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Letters to ...

To the Editor:

In an editorial in Sunday's Tar Heel the campus was urged to accept the legislature's action on the combination magazine. I would like to question this statement. Is it the legislature's position to tell the students what they think is best for them? Or is it up to the legislature, as a supposedly representative body, to ascertain what the general opinion is on any issue and act accordingly?

There are a lot of students, in fact I dare say a possible majority if they will take the trouble to vote, who prefer the two separate magazines to a combination magazine. The literary magazine has built a reputation for itself and has a following on the campus. There are many people who enjoy the creative and the experimental type of literature that it features. The same can be said for the humor magazine. There are many who look forward to the cartoons and the type of humor that can always be found in it. And then there are a lot of students who equally enjoy both of them. None of these favor a combination magazine. So why destroy a good thing while we still have it? The combination magazine can only combine the worse features of the former magazines; the humor will not be as good and the literary part will not be as good as that found in the two separate magazines. Therefore, would it not be better to keep the two separate magazines as they have been in the past, although they would have to be smaller for the time being, rather than to combine them into one magazine which we would find, in general, to be unsatisfactory?

Yours sincerely,
Joe W. Kennedy

To the Editor:

I have seen the light. In the past I have been a disciple of Satan Henry Moll and have supported the "combination" idea with all my vigor.

But I have seen the light. I have got religion. I would now like to support the contention that two magazines are better than one. I don't care a damn whether or not we can afford to keep up the quality of two magazines because of the national emergency and necessary financial cuts. I still want my two magazines.

Also, I would like to suggest a rather sensible idea which no one seems to have thought up yet. I would like to propose two Yackety-Yacks for next year because the Activities Section (which is serious) just will not mix with the Class Pictures (which are funny as hell).

In addition, I would like to suggest two editions of the Daily Tar Heel next year because I am convinced that serious news stories cannot mix with funny features. Or better yet, perhaps we should have two editorial pages because certainly the editorials and the serious columns have no place along side of "In Dubious Battle," "Across the Desk" or even "Gyre and Gimble."

If possible, I might also suggest that E. Carrington give us two class "B" movies instead of Hedy Lamarr and her "Class A" stuff, because I know this is what the students prefer.

I realize this is destroying a precedent but nevertheless, the more publications we have, the more editors we will keep happy, and, what is more important, the more money we will spend. Goody, goody.

Therefore, I advocate two Tar Heels, two Yackety-Yacks, and two magazines for next year.

Harley Moore.

The Navy needs about 50 girls for technical and scientific aides. They'll take almost anyone who has had one or two years of chemistry or physics. The openings are in arsenals and ordnance plants at Dover, N. J.; Watertown, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Rock Island, Ill.; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; and Birmingham, Ala. The salary is about \$1600.

THE WEARY WISHER...

By Hayden Carruth

Results of the latest Gallup poll, released Sunday morning throughout the nation, indicate that the majority of the American voters are willing to accept a two per cent federal sales tax, but will reject one of three or five per cent. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has annexed an aura of infallibility about his enterprise, and many there are who hold his findings truth, while others, perhaps sadists, wait for the time when he will pull a Literary Digest.

In any case, even on its face, the present poll presents its own inaccuracies. Of the total tapped, only about six per cent acknowledged ignorance of the subject or had no opinion. Also Gallup's release shows that a great number of the poor voters favored the tax. Poor voters are usually the uneducated, through no fault of their own, and therefore would be that element of the population least likely to be conversant with the complexities of public finance, and least likely to be aware of the inequalities and injustices that may be wreaked by the sales tax system. Obviously these people did not know what they were voting for.

I would be the last to claim understanding of public finance; I am too little versed with the science so admirably cultivated by our own Dr. Heer. I can, however, represent a few facts that may be culled from any elementary economics book.

The sales tax is not equally apportioned among income levels throughout the nation. It is a well known fact that the poor man makes many more and smaller purchases than the wealthy. Therefore, although the tax might theoretically be two per cent on the dollar, the tax on ten \$10 purchases would be \$1.00, or ten per cent on the dollar. Throughout the course of a normal year this inequality would mount to sums staggering for the poor man, nipping his already close-cropped budget at the outset.

The rich man, on the other hand, stocks his bountiful larder with large purchases, and usually lets his expenses accumulate until the monthly bills roll in. He pays two per cent on his purchases much more often than the individual in the low income bracket.

The second outstanding fault of the sales tax plan is the impossibility of efficient and just administration. The collection of the tax is necessarily left to the individual merchant. In

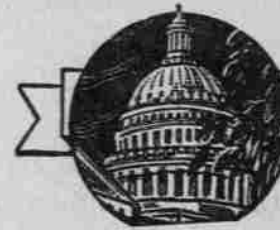
metropolitan areas where most establishments are large enterprises, scientifically managed and largely departmentalized, the management must keep careful accounts for his own interest, and the state can check up on total sales and total taxes without much difficulty. In rural localities, on the other hand, small business does most of the retail trade. Books are inaccurate, unscientifically kept, and often non-existent. Unscrupulous dealers utilize shady tactics to make the best of the sales tax, sometimes refusing to let purchases accumulate on a bill and charging tax on all sales, no matter the amount. Chapel Hill provides ample proof of this practice.

These are two of the defects of the sales tax proposal, now exercised unjustly in several states and many municipalities. To put such a scheme on a nation-wide basis would be criminal. The war provides no excuse; revenue may be raised by proportionate taxation up to more than the required amounts.

The sales tax flared in Washington circles on the stimulus of Wall street, and the infamous NAM has projected one of its most high powered, searching pressure campaigns in Congressional quarters. Bread and Butter, official organ of Consumers' Union, has long exposed such practices, but, too little read, it smothers under the crooning tale of management.

Dr. R. H. Tawney, noted British economist who spoke here Sunday night, showed that England has successfully built up internal material and human resources to outdo Germany in this war, but nevertheless maintained a high level of morale by refusing to unjustly undermine standards. This must be done here. Granted that heavy taxation is necessary to the successful pursuance of the war, but, like the income tax and the excess profits tax, let it hit all those within its scope proportionately.

It certainly is too bad that the round of politicians, factionites, and statesmen who cavort on the IRC and CPU platforms have been so sadly misled by Dr. Tawney. He proved the best of the year, though met by but a handful of those who should have been there. Why can't the rest, when they arrive in Chapel Hill, tote with them some information to impart, a fluidity of speech that bespeaks intelligence and education, and a manner that foils the natural apathy of Chapel Hill?



CAPITAL & CAMPUS

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

WAR ...

Reports filtering into the Capital from "the field" indicate that farmers generally are reacting favorably to the student farm-work plan of McNutt's Manpower Commission. The newly-created Commission is going to enlist college and high school students to work on farms in areas where shortage of help threatens.

Of course, the Department of Agriculture here had already advised its field personnel to use students. And many students and farmers have been planning ahead of any Washington agency. For example, in Eastern truck gardening areas students and farmers have been working together more than two months.

Alien students in American colleges "absolutely do not" have to register for selective service. All they must do is prove to local draft boards that their non-resident status is bona fide.

Selective Service officials have been compelled to reiterate the exemption of "non-resident aliens" because of rumors floating about that alien students are subject to military service.

The majority of these students are citizens of sister American republics, here on scholarships granted by their home governments or Uncle Sam.

There is, however, nothing to prohibit their volunteering for military service. That, too, is done through the local draft board which turns

over their qualifications and personal histories to the War Department for final OK.

Officials here are skittish when asked about the probable requirements for commissions in either the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps or its counterpart in the Navy (Bills establishing both organizations have passed the House.) It's a good bet, though, that a college degree will help, just as it does in the case of men.

Fort Des Moines, Iowa, is being considered by the War Department as a West Point for women. Some 5,000 of them would be trained there in various war occupations.

The Navy auxiliary unit would be open to any woman over 20. Grade for grade, women would receive the same pay as seamen. Duties would include decoding, airplane spotting and confidential secretarial work.

JOBS ... The weatherman is likely to be a weatherwoman for the duration. Civil Service is looking for college women to fill vacancies at weather stations west of the Mississippi.

If you're interested, go to the weather station where you would like a job and ask for blanks. (Incidentally, some stations are still averse to hiring women—which is something you may want to know in advance.)

At least two years of college work is required, with emphasis on mathematics and physics. The salary is \$135 a month—\$120 or \$105 if you are willing to take less. You'll have to take a written examination.

IT'S YOUR CHANCE...

On last Saturday and Monday, the Navy went to the trouble of sending Lieutenant King and an aide to Carolina to give any information desired, to students contemplating enlistment in the new Navy V-1 program. During these two days, at best, 150 students went to hear what Lieutenant King had to say.

We have since wondered what the answer to this lack of interest can be laid to. Almost every student says he is anxious to help the government but wants to finish school. Lieutenant King had an answer to that. Almost every student has at some time or other expressed the desire to get a chance to get officer training. Lieutenant King had the answer to that.

We are not drumming up trade for the Navy, for what we say about Lieutenant King holds just as true for Major Snyder who was here in the interest of the Army Flying and Ground Forces.

Just what do you as a student expect? Do these men have to come individually to your room with iron bound promises of a commission to interest you?

Sooner or later every male among you will have to go into some sort of service if you are physically able. This war calls for a huge army and navy reserve. You will make up part of it. But how do you want to serve in it. Do you want to take advantage of your college training to help you win an officer's rating or would you rather sit back and wait on the draft board. We imagine you prefer the former.

Then take an interest in these officers who come here to explain the plans that will allow you to finish college and get a chance at a commission. Take a little interest in getting in the branch of service that will enable you to best serve your country.

Don't ask your room-mate how the Army deferment plan works, or just how V-1 functions. He doesn't know. These men the Army and Navy send to Carolina are experts and can give you accurate information and answer your questions. Sure they're here to get you to enlist in their particular branch but they've got something worth your consideration to offer and they will tell you the truth about it. You merely have to stack one plan against the other and go in the one that suits you best.

Or don't you give a damn.

JUST CURIOUS...

Apparently Ben McKinnon is putting student government and the campus to a lot of trouble just to satisfy his own curiosity.

Yesterday when he handed the petition of over 400 signatures to Bert Bennett, president of the student body, McKinnon confessed that he knew the necessary 1750 students would not vote, that he just "wanted to see how the vote would come out."

Now, we don't question his conviction that two separate magazines should be maintained, although we are directly opposed to his opinion. We don't question his right or the right of any student to effect a referendum on a bill passed by the Student Legislature. But we do question his present attitude toward the student body vote.

As long as McKinnon believes that the student body is interested enough in the issue to turn out and vote, we have no criticism to make. But when he announces that he knows a majority will not come to the polls and then makes it necessary for members of the Council to spend some 40 to 50 man hours holding the polls and counting the ballots—to satisfy his own curiosity—we get somewhat riled.

AMONG THE DAMNED...

With Damtoft

With the current school year drawing to a close, we have directed our eyes toward some of the programs that were inaugurated this year with the intention of seeing just how much they have accomplished. The one that caught our glance first, was one that had received probably more publicity than any other organization on the campus. Yes, it was the OSCD.

Looking at the OSCD, we remembered a two-day registration period when hundreds of students were enrolled in its ranks. We remember being given a blank with some thirty subjects on it and being told to check the one that we wished training in. We remember working at a desk, as a non-director of the OSCD, enlisting some of these hundreds of students, who, by all outward signs, indicated that they were anxious to learn something to do for civilian defense.

Now we wonder just what they have learned or have been offered after that hectic and publicity-ridden campaign. We have heard of no auxiliary police training, no first aid training, no anti-incendiary training, in fact we have heard nothing of any training except perhaps air-raid warden training and we question the worth of that for the wardens were given no instructions or training as to what to do in a real air-raid. Just what was the reason for drumming up the OSCD.

After returning home from spring holidays, we were a little ashamed of just how little had been accomplished here. There, mothers were industriously learning first aid, not the society training burlesqued in many papers and magazines, but plain, simple, essential first aid training. Best girls were working four and five hours a week learning the mechanics of an automobile in order to do ambulance and emergency driving. They weren't just being shown a disassembled motor. They were actually tearing it down and rebuilding it step by step themselves under a mechanic's eye. We saw fathers learning effective anti-bomb training by qualified experts.

Perhaps it is not possible to offer such things to students at Chapel Hill. Maybe Chapel Hill is too small to rate experts to teach them. If so, why isn't the OSCD abolished instead of hanging fire in a sort of false glory, and being pointed at as what Carolina is doing for the war effort. If the whole nation is doing as much, God pity it!

The most obnoxious propaganda we have seen around Chapel Hill in many a day appeared yesterday morning plastered on trees and buildings and scribbled on class-room blackboards. Such phrases as "Abolish Student Government" and "Student Government Condemned" appeared everywhere. Mr. Roland Parker was described in ambiguous terms as favoring such a move. He happens to believe in exactly the opposite. If the Di Senate must resort to such catch phrases and misleading statements to get an audience, then it has ceased to serve any purpose. It is perfectly all right to discuss the reasons why student government might be abolished, but to create the impression on the campus that it is in imminent danger of being abolished merely to get a crowd is an unpardonable propaganda trick. Heil Di.

IN PASSING...

Coeds at the University of Vermont sewed white uniforms for ski troops in the university's ROTC unit.

Colgate University students picked Veronica Lake, screen actress, as honorary queen of their winter party, describing her as "an ocean of emotion, not a lake."