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#### THE SUNDAY LETTER ...

#### **Fraternities Laugh** At Own Regulations

Fraternities are on their way out, and they have asked for it themselves! They are deliberately undermining their own existence! The ugly head of hazing has again, in a Mr. Hyde manner, shown itself. Sadism is not confined to the Gestapo or to the stooges of the Son of Heaven. The brutishness of man manifests itself even in peaceful Chapel Hill.

Anonymous reports of fraternity hazing show that no fraternity seems to be successful in keeping "Hell Week" a mystery. Sooner or later the monster breaks the chains of secrecy. The word gets out. The word is out!

Certain fundamentally sadistic institutions and individuals are even now putting up their last fight in this world. And this latest breach of human law by certain fraternities shows that even institutions in Chapel Hill are violating every ideal which true humanity sets for itself. The act of hazing in itself is a form of sadism; it is enjoyed only by the lowest type of human being. It show degeneracy, perversion, frustration, and other brute qualities which will always prevent the realization of true humanity unless they are destroyed.

Hazing is condemned and prohibited not only by the Campus Code and the Student Council but also by North Carolina State Law! This law states plainly that a student participating in hazing shall be arraigned in court, and, in addition to any punishment administered by the court, shall be expelled from his school or college! Yet hazing continues despite the fact that it is condemned by student government rulings and is punishable by state law.

But the most disgusting aspect of the recent hazings carried on by some of the fraternities is the fact that fraternity men who have engaged in hazings have broken resolutions which they adopted themselves. For on May 22, 1940, a Faculty Committee on Fraternities and a student committee from the Interfraternity Council adopted the following resolutions:

- "1. Initiation ceremonies and rites must be confined to the fraternity house-or to the building or room in which the group holds its regular meetings.
- 2. All forms of physical indignity to initiates are prohibited. Likewise prohibited are all routines or practices offensive to the ethical or moral standards of the initiates.
- 3. On Monday through Friday, initiation ceremonies must be confined within the hours of 4 p. m. and midnight."

In the first place, these resolutions were obviously superfluous. State law does not need to be condescendingly countenanced by a group of fraternity men, nor does the Campus Code need a supercilious pat on the back. Hazing and "Hell Week" were outlawed before the resolutions above were thought of.

In the second place, the fact that the resolutions were made, presumably in support of what was already law, makes an outright violation of them even more vicious and dishonest.

In the third place, there is no possible excuse for the practice of hazing. Institutions which permit hazing and allied malpractices and cannot control them lose their reason for existence. They become anachronistic, part of an age of life which is dead or dying. They bring down upon themselves the righteous wrath of every one who believes that human living should be decent and healthy, always striving upward,-away from the brute. And so, we say that fraternities are on their way out, and that they have asked for it themselves. And before many more years pass, it is not unlikely that they shall obtain just what they seem to want.

#### THE FOUR FREEDOMS...

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

"THE FIRST is freedom of speech and expression-and everywhere in the world.

"THE SECOND is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way-everywhere in the world.

"THE THIRD is freedom from want-which translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants everywhere in the world.

"THE FOURTH is freedom from fear-which translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-anywhere."

-The President's Message to the 78th Congress, Jan. 6, 1941.

### BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS ...

Do you want to know how you can help out the soldiers, sailors, and marines who are training for your defense in camps all over the country, and usually far away from entertainment and libraries and movie houses? Or do you want to show your appreciation to these men who have had to leave colleges and good jobs for your defense? You can help them if you want to. It's very easy. All you have to do is to drop some of the books which you have little need for in one of the Victory Book Campaign Barrels. You can find one in the library, the Book Ex, Graham Memorial, and the two theatres. But if you have so many that you can't carry them all, or if you never go to the library, the Book Ex, or the movie, call Miss Sue Roberson, 4211, in the University library, and she will make arrangements with you to have the books collected.

Remember that some of the soldiers, sailors, and marines training now for our defense can read, too. They would like a good novel, or a book of current interest. Many of them have asked for text books and technical books. Don't put off your donation. The other fellow can't give all the books that are needed. And when you donate a book, inscribe your name on the flyleaf, so that the man who gets it will know that someone back home appreciates what he is doing.

#### IN PASSING ...

On the eve of the first basketball game played here, we considered writing an editorial to the student body, urging that this year they moderate or eliminate the hissing and booing and razzing that has livened up Carolina games for so many years. But, we figured it would be premature and unwise to call attention to it, that this year of all years perhaps the student body had stepped up from the mental level and poor taste of Joe College.

Tuesday night's game proved that we were wrong. We could cuss and rant now. We could truthfully point out how bad sportsmanship at basketball games can and is ruining Carolina's reputation as the most spirited student body in this section. We could point out that players and coaches and officials despise such conduct. But somehow we prefer to cling to the faint hope that it was Bones McKinney's reputation for antics clipped . . . that prompted the other night's display. That doesn't, of course, exonerate the student body from a purely high schoolish display. We're just hoping that one night's raving effected a thorough catharsis.

Dr. Rose L Mooney, associate professor in physics at Newcomb College of Tulane University, is the first woman physicist to have received a Guggenheim fellowship.

# The Daily Tar Heel Editorial Page Opinions

#### carolina merry-go-round.

By Paul Komisaruk And Ernie Frankel

There's a deeper significance behind Billy Pearson's desire to derail the Merry-Go-Round after its fourth attempt than there appears. Pearson carelessly revealed that the suggestion for his attack came from an administrative officer and declared that as a "died-in-the-wool confederate," his name should not be used on his Thursday morning column.

One thing might be explained perhaps. The Merry-Go-Round-the Confederate half as well as the Yankee half-writes about Carolina, about Chapel Hill, about the State, about the South as it revolves around the University. As much as it is anyone's, it is our University, our Chapel Hill, our State, our South.

Information, not readily available to most students, nor cut so that it fits into the pattern of a news story, is authentic, and verified, and finally presented with the view towards stimulating interest and possibly ac-

A late friend, shortly before his death wrote, "We come not bearing gifts, nor do we come with an axe to grind. We are like the froth on draught beer-some blow it off, and some drink it down."

. . . And in passing-we are delighted and impressed with the fact that "an administrative officer" has taken note of the Merry-Go-Round and is perhaps slightly concerned over what we might stumble on in the way of Carolina's annual spring cir-

Recent government communiques have been broadcast warning citizens along North Carolina's coast line to expect bombings from light aircraft, carried by submarines. Furthermore Fayetteville has been told to list its civilian defense facilities and program activities with the War department immediately, in view of Fort Bragg as a military target. This brings home solidly the closeness of the front-line and adds significance to Mrs. Roosevelt's visit next Saturday. In conferences here, the First Lady will undoubtedly ask the following questions:

"(1) Do your air-raid wardens know what to do, and have they had

To date the answer is no.

"(2) Is the town organized so that it knows what fire equipment is available, and where it is to be gotten?" To date the answer is no.

"(3) Would the town know an airraid alarm if it heard one?" Another negative answer must be

"(4) Are rescue squads or first aid units, or demolition workers sufficiently trained to handle an emer-

Here a positive no.

Awaiting further developments, in the muddle regarding University cooperation with the FBI and other governmental agencies, Dean F. F. Bradshaw's office is preparing a statement designed to clear up administrative policy.

While ASU members maintain that a large and incorrect list, possibly of 100 names, has been handed to the FBI, Bradshaw explains that, to his knowledge, no such record has even been found. As a clearing house for all group meeting notices, this office has a small ASU mailing-and-membership list obtained through the usual channels. Efforts are being made both by the ASU and Bradshaw to determine if the 100-name list exists. and if so, what steps will be taken to

ASU officials maintain that the list of 100 names include many campus BMOC's who had no actual dealing with the union, but were invited to attend special programs.

The Dean says that in the past government inquiries have been answered after the person under investigation is informed. No complete records have been proffered to the

"Our instructors were telling us about how the shortage of paper may affect us in the future. It seems that tests may have to be changed or not given at all. We don't see the cause for the shortage of paper, unless it is used in the printing of all these new laws. Or maybe it is used in the writing of all these new patriotic

-Purdue Exponent

#### off hand ... TAKE YOUR STAND

By Tom Hammond

"What role should I play in this war?" is the main worry of most male students at Carolina these days.

Doug Moody answered this question for himself by refusing to register for the draft and making a public stand for pacifism. He stated his conviction that men should live by love rather than hate and that killing is wrong under any condition. He made that stand because he had reaoned out this conviction and had lived positive pacifism day by day. His stand in court was completely consistent with the principles by which he had been regulating his life in every particular.

What of the rest of us, who do not believe in pacifism, who think that Moody is wrong-do we stand as firmly and sincerely for our beliefs? Are we as determined to help win this war as Moody is to live a life of pacifism?

American youth have received a lot of criticism from the oldsters for being unenthusiastic about doing their part in the war effort. This criticism must be regarded as justified when you consider youth's amazing indifference and unwillingness to search out the facts and reach a definite stand. The danger is not from a few isolated students harboring what may be called radical ideas, but from the great masses who have no real convictions one way or the other.

Typical attitudes toward service in the armed forces illustrate the point. Every day you hear boys comment unashamed that they are doing whatever they can to stay out as long as possible, or to escape service completely if they can find a way. Most such decisions are guided by selfish desires rather than any urge to serve one's country. Even those who volunteer may be joining up solely in a selfish search for thrills and escape from classroom drudgery.

This is not an attempt to tell Carolina students what decision they should make, but to urge that they actually make a decision of some kind, and that the good of the country and the world be the basis upon which this decision is made.

Moody made his pacifist stand for a purpose—in order to testify for the way of life and action that he believes will ultimately bring peace to the world. Those of us who are not pacifists should fight for a purpose-

## grindstone ...

By Bucky Harward

Red-headed, slow talking Dotson Palmer, pugilist and president of the sophomore class, was floored last Friday when only 75 second-year men found it worth their 10:30 cokes to take a look at their budget, then rebounded with an idea that may save all future unfortunate class presidents from the farce of budget pass-

For years, class presidents' toughest job-except to look nonchalant in the class dance figure—has been to get a quorum of their constituents to come in and approve the spending of their own money. Threats have been futile, campus bands and free suckers have been recently losing their potency, polling votes by postcard or printed ballots has been the last resorts.

Disillusioned and exasperated, Palmer, who had worked hard to induce the class to turn out, suddenly decided that a quorum necessary to pass the budget need not mean a majority of the class enrollment. Class members can be notified of the itme and place of the meeting and informed of proposed budget expenditures through the Daily Tar Heel. Budgets could be passed or disapproved just by the majority of those who thought enough of their own money and class to sacrifice 15 minutes of one chapel

The innovation could be moved and approved by the student legislature. Class presidents could quit attending seminars on mass psychology. The class members could continue to do what they damn well pleased.

Clyde Shaw, ex-high mogul of the student activities fund who left Graham Memorial last summer to become a 90-day admiral, returned yesterday to give his former associates lectures in naval tactics. Shaw, depaunched, declared himself quite satisfied with his present way of life, expressed only the regret that he didn't come to the campus two weeks ago to show off his 10 uniforms, two overcoats and walk away with Esquire's watch.

our purpose being to defeat Hitlerism by force of arms, a course which we think is more likely than pacifism to bring to the earth that peace which we all desire. If the mass of American youth believed as strongly that America must win the war as Doug Moody believes in pacifism, American leaders would have no reason to worry about youth doing its part.

