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Letters

To the Ed

THANK Y'ALL

Editor:

I guess this will sound a little odd from an aspiring campus politico; but, for a change, I would like to say something nice about some folks who helped make the Spring Primary what it was.

First, Mr. Editor, let me thank the 2894 students who chose to vote in this election. I imagine all of us would have been much happier had every student voted; however, it was encouraging to see the turnout at the polls yesterday. No student on this campus will ever get any more out of student government than he is willing to put into it—and the least anyone can do to insure a well-operating student government is to vote. Let's hope, Mr. Editor, that the runoff Tuesday will see just as many, if not more, students voting!

All of the politicians, and a great many of the students know of the scholastic qualifications bill which was passed by the Student Legislature. However, few of us have stopped to think how the grades of 159 candidates were checked. We owe a vote of thanks to Miss Pritchard and to Ray Jeffries of the Central Records Office for the splendid manner in which they cooperated with the political parties and the Elections Board in this matter.

Speaking of the Elections Board, let's not forget to hand out a few more well-deserved orchids. Jim Gwynn and his board did an excellent job in organizing the election and tabulating the votes. The members of the Election Board put in a great many hours for which they receive much too little appreciation. It's a big job to supervise a campus election, and they did it extremely well.

Before I sign off, let me congratulate Herb Mitchell, Banks Talley and the rest of the victorious candidates. Best of luck to all of them—may they create as much interest in student government during the coming months as they did in the election during the past few weeks.

As far as the runoff goes, time will tell. Nevertheless, I hear that the students "gung have pahty" next Tuesday—University Pahty! (Of course, I may be just a little bit prejudiced so, don't take my word on it.)

Paul Roth
 Chairman, Univ. Party

The Still, Small Voice of Conscience



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After the Smoke Clears

The Political Observer

Graham Memorial was the campus' favorite hangout for at least Tuesday night of this week, as campus politicians of every description, party, and platform assembled in little groups about the main lounge and down the corridors upstairs to await the returns as they trickled out from behind the closed doors guarding the Elections Board "counting" tables.

The casual visitor who managed to get past the locked doors was confronted by a maze of cards and tables and billowing smoke, resembling some mass bridge tournament. But the hundred or more students engaged busily around the tables were counting ballots, not playing cards. Rumors were flying all about, with the total vote estimated at one time at 4,000 (it proved less than 3,000). A Graham Memorial assistant ran busily about, posting results on a blackboard in the Main Lounge downstairs. Daily Tar Heel reporters buzzed about, worrying about making the press deadline, and others just waited and munched hamburgers. Everyone was intently occupied in politics, but there was a lot of humor and good fun during the evening. Chuck Hauser and Graham Jones, candidates for editor, with Jones announcing to the assembled group that they had been persecuted by the great wealth accumulated by "graft on the Publications Board." Every one grinned good-naturedly. Such was the scene

on Election night, Spring 1950. Both party chairman, Paul Roth of the UP, and Dick Murphy of the SP, had their ups and downs. At one time, Murphy tore off his fashionable looking horn rims and shouted, "My God, isn't anyone on the slate going to win?" Then a few minutes later tabulations came in from Dormitory District II, which swung heavily to the Student Party, perking Murphy's spirits considerably. He was way behind after the Town vote had been counted and some of the coed vote was in. But Dorm II produced 304 votes for the SP candidates, enabling him to wipe out the lead the UP's Ben James had built up in the Town districts.

Actually Dormitory II saved the SP. Someone must have done some fine politicking in that area. It seemed that every single person in the upper quad must have voted. That didn't make UP Chairman Roth the least bit happy. There were surprises during the evening. Listed they would go something like this: (1) The surprising strength shown by Independent Toby Selby. Running against two established student government leaders like VanNoppen and Sanders, Selby polled over 500 votes. The question in the minds of most persons now is who will get these votes in Tuesday's runoff.

(2) What happened to Bill Kellam in the election? With an SP backing, most persons would have predicted he would have garnered more than 700 votes. (3) The surprising strength of Graham Jones. Jones had 950 votes cast on his behalf with an Independent backing. He is proving himself a good hand at getting out the vote, after almost single-handedly whipping up opposition to the block fee raise recently. (4) The large number of votes in Dormitory II. SP candidates Jim Mills and Talley each picked up over 300 here to further their cause. (5) The UP's complete domination of the elections of Senior and Sophomore class officers. All five UP soph nominees were elected, and four of the five UP seniors won. Random sidelines on the election: Joe Chambliss can thank them that' gals for his position of head cheerleader. Little Joe won by 36 votes. Tabulation of the coed vote showed Chambliss led Nose Jones by 95 votes in the women districts, while the men swung slightly in Jones' favor. Never underestimate the power of a woman, eh Joe? There seemed to be just as many stright ticket ballots as ever. Although interest in party politics is practically nil during the quarter, it's amazing how many people will vote straight down the line for a party, both SP and UP. . . . Who is most popular by districts? The vote shows in Dorm Men I. J. Mills polled most, '65. Mills led in II, with 315 and Talley picked up 304. Roy Parker topped voting in Dorm II, with 177, and Nose Jones led in IV, compiling 138. Mills again led the crowd in V, with 66. Tom Kerr was tops in Town I, getting 68. Dick Jenrette had the most in Town II, with 220. Herb Mitchell had 198 for second. In Town IV, with 153, and Jerry Lewis had 148. And who got the women? Larry Botto led Dorm I with 130. Bill Prince and John Sanders each had 67 in Dorm for women to lead Jerry Lewis by 1. Town Women voted for Ben James and Jenrette, with 173 apiece.

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'Best Leter' Award

Each week Chesterfield presents a carton of cigarettes to the student on campus who has written what the editorial board of the Daily Tar Heel judges to be the "Best Letter of the Week." This week's winner is Pete Gerns, for his letter on the constitutional revision. Gerns may pick up his cigarettes by dropping by the DTH editorial office any afternoon. The award, incidentally, is appropriate this week for Gerns since he celebrated his birthday a couple of days back.

DREW PEARSON ON THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON.—Oklahoma's surly Senator (Cotton Elmer) Thomas was so burned up after this column corrected his version of General Bradley's secret testimony on the possibility of war that Thomas has now ordered a Senate subcommittee to investigate.

The subcommittee is supposed to find out how this column got General Bradley's secret testimony. Senator Thomas had reported to the press that the Chief of Staff was not worried about war with Russia. To keep the record straight, however, this column gave a word-by-word account of Bradley's remarks, which differed considerably from Senator Thomas's version.

Following this, "Cotton Elmer" named three Senators to investigate this columnist—Joe O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Willis Robertson of Virginia, and Homer Ferguson of Michigan. They are now checking on all the secret transcripts to find which one might have slipped into Drew Pearson's hands. What stumps the investigators, however, is that the column also quoted what General Bradley said off-the-record—which doesn't even appear in the stenographic transcripts.

So far the subcommittee suspects a certain Republican Senator of leaking the story to Pearson, but I can assure the subcommittee that its chief suspect wasn't even present during Bradley's testimony.

Meanwhile, this column serves notice that any time a responsible official is misquoted on anything the public is entitled to know about, the column will do its best to get the true facts.

More to Investigate
 What Bradley said, summed up briefly, was that Russia won't have the industrial capacity to start a war for at least two years. However, he warned that Russia is a bully nation and might get careless whom she pushes around. He also refused to predict what Russia might do after two years.

General Bradley also made other significant observations the public is entitled to know but which this column didn't have space to print in the story now being investigated. So here is some more for the investigators to investigate.

Sen. Burnet Maybank of South Carolina questioned Bradley sharply on whether the \$13,000,000,000 budget was an absolute minimum.

"I certainly would hate to see the figure become any smaller," replied Bradley. Then he declared flatly: "This amount was determined before we learned that Russia had the atomic bomb."

He assured, however, that he was willing to go along with a \$13,000,000,000 budget for the sake of economy.

"In other words," suggested Massachusetts' Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, "as a good citizen within our means."

"Yes, but I would like to qualify that," Bradley hesitated. "You don't want to qualify the good citizen part," smiled Saltonstall.

Then Bradley explained: "The eventual strength of our country depends upon its industrial capacity. We must not destroy that by spending too much from year to year. So if I came here recommending \$30,000,000,000 or \$40,000,000,000 for defense, you should start searching for a new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff"

"It is true that our forces—ground, air and navy—are not sufficient now to fight a major war," Bradley emphasized. "Nor do we expect to be sufficient for such a calamity by the end of fiscal year 1951," he continued. "But I feel that we are going to achieve the necessary forces to prevent a disastrous attack from crippling this nation. I also believe that we will be able to win a war if it comes."

He predicted that this military education system—would "win a war if it is thrust upon

Round One Is Over

Well, round one of the campus elections is over, and although most of the office-holders for next year were decided in the voting, it still remains to be seen who will fill the two most important student positions on campus—editor of the Daily Tar Heel and president of the student body. Don Van Noppen, University Party candidate, finished on top in the four-man primary Tuesday but John Sanders, SP, was right on his heels. The runoff between these two looks like a real thriller. The editorial race was surprising in view of the fact that it was the only contest in which one of the candidates sponsored by a party was eliminated. Chuck Hauser has the lead in the race, but Graham Jones, an independent candidate who has shown amazing strength, forged ahead of the SP's Bill Kellam and will present a strong challenge in the runoff.

Thus there will be plenty of issues before the student body when it is again called upon to go to the polls next Tuesday. The vote this week actually was not as heavy as it should have been, in view of the intensity of the campaigning and the favorable weather for going to the polls. At any rate, the students should not consider that they have done their duty by voting this week and therefore will stay at home Tuesday. The most important matters in the election are still to be decided.

Until the editor of the Daily Tar Heel and the president of the student body are decided, then it is difficult to determine which of the political parties fared best in the election. The UP took the vice-presidency and the SP the secretary-treasurer position. The UP still retains control of the Legislature and virtually "cleaned up" in the class officers nominations. All five of the elected sophomore class officers won on the UP, while four of the five elected to the Senior class positions were UP, including President Ned Dowd. However, the SP grabbed the Yack editorship, with Jim Mills winning. Five of the nine members of the new Student Council were elected on the UP and another was "doubly endorsed."

Thus the UP apparently fared better than the SP in the number of offices won at least. However, the Student Party has a very good chance of over-taking Van Noppen in the all-important presidential race. This position is particularly important in view of the president's wide appointive powers. The DTH editorship could also very well go either way. Thus even though most of the officers for 1950-51 have been elected, the party which takes these two positions will be in the commanding position on campus.

Elections Board Chairman Jim Gwynn deserves a big hand for his handling of the elections. Gwynn, along with his committee and countless other students who "dropped by" to help out counting ballots, did an efficient job throughout. Although the final results were not known until about 2:30 yesterday morning, this certainly constitutes a great improvement over other years, when the final outcome of the voting was not known until much later the following day.

Most of the students on campus are getting a little tired of politics, however, and they may not respond too well in the runoffs next week. It is to be hoped that the campaigning this week will be characterized by good, clean competition. In the final analysis that's the best way to win votes.

Poor Attendance Regrettable

A banquet Tuesday night at the Morehead Planetarium Building brought Greek Week activities to a close on campus for fraternity pledges who were initiated during this period. A speech by Maj. L. P. McLendon after the banquet capped off the evening. Unfortunately, however, Major McLendon probably left Carolina with a rather poor impression of Greek Week and the fraternities. It seems that only about fifty of the ex-pledges turned up at Gerrard Hall after the dinner to hear McLendon's talk. This poor attendance is disgraceful indeed. Only two explanations are possible. First, the new initiates claim there was some misunderstanding about the time of the speech and also that the banquet lasted so long that they could spare no more time that evening. The other explanation would be that the boys who were supposed to attend the talk were now "actives" in their fraternity and did not feel they were compelled to go. The DTH would prefer to think that the former was the reason, and undoubtedly a misunderstanding about the time of the talk did cut down the attendance. However, there must have been plenty of the initiates who didn't attend just because they felt no one could make them go since they were now actives. If this was the prevailing attitude, then the pledge training in general has been deficient.

For those who did attend, Major McLendon had some excellent points which he made on the fraternity system. All too few students realize the important role a fraternity plays in shaping a young student's character, for better or worse, and McLendon had some good ideas along this line. "Don't overlook diamonds in the rough" was his advice to the new initiates who soon will be rushing other students on campus. All too often the sincere, hard-working student is overlooked for a more pretentious fellow who may never have any interest in a fraternity other than for its social benefits. McLendon's talk would have benefited all fraternity men.

Tarnation Review

It's Really Good, Sez Here

By Don Maynard

Open Letter to Tom Kerr:

I see by your editorial in this April issue of Tarnation that you are leaving your job as editor to doubly-endorsed Herb Nachman. You say in this paragraph that you are leaving your job with what may be termed "misgivings." I see your point about the mag being alive, and I think the baby is really beginning to grow up.

I have liked the ideas you have been trying to get across in the past editions of Tarnation. Unfortunately, you haven't had the creative talent on the staff to follow those ideas through. I, for one, liked your New York trip issue, and said so, but found the February issue didn't measure up. A lot of people criticized me for changing sides of the fence, but I only commented my honest opinion, as I saw the magazine.

All of which brings us to the April Issue, and I'm going to strap on my climbing irons and scramble over to the other side of the fence again. For one reason, you have paid heed to the advice of well-meaning people, and secondly, because I think this is another punishment-

al issue. You have revamped "Over The Hill," and though I sensed an outside influence, perhaps the New Yorker Magazine, Zeb has done a fine job. The cartoons have improved 100 per cent. Gale, Alston, Wharton, Taylor and Stuart, along with the others, must have felt this spring weather in their pens. The center-fold by Hugh Gale was an enormous job, very well done. Unfortunately, you did not label it "Dorm Life," or words to that effect, to help out those folks like me who had to search for "Quiet's" significance. "Dribbling Richard" by Herb Nachman, should have been called whitewash of Dick Jenrette. Perhaps then its subtlety would have gone over better to those who do not belong to the Graham Memorial political clique. I'm glad to see Vestal Taylor's byline—a staff newcomer—over "You Can Never Tell." Taylor sneaked up on us in the last paragraph and hit us on the funnybone, for which I am grateful.

Dave Sharpe came through, for a change, with a neatly-written allegory of campus politics. Also enjoyed Zane Robbins' "Those Naughty Nudists." It might be well if we started a nudist movement on campus. Probably it would bring out into the open some of the suspicions I have had for a long time. "Watch That Leg," a staff project, I enjoyed. But that pictorial on campus politics was underdone, I thought. You can't clean up such a muddy condition that easily, Tom.

I liked the ad layouts, and the color processing can't be overlooked—it's fine. I see where the Catgirl has herself spread out on page 63. There's a gal we'll never see too much of. And if the offset printing costs are not too high, let's see that process continued.

This isn't praise because you're leaving your job with the present issue, Tom, I'm sincere. And we all are sincere when we take our hats off to you. You've championed an idea which may someday cause Tarnation to be the best among college mags. All you need is writing talent.

So long, Tom, you've answered the 64-page question, in my estimation.