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music maker ...

By Brad McCuen

Lloyd Nelson relates the story about how Benny Goodman, the king of swing, made his first classical recordings. It was back in the winter of 1937 when the age of the jitterbug was just starting and Benny's band was holding out at the Manhattan Room in Big City.

A friend of Goodman's liked serious music as well as he liked swing and was well acquainted with the members of the Budapest String Quartet. The friend also knew that Benny was as good a classical musician as he was swing; so he invited the boys to get together one Sunday afternoon at his apartment.

They met and the conversation ran to Mozart, which Benny could discuss as easily as the quartet members. He confessed that he would like to play the clarinet part to Mozart's "Quintet for Clarinet and Strings." The Budapest boys invited Benny down to their rehearsal hall the next day to audition the part for the version soon to be recorded. Benny played for them and they told him that his tone and range were almost perfect so they would be glad to have him record with them.

As he was leaving one of the string musicians politely asked, "By the way, Mr. Goodman, just what do you do for a living?"

Tschaikowsky died in 1893 but his themes are living on, being used as material for pashy pop tunes. The number of songs based on Tsc's music is amazing.

"Moon Love" from the andante cantabile of his Fifth Symphony was popular four summers ago and started the trend. Next came a theme from the Romeo and Juliet overture known as "Our Love." One of Tsc's lesser works became a smash hit titled "These Things You Left Me." "On The Isle of May" is actually the andante conmobile from the "Suite for Strings."

Then last summer Freddy Martin discovered a goldmine when he recorded "Tonight We Love" better recognized by serious music fans as "Piano Concerto in B Flat Minor." Today we are listening to two more themes by the famous Russian composer, first "Story of a Starry Night" as lifted from the "Pathetique Suite," and second "Your Eyes Are Filled With Music" which if you look twice



is from the Fifth Symphony—third movement.

Just to top things off, three song writers got together and blended all these melodies into a brand new number (ha-ha) titled "Everybody's Making Money But Tschaikowsky" which after all is true.

HOT NOTES: Mac MacDougal is the latest Carolina lad to join a big-name band. He jumped from Freddy Johnson's crew to Sonny Dunham's, which if you remember correctly has Bob Farrington playing sax also. . . . Listen to Glenn's "Shhhh, It's a Military Secret" for an agreeable and timely novelty tune. . . . Red Norvo and Mildred Bailey have made up and she is back singing with the band. They recorded their first sides for the Okeh label last week. . . . Playing a clarinet and kissing a girl are a lot alike—so think Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw who got married recently. No, they didn't marry each other—Benny hooked up with John Hammond's sister and Artie did it with Jerome Kern's daughter. . . . Freddy Johnson and his band have been signed for May Frolics. That is good news since big-name bands are out of the question. . . . Muggsy Spanier's band plays more music per bar than any other crew in the country with the exception of the Duke. . . . Why is Johnny Satterfield's new truck named Madam Fawn I? . . .

across the desk ...

In his talk on Tuesday night, Dr. Masaryk compared the Prussians to Mr. Hyde of the German Jekyll. Thus, more than ever, the Carolina audience was convinced that it is the German "Hyde" we're really after.

At eight o'clock, the Nazi issue of the Daily Tar Heel looked much too real. The early morning light often plays peculiar tricks on us, but was that the same stunt as the Winnipeg paper used to awaken Canadians to the possibility of our losing this war? April Fool has definitely been converted to the all-out effort.

We have found a factor which should bring the IRC and the CPU even closer together in their recent cooperation, Mr. Booker—the eternal vigilante.

We have heard that Roger Mann's folks have come one thousand miles to hear tonight's speech by Czech minister, Jan Masaryk. We have taken it for granted that speakers will come a thousand miles, but have never had to ruminate on the possibilities of the audience traveling a similar distance. Perhaps, we cannot take this as an average case—Roger is here too.

We know of a certain unfortunate senior who is now taking Chemistry 5 for the third—or is it the fourth—consecutive spring. Once, the unfortunate came within three-tenths of a point of passing. Seat number 26, this studious upperclassman will get no pity from the omnipotent, infallible, chemistry department. (Incidentally, for the benefit of both our readers, we can give you a number of improved adjectives for the department which our friend has secretly imparted to us.)

The debaters who participated in the Mid-Western tournament flew in from snow-bound Chicago Sunday evening. Us moderns!

ELECTION LETDOWN ...

The coming campus elections have suffered a letdown this year. Formerly the biggest event on the campus, they have not, as yet, attracted any great interest among the students. Ask why and you'll be told that there are few close races this year, that the war has made former major campus problems minor ones, that campus politics are a waste of time.

All of these statements are perhaps true, but we can't help but think that colleges and education will face a severe test during the next twelve months. What they do will depend on what their student leaders do. Certainly this is true on this campus.

It is also granted that there will not be as many close races. The editor of the Daily Tar Heel and the editor of the Yackety Yack will go in without a struggle. Other major posts will be decided the same way. But the most important job of all—that as president of the student body—will be strongly contested.

Discussion of the duties of the citizen in democracy have been repeated so frequently that the reader is not only bored when he reads them, but the fact remains that if a democracy is to endure in a healthy condition, its citizens must discharge their obligations by perpetuating it by election. This principle applies primarily to the selection of executives and law-makers for the nation, state and city.

It applies just as much to our campus elections whether they be the election of officers in a social club, a fraternal organization, or a student office. Wherever a member of a democracy is a member of any organization that is run by elective officers, he should take it as his serious duty to participate intelligently in their election.

The student elections have really brought a letdown. Truly they are not so important as the actions of some have made them in the past. The student is right who says the campaign procedure of former years seems a little silly now, but he is wrong in taking this as a reason for not participating in the present elections.

The real reason for voting is just as effective now as it was formerly in peacetime. It is the discharge of an obligation implied by the political system under which we live. A student may say with truth that the campus election is of little importance in comparison to the war, but that is beside the point. He should do the job at hand as best he can.

WHY ...

A very great message came to the Carolina students Tuesday night from the foreign minister of the Czech government in exile, Dr. Jan Masaryk. As he spoke, he lifted two very great mists which have been cluttering American thought since September 3, 1939.

We are not fighting this war to save Czechoslovakia or any other nation. We are not fighting this war to bring security for our standard of living. We are fighting to save the fundamentals of our way of life.

This has been told us a thousand, a million times by the propagandists, by the politicians, and by the statesmen. This has been proved to us in a thousand movies; this has been shown to us in a million articles and in a million ways. Yet, never was the appeal of this argument more convincing than it was Tuesday night.

The terrible sincerity, the intensity of purpose, the knowledge of what was possible and what was best poured into the audience from a truly great democrat, Jan Masaryk. Here was the son of the man who created the post-war nation which fell at Munich. Twenty years after, the son has again started the task of building. He asks for more, and he asks for less than did his

MY SAY ...

By Elsie Lyon

This week the woman's honor council passed and then declared invalid a rule forbidding coeds to enter town houses. Perhaps the amount of unfavorable reaction on the part of the coeds who are traditionally asleep in matters of their self government surprised the honor council and caused this reversal in policy.

Aside from the fact that the measure was completely unconstitutional, the honor council members who advocated passage of this rule were violating the spirit of self-government. Last year a new woman's constitution was adopted in order to get away from one small body drawing up rules in their secret meetings and then springing these rules on the coeds without either their consent or knowledge. A legislative body, the Senate, was adopted to fill the need for open meetings and representative government on coed problems.

After the Senate considers the measure later in the week, the honor council will still have power to interpret the constitutionality of it. We hope the honor council will consider the spirit of self government and the desires of the coeds themselves.

The regulation was definitely unconstitutional. The powers of the honor council are five: "To promote the honor system and campus code; to punish offenders of these codes; to draw up and enforce the interfraternity agreement; to interpret the constitution; and to act as an appeal court from the house council." The Senate, on the other hand, was given among its powers, "the power of voting on social rules recommended by the Interdormitory council," and "the power to pass and act on any measures necessary for coed welfare, subject to recall of the coed student body." Consequently the regulation as passed could not be construed to be in the power of the honor council. Since the leaders in the honor council are presumably well acquainted with the constitution, or should be, they were guilty of violating the spirit of student self-government in advocating passage of the measure.

The rule as it was worded was ill-advised at best and insulting at worst. It was insulting to the coeds and men students as well as to the townspeople who have generously opened their homes to help ease the housing shortage. The rule as stated chose to regard the coeds as either small children who do not know their own good or as young college students bent on destruction. The actions of the coeds as a whole this year as well as in past years do not warrant either of these assumptions.

While the Senate members, realizing that if such a regulation needs passage it is their responsibility and power to consider and pass, may not have the final say in the interpretation of the constitution, it is up to honor council members to realize true self-government and let coed regulations be discussed in open meetings where each coed may have her say rather than in secret meetings. The immediate, vociferous, and unfavorable reaction to this measure proves that the coeds are interested in their government and their regulations. Let's give them a say in deciding their regulations.

father. He wants for the Czech people the right to live their lives, build their culture, and do the little things that make for living. He forever relinquishes the ideas of political and economic nationalism that pervaded the Europe of 1919.

Thus, through unselfish sincerity, Masaryk convinced his audience through a realistic approach of a great ideal—that we are fighting to save fundamentals of the democratic way—not the veneer with which so-called statesmen have so often plastered it.



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