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"Hark the Sound"

Many attempts have been made in the past to rationalize the old Carolina spirit off the campus, but those who believe that this has been accomplished are deceived or all ill informed. It may be true that the old spirit does not take the form of boisterous cheering at athletic events as it used to do and this may be a regrettable fact, but to those who still have eyes to see and wisdom to discern, no better evidences could be wanted, of the loyalty which exists in the hearts of the present student body for their Alma Mater, than the fine spirit of cooperation and sacrifice manifested since the beginning of the present quarter, made necessary by stringent economic conditions.

Not only was it willing to postpone holidays and to exert all its influence in behalf of the University during the recent legislative session, but now, when the grass on the campus is assuming grazing-ground proportions and it is being made unsightly by rank weeds and other parasitical plants, and the buildings department finds itself financially unable to remedy the situation, the organizations and students are coming bravely to the rescue by attempting to raise funds to supplement the efforts of the University to keep its grounds neat and attractive.

Many students there are who cannot contribute money to this worthy enterprise, but if the opportunity presents itself for them to give of their time and labor, it is not to be doubted but that the response would be prompt and hearty. There have been times when it seemed that student loyalty was on the wane, and much criticism has been leveled at the seeming laxity, but when the crises come, that ancient Carolina spirit always rises to meet the occasion. Perhaps we might generalize on the old saying "still water runs deep" and add that silent loyalty lies deep.—W.A.S.

The Tin Cup as A Last Resort

Spring rains may come and go, but never have they left the tennis courts in such an unplayable condition.

If we could conscientiously blame the holes in the courts and the gaps in the nets on the ravages of Mother Nature, there would be little more to say than that tennis devotees should resign themselves to the unpreventable and console themselves with ping-pong. But unfortunately we can only attribute the condition of the courts to the apparent negligence or indifference of the administration.

Although we must realize the fact that appropriations for University athletics have been decreased and that consequently there is at present only approximately half the usual force of men at work on the courts, these are at best only excuses and not justifications for the disadvantages under which our tennis-playing student body labors. For in spite of the reduction of expenditures, we are still paying the same ten dollars' for athletic association fees, and if a part of these fees is supposed to defray the expense of keeping up the courts, then the student body is not getting all that it is paying for.

However, if the administration honestly cannot pay for the upkeep of the courts, other means can be found to keep them in condition. Self-help students, for instance, could be more extensively employed in this work. Or, if the University pleads lack of funds to the extent that it cannot make use of this means, we might charge a small fee for the use of the tennis courts—or establish a free will offering. The students want decent courts and there is no reason why they cannot have them.—A.T.D.

Our Knowledge—What of It?

"I'd have my son know Seabury instead of Cicero," and Mr. Heywood Broun, author, essayist, critic, swells the ranks of educational skeptics. Because "Silas Marner" has no bearing directly on the social problems of today, Mr. Broun cannot understand why the work should be of scholastic value. Is modern education keeping step with the times? Why study the dead languages, old literature, dry mathematics, profound philosophy? In short, what is the use of this knowledge?

We are in for it again. Once more the complacent utilitarian is clanging his hollow bell to hear the echoing sounds and quaint reverberations. Again he swoops like a hawk down upon the fields of learning, but like that menacing bird

of prey, he swoops away again, leaving the scene of action far behind. But this hawk's victim is merely another mouse or another sparrow; there are many more, unharmed and unscathed, running below.

Not only Mr. Broun, but many other critics of education seem to take pleasure in biting off a small sample of the educational problem, and leaving the rest alone until such time as appetite will move them again. That the problem of education is a large one no one will deny. That it must plead guilty to lacking solution seems evident. Yet it is hard to see how the cause of learning is to be helped by those who use arbitrarily practical criteria in judging it.

The remark about Seabury and Cicero shows an amazing shallowness of thought, such as can only be explained by the omnipresent distrust of knowledge as such. This distrust amounts to a positive fear, a fear of learning for its own sake. Is it possible that these critics could point out with specific delineation the points at which knowledge which is alive will become dead and at which knowledge now dead will become alive? When has the study of history been more vital than today? When have we been in more need of men who, with a knowledge of the language, the literature, the traditions of the past, can construct a valid sociological formula? How can the present, with its new problems which are old and its old problems which are new ever be isolated from the past as long as the common denominator of both is perplexing humanity?

First our critics must learn that the "liberal arts" have not lost their fascination for those who seek enlightenment; second, they must know that men who love knowledge and the things of knowledge are the men and the only men who will succeed in the realm of theory and in the realm of practice.—B.B.P.

Whoopie Girls! House Parties—

The week-end approaches and with it the much-publicized junior-senior dances. All over the campus people are preparing for it as the one social event of the year which everyone can attend. Many fraternities are making plans for house parties which the members think to be one of the main necessities of the group of festivities.

By making assessments upon the individual members each of the fraternities seek to convert their houses into gorgeous palaces for the esthetic enjoyment of the numbers of the fairer sex who are to grace the shady, much-beloved campus of the University. Rugs, tapestries, plate glass mirrors, and paintings are brought forth from places of hiding to adorn the walls of bedrooms. Forgetting the need for study during the week and the fact that the dances will not occur until the week-end, everyone attempts to outdo the other with the magnificence of the decorations set to please the eye of his feminine guest.

Every fraternity giving a house party seems to think that a social event such as the junior-senior deserves far more work than studies which have to be attended to every day, and which are really the prime end of coming to school. This whole week will witness a falling off in class preparation that is absolutely unnecessary.

It is time that the fraternities on the campus were realizing that there are other things to be attended to besides house parties and dances, and that although these things provide a useful form of recreation, there is such a thing as too much emphasis being placed upon them. If these fraternities cannot see that by their preparation so far in advance for an event which will last only two short days, they are hurting themselves far more than a house party will help them, then house parties either should be abolished, or less care should be taken in advance to insure the neatness of the quarters of the young ladies attending the dances.—F.P.G.

Outstanding Radio Broadcasts

- 1:15 p. m.—Emerson Gill, WEAf (NBC).
- 2:45 p. m.—Morin Sisters, WJZ (NBC).
- 4:00 p. m.—George Hall, orchestra, WABC (CBS).
- 5:00 p. m.—Bert Lown's orchestra, WJZ.
- 5:35 p. m.—Three Keys, harmony trio, WEAf.
- 7:00 p. m.—Rudy Vallee's orchestra; guest artists, WEAf.
- 7:30 p. m.—Kate Smith's Swanee music, WABC.
- 8:30 p. m.—Colonel Stoopnagle and Budd, comedians; Jeannie Lang, William O'Neil, soloists; Andre Kostelanetz' orchestra, WABC.
- 9:00 p. m.—Jack Pearl, comedian; guest orchestra, WEAf.
- 9:30 p. m.—Boswell Sisters, WABC.
- 10:30 p. m.—Ted Lewis and orchestra, WABC.
- 10:30 p. m.—Aragon-Trianon dance hour from Chicago, WGN.
- 11:00 p. m.—Duke Ellington, WEAf.
- 11:30 p. m.—Ben Pollack's orchestra, WABC.
- 12:00 mid.—Claud Hopkins' orchestra, WABC.

With Contemporaries

Another College President Joins Ranks of Reactionaries

When, a few years ago, an editor of the *Columbia Spectator* was expelled from the university, a certain amount of doubt was cast upon the reality of the allegedly liberal tendencies of Columbia's administration, headed by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

More speculation has been caused by the recent case of a Columbia instructor who wanted "reconstruction of the social order," and who wasn't backward in telling his classes about it.

He was fired. A mass meeting was held immediately, at which the action of the administration was freely criticized, not only by students, but by two professors. Parenthetically, this aspect of professors in the role of critics of the administration seems novel to a campus such as Stanford.

Dr. Butler was severely condemned for his move, which was thought to be directed against freedom of opinion and toward conservatism and reaction.

Few American university professors are noted for their liberal tendencies. Dr. Butler has long been conspicuous among his colleagues for his apparently sincere individualism, which may, after all, have been due chiefly to his anti-prohibition sentiments.

It may be that Dr. Butler and his press agent have been misleading the American public. If this be so, as these two expulsions at his university would indicate, it is unfortunate—unfortunate for the advancement of American education that another college president is revealed as marching in the ranks of the reactionaries.—*Stanford Daily*.

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

To the Editor, DAILY TAR HEEL:

In his summary of evidence which conclusively shows that the University laundry is operated either inefficiently or on a profitable basis, Mr. R. B. neglected in yesterday's DAILY TAR HEEL to point out two of the most damning bits of evidence.

(1) The Raleigh Towel Supply company, which certainly does not operate in Chapel Hill simply for the convenience of townspeople here, supplies the University itself with towels and restaurant people with white jackets for waiters. Operated efficiently, the University laundry should be able to save the University and restaurateurs money and make a reasonable profit on this type of business.

(2) At least one Durham laundry finds it possible to make a profit on Chapel Hill business and to save local residents money on their laundry bill.

Though comparisons are odious, particularly to those not heightened in fame by them, I should like to call to the laundry's attention the fact that at Clemson College, laundry is done for six cents a pound, cheaper than the price quoted by Mr. R. B., and (the statement of an informed laundry operator as confirmatory evidence) the laundry makes a handsome profit.

When some proponent of the present best of all possible laundry systems replies to Mr. R. B. and to me, I ask that interested

readers keep in mind Mark Twain's remark about liars, and statisticians: the figures which will undoubtedly be pointed out by some minion of the University laundry will probably be both jockeyed an unapplicable.

Opponents of present high prices and the Moll Tearsheets methods which sent back three of my shirts sleeveless last week do not fear the quoting of figures. They do, however, protest against setting up false prices such as these: Shirts here, 10 cents; elsewhere, 15 cents; for the price is 15 cents here if one has his collars starched. Besides, any commercial laundry of standing gives to persons having flat work (sheets, pillow slips, and towels) a special pound rate such as that spoken of in connection with the Clemson College laundry. (The practice prevails at other colleges, including the University of Mississippi, Mississippi A. and M., Georgia Tech, and numerous others, no doubt, about which I do not know.) This pound rate should be put into operation here, or piece-work prices should be lowered—that is, if the laundry cares to escape well-founded accusations of mismanagement, profiteering, or both.

C. L. Y.

No Beer at Stanford

Stanford University, Calif., May 10.—Stanford administration officials stand ready to "fight to the last ditch" to keep beer off the campus, Almon E. Roth, comptroller of the university, announced this week.

They will also oppose all efforts to legalize the sale of 3.2 per cent beer or any stronger alcoholic beverages in Palo Alto, where legal beer now may

DELEGATES TAKE FURTHER ACTION REGARDING LAWN

(Continued from first page) building department would cooperate with any movement to the betterment of the condition and that labor through the Orange county unemployment relief could be secured.

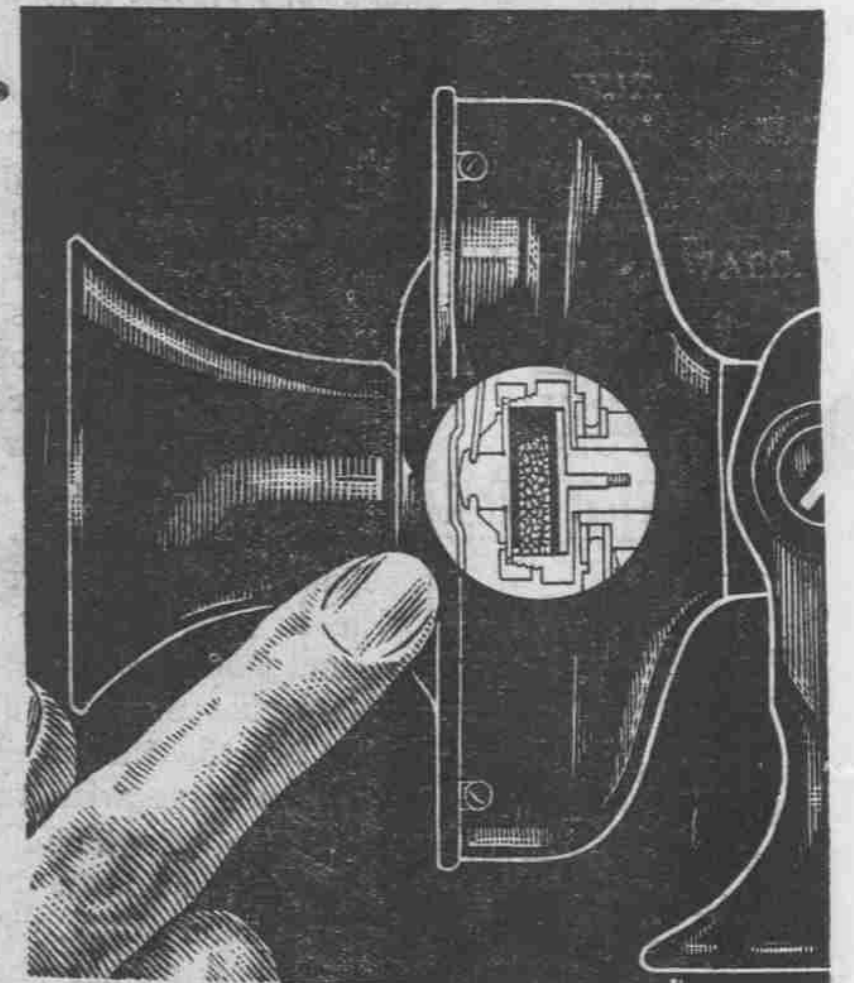
Clubs Give Five Dollars
A suggestion at yesterday's meeting was made that each fraternity and organization contribute \$5.00 to a fund which would make Burch trustee and to be used by the building department to fix the machines. Today's session in Graham Memorial will be devoted to further pledging for the fund and more action in the matter.

A definite goal of \$200 has been set by the organizers of the effort. Investigation yesterday showed that the machines have been steadily deteriorating for a year due to lack of appropriations for maintenance, and that a great deal of work is necessary for their improvement. They cost originally \$400 apiece.

The one machine loaned by the town cannot cover the work. Burch guaranteed that if the two University cutters were fixed, the campus would receive the utmost attention this spring and throughout the entire summer.

The fraternities who met at St. Anthony Hall yesterday were: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Tau Epsilon Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, and St. Anthony Hall (Delta Psi).

not be sold because of local ordinances and because of a law which prevents the sale of liquor within a mile and a half of the university.



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