

Proposal For Graduates

German 1X, 2X, and 3X are no more. Instead, German 101X, 102X, and 103 are now offered to graduate students unable to pass the German reading knowledge examination. Full Professors have taken over most of these advanced and important courses, and left lighter tasks to instructors. The German department is to be congratulated on such full recognition of its greatest responsibility.

For years, in no field has the Graduate School maintained such high standards as in the German reading requirement. Examinations are offered periodically in fairness to those who have read and studied German since childhood. For other candidates, the courses insure one long and profitable year of thorough grounding in the language.

The importance of the subject cannot be overestimated. In the sciences, true enough, German is practically useless. But in the humanities nearly all significant scholarly contributions have been in German, especially during the last twenty years.

To judge by the strictness of requirements, English literature in particular is a field for which a thorough knowledge of German is indispensable. For this reason, the German department last year passed no English graduate students in the two scheduled reading examinations. Therefore, they were all required to take the three courses of importance. This Fall, under pressure of complaints, the department allowed four to pass. The department is yielding.

To the Department of German we say: Do not yield! Certainly maximum proficiency ought to be required of English students.

Since no figures are available, or obtainable by any means, we cannot with any accuracy estimate the percentage of applicants from all fields the Department allows to pass the reading examination. Last year we made the rough guess of 33 1/3 percent. But this year only seventeen students from four crowded classrooms made the grade. We commend the Department of German for not only maintaining, but also for raising its standards in the face of bitter opposition.

Such a system insures a plentiful supply of able students in a language which otherwise would be sadly neglected. Without a single undergraduate major, with a mere handful of graduate students, the Department would dwindle to nothing, without those students forced into 101X, 102X, and 103X by failure of the Department's reading examination. Such a system, in short, keeps the German Department big and strong, as it should be.

We are tired of the gripes of disgruntled graduate students from humanities and the sciences. We are tired of those who hurl the charge of "racket" at the Department, which only charges a reasonable fee of \$10 extra per student per course. For we feel that the University will be strengthened as the Department of German becomes the richest and strongest in the country.

English, in particular, being a Germanic language, should by rights be under the jurisdiction of the German Department. But all sectors of the graduate school would benefit from more direct control of their students by the Department. We propose, therefore, that the University of North Carolina Graduate School be incorporated into the Department of German, and recommend this move to the serious consideration of the President and the Board of Trustees.

Letters

October 12, 1951

Madam Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Scouts who were here tonight for the "Pep rally" that was staged in Memorial Hall. If it were not for them, it is doubtful if there would have been one-hundred and fifty persons present including the townspeople. The Scouts surely put we students in the shade as far as number goes. We wonder if the lack of students was caused by the University Day celebration—the day everyone of us should have been there.

Also, we would like to thank the Sororities on campus for having rushing tonight so that our beloved Co-ed Cheerleaders could not be present. What is this, school spirit or Sorority Spirit?

We hope sincerely that our team wins tomorrow on the football field, but if they fall down as badly as we students did, there will be no more Carolina victories, and we can blame ourselves for the defeat, not the team.

Here is hoping for more school spirit.

Ed. Please do not put our names in the paper since we do not wish to incriminate ourselves in the eyes of the various social organizations.

by Barry Farber

Not Guilty

I'd like to inject a little common sense into the guerrilla warfare now raging between Henry Bowers, student body president, and Mac White, student journalist who claims Henry has been mistreating the administration.

We're all familiar with the big "House-Walker-no pass-books-segregation" rhubarb. Well, Henry Bowers decided to show a little backbone. He did not ask himself, "Is the administration policy communistic, liberal, conservative, democratic, or reactionary?" He merely asked, "Is it right or wrong?" Henry decided it was wrong.

Within a week 14 campus organizations shouted "We're with you, Hank" while newspapermen from Carboro to Copenhagen were busy heaping flowery accolades upon Henry's notorious noggin. One sunny afternoon representatives from these 14 student groups enjoyed a pleasant pow-wow with Chancellor House. Now get this! Henry Bowers was not at this meeting because the 14 individuals represented only their own independent organizations and not the student body as a whole.

Later on, in an informal chat, Mae White asked Henry why he failed to show up at the Chancellor's office. Mac claims Hank said something like "House hasn't come to me, why should I go to House?" If Bowers said that I assure you he was about as serious as a skunk-drunk clown at the Mardi Gras. I can

portant editorial topics so quickly. If you are really that low, a "keep of the grass" editorial would have been bad now that the alumni have really taken to parking on the tobacco-nurtured blades that grace Polk and McCorkle Places.

Most of the Seniors, I feel, are willing to show compassion and forget the incident. I hope the DTH will show the same patience in the future. Perhaps, if we hired a proofreader, we would make fewer grammatical mistakes; but then there were two misspelled words in your editorial.

Dialectically yours,

Jim Lamm

- We refer Mr. Lamm to this week's Di Senate Bulletin, in which Editor Coker is seemingly unwilling to let go his somewhat frazzled bone of contention; in which he takes the rather unique stand that editorial opinions have nothing to do with editorial policy; and in which he misspells five words.

-Editor.

vouch for the fact that Henry's attitude throughout this whole brannigan has been one of respect, sincerity and clear thinking.

Although everybody knows that Henry had his tongue in his cheek, Mac decided he had his foot in his mouth and proceeded to heap on coals and red hot brimstone. Mr. White unleashed his best poison prose and ruptured reasoning to picture Henry as an impudent little egomaniac gleefully pitching rusty harpoons into the South Building.

Mac, you really hit the nail squarely on the thumb. Henry trusted your journalistic sense of fair play. He figured you were too much of a newspaperman to lop off an isolated phrase out of context and give it to the readers in blazing neon.

It seems that Henry's like the porcupine who mistook a cactus plant for his sweetheart.

Remember, Mac, that nothing's perfect. Cars have bumpers, pencils have erasers, and women have girdles. You've completely misrepresented Henry's attitude by a cunning play on words. And the worst thing about your whole attack is that it was so well written and effective.

Now let this be a lesson to you, Hank. We newsmen are a pack of crusty vultures cleverly disguised as human beings and we're always eager to sink our filthy fangs into tender, unsuspecting meat. When you're in our presence never let your infinitives split or your participles dangle. Anything that CAN be misunderstood, WILL be misunderstood.

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39. Ceremonial chamber (Pueblo)
40. Dwell
42. Title of ruler (Tunis)
43. Soak flax

