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## among the damned ... Letters To The Editor

with Damtoft

(The investigation described in this column was patterned after recent investigations conducted by PM reporters as to how easily the "Normandie" and other ships might have been sabotaged.)

My Saturday night tea-party was interrupted by a phone call from an irate Carolina student who reported that he had seen a Duke student prowling around South building and no one seemed to pay him any attention. I phoned several South building officials and asked them why nothing was done to prevent strangers from entering South building. They replied that ample precautions against possible sabotage had been taken and that the student who had given me that report must have been suffering from delirium tremens. Indignantly they asked me if I thought them so careless as to allow such an important communication center as South building to go unguarded.

This explanation failed to satisfy me, however, and I determined to find out if it would be possible for a Duke man to sabotage the building. I decided to disguise myself as a Duke man and after letting Prof in on the secret, he had one of his budding Perc Westmores work on me. When he finished I was sure no one would recognize me as my original self. I was positively handsome.

As I walked toward South building, I espied one of the local Gestapo agents, but he paid me no heed since he was busy writing out a ticket for a student who had left his car upside-down on the sidewalk. Safe so far, I walked into the lobby of South where the lady at the information desk bade me a good morning. To see if she was alert to the possibility of saboteurs, I replied in Brooklynesque, but she only smiled and remarked what an excellent mimic I was. Never once did she suspect that I could have been a Duke with evil intent.

From the lobby, I went first to the men's room where I lit a cigarette which I calmly and slowly smoked. No one bothered me during the whole time except the janitor who walked in and asked me who had won the fourth at Hileah. Before he came in, however, I could have started a fire and been all the way to Carrboro before it would have been discovered.

I next conducted a little test to see if South building officials were aware of the possibility of a bomb being placed in their sanctuary. I had on an overcoat with pockets filled with dummy bombs. I took it off and hung it up to see what would happen. It was then that I was convinced that there was one wide-awake man in the building. No sooner had I hung up the coat, than a man rushed in grabbed it and dashed back out. No doubt he was going to take it somewhere and soak it in water.

Next I went to my adviser's office and told him that I was my father. (Being disguised as a Duke man, I appeared capable of holding that office.) I asked him for my son's record which he obligingly went to get. During the time he was out of the office, I could have changed enough of my credits to have become a senior overnight, and at the same time left an incendiary bomb in his desk. Never once during the entire visit, did anyone ask to see my identification card.

I next went to Dr. Graham's office under the pretext of seeing about a scholarship for a friend. When I walked in I greeted him and at the same time pointed my cane at him. If I had been a Duke man, I might very well have had a gun concealed in that cane.

When I turned in the results of this investigation to my editor, he decided to withhold it for a while since its publication would furnish the enemy with a valuable blueprint for destruction. He did, however, phone South building officials and tell them what I had done. They merely told him to keep me out of there in the future lest I get my head shaved. Now that the enemy has been conquered, after many successes, by a little Yankee force, we feel it safe to give this report to the public.

To The Editor:

In Tuesday morning's Daily Tar Heel, there appeared many letters written by very sincere students. But after talking to some other students on the campus this morning, I have found that there seems to be only one side of the question being discussed. That is that the budgets of the various dance organizations should be cut, and drastically. Yet this money does not actually belong to the organizations themselves, but to each individual student who attends the different dances.

Naturally, the average Carolina student knows that this, our United States of America is at WAR. Why shouldn't we? We have had it drummed into us since the seventh day of December, 1941. I know that practically every student in school has seen the need of closer budgeting, since that day, because money just isn't as free as it once was.

This coming spring quarter is going to mark the close of many a Carolina student's career here at the University, whether he be a senior or just a freshman. I can see no sound reason why that boy should be told how he can spend his money by a legislative body, who is NOT voicing the entire opinion of the students who put them in office. After all it seems to me that it is the parents job to tell the student whether he can attend the dances or not. They are giving the money, not any individual organization.

Another point is that the two organizations who will be hit hardest are not even represented in the Student Legislature. They are the German Club and the May Frolics committee. Yet they have to abide by all of the University rules.

Any student that reads this letter knows as well as I do, that the student body has come to the call of our less fortunate students. If you recall, the plea to keep the NYA students in school was met out of many students allowances. Yet, we are not doing our part for the smooth workings of defense. And if I am not mistaken, the Roll Call for the American Red Cross was met without any trouble. It is not the individual student's fault that the ceiling was set so low. I am sure that no matter what the top had been the Carolina student would have made an all out effort to meet it.

If a student feels that he does not want to attend any dance he is certainly not obligated to do so. It is our money not the Student Legislature's, so I feel that we should have our say as to how we are going to spend it. SO, when the Student Legislature meets to act on the bill on Wednesday night I feel that it is the duty of each and every Carolina student to make sure that his representative acts wisely.

Sincerely yours,  
Peter T. Beaudry

To The Editor:

The forming of a patriotic organization took place last night on the campus of the University of North Carolina. This group will be known as "The Watchful Sixteen." The group dedicates itself to an unceasing vigil over a certain number of persons, both professional and business who have aroused distrust by their Nazi-like methods and preachings. The group declares emphatically that it is not interested in causing a scare or engaging in other child-like attempts at notoriety. It believes that it is prompted by the highest moral motives and desires only to serve as a cooperative body with the regularly established agencies created for dealing with the afore-mentioned scabrous and lurking menace.

The Watchful Sixteen

To The Editor:

Two vicious attacks were made on the students acceptance of Loudon's speech, both critical, neither an analysis. More than two attacks were made on the student position in democracy today. One was long and drawn out and not to the point, just much talk with little said. You attacked the laughter of the student at an antiquated movie short of an impregnable stronghold. Why did these students laugh? Because it hurt; because an impregnable stronghold is not possible any more. Much of the laughter, many of the remarks were sarcastic. And what does this all add up to? That the student no longer has faith in anything but the ideal of democracy, and even that is fast being disintegrated. Mr. Ennis, by his article, would have us all do something drastic, say join the

army. Why join the army when there are already too many men and too little equipment. Our wonderful production, our sage production board heads and our government are still living the laissez faire of the 1920's. Our wonderful flying fortresses have to bomb from about 30,000 feet. Why? Because otherwise the Jap pursuit ships can shoot them down. Are we to grab shovels and start digging for iron ore?

Why should we become emotionally upset when there is ought to be gained by such? Why not let life in general run as it has, make necessary contributions to the government (and ourselves) only as they are rational!

As for your editorials, use a caption to gain attention, make them short and to the point. Otherwise few will read them.

D. Fiske.

To The Editor:

In the editorial "Split Another Rail" you draw some conclusions on the conditions of the times from the story of the election of James K. Vardaman to the United States senate over his opponent Leroy Percy. You present Mr. Percy as representing the noblesse oblige ideal. If that means that he was a man of wealth and training, you have him properly classified. But if it means an unselfish attitude of a public official toward his constituency, whether rich or poor, you have been misled as to facts.

One has but to study the long period of strife in the Mississippi senate which resulted in the election of Percy over Vardaman to an unexpired term in the United States senate to realize the undemocratic methods employed by Percy and his friends. The shameful tactics used there paved the way for the election of Vardaman by popular vote a few years later and ushered in the period about which you lament.

We should not blame the people who revolted and sent Vardaman and others of his kind into public office, but rather the Percys who had their chance of service to all and rendered it to those possessed of property and great wealth.

Incidentally, if you are getting your facts from the book of William Alexander Percy, remember that this book was written by the son of the late senator who represented the Noblesse Oblige ideal.

Also, you should note that the election to which you refer was in 1911 and not in 1900.

Yours sincerely,  
Malcolm E. Gillis

To The Editor:

For the past week or so, the lower quadrangle has been blessed or rather cursed with a slap-happy werewolf, who at respective intervals throughout the evening, emits howls which might be taken for anything from a dying Jap to Mussolini at Berchtesgaden. It seems as though the wolf has bitten others, for the wallings come not only from this God-forsaken creature, but from other quad accomplices.

There are several possible answers which might explain the aforementioned occurrence. Perhaps, since the outbreak began around the February 14 or 16, it is: (1) a jilted Valentine bemoaning his lot; or (2) some poor soul who signed on the dotted line for Uncle Sam bemoaning his fate. At any rate, a more logical explanation would be that he is: (1) a psychasthenia case seeking publicity in one of our publications *hoc conjectus est*; or (2) he is simply a jerk.

Having presented both sides of the case, I tend to agree with the latter point of view. If at the time of publication of this letter the wallings have not ceased, I should like, on behalf of myself and many students who, strangely enough, attempt to study in the evening, to beseech the aforementioned wolf to quit walling between sunset and sunrise.

Manny Krulivich



A Few More Days of Ticket Buying Till BAGDAD DADDY

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W. T. Couch  
Sincerely yours,  
Director

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(Letter from the University of  
(UPSIDE DOWN DIVISION)

FULLER EXPLANATION DEPT.

UPSIDE DOWN ANGLE HAS ITS

## 'COLLEGE AS USUAL' BOYS ...

The Daily Tar Heel pleads guilty. It pleads guilty in answer to those students who humorously, or with irritation, voted that the campus daily newspaper be abolished in the CPU's poll yesterday. It pleads guilty for apparently being responsible for first presenting such questions as Dance Budgets, a new Campus Magazine, Hazing, Game Rooms in Dormitories.

Hell. Let's give credit where credit is due. We'll confess and admit we can't take credit for presenting these problems. We didn't have anything to do with writing our editorials. Let's give credit.

THE WAR WROTE ALL THE EDITORIALS.

The war.

The all-out effort.

The students that have already left and are facing Jap shells.

The lists that have come in of friends already killed . . . all these factors have written our editorials.

We're not kidding. A publication like ourselves can only reflect responsible opinion, we can't create it, and like Topsy, watch it grow. Hell. You over-estimate us.

The only reason we've written decisive editorials against the "college as usual" boys is because we feel the more responsible students, those that realized a war was going on, wanted it so—as is evidenced by our overflowing "letters to the editor."

We said the "college as usual" boys. We mean the dances as usual boys, the publications as usual, the hazing as usual boys. The college as usual, the "we came to college for contacts and a carefree four years," the "let's have a last big time before we enlist" boys—while Fish Worley, Zan Carver and the rest of the people we knew might have the hell shot out of them tomorrow.

Coeds, excuse the language, but we believe you feel the way we do. Some of you have dated the boys who come up weekends from Fort Bragg, some of you have friends in the army.

So it's all-out effort for everyone, everyone out to win the war and win the peace . . . that is everyone except—

The "college as usual" boys.

—BUY DEFENSE BONDS

## STANDARDIZE . . .

It goes almost without saying that The Daily Tar Heel, already strong behind student cooperative houses, gives unqualified support to the proposed and rapidly materializing cooperative book exchange for Carolina students.

The need for the newest co-op obvious and undeniable. Most of the Carolina students—more than the self-help boys alone—must have received pleas from home since fall to go easy on all expenses and cut down wherever they can. Inadequate returns for second-hand books at the University's Book Exchange and the comparatively high prices of books resold there have made it necessary to establish the student-run exchange.

Because we have no facts and little desire to berate the Book Ex, we make no charges here about defrauding the students. From what we understand, profits from resale of books forms only a small part of the Book Ex's profits. That being the case, a student-run cooperative on second-hand books will not only benefit students but it will not deprive the general University fund of any appreciable amount.

Only obstacles to an arrangement which would save every student many dollars a year is the fact that texts for campus classes vary so much from year to year. There is admittedly some advantage to be gained from changing class texts from time to time when newer and better books on a course are published. But in a wartime emergency when all students will be squeezed financially, the University faculty should be willing to standardize all textbooks.