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the weary wisher . . .

By Hayden Carruth

Most prominent feature of yesterday's DTH was the bold-faced front page editorial ingratiatingly headed "Apologies." Contained within was a straightforward letter by Roland Parker disavowing Daily Tar Heel statements that he had advocated abolition of student government, and a long-winded, sticky bit of apologetic verbiage dished up by the editors. Beside the fact that the correction, as it was written, displayed poor journalistic taste, the story behind the offense is one of interest undiminished.

Roger Mann, recently elected Di Senate speaker, as usual plunged headlong into his task with high ambitions and, as usual, cast aside much of the ethical in his strivings. His task: putting the Di, most decadent campus organization, on a firm footing; his method: publicity, legitimate or otherwise.

Mann has been long schooled in the tactics of dramatic publicity; his presidency of the IRC prepared him for the task. Circumstances connived to abet his cause. The regular DTH managing editor was sojourning temporarily in the infirmary while the rest of the staff muddled through with confusion. The scene was admirably set for cut-throatism.

Reporter Klein, youthful and impressionable (he who was so impressed by an afternoon with Harris that the whole-campus Free Browder movement cracked about his head) has been Mann's side de camp since mid-fall quarter. He was admittedly inducted into IRC membership for needed publicity breaks in DTH news columns.

With the staff in chaos, Mann and protege plugged the Di, with Parker as victim. News stories claimed that Parker would demand abolition of student government at a Di meeting. Posters, liberally splashed over the campus, definitely implied the same, although careful wording saved Mann when the crisis appeared.

Roland Parker's whole work at the University, before and after his acceptance of a position in Dean Bradshaw's office, has been the furtherance and strengthening of student government here. The Di stories and posters were direct slander, criminal in an off-campus court.

across the desk . . .

The other day we were ambling down the basement hall of the Phi Beta House when we noticed that the door to the huge York safe was open. Determined to observe the mysteries of the vault, we unobtrusively crossed the corridor and peered into the dimness. There, hardly discernible, were four well wrapped automobile tires. Shame!

It is with a mingled sigh of relief and a tang of sorrow that we saw the magazine issue go the way of all issues brought before the Legislature. Having found the hotly contested issue both good filler for this column and having been pressed by the promoters of combination to include bits of propaganda, it seems sad that all is said and done. Ah! but wait . . .

Following the campus-wide criticism of Leon Henderson's speech, the men of the CPU were more than happy over the reception that Senator Harry Truman received Thursday night. It has been many a month since we have heard a man shoot straight from the shoulder, say his bit, and allow his audience to understand that he did not know the answer to a question the quick way. A sincere, inherently honest man, Truman impressed all that he was in Washington to serve the people of the nation first and Senator Truman secondly. If there were 96 Trumans in the Senate, the people of the U. S. could rest assured that their interests were being regarded in every issue.

The other day, Juanita Sinclair was in the Lounge of Graham Memorial picking out a tune on the seldom-in-tune piano. The job was to make up a song for her pharmaceutical sorority. The words had been written, but the tune was a bit more difficult.

As she was engaged in melodious labor a gentleman came over and asked if he could help her. She explained her difficulties and he helped her write the melody and write it down in the even measures demanded by custom. When the words had been set to a suitable tune, he told her that if the song pleased her sorority, she might bring it to him at the Inn and they would work out the music for the piano. She inquired whom to ask for. It was Clarence Adler.

Juanita's sorority has the honor of a song which was written by one of America's leading musicians.

Harris Defends OSCD Record Against Columnist's Attack

To the Editor:

In the haste to get his column off to meet the deadline, Mr. Walter Damtoft, of your newspaper, described a picture of the OSCD in yesterday's Daily Tar Heel. He cited visiting his home in Asheville, where he saw men and women learning first aid and bomb decontamination. After showing us how patriotic his home town has been, he then descended upon the OSCD in all the fury that Among the Damned could muster.

There are, however, several things that Mr. Damtoft has left out. Among these is the fact that he could have found out with a minimum of inquiry that civilian protection, training, air raids, etc., is but one fourth of our entire student program. He completely overlooks the job we have done in our morale this year, as well as in the fields of consumer research, curriculum committees, in recreation in Carrboro, in carrying out two air raid black-outs, in getting a ham radio course available for over 105 students, in organizing bull sessions which affected approximately 250 students a week throughout the quarter, information bulletin boards which were erected in six dormitories, and an offer to every Air Raid warden, as well as anyone else (including Mr. Damtoft) to take first aid courses.

For Mr. Damtoft's benefit, it might be well to point out that due to an inefficient state civilian defense organization up until a month and a half ago, no training material was available in North Carolina. The OSCD was the first agency in Chapel Hill to receive a complete set of pamphlets describing training programs. It was thought wise, as it still is, that all training programs on civilian protection should be instituted through the town organization. Hence, the pamphlets were turned over to the town authorities. When we had posts open for some of the 75 students in April, only two students came to register for the course. Upon investigation by this office, the rest of the students interviewed "just didn't have time" to go

to classes twice a week to learn first aid. Perhaps next year will show a greater willingness in the part of the student body to take these training courses.

The OSCD wants criticism badly. It asks only that the people who criticize know what has been done, and that the criticisms be in the form of suggestions for improvement. It is easy to condemn from ignorance. It is difficult, indeed, to swallow unfair criticism from the ignorant.

There is one more thing: the OSCD this year started from scratch. It was one of the two colleges in the country even to think of establishing in the fall a student defense office. Its main job this year has been to break the ground for the future, when students for the duration might develop, expand, better integrate its activities than we have done this year. We admit to many mistakes and have not been as thorough on several projects as we might have been. We ask only for a fair and honest appraisal, when our day of reckoning comes.

Thank you for your first rate cooperation.

Sincerely,
Louis Harris,
Coordinator, OSCD

it happens here . . .

9-5:00—Campus-wide referendum on magazine question. Voting at "Y".

10:30—Both CVTC units to hold mass drill.

2:00—Graham Memorial directors to meet in the Grail Room.

5:00—E. P. Coffey continues his series of crime lectures in Graham Memorial.

7:00—Dr. B. Swalin will address the North Carolina Symphony club in Hill hall.

8:00—May Court rehearsal in Kegan stadium.

8:30—Dr. T. Smith concludes the famous Weil lectures in Gerrard hall.



ALLIES . . .

You must be used to the cut above by now.

It is a cartoon of the two feudin' gentlemen of last quarter who have lately turned allies.

Reason: the birth of the New Magazine, which with the Legislature's sanction last week, put a final end to the feudin' mags as they were both abolished in favor of the New Magazine.

At this action, we were content because for four months, ever since the idea of one magazine was aired, we have been in favor of combination.

For after careful investigation we found that the two current magazines would not be the same publications next year. Financial facts proved that they would be cheaper and smaller than the Carolina Mag and Tar an' Feathers that the campus has been reading. Investigating further, we found that the students could be served one-third more cartoons and photos if both the mags were combined into one. The fact that together next year's magazines would have eight more pages than the single New Magazine does not seem important because those extra pages must go light on engraving.

So we believed and still do that maintaining two separate magazines would mean giving the campus two "B" products and that a single grade "A" publication would be more attractive to the student body.

Today, the students will decide whether the Legislature's decision was a wise move.

The allies above, the Carolina Mag and the Tar an' Feathers have strangely joined together to battle the Legislature's New Magazine today by a referendum of the Legislature's action.

But again, the "two magazines" for which the allies are fighting are not the two magazines of this year. They are two magazines drastically reduced in amount of pages, cartoons, and photographs.

"One magazine" would be a 36-page publication with one-third more photos and cartoons and comparable in blending of material to the first try—the sample "Baby-Esquire" of a few months ago.

It would have both the Tar an' Feathers and the Carolina Mag staffs working on it, and salaried positions for both McKinnon and Meyer of the abolished humor and literary mags.

Today the "completely literary" and the "completely humor" magazine supporters, James Cox and Eric Josephson from the Mag and Ben McKinnon from the Tar an' Feathers, ask us to go to the polls, and by referendum nullify the New Magazine and bring back two.

However, we would like you to decide for yourself and, like the referendum supporters, urge you to go to the polls today and vote for what you think best—their proposal or the Legislature's New Magazine.

It is your decision to make.

IN PASSING . . .

Note to the Board of Education: Now that you've abolished Easter Vacation, what are you planning to do about Spring Fever?—The Detroit Collegian.

REBUTTAL . . .

By Ben McKinnon

From an editorial in yesterday's Tar Heel, have been cut these sentences which are a misrepresentation of facts.

"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."

"We question his present attitude toward the student body vote."

If the editorial writer had read the front page on Tuesday's Tar Heel he would have seen that I was accurately quoted as having said, "As the situation stands, I was almost on the verge of dropping the whole idea realizing that it would be practically impossible to get the necessary one-half of the student body to vote on the issue. But so many students have told me that even if the petition did not go through, they really wanted to see how campus opinion stands on this important issue, that I have determined to see it through."

This is exactly as I explained the situation to Bert. It is not I alone who wants to see how the vote will come out, as inferred by the editorial, but it is the student body who wants to see how the vote will come out. This fact, it seems to me, has been definitely proved by the signatures of over 400 people—50 more names than were needed—to a petition which remained up for the short time of Friday through Monday.

I get somewhat riled, myself, at editorials such as this.

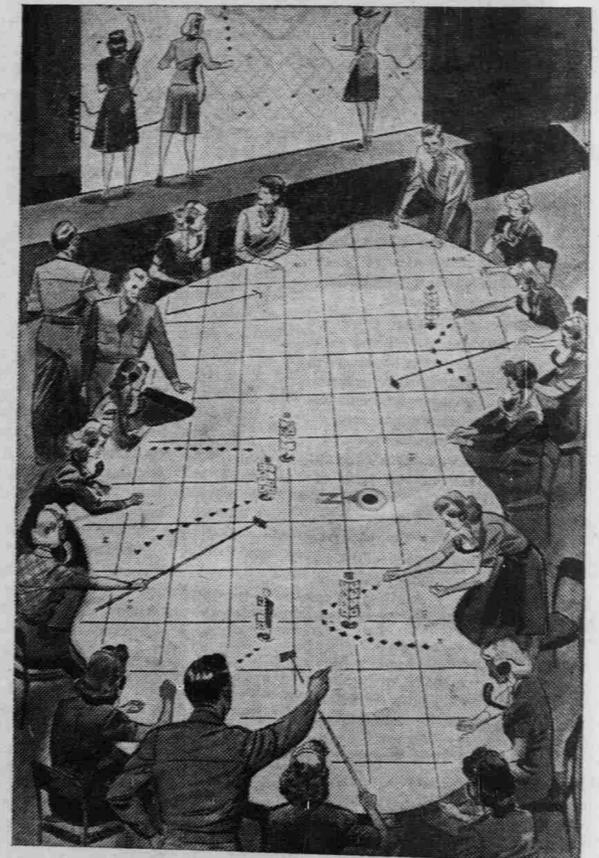
Editor's note: We apologize for riling Mr. McKinnon on this one particular point. We concede that the information from which the editorial was written was inaccurate and incomplete.

THE MARCH OF CAROLINA . . .

Two years ago, NROTC unit installed. One year ago, course and graduation requirement speed-up. Six months ago, OSCD established. Five months ago, CVTC under way. Four months ago, information center set up and dormitory "bull sessions" scheduled. Three months ago, state panels radiate to all centers, air raid and red cross classes started. Two and a half months ago, emergency committee prepares to insure good war government. Two months ago, first blackout. One and a half months ago, dance legislation cuts expenditures. Three weeks ago, total blackout. Today, mass CVTC drill. And in two weeks the Naval air school begins grinding out 1,000 pilots a month. Carolina on the march.

Yes, although it may not have been as dramatic as the brief word picture intimates, the march of Daily Tar Heel headlines has told development rung by rung of a sleepy college town to a busy collegiate war center, a song as martial as if the tones of trumpets had sounded every note. This is the story of the times, and each paragraph, even each word has its counterpart in every center of the nation, metropolis or country hamlet.

And this is the story that will unfold tomorrow night at the pageant, titled accurately "Carolina Meets the Challenge." Carolina has met the challenge, and, while the challenge continues to hold sway at each new turn, Carolina will continue to meet and meet it with action, hard and fast. Few can know all the angles of this far-flung project. Material had to be gathered from a hundred sources to get all of Carolina's war activities written into the script. It's all there, however, briefed into a stirring history of the times in Chapel Hill, there for all students to see and hear tomorrow night.



Friend or Enemy? They're taking no chances

Day and night thousands of civilian volunteers at Army authorized observation posts report Aircraft Flash Messages to Army "filter" centers—by telephone. From this information, each plane's course is charted on filter maps... relayed to operations boards such as the one shown above—by telephone. Should checking prove the aircraft to be an enemy, the telephone would play an important part in the defense strategy... in warning endangered communities... in mobilizing civilian defense units.

Bell System men cooperated with Army authorities in designing and providing the telephone facilities used by the air defense system. This is but another example of a war-time job well done.

