which have characterized this part of our financial structure makes one rather amazed at the ease with which these activities went on and the peculiarly disreputable acts attributed to so-called "public-spirited magnates."

It is characteristic of most American minds to consider the average business man a far superior being to the public office holder; he is considered more capable, more honest, and more patriotic. The alderman, the mayor, the representative, the senator—even to the highest official in the land—are in some respects inferior, a race set apart, as it were, from the rest of us. Such an idea represents a prejudiced and ignorant viewpoint. The tell-tale evidence of the past few years have brought to light an astounding array of faiths broken and power misused in high financial places.

The heart of the problems lies in the thirst for personal gain, whether it be by politician or by business man. The cry of business is "as much profit as possible, and the devil take the hindmost." This *laissez faire* philosophy—originated by Adam Smith and later used to justify the most flagrant dishonesty—is wholly inadequate to meet the needs of our rapidly integrating world. The maxim "keep politics out of business" would be more applicable to our present needs if it read "keep the business man's ideal out of politics." The affairs of the country are too important to be given over to a crowd of egocentric business men. However, we do urgently need men with a good working knowledge of economics and a desire to give themselves solely to the administration of a wise, far-seeing and honest governmental program—with its ideal "the greatest good to the greatest number."—V.J.L.

## Steady, Legislators—

The members of the legislature in their effort to lower drastically the amount on which the state schools are allowed to run has been indirectly responsible for the death of several of the state's school children. Eleven days ago in Rowan county two school busses collided killing four children and injuring others. Subsequent investigation showed that the busses were in a

dilapidated condition due to the inability of the state to make provisions for newer and stronger busses, that the bodies, as originally made, were too light and flimsy, that they were horribly overcrowded, and that the busses were being driven by boys not much older than many of the pupils being transported to school.

All over the state there are busses being driven by boys of high school age in which children are transported to the consolidated schools. These boys, too young to be given charge of a cargo of children younger than themselves, who have to place their trust in their drivers because there is no one else to whom they can look in their daily trips to classes. A majority of these busses are old, T model Fords, in which very few of the older generation would trust themselves in company with a mere child as a driver, who, even though competent, should not be trusted with the responsibility incurred in carrying pupils many miles to school over all types of roads and in all kinds of weather, yet these same people who would probably refuse to ride under the existing conditions permit their offspring to go on and never give them a thought.

The city school systems and the colleges of the state have been claiming too large a share of the argument in the legislature, and this accident should bring the rural schools to the attention of the lawmakers of the state as another point to be studied before further action is taken to reduce the funds of the school systems.

It is up to the members of the legislature to look into the conditions existing in the rural schools before they go so far in their reductions as to endanger the lives of those affected by this cut.—F.P.G.

## Inflation—But Where Will It End?

Norman Thomas poses a big question and one which is lingering in the minds of most of us when he asked in his letter to the TAR HEEL Tuesday, just to what extent will controlled inflation be controlled? The powers which Congress is about to grant to the President make him literally a financial dictator, acting at his own discretion, and to what extent he will see fit to decrease the gold content of the dollar yet remains to be seen.

But now that the silver issue has been revived and brought into the farm relief bill as one of its numerous appendages, our past experience with "free and unlimited coinage of silver" looms up, like the shade of William Jennings Bryan, to complicate matters still further. For if free and unlimited coinage of this metal is to be the order of the day, there is a chance that the currency will "inflate" out of all proportion to the country's needs.

If our "sound currency," upon which so many platforms have been based, is inflated beyond control, the farm relief program, instead of a god-send, will have become a boomerang. For wages, with their usual habits of trailing prices, will be in the same position as the tortoise trying to catch the hare. Only the hare will not stop by the wayside and fall asleep.

With all due respect to our skepticism, however, it appears that the bill, meeting as many obstacles as it has, is receiving plenty of legislative consideration. And with the people's confidence in Mr. Roosevelt's administration, he can do no less than keep a "controlling" eye on controlled inflation.—A. T. D.

## The Fate Of Beer

The legislature of this state has forgotten tradition and permitted an alcoholic beverage to be sold in Chapel Hill. Even before the days of the 18th amendment the sale of beer and whiskey was excluded from the area within four miles of the town. The present body of legislators, realizing the expediency of the automobile and the need for close supervision, have not renewed this old law.

The wet forces believe that the recent legalization of beer is but a step in the direction of the complete repeal of the amendment. The dries realize that they have but one chance of stemming the tide before the repeal is carried through. If the country runs wild and uses beer in an excessive and rowdy manner a point will be added to the weapon of the prohibitionist. The majority of the people now favor repeal, but the sentiments of the mob are not difficult to sway.

There are men in the state legislature and on the city council who are not whole-heartedly in favor of the sale of beer here. These men have been persuaded to put the students on trial. It would take very little to turn them into active opponents if the test should fail.

The authorities of the University could have pushed an exclusion measure through the legislature. However, the administration chose to follow its liberal policy and say nothing. It is a new experiment, the result of which is eagerly awaited.

The legislature, the town, and the University administration have exhibited marked confidence in the students. It is up to the students to justify this confidence by not abusing their privilege. Wanton and reckless consumption of beer

will lead to its exclusion. It is to the interest of the students who like the beverage to protect it not only for their own taste but for the welfare and good name of the student body as a whole.—N.A.T.

## SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

To the Editor,  
DAILY TAR HEEL:  
Mr. Editor, please allow me to speak to members of the Junior class through the columns of the DAILY TAR HEEL.

Monday night in old Gerrard hall, scene of many battles, not less than 150 members of the Junior class answered with their presence a call, then three days old, to assemble. They listened to an auditor's report for nearly an hour. Then for an hour they declared for their rights and for decent expenditures for dances. More than 125 fought like rebelling slaves. Faced with new orders from an executive committee, which had presumed it was vested with absolute and ultimate authority, the group had finally determined upon immediate liberation. The regret is that we had to become unbearably weary of being led by the ear and trampled under foot before we rebelled.

By decisive majorities the 150 juniors present voted: (1) that it would not ratify its executive committee's proposal that each member be assessed an additional 50 cents in order to help the senior class defray its half of the proposed \$1,600 junior-senior dances; (2) that it would not approve the Bert Lown contract into which its executive committee had, without voted authorization, entered; (3) that it would not pay more than \$300 for its share of the cost for a junior-senior orchestra; and (4) that its class president appoint a new committee—which he did—to negotiate along with the senior class for another orchestra.

Unaccustomed to restraint, the defeated have been whining out feeble alibis and rushing frantically about the campus in search of sympathizers and advisors. A drowning man grabs for even a straw. They have visioned the following straws: (1) The meeting and the motions passed are illegal, for the presiding officer has not been president of the class since the installation of campus officers, April 26. (That's novel. In fact, the new president asked if he was wanted to preside and was told, "No.") There was not a single objection to his presiding at the meeting. (2) Members of the minority were not recognized. Yes they were. They (he) were repeatedly recognized, and no discussable motion was put to a vote until discussion had been shut off by a call for the previous question; (3) In putting the motions the chairman did not call for the "nays." Why call for them, when 5-6 had already voted "yea?" Yes, it was a stormy session, Mr. B. H. you must have been looking for a 5:00 o'clock tea, with the "Executive Committee" gracing the bowls. (4) The junior class can't break its contract. In the first place, who said the junior class ever had a contract with Bert Lown? A proposed contract was offered by the class executive committee for the class' approval. In the second place, assume the document which the executive committee rushed out "thirty yards" to get was a contract. Still, the junior class or any member in it would not be liable for breaching it.

Members of the junior class, if another meeting of the class is called, come right on back to Gerrard hall. Smash again this

"dance-marshal combine" and go on record more positively than ever that we are unalterably opposed to any financial expenditure for the Junior-Senior dances which would be an insult to decent social justice and provide new ammunition for those guns which are forever pointed at this University.—H.S.M.

To the Editor,  
The DAILY TAR HEEL:

So far as the junior class is concerned they have voted what they want in regards to the oncoming junior-senior dances. The attack which is now being made, calling for another meeting of the class to vote again, is nothing more than a fight being staged against the juniors by the members of the senior class—not the entire membership of the senior class, but a minority in that class who have been beaten in the campus elections of some few weeks ago. They are not able to take it on the chin and are determined to go to any extremes to carry their point of view and stage a \$1,600 dance here on the campus while the University pleads as a pauper for financial support.

They claim that the presiding officer of the junior meeting was not qualified to hold the meeting. For all the year he has been qualified. They claim that the new class officers have been installed. Then if this be true, Vergil Weathers is president of the senior class and Stuart Aitken president of the junior class. Then they claim that the voting was not fair since the minority could not win—the minority was so few that they did not care to raise a dissenting vote. They claim that the boys with the money did the voting—that's also pure bunk. Really, they argue so many things they kill their own arguments. Boil it down: They are trying desperately to continue the regime of dictation by the self-picked campus big shots.

The members of the junior class are treated by this one time all-powerful political machine—and I include some few members of the junior class too, because they have been promised political offices in the next elections and naturally they have to stand by—as idiots and fools for upholding their own rights in the government of their class. Well, they have a perfect right to call us morons, fools, and idiots and everything else that would reflect on our intelligence if we lapse into that state of indifference which has heretofore made possible their high-handed acts of despotism.

Juniors, tonight we have another chance to prove that we are done with yoke-bearing, and let's do it!  
C. E. W., '34.

Southern Pines  
To the Editor,  
DAILY TAR HEEL:

We were quite amused by a heading in the Tuesday, April 25th issue of the TAR HEEL. We let out a loud burst of laughter when we saw "Nine Confined"—we grew quite hysterical when upon continuing to read we found that all those confined were males. Reminds one of sea horses!

Wouldn't it be much simpler if the infirmary list were always under the same caption? If it were it would certainly be easier to find and would not put any tax on the imagination of the reporter.

Congratulations on your new office and may you continue to make the TAR HEEL the interesting and admirable paper it has always been.—A Friend.

(Editor's Note:—The DAILY TAR HEEL wishes to announce that the "sea horse" list will still be run under a different head every day, and that the "Friend" is invited to drop by the "new office" any day for tea.)

## OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

- 1:00 p. m.—Emerson Gill, orchestra, WEAJ (NBC).
- 3:45 p. m.—From Rome; Symphony orchestra, Werner Jannsen, conducting, WEAJ.
- 7:00 p. m.—Rudy Vallee and all-star show, WEAJ.
- 7:30 p. m.—Rin Tin Tin thriller (program listed by special request), WJZ (NBC).
- 8:30 p. m.—Wayne King's orchestra, WJZ.
- 9:00 p. m.—Jack Pearl, world's biggest liar, WEAJ.
- 9:00 p. m.—Friends of Princeton University Library dinner; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, principal speaker, WJZ.
- 9:30 p. m.—Boswell Sisters, WABC (CBS).
- 10:15 p. m.—Don Bestor, orchestra, WEAJ.
- 10:30 p. m.—President Roosevelt's address before the twenty-first annual convention of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C., WEAJ.
- 11:00 p. m.—Duke Ellington's hot music from the Cotton Club, WEAJ.
- 12:30 a. m.—Buddy Harrod and his orchestra, WABC.

## LOCAL DELEGATES TO READ PAPERS FOR CONVENTION

(Continued from first page)  
Prouty; "Sand Grains and Their Shapes," by Dr. Gerald R. McCarthy; "Notes on a New Eurypterid from the Moscow Shales of New York," by E. N. Kjellesvig;

"Analytic Criteria for Geometric Conditions," by H. V. Park; "On the Forms of Equation of Curves," by S. G. Roth; "The Classification of Collineations in the Plane," by Dr. E. T. Borwne; "Certain Conics Associated with Non-singular Correlations in the Plane," by Professor L. L. Garner; and "The Expanding Universe and the Age of the Earth," by Dr. Archibald Henderson.

Saturday, Dr. E. W. McChesney will address the North Carolina section of the American Chemical society, on "The Determination of Malic Acid." Dr. H. D. Crookford and R. H. Munch will present their paper on "Vapor Pressure of Some Organic Ethers and Thioethers;" and R. W. Bost will speak on "Chemical Composition of *Melia Azedarach*."

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