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THE DORMITORY PROBLEM TODAY

Dormitory Conditions at Carolina in 1946

(This is the first in a series of editorials on the management of men's dormitories at Carolina.)

This year the University will face a problem of dormitory management quite unlike any it has faced before. The policy of over-crowding, which according to Captain E. E. Hazlett was not satisfactory even under strict Navy discipline, will be extended to the civilian dormitories so that "no veteran, and we hope no male student, will be denied the right to come and take advantage of the facilities of the University."

Our dormitories were not constructed to accommodate more than two students in each room. The figure has already been set at three, and in many dormitories it will be raised to four. Whether this evil of over-crowding is greater or less than the evil of refusing admittance to the University is a highly debatable issue, and has received the consideration of the highest officials of the University.

Reasoning with no other data than the fact that dormitories will be over-crowded this year, we can definitely assume that the academic standard of the University will drop, due to the decreased facilities for study. Another disadvantage is found in the aspect of student health, which, according to Dr. E. McG. Hedgpath, can not be at its best when dormitories are over-crowded.

Dropping for the moment the matter of over-crowding, there is still another problem which the University will face this year to an extent it has never faced before. There will be a tremendous influx of returning veterans, some of whom will be mal-adjusted; all of them will have special problems. They will be of widely varying ages, and of many different home communities. All of them who apply will be assigned rooms in dormitories. According to the present policy of the administration, there will be no special dormitories for veterans or older students. Men of thirty who have seen action across the sea will be housed in the same rooms with seventeen-year-old freshmen.

The problem is this: we shall have the most heterogeneous student body in the history of Carolina crowded into dormitories which have never held so many civilian students before in the history of Carolina. All of these men will have problems, questions, and various needs; if they are not given proper guidance, there can only be a chaotic condition of unsatisfactory dormitory life.—R. M.

ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Graham Memorial is definitely on the upgrade. Sunday night's informal piano concert and the turn-out for the opening of "Blackie's Candlelight Club" in the Grill afterwards definitely testified to this fact. Ultimate objective of union director Martha Rice is "Something going on every night," and she has certainly gone a long way towards accomplishing her goal since taking over the practically defunct student union last fall.

At present major entertainment is scheduled four nights every week, and the recent overflowing attendance has definitely contradicted Comptroller Carmichael's recent off-the-record statement that "Graham Memorial has to struggle not just to keep going, but to stay open at all." Mr. Carmichael attributes this precarious existence to the poor location of the building. Granted, this is easy enough to understand, as the campus has been growing away from the student union building for the past ten years or more. The present YMCA building location would be the ideal spot for union—with the Book Exchange attached!!

Mr. Carmichael and the University business office have been most cooperative in trying to aid Graham Memorial, and at present they are giving the union a tremendous boost in keeping up the maintenance of the building and furnishing janitorial and maid service. However, they are very discouraging over the possibility of opening the Grill either as a cafeteria or snack bar.

For the benefit of those who do not understand the financial situation of Graham Memorial, the building is supported independent of the University, by student fees of \$1.00 per quarter. By agreement several years ago the Grill was turned over to the University administration. Yet at present the University administration will not open the Grill, nor allow other parties to open it.

The Daily Tar Heel sincerely hopes that Miss Rice succeeds in maintaining and enlarging the entertainment side of the union.—R. G.

Tar Heel Campus Camera

Ability and Personality Win Honors for Busy Ruth Duncan

By Jo Farris

Look for the girl with one of the friendliest smiles on campus, beautiful dark wavy hair, twinkling eyes, and an engaging personality and you're pretty certain to find it's Ruth Duncan, our W. G. A. president.

Referred to as "the gal who does more work than anyone else here," conscientiously does all the tasks confronting the Coed Prexy, which include being co-chairman of orientation, chairman of the Honor Council, tapped by the Valkyries, top honorary woman's society on the Carolina campus, in her junior year, Ruth now holds the position as Treasurer of that organization. People seem to think (and quite correctly) that she makes a good treasurer, for she holds the office of the same rank on the House Privileges Board and in the Tri Deltas, her sorority.

A transfer from St. Petersburg Junior College, located in her home town, our Ruthie is merely carrying on her tradition of office-holding. She was, among other things at St. Petersburg, President of Student Government and President of the Sophomore Class, which automatically caused her to be Chairman of the Honor Council.

Holding down a major in Commerce, no easy task in itself, plus all of her extra-curricula activities only proves our point; namely, that Ruth works as hard as the proverbial busy bee. Her ambitions now lie in the field of Personnel Management, although her earlier aspirations inclined more to the interior decoration line. This latter grew out of a hobby of decorating and arranging a little model house. Most little girls devote hours to the fine art of playing with dolls, but not this Florida lassie. She was more interested in how they were to live—such devotion isn't wasted though, for she can always use it later-on a larger scale, of course.

Ruth's ability to gain many friends is shown by her election to the highest Co-ed office, but she also has the rarer gift of holding these friends. She now rooms with the same two girls from St. Petersburg as in her JJunior year—the two Dot's,

Carmack and Gustafson. They live in the same dorm and in the same room as last year. Ruth, as an officer must live in a dorm to give many more girls a chance to know her better.

All three Floridians made debut this Christmas in the first ceremony of its kind since the war. Traditionally white gowns, white gloves, and the armful of American Beauty roses were in evidence. Ruth's eyes sparkled with the remembrance of many happy parties, as she described the debut.

When asked if she has any special dislikes, Ruth sighed and replied, "I suppose I'm not a good judge of character, because I can never find any faults in anyone. I just seem to accept and like everyone." To us that characterizes Ruth Duncan. A truly wonderful girl who finds the best in each of us.

Exchanges

The robin is no longer the earliest sign of spring to most people. Notification comes now in the form of income tax blanks.—University Daily Kansan

A girl is just like a cigar; a good one is never picked up.—Drake Times-Delphic

Professor Miller—"Darling, I've been elected mayor."

Mrs. Miller, very happily—"Honestly?"

Professor—"Oh, let's don't talk about that aspect."—Drake Times-Delphic

"Men judge girls the same way they do race horses. They just pick 'em according to form."—Drake Times-Delphic

The Ram Sees --- By An Old Goat

Remarked a trousered campus big-wig: "704 East Franklin is 'address unknown'. All the skirts who live there are on the shelf, i.e., pinned or engaged." Miss Tish Andrews breaks into print to publicly refute what might be called an erroneous statement. "If being pinned or engaged is the ONLY way in which being SHELVED may be interpreted," says she, "such a remark is hardly true. We of the unknown address number thirteen, one pinned, one engaged. On the shelf, well scarcely. As for being OUT OF CIRCULATION I wouldn't venture to say."

Doodling

Elaine Patton makes an inquiry: "What did people do before the Tar Heel went daily, and there were no crossword puzzles in work in 8:00 classes?" Rameses bids a fond farewell to DKE Bud Sale, who's resigned from Carolina's Roticee unit to join the fleet. Brother Boots Walker stated that Bud's au revoir chapter-meeting speech on which he had labored for four successive days was comparable to no less masterpiece than Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Punned a second floor Aldermanite, "Ann CUTTS gym" . . . Carolina match-makers link the names of Betty Greve and Bill Sheeley to-

gether in a fashion most becoming to spring. . . Betsy calls him BEST BEAU Blair. Gammon's SAE pin is the jeweled stamp of approval that Miss Dallas wears, thereby giving her such a perogative. . . In many quarters poet Benton's "This Is My Beloved" liberally spices supper-table-talk. Well, just a tad, idiomatically speaking.

Posed Poise Perhaps

Carlos and his camera have come to Chapel Hill. According to appointment-maker Meadie Montgomery he's booked to the limit. Perhaps this gifted photographer has come to the aid of all good co-eds who wish to have their beauty struck.

Dear Me

Medic Ed Kingbury has a sweater formula for attracting women the science of which has never been found between the covers of a chemistry text book. Ed makes a play for the gal in question while white faced deer romping across a pasture of crimson wool cooperate with bold, brazen winks.

"Who could resist such novel technique," muses Ed?

Succumbing Marines Looted

Hearshey bars, chewing gum, kleenex! All Glee club tour returnees arrived home armed to the Morty Seif hilt with PX loot from Cherry Point and LeJuene.

Dear Bob,

After reading the articles by you and Blount Stewart in the recent issues of the Daily Tar Heel, it becomes quite clear that there is a misunderstanding as to the functions of the newly created committee on elections. I am very sorry that creating such a committee intimidated Stewart, because any action on the part of the committee members would have had no bearing whatsoever on the outcome of the Stockton-Stewart runoff.

The creation of a committee on elections is one of the many steps which must be taken to insure that the annual Spring elections which will probably take place in the latter part of April will be well managed and carefully planned. It is the job of the committee on elections to formulate better election procedure and to recommend to the legislature any changes they may see fit in the elections bill. In order to carry out this work the committee must first study not only the last runoff but the last few elections to try and find the reason why the campus is hrown into a chaotic state everytime we have an election.

In selecting the committee members we tried to choose not merely campus politicians but

campus leaders all of whom hold splendid records of efficient leadership in various campus organizations. Therefore, we feel that they are most capable of giving much needed advice to the elections group. We did not even take party affiliations into consideration because this is not a party issue. The committee is purely an advisory one and any worthwhile advice which they give will benefit the whole campus and not just one party.

Bob, I hope this will clear up the misunderstanding which had arisen. What we are honestly trying to do is to improve a few things on the campus. Please don't jump on us before we start.

Sincerely,
Charlie Vance

The Veterans' Corner

Open House Party Success Encouraging to Sponsors

The revamped Veterans' Club was thoroughly initiated when the Spencer girls were invited to an open house party last Thursday night. The occasion marked the first time that an organized social event sponsored by the Veterans Association turned out to be a great success. Heretofore the organization had never been able to work its social activities in line with the expectations of the campus or of the sponsors. However, Thursday night broke the ice. Already plans are under way to repay another girl's dormitory for their kindness and courtesy which they extended at a time when most veterans returned to the campus as strangers.

Certain members of the UVA have finally been repaid for their time-consuming efforts for the

purpose of making the Veterans Association a social success. After several false starts marked by embarrassing financial losses, the organization and its club has good reason to look forward to more prosperous times. If the veterans of the school continue to cooperate by just going to the club and having a good time, there could not be any doubt about future successes.

It is true of all campus organizations that some outstanding personality will act as a spark plug for the group. Unfortunately this fact is more true in the case of the veteran's organization than any other. The UVA has continually been hampered by men of big words and little action. Its success rest with a few men. The club has been entrusted to Roy Clark who has done an excellent job since he took charge a couple of weeks ago. Roy doubles in his activity as a Tar Heel columnist for the veterans. The UVA could not ask for a better man to handle either job. The entertainment Thursday night was "Blackie" Black's responsibility. The generous applause for the very entertaining variety show does not only go to the deserving artists, but represents also a vote of thanks for Blackie's industry in having arranged such an excellent evening. The fact that the crowd came and stayed until closing time is evidence of its appreciation of Roy's and Blackie's work.

Watch for the date of the next open house party at the Veterans Club which, now that the ball is rolling should be bigger and better yet!

A woman never chases,
And catches her spouse.
Neither does a trap
Get up and chase a mouse.
—Kentucky Kernel.

Scottish football yell: "Get that quarter-back!"