

### Add Your Name

A very worthy petition is being presented to the student body today by the Student Party. To help secure greater educational opportunities for the University, they are asking the state legislature to effect three acts.

The first is to appropriate money from the General Treasury Fund to conclude the payment of the bonded indebtedness of Le-noir Hall. The sooner the bonded indebtedness which the University dining hall is now under is paid off, the sooner students will get the benefit of lower food prices. As matters stand now, the present self-liquidating program would continue for 13 years. This is the year to designate funds to eliminate the indebtedness and start eating at lower prices.

Second is the appropriation from the General Treasury Fund of money to conclude paying the promissory notes by which the University is now financing the construction of three dormitories. Two other dormitories are in the planning stage. With the money available, the only logical thing to do is pay off the notes.

Third, and vitally important, item on the petition is appropriation of more money to increase the salaries of University faculty members at least 30 per cent. Present faculty members must be paid more to keep them at Carolina. If the standards that this school has maintained for so long are to continue, salaries must be raised to meet the level of other colleges throughout the nation.

It is the duty of every student on this campus to add his or her name to the petition. Force can be given the petition only by the number of signatures on it. Every student can realize the importance and benefit of having the legislature take action on the matter shortly. It is our duty to show the members of the state legislature how we stand on the subject and demonstrate that we desire them to take action.

### A Cheater Is A Thief

A few days ago, while speaking to one of the restaurant proprietors in town, we were informed that a group of Carolina students had just walked out without paying for their food. It was further made clear to us that this was an everyday occurrence.

This is an outright violation of our Honor System, just as if a man had been found guilty of cheating in school. Perhaps some of us believe that the Honor System is just a specific technique for giving exams dreamed up by some inveterately lazy college professor on a torrid day in the Summer Session before he had a Coca Cola. But really, college professors aren't that original. Our Honor System is student inspired. We fought for it. The least we can do with this heritage is to use it. If we merely attempt to preserve it, perchance it may spoil on us. If it is to have life, it must be our way of life.

We fought the Japs because they represented the direct antithesis of an Honor System. In fact, we fought the War because people first lost faith in themselves and then in others. We waged war on our neighbors because we didn't trust them; nor they, us. Isn't it ironical that the Nazi Youth were told that an Honor System would never work and the whole world seemed to believe it. Wasn't the Gestapo a group of procaors for the Nazi Party?

Returning to the juvenile delinquents in our midst, are we going to let them toll the death knell of student government? Actually we know they never can. For only yesterday this same restaurant proprietor told us the story of a student who had a habit of sneaking out without paying his bill. His self deception finally caught up with him when he was later expelled from school for a more academic violation.

All of which reminds us of this past University Day ceremony. After the keepers of our culture had paraded down Cameron Avenue under a cheerless Carolina sky and filed down the aisle of Memorial Hall in all their somber, black medieval splendor, the deferent silence was blasted by sustained applause as we reached out our heart in our hands in long belated welcome to our Dr. Frank.

He spoke. "A cheater is a thief," he said.

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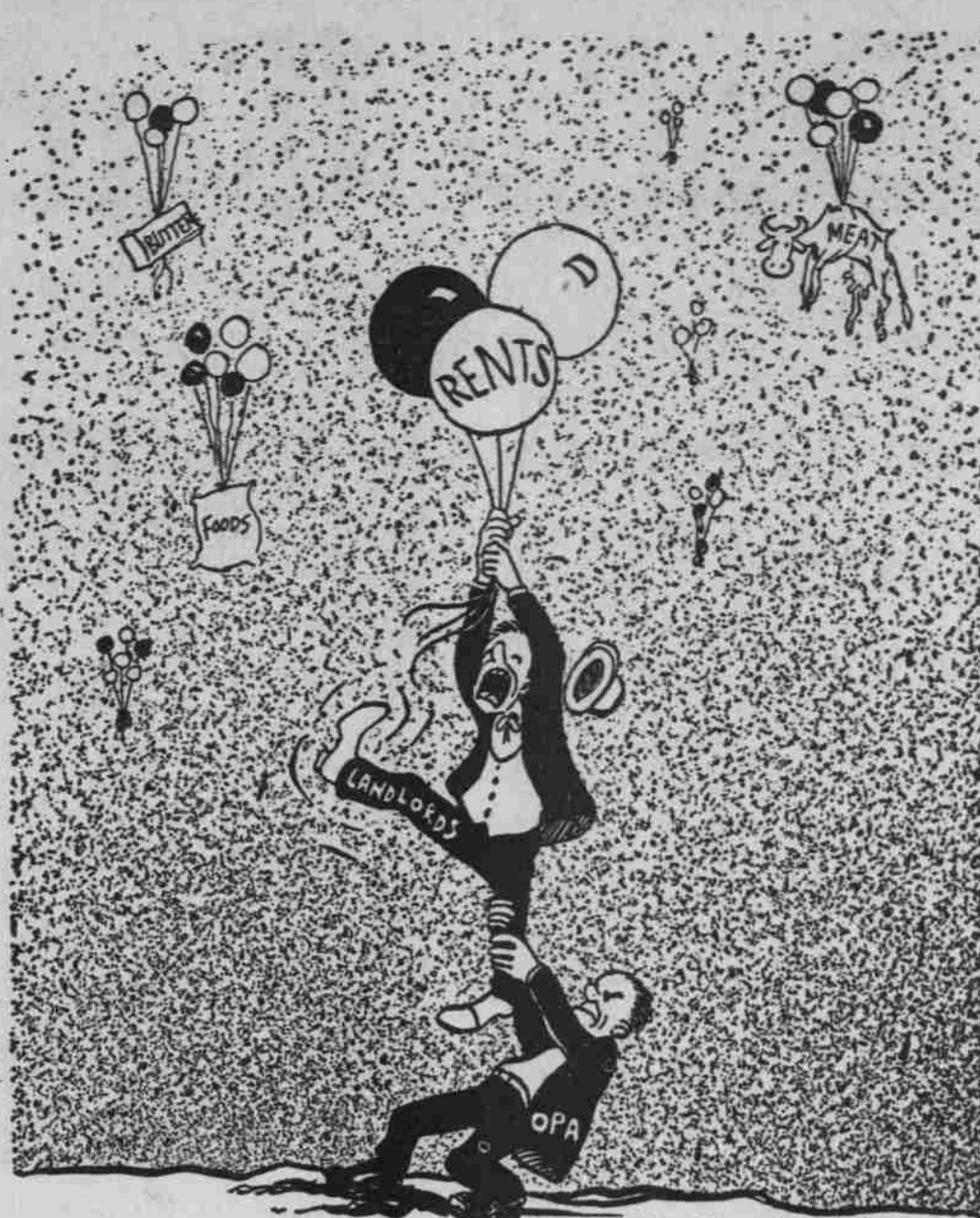
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## Letters To The Editor

### Why Foreign Language

To the Editor:

There has been a lot of talk about crowded conditions, high expenses, long lines, delayed checks, etc., but the real obstacle facing a person who is trying to get an education and meet the requirements set up for certain professions is the present set-up, which requires a candidate for a degree to take a lot of time-wasting and useless subjects to get past the general college. I refer to, in particular, the present foreign language requirements.

Men, who advocate the requiring of these languages usually have a stock answer. The first answer is that it is necessary that we understand how other peoples live. This is a fine thought, but foreign language study doesn't help us to do this. A person can learn more about France in a short bull session with someone who has been there than in taking the four required courses. Maybe I'm dense, but I fail to see any connection in understanding the French people and in memorizing their verb tenses, learning a brief vocabulary, and attempting to figure out vocabulary distinctions. If this is really the reason we are forced to take the language it would be much more sensible to require history. I believe a person would come nearer understanding the French or Spanish or Germans by taking one course in their history than four or six in their language.

The only reasons I can figure for having this stupid requirement is that foreign language requirements were a part of the past curriculum, and changes might be dangerous so other schools haven't done it, and if it was good enough for Grandpa to have to take it, it will be good enough for us. It is possible that by no longer requiring the language the language professors would have nothing else to do. I do not believe this is the reason and I believe in the language professors' sincerity, but am unable to accept their reason.

I admit the question of curriculum is one for the administration and not for the students to settle, but the students should get behind some movement and let the administration know we came here to get a useful worthwhile education and not merely to take what courses happen to be set out for us. By putting up with the long lines, crowded conditions, etc. we have proved that we want an education badly. If the administration or faculty board (whoever makes out the curriculum) would remove this time-wasting obstacle they would be aiding us in being better able to do useful work.

WILLIAM S. HOFFMAN

### Thanksgiving Day

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter not as an excuse to miss a few classes, but to give a reason why the students and University employees should have Thanksgiving Day as a holiday.

This year of all years we all have more to be thankful for. Our boys are back in our schools and homes, and our nation is once more at peace with the world.

Thanksgiving is a day when people

of all religions pause from their daily routine of life to thank the same God for their many blessings.

I, for one, would like to be with my family as a whole—no one missing now—to enjoy the fellowship missed so much during the war years.

Sincerely,  
Name withheld on request

### SCHW Asks Aid

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare is on the loose again. It is trying to raise money for the furniture workers in Thomasville who are on strike. On the campus people are asking: Why should we give them money? What has this strike to do with us?

As chairman of the SCHW I would like to suggest some possible answers to these questions.

The SCHW is interested in bettering economic conditions in the South. We are convinced the campus is interested in this also. We believe that unionization is one of the ways to raise the income of our Southern industrial workers.

The employees of the Thomasville Chair factory voted to join a union, a right guaranteed them by the Federal Government, and proceeded to bargain for better wages. According to a survey made on the spot by the Committee for North Carolina, the wage scale in the plant was from 45 to 88 cents per hour. This is about 20 per cent lower than wages paid in most northern plants and some southern plants with whom the Thomasville factory is in direct competition.

The union asked for a raise of 30 cents per hour; management offered 5 cents.

The union lowered its demand to 12½ cents, plus union security. Management has offered a 10 per cent raise and no union security.

The union has offered to submit to arbitration. Management has refused. Governor Cherry called both parties to Raleigh and asked for a settlement; federal mediators have attempted to settle the dispute. Both have failed.

Mr. Finch, owner of the plant, would not come or send a representative to speak in a forum here about the issues on the strike. Repeated telephone calls to the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce and Merchant's Association failed to discover a man in Thomasville who would come here to uphold the position of management in this strike. Mr. Finch did defend his position to the Committee for North Carolina by saying that only 125 of the 1200 persons on strike received less than 50 cents per hour. Nevertheless, according to Mr. Bell, the union representative, the average wage is 57½ cents per hour or \$23 per week.

We are interested in a healthy, well-fed, well-clothed populace. We think the campus is also. That is why we are helping the Relief Committee of Thomasville citizens who is raising money to feed these workers and pay their rent until such a time as they can return to work at a wage more commensurate with today's cost of living and without the fear of being discharged by one for the "crime" of joining a union.

Perrell F. Payne, Jr.

### Sound Track

## Gangster Films Considered Danger to Teen-Age Morals

By Bob Finehout

The gangster film is no longer fashionable because it supposedly made heroes of the Delancy street scum and glorified punks like Capone, Schultz and Diamond. That the lives of such assorted vermin often made engrossing screen fare is, of course, not the consideration of the moralists who from the pulpits and pages of Parents magazine harangued against the motion picture industry for peddling such unholy wares. Unfortunately, this human debris—the bookmakers, the pimps and the "snow" salesmen—which flourish in the shadow of corrupt political regimes, were allowed to pander their

## Keeping Tabs

... with Randy

Today I'd like to distribute a few laurel wreaths for general all-around meritorious service to Carolina. It's always comforting, as we go through life around here, to find some bright spots on the campus scene.

Firstly, I'd like to put in a plug for a man, who in my estimation personifies true Carolina spirit. He's cheer-leader Charley Stancil. Charley's the tall blonde guy who's always up and at 'em hollering for the Tar Heels through thick and thin. He's been around Chapel Hill a good many years, now, and whenever there's any cheering to be done you'll find him there yelling, hollering, and exhorting the stands to do likewise. And, when Charley leads a cheer he really leads it. His heart, soul and physical frame are all combined in a mighty effort to get the most out of each and every cheer. So, a doff of me topper to Charley Stancil, a true Carolina sportsman.

Secondly, I'd like to put in a word of praise for the unknown, but none-the-less appreciated Administration official who has taken the lead in solving the campus parking problem. Space is one thing that it is kinda difficult to make more of, in a limited area. But, whoever is surveying the parking areas in and around the Campus is doing a good job; and it is readily apparent to anyone who drives a car. The best possible utilization of the existing space seems to be in the process of being made available, and that's a sign of a job well done. So, another doff of me topper to whatever University official is doing the job.

Thirdly, a word of praise to Chan Highsmith, and Art Weiner two of Carolina's football stalwarts who week in and week out turn in practically magnificent performances on the gridiron. Both boys consistently give their best, and the best in both instances is plenty good. Keep your eye on numbers 65 and 50 this weekend and see if you don't agree.

And, lastly, I'd like to put in a word of praise for Mr. E. Carrington Smith, president of the local Merchants Association. Mr. Smith sees his duty and he does it. Of course, you and I might not always agree with what is his duty; but ya can't say he doesn't consistently fight for the merchants he represents. And, that's cause for praise for a job well done.

Incidentally, Mr. Smith, I understand you take issue with what this column stands for. Well, sir, I respectfully request you to submit a letter to the editor of this publication listing your specific grievances with which you take issue with me. You list 'em, and I'll run my column right alongside your letter; and we'll let

respective vices with immunity while the movies were given the old one-two by as imposing a bunch of bluenoses as ever padlocked a speakeasy.

Whether leg-shows like "The Dolly Sisters" or "Ziegfeld Follies" are less detrimental to 'teenage morals than "Public Enemy" or "Scarface" is of course up to the wisdom of psychiatrists or the clergy. Personally, I found the latter type picture far more entertaining. "Scarface," far from making a bullet-proof god of a prohibition beer-baro, unspooled the infamous case history of a rotten yegg who despoiled a big city. The life and times of this gorilla were woven into a taut screen-story by Ben Hecht, who combined art, action and authenticity to achieve his results.

In "Public Enemy" James Cagney was cast as a duke-tossing pugg from Chicago's southside who received his baptism of crime before he was 20 by shooting to death a warehouse guard. This hood's rise and fall was graphically told under the direction of William Wellman.

The public enemy's crimes against the community were brought to a shattering conclusion when a rival mob pumped him full of holes as he convalesced from previous bullet wounds in a city hospital. Then, with ghastly consideration, the leader telephoned the hoodlum's mother and informed her that her son was to be released from the hospital that day. Punctually, the gang delivered the body, propped it up against the front door, rang the bell, and like Halloween pranksters, ran.

I hardly think that kids who wanted to be big league ball-players or locomotive engineers would be deterred from pursuing those fields of endeavor after witnessing "Public Enemy." They might want to join the force, though.

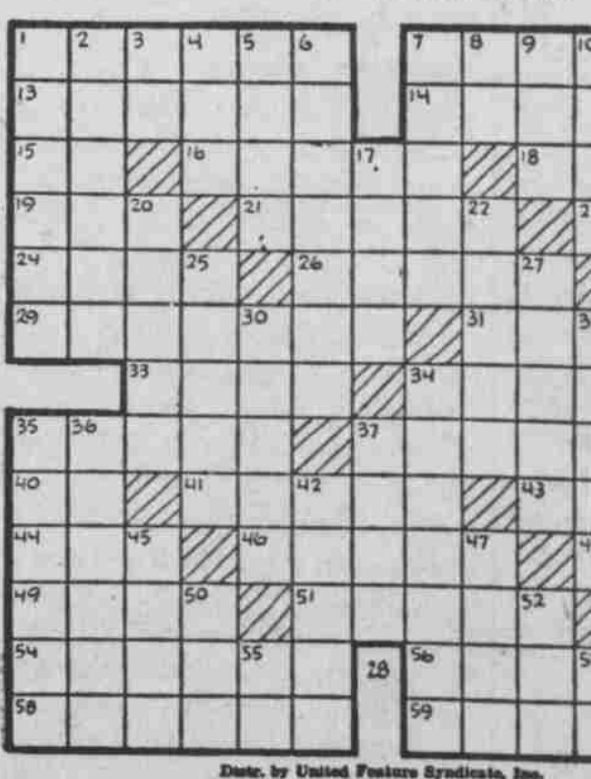
But the moralists, and some educators, too, righteously proclaimed that the youth of the continental U. S. were hellbent on becoming policy men, con-guys and beer-rustlers and all because of the influence of mild-mannered gees like Cagney, Raft, Muni and Bogart. However, the power of the moral joes can't be underestimated, for look what's happened to our screen toughs: Muni was starred as a panty-waist music teacher in "A Song to Remember;" Cagney became a philosopher-reporter in "Johnny Come Lately;" Raft turned political boss and stumped for a woman governor in "Mr. Ace;" and the shameless Bogart pulled a switchover and became a private eye in "The Big Sleep."

The hard-boiled yeggs have gone soft on us.

the students decide for themselves. Fair enough? Incidentally, you may consider this an open invitation to make your views public. Instead of expressing them privately, I heartily dislike being called a communist! Columnist is the correct title, sir!

## Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1—Good-natured
  - 7—Bitter ( slang)
  - 13—Song bird
  - 14—Water nymph
  - 15—River in Siberia
  - 16—Having more years
  - 18—Places to sleep
  - 19—Lid
  - 21—Fair
  - 23—Owing
  - 24—Out of love
  - 26—Mentioned
  - 28—Right (abbr.)
  - 29—Attempted
  - 31—Genus of mosquito
  - 33—Shirt button
  - 34—Land in water
  - 35—Vapor
  - 37—Meal not prepared for guests
  - 40—Toward
  - 41—Pert to birth
  - 43—Look over
  - 44—Western Indian
  - 46—Water wheel
  - 48—Period of time
  - 49—Norse king
  - 51—Ancient city of Palestine
  - 53—English version (abbr.)
  - 54—Tall
  - 56—Dinner course
  - 58—State of hypnotism
  - 59—Woodland deities



## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- DOWN**
- 1—Baby's shoe
  - 2—Bowers
  - 3—Nickel (symb.)
  - 4—Also
  - 5—Cloth measure
  - 6—Made smaller
  - 7—Seared
  - 8—Upon
  - 9—Teacher's degree
  - 10—Mixed up
  - 11—Undergo
  - 12—Fixes again
  - 17—Oir's name
  - 20—Band of armed men
  - 22—Fermenting agent
  - 25—The Devil
  - 27—Ravines
  - 30—Pert to North
  - 32—American Indians
  - 33—Low card
  - 34—Crystals used as gems
  - 35—Line of English kings
  - 36—Teeter
  - 37—Feel
  - 38—Full speed
  - 39—Scoundrels
  - 42—Fifth helmet
  - 45—Oir's name
  - 47—Water buffalo
  - 50—Man's name
  - 52—Attorney (abbr.)
  - 55—Tierce (abbr.)
  - 57—Railway (abbr.)

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