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# Shoulders To The Wheel

This morning's Daily Tar Heel announces the permanent improvements section of President Frank P. Graham's 1941-42 budget for the University. He is requesting around a million and a half dollars, which, if granted by the State legislature, will be spent for four new buildings, an addition to the library, and improvements and equipment in numerous others.

This request for new buildings is a manifestation of the belief on the part of the University that the institution is continuing to grow, that it must expand to meet the educational demands of the state and nation it is supposed to serve.

To accept that which we have as complete, to say that the University's physical plant is large enough, would be to say that our progress has come to an end, that we felt that the University cannot improve on the service it is rendering its owners — the people.

Such is not the theory of the men who direct the University. They recognize the need for constant growth, for pushing forward to the destiny that is the University's.

The University has many needs. One can look around and in a moment's time observe a need for new buildings, for improvements to old ones. With around one-third of the students living in town—some of them in sub-standard residences—new dormitories are desirable. Graham Memorial is not yet complete; the music building needs more practice rooms; many academic departments should have more spacious quarters.

After careful consideration of University needs, the University administration has decided to request appropriations for a library wing addition, a commerce building, a languages building, adaptation of the old power plant, alterations to the laundry, departmental equipment, seats in Memorial hall, a dramatic arts building, and a religious activities center.

The need for each is obvious. After attempting to study in the semi-dark of the present library, one can readily recognize the need for expenditure of money in that quarter. Our only request is that the wing, if obtained, have suitable lighting.

The congestion of the commerce and languages buildings makes evident the need for two new buildings for these departments. The crowded, out-of-date YMCA and Playmakers buildings likewise need replacing.

And, most important of all, at least to 800 or so freshmen, new seats should be secured for Memorial hall.

Thus reads the University's program of growth for the next two years. It is an ambitious undertaking, in view of the number of new buildings that have been erected here in recent years. But every dollar requested is needed. Not one penny of the money being requested would be wasted if allotted to the needs outlined by President Graham.

The part that students can play in seeing these additions materialize is perhaps small. The 4,000 of us become puny when we sound our voices to the legislators. Nevertheless, at every opportunity students of the University should join in the campaign for the University and for education. In these times of government support of the unemployed and of new emphasis on national defense, education finds itself likely to be squeezed out of the picture. For that reason it is all the more important that the cause of education have a loud voice.

#### PIONEER MOVIE STAR



### Letters To The Editor

Leaders Needed

To the Editor,

Like you, I was impressed with the spirit and the logic of A. J. Muste, I heartily agree with most of Saturday's editorial. I like its spirit. But I question its conclusion. If I read you aright, you say that Mr. Muste's program is the sane one, the Christian one, the civilized one, the one that decency and reason prescribe, and the one that you personally would like to follow. Then you conclude that, because we are at this stage still fairly prosperous and think we are strong enough to defend what we have by force and because we have not yet remade human nature, the sane, Christian, civilized, decent, rational course must be scrapped as "impractical" and we must act as if we were insane, un-Christian, barbaric, indecent, and irrational. Since all men are not already angels, we must act as if we were all devils. Since wisdom is impossible until human nature is changed, we shall therefore despair of the world. I suspect that this thoroughly defeatist position is that of the great majority of serious-minded, good citizens today. It is against this defeatism that I wish to protest. ·

I am well aware of the difficulties of the advocate of reason and sanity in a world gone mad. Yet I wish to call attention to several considerations that seem to me pertinent: (1) The Gallup poll recently showed 86% of the people opposed to going to war. Yet they are being led, some of us think misled, into following policies that will take them into war. Is it impossible to suppose that able and determined statesmanship might pilot that same great majority to the peace they do want, if a leader arose as determined to pursue the peace method as Mr. Roosevelt has shown himself determined to follow the war method? (2) Frightened, we are allowing our fears to formulate our foreign policy. Counsels born of fear are always dangerous. (3) Most causes that have brought a better way of life to mankind have at first been opposed, denounced, or ridiculed as impractical or worse, by most of those who have later benefitted through them and come to praise them. (4) Most great ideals ultimately accepted by mankind have been carried to success by a small but devoted group of men with faith enough in them to try them. The majority of men are rarely spiritually regenerated, but they frequently are led by the good that is in each of them to follow the light provided by spiritually great leaders. (5) Ever since America repudiated the idealism with which the last war was dressed up, it has followed "practical" men. These "practical" men have led us to disaster; they have nearly destroyed our civilization. Events have proved the "impractical idealists" of the twenties right and the "practical" men tragically wrong in the foreign policies they proposed. The present crisis would never have come had we not allowed politicians and business men to discredit the men of good will and vision as "impractical."

Mr. Muste would be the last to insist that his particular program has magic in it. But we have missed the essence of the common sense that so impressed us in him if we east his thesis aside as impractical because it is difficult and requires courage to carry it out. It is time that somebody told us what is "practical" or useful in going fatalistically to destruction because no one has the vision or courage to turn about and go somewhere else. Why must we allow Hitler to force us all to mold our lives to his model and to accept his theory that brute force alone has power or virtue? We need to be reminded that it is more noble to live courageously for ideals than to die for them.

The people of the western world are stupefied by the cruelty and inhumanity of modern war. They made material prosperity their god during those wondrous twenties and found it had feet of clay. They cast aside their old religion because it was not scientific or intelligent. Now they have discovered that science and intelligence without moral purpose to give them direction are as likely to destroy mankind as to create a utopia. The older generation in other countries as well as Germany killed off some of the best of its youth under the theory that it was useful to die for one's country and it now needs these fine spirits to help run the world. The present younger generation has taken more seriously than their disillusioned elders certain dreams and hopes of a better world. These youngsters are now bewildered at the spectacle of elders panic-stricken into abandoning all they have in calmer times taught. The result is this defeatism and fatalism that prevent men who see sanely from carrying their sanity into action. It is in just this kind of world that spiriutal leadership, if we had it, could thrive. Human nature has already somewhat changed: it no longer glorifies war per se. Human beings are not wholly selfish and bad as your editorial implied. Most of us have some good and some bad in us. What the world needs is

## Rockbottom

By Sylvan Meyer

A yokel's impressions of the big city: New York is the only place in the world where the customer is never right . . . "Du Barry Was a Lady"-a swell show . . . the chorines in that town are lovely . . . the rooking the taxis try to give the hicks . . . The West Pernt Kaydettes all over town . . . the German-American, a three-story Aggie's where us low stags were forbidden to enter . . . the subway, where the New York lad on the dorm floor asked us to think of him . . . the big sign that drew its own pictures in lights and eulogized Mr. Willkie ... the mobs on Broadway where, if you bump someone and say 'scuse me they look at you with astonishment . . . the awe-inspiring beauty of the city at night from the Henry Hudson Parkway . . . the rain . . . the game . . . the depression that night . . . the mass drowning of sorrows . . . and the girl who claimed that Editor Bishop was stunning (she had seen his pix in Mademoiselle last August) . . . and the square dance in the Empire room with Kay Kyser and the gang . . . the wishful thinking of the boys that "wished the field had been dry" and sang the old song "wait till next year."

The "Buc" issue is settled? That's where you're wrong. The problem has just begun. Editor Witten of the new "Tar and Feathers" (a nice name which is going to give Tar Heel headline writers

fits) is long on ability and ambition but short on novel ideas and cash

The cry that the new mag will either be a Buccaneer without dirt, or will degenerate to what that magazine used to be has been made, heeded. Let it stand as a warning for it is all too true.

Problem is that a new mag needs new ideas. So far any ideas have been weeds struggling in the dark ravines of someone's subconscious.

Growing trend in magazines, and an entirely unprecedented action in college publications, is the use of pictures. More and better pictures as a true reflection of campus and the most accurate and interest-holding medium of reaching the public would start the new mag on a footing above any college pamphlet in these states.

Objection — pictures, especially the engravings, cost a small fortune. Editor-elect Witten asks, "Brother Lear, can you spare a dime."

But the distant rumblings of a move for an engraving outfit are nearing. Forecast is that we will see such a setup on the Hill before summer vacations. Plant would cost, including machinery for making mats, about 2500 iron men at the most. The news bureau buys \$50 worth of cuts a week. The PU board clings to a \$12,000 surplus.

The TAR HEEL would be able to use spot news photos for the first time. The Mag and the "T and F" See ROCKBOTTOM, page 4.

leadership that can draw out and develop the good instead of allowing the warriors, the materialists, and the defeatists amongst us to establish domination of the bad in us. If, instead of accepting defeatist arguments, those Americans who prefer the peace method would each individually demand that their government apply it, they would have tremendous power.

Let's not, then, give up to the forces of destruction because sanity and humanity are "impractical." Let's find leaders with the vision and the courage to crystallize our

reason and our humanitarian impulses and our yearning for a decent way of life into a spiritual force powerful enough to defeat Hitler's physical force by catching the imagination of mankind more successfully than Hitler's military efficiency has. This has been done in the past in equally dark days. It can be done again. Only if it can be done again can we save the values we cherish. Every new proposal is "impractical" until men of courage try it and find that it works.

Howard K. Beale, Professor of History.



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