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TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Selective Service did an excellent job during the war. Now that we enjoy peace, our ways of living are returning to normal again. All over the country men and women are trying to readjust themselves to their new way of living. It has brought many problems into their lives. A father returns to his estranged family. His child even fails to recognize him. The mother, who spent her days slaving in the factory, tries to build a home for her husband and child. Men are trying to find the work that will suit their ability and suffice their monetary needs. The road back to the normal ways of living has many twists and turns. It is ironic that the men and women who have done most to help their country should find themselves in trouble even though the fruits of their labor have been won.

The men who go into the services now will fare no better. They will spend the best years of their lives wasting their time in the service while a multitude of opportunities must pass them by. Selective Service does not do the job in peacetime it was designed for in wartime. We cannot afford to ruin any more lives than we have already. The freshman who enters college today is too young to join the service even if he wishes to do so. Optimistically, he figures that by dint of hard work and the grace of the draft board he might be able to finish his college work before the armed services might need him. After he has finished three quarters and registered, he begins to feel the hot breath of the draft board on his neck. He makes up his mind that the draft board will win the argument. His school work slackens. Thus he begins to waste time already. He becomes careless and acts indifferently. Indifference is dangerous in young people with a great future.

With the new regulations a lot of older men are being called, too. Men who are engrossed in their law or pre-med studies have to go. What good will their knowledge be to the service? What good will they be able to do for civilization after they have left the service. It is singularly clear that our Selective Service Law must be revised immediately. This war was won as much by the men who were able to do the brain work as those who were unfortunate enough to do the dirty work close with the enemy. The backbone of a better and stronger America is an educated youth—not a military one.

APROPOS FEBRUARY

February is Brotherhood Month. We are observing it today with a few immortal quotations. Written at different periods in history, they express the age old theme that winds through the story of mankind's struggles for the good life. It remains for us to re-interpret this theme in terms of the conditions and needs of today.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

—Declaration of Independence

Lo, soul! seest thou not God's purpose from the first?
The earth to be spanned, connected by network,
The people to become brothers and sisters,
The races, neighbors, to marry and be given in marriage,
The oceans to be crossed, the distant brought near,
The lands to be welded together.

—Walt Whitman

Write me as one that loves his fellowman.

—Leigh Hunt (Abou Ben Adhem)

Out upon this half fac'd fellowship!

—Shakespeare

If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all the people some of the time: you can even fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

—Abraham Lincoln

STRICTLY DETRIMENTAL

Mag Editors Cry, 'Let Up, We Found 500 More Copies'

By Bob Levin

To the victor goes the spoils is a proverb that holds more than water in the present Carolina Mag shakeup.

Stepping into a thankless job, Fred Jacobson and myself have replaced Army bound Colbert who replaced Hendren who crept in legally. It is our job to get the Mag out by examination time—a short month away. Get it out in an office hurricane struck with jumbled copy, art work, unsigned humor, and a plethora of unfilled cuts. Our grisly staff—we two and poetry editor Dick Stern have been living in the office in an heroic effort to grope our way to light and the deadline.

The three days of our term have been filled with an endless stream of irate students coming in and giving us the barracks bag routine. Others call, some leave notes but all ask, "Where is the damn Mag?" We're not facetious but the truth is—we don't have a copy ourselves. It's very embarrassing, but true. To every phillippic inquiry we can only answer, "We're new here."

Careful checking by the staff disclosed that 3100 copies were printed by the Orange Printshop. This has been verified by the shop foreman. Our circulation manager, Tom Corpening, could not be reached but we know definitely that he has about 500 undelivered Mags hidden that will be put out immediately. Next issue we will have about 3,500 copies printed to be on the safe side.

Clearly, a new circulation scheme is needed and we are earnestly working out just such

a plan. Being true artists, we are more than anxious that you get a copy of our March Mag. Being frugal and full of righteousness, we feel that the Mag is due you as part of the publications fee paid at registration. But we are not perspicacious. We can't tell you where January's copies can be found.

Our new plan—when completed—will adequately flood the campus with Mags. Cover every dorm, frat, and sorority house. Petulant town students will be able to find it, married couples will share a copy, professors will have them and there may be some left over for our office.

We are fully aware that the thorn of mal-circulation in the side of publications—the Tar Heel too—may blossom into a cactus unless definite remedial steps are taken. Next quarter's increased enrollment may burst the boil into painful campus action. We feel that our plan which is to be announced next week, will satisfactorily defeat this nemesis.

It is our aim—more than having just a good Mag—to have a Mag that is ubiquitous. You can get it everywhere.

'Cult of Unintelligibility' Argued by Mag Poet Editor

By Dick Stern

Two days ago in these columns, Mr. Morton Seif delivered himself of a criticism of the "poetry" (Mr. S. was skeptical) which had made its appearance in the recent Carolina Magazine. At the risk of soiling the "ivory tower," I am attempting herein to drain Mr. Seif's criticism of a few of its inaccuracies, and to emulate him in bringing them to the Tar Heel's attention.

Mr. Seif has so very effectively demolished the structure of my unfortunate conferees that there is no dust remaining on which their shaky structures can be remolded. At the risk of seeming immodest, I should like to say that Mr. Seif's atomic bomb has slightly missed the periphery of sensible criticism in his remarks about my own offerings to the Muse.

Discounting his irrelevant concern about the unfavorable proportion of my practice and spare times, with its contradictory afterthought that my poetry was a "good exercise," we come to the following statement: "... a careful reading of his work will reveal imperfect rhymes, clumsy rhythms, and adumbration (you had better check the College Standard here, Morty) for what Robert Hillyer has described as the 'cult of unintelligibility'."

Either Mr. Seif's definition of reading does not coincide with mine, or he is an unfortunate victim of acute hyperopia. If Mr. Seif had read this poetry "carefully" (for most of us, casually would have done it) only a perverted retina or an Oriental rhythmic sense would have hid for him the fact that the sonnets (the only poems written in the classic form) contained exactly 140 syllables, 10 to a line, accented with the conventional iambic and fitting into the classic rhyme schemes of the Italian and Shakespearean sonnets. There is no such animal as "imperfect rhyme" in the verse terminology. If Mr. Seif was per-

taining to weak rhyme or assonance, there wasn't any of that in these poems (the call of the print must be a powerful one).

Then to Mr. Seif's flaunting of Mr. Hillyer's tattered flag, the flag which people who mistake their guts for their soul have continued to throw at modern poetry since its beginnings, namely, the "cult of unintelligibility."

Modern poetry (including, if I may tempt modesty again, my own) is written for animals (preferably human) who are over 12 years of age. It is not to be chewed with our desert or smoked with your cigar. It is supposed to be thought over (if you are interested) until the images, which are perhaps new to you, are crystallized into a sort of a mental axe to chop down whatever barriers confront the poet (and, we hope, the you).

I am partially relieved of this sledgehammer of Mr. Seif's, by his flattering association of my work with that of the Messrs. Eliot and Auden, who are considered by the non-comic-mentis crowd as the foremost bards of the age. Coming from another source, this would be welcome indeed.

As for Mr. Seif's dissertation on "structural symmetry" only quotation marks need to be added to that. Since my structural solecisms seem to be the faults of Mr. Seif's retina, I think that an eye doctor might be recommended even more than copies of the *Poetics* and *The Sacred Wood*.

However the key to the eruptions of the new Matthew Arnold came in his rendering a definition of "carpal" (which he in-

Letters To The Editor

An Apology to the Student Body

I want to apologize to the student body for the way in which the election for secretary-treasurer of the student body was conducted and the fact that provisions of the elections bill were violated. These violations were entirely unintentional and an oversight on my part. The elections committee as it was then made up was not capable of handling an election by itself and had depended on reliable members of the legislature and other interested students who assisted in conducting the election. Due to the fact that this election was not a major election and the interest was rather low, the committee was unable to find the necessary people to assist it. However, this is not an excuse and the fault is entirely my own since I had accepted the responsibility of conducting the election.

I deeply appreciate the vote of confidence given me by the legislature last night in rejecting my resignation as chairman of the elections committee, and I assure the student body that I will make every attempt to conduct any succeeding elections in a manner which is in accordance with the elections bill.

Since the legislature has increased the size of the elections committee, I feel sure that we will be better able to administer the laws regarding elections. This committee will meet Monday afternoon and set the date for the election of the secretary-treasurer of the student body.

Walt Brinkley,
Chairman, Elections Committee

Mag Criticized

Dear Editor,

With the anticipation of reading a good campus magazine, all of us were built up for the current issue of the Carolina Magazine. There have been more than a few discussions about some of the things that were regrettably put in it. Most of these discussions have ended with a general agreement that we are disappointed with our Mag.

In the interest of helping in the creation of a better Carolina Magazine these suggestions are offered. The current opinion of a number of students is that the Mag should not be the means of publishing "Street and Smith" spice stories. The editorial board in the selection of its feature stories should use a bit more discretion—the campus wants neither a church publication nor one filled with dime novel cuss words.

I call attention to the purpose for which the Magazine was originally created as advocated in the first issue in 1851: "This periodical is devoted to Literature and the formation of the correct taste." To put the original editorial policy into present day practice, a feature article on some important local or campus figure—authoress Betty Smith for example—could be included in the Mag. Another article could be devoted to some current campus need or problem set forth in more detail than would be possible in the Daily Tar Heel. Above all the Mag should give students an opportunity to give vent to their best efforts at creative writing.

If criticism of this issue seems unduly harsh, it is only because

correctly says that I misused). I suddenly realized that Mr. Seif not only misunderstood the line (which he denies unemphatically) but he misunderstands the name and nature of poetry. At the risk of appearing ungracious I should like to bestow on Mr. Seif a slightly different form of the adjective which he saddled me with, "unintelligible."

Carolina needs to go back to its finer standards of the past. I call attention to some of the 1941 editions of the Magazine which the editorial board and all concerned might well consider for a model.

Irrespective of where it is read in our nation, the Carolina Magazine should be one that reflects the high standards of our university.

John Giles

Coed Voting

To the Editor:

Primary elections for house president were held in McIver Thursday night. We wish to offer protest: both for the manner in which the election was conducted and for the apathy exhibited by the coeds in seeing that a fair procedure was followed.

The voting was carried out by a show of hands with little semblance of order, method or efficiency. When the closeness of the count was announced, a motion was made and seconded that a revote be conducted. Here are just two examples of the thinking evidenced. Missing the point entirely, the chairman suggested that only an election between the two lowest candidates

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Now Hear This:

Writer Views Nullification By Legislature

By Jack Lackey

The student body is going to vote once again for a secretary-treasurer. Jimmie Wallace wasn't satisfied with the way the election was run last week, and Jimmie is a very convincing speaker. He convinced most of the legislature last Thursday night that it wasn't run right. The next step will probably be his trying to convince all of us that we voted for the wrong man.

Jimmie has charged that the elections committee has fallen down on the job. He claims that the whole legislature has been negligent. Jimmie is a member of the United Carolina Party. Walt Brinkley, chairman of the elections committee, is a member of the same party. So are the majority of the elections committee members. The speaker of the legislature which Jimmie thinks was negligent is also a member of that party and so are a majority of the members of the legislature.

They were negligent, says Jimmie. The other party won the election.

No charge of misconduct has been substantiated against the winning candidate or against the winning party. Jimmie found some technicalities in the elections bill which weren't observed, so now we are to have another election.

Of course there are only five weeks left in the term that are to be filled. It was bad enough to have to elect a man for such a short term. Now we have to complete this foolishness all over again. Jimmie wasn't satisfied.

Let us hope the next election meets with his approval.