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The Publications Board met yesterday in a third, and this time successful, attempt to thwart the wishes of the student body as expressed at the polls last Spring.

Twice before, Frank Allston, chairman of the board, has revived the issue, bringing it before the board. This time, he engineered a bargain with the budget committee of legislature, asking that the Student Legislature appropriate an additional \$4000 on condition that the newspaper become standard-size.

Apparently, the Chairman of the board is not interested in improving the poverty stricken campus newspaper with additional funds, unless his personal wishes are adhered to in the use of the money.

Mr. Allston, with the aid of columnist Harry Snook and a misinformed board, has revived a dead issue and won on his campaign platform of last Spring, that the publications board, and not the editor, controls the student newspaper.

Proposal For Freshmen

There are certain criticisms and gripes which crop up repeatedly concerning discrimination against dormitory men, in favor of fraternity men. They are, at times, accurate and true, and at times, are not.

They invariably neglect one important discriminatory measure which is with us year after year, a factor which affects the entire lives of the men involved.

Why is it that fraternity men invariably leave college as mature men, ready to take responsible places in society? Why is it, on the other hand, that non-fraternity men invariably leave college immature and incapable of contributing to this nation's wealth of culture?

Obviously because fraternity men, and fraternity men alone are allowed to test and prove their manhood while they are freshmen. Since the last part of the last century, fraternity freshmen have usurped the natural right of all freshmen to go through the glorious trial of torture and humiliation known as hazing.

Time was on this campus when the classical tradition was upheld. On an unnamed evening each year, at a specified time, the bell in South Building was tolled by earnest sophomores, calling Freshmen from whatever unimportant studies and pleasures held them to the center of the campus, there to prove themselves worthy of undertaking a university course. They were beaten (paddled is generally considered the better word), put through stunts, soaked with water, and once they had thus shown themselves worthy to pursue an academic course, they were allowed to return to their studies.

Within the fraternities, the argument is used that only through pain can a young man come to feel the kinship of brotherhood represented by the fraternities. This is obviously a true statement. The ascetics of old flogged and starved themselves into close communion with God. To present-day heretics and "modernists," their behavior has come to seem somewhat hysterical and even psychotic, but to the University men of the last century, who saw the truth, it was a well-known physical fact. Love and respect can grow only through pain, be it physical or mental (the humiliation tactics).

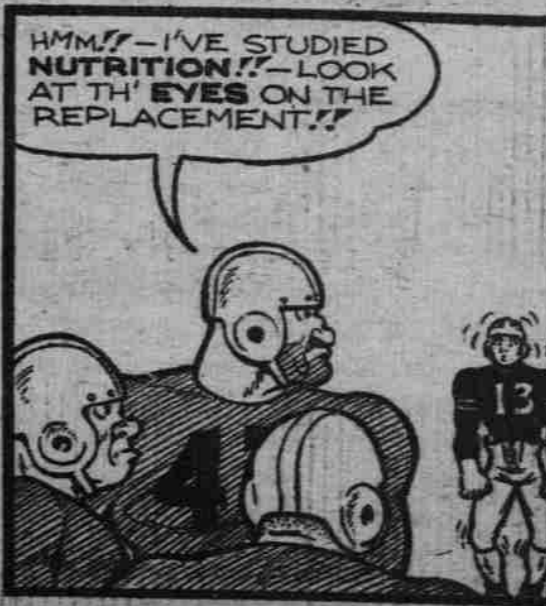
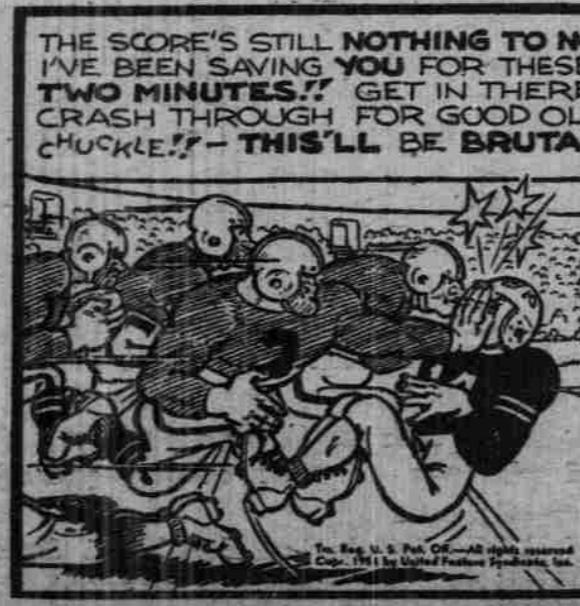
But this argument is not carried far enough. In a democratic society we should all be brothers. In this community, we should all know the indescribable well of emotion that comes through pain at the hands of our brothers.

The American tradition of hazing is an old one, not lightly to be tossed away. Indian braves showed themselves to be men by failure to flinch at the cruellest torture. Our contemporary literature carries this heritage even into the present day, with the immortal character of one Burping Buffalo enduring the rigors of The Big Grapple (shortened conventional version of an old 48-hour tribal dance involving human sacrifice).

Unfortunately, even the last stranglehold . . . that is, strong hold of the best in our academic tradition, the fraternities, are weakening in the face of unjust criticism. Certain national societies, and even some spineless local chapters have this year abandoned the old customs. What is left for them? Only their unity as social organizations and certain "projects and good works." It is not enough.

Therefore, we issue a Call to Freshmen. Arise! Untie! Demand your natural privilege to undergo the pleasure of pain that binds the young man of this nation into the militant throng of freedom-loving, God-fearing brothers of Alpha and Omega.

Coach Carl Snavely, Carolina football coach, can field a backfield of shorties this season and have a pretty potent attack. At blocking back there is letterman Pete Carr; wingback ace is Bob (Goo Goo) Gantt; at tailback Bud Carson holds forth, and at fullback there is Skeet Hesmer. The players each stand only five feet, nine inches. And they have some sawed-off subs, too. At five-nine, they can be relieved by Charlie Motta and Maurice Young.



Letters

Madam Editor:

I wish to take rather strenuous exception to the editorial on the German reading exam for the Ph.D. degree in today's Tar Heel.

It seems to me that the fundamental purpose of any University is to give its students a well rounded broad background in the subjects which will allow him to take his place as a well prepared citizen, in his field, and in the whole pattern of modern life. To do this the feeling of the faculty (which after all is the University) seems to be that at the level of the Doctorate one should have a command of German and French, good enough so that one will be competent in the literature of that language, as it pertains to his field of study. I do not believe that this purpose is achieved by lowering the standard of competence, or abolishing the requirement.

I did not take the examination in question, however I have heard of it from one who passed. Of course he had had three years of German before he took the exam. Is it possible to be well versed in the language with less? How many of those four crowded rooms contained more than four or five students who had had that much preparation?

It would appear that by offering special courses to help those with difficulty that the German department is more than willing to allow students to complete this particular requirement with less than extensive work in the language. I hardly think that the Department is to be blamed if the student body is not interested in their field of study. Using your analogy we should set our standards so that bare competence, and not outstanding ability is the measure of the Ph.D. I think that our standards should be kept high, and that instead of looking for an out, students should try to measure up to those standards.

Graduate Student
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Madam Editor:

I read with some interest the story in The Daily Tar Heel about Captain Keating and the U. S. S. Murphy because a friend of mine served aboard the Murphy, prior, I, believe, to Captain Keating's command of the Murphy's squadron.

I refer to the statement "The Murphy looked somewhat different from the usual run of cruiser . . ." I suspect that the "Mighty Murphy," a destroyer, looked somewhat different from any cruiser.

Lloyd H. Costellow

Sidelines

In this day and time it isn't often that an addition is made to the long list of campus organizations. It is, then, of some interest that such an addition has recently been made.

The new club, tagged The University of North Carolina Press Club, came into its own shortly before Tar Heels migrated for Summer vacation about five months ago.

To delve briefly into the clubs history, it hatched from the brain child stage last spring when some 20 to 30 interested persons began meeting to lay the foundations. Leo J. (Buddy) Northart was the chief organizer and supplied the initiative necessary for turning ideas into action. The idea itself wasn't entirely new; the need for an organization for neophytes in the art of writing had been felt for some time. The only point of agreement amongst the founders was that there should be a club—everyone had his own notions about the details. The first of the organizational meetings weren't without some hot arguments, but order came out of chaos by late May in the form of a written constitution. The constitution was ratified shortly before exams, and the club set on more or less solid footing for the beginning of this year.

The group has now reached the stage where it thinks it

should get acquainted with more students. For that reason it is inviting any and all to come to an open meeting this Thursday. A guest speaker will be on hand to furnish some wise words, with refreshments and a general "get together" ensuing.

Membership in the Press Club is not limited to any group or segment of the student body. Anyone who is a second quarter sophomore and interested in any phase of Journalism is welcomed. All are invited to attend the meetings, and those interested may become members if they so desire.

What does the club do and what's it for? The principal objective is to provide association outside the classroom among those interested in Journalism and writing. Through such an organization students can obtain educational benefits not available in the University proper. The club plans also to serve as coordinator between students, school, alumni, and publications in various ways.

If interested, check one of the posters around campus, see any member, or drop me a note at The Daily Tar Heel; and by all means come up to Roland Parker Lounge at 7:30 Thursday—have a sandwich and meet the Press Club Firsthand.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1. Fleishy fruit
 - 5. Pertaining to the hours
 - 10. Variety of willow
 - 12. Pat
 - 13. French river
 - 14. Floats
 - 15. Lever
 - 16. Youth
 - 18. Perched
 - 19. Official staffs
 - 21. Having definable limits
 - 24. Pellet of medicine
 - 28. Appearing as if eaten
 - 29. Misrepresent
 - 30. Lizard
 - 31. Peeped
 - 32. Produce
 - 34. Exclamation
 - 37. Cebine monkey
 - 38. Uncooked
 - 41. Of a plane surface
 - 43. Living
 - 45. Undershot waterwheel
 - 46. Citrus fruit
 - 47. Gather, as insects
 - 48. Canvas shelter
- DOWN**
- 1. Showy display
 - 2. Eskers
 - 3. Boggy
 - 4. Even (poet.)
 - 5. Vast multitude
 - 6. Sash (Jap.)
 - 7. Shades of a primary color
 - 8. On the ocean
 - 9. For fear that
 - 11. Tell
 - 17. One spot card
 - 19. Foggy
 - 20. Celerity
 - 21. Marsh
 - 22. Wrath
 - 23. At the present time
 - 25. Each (Scot.)
 - 26. Falsehood
 - 27. Guided
 - 29. Satan (N. T.)
 - 31. A size of coal
 - 33. Mohammedan religion
 - 34. Forbids
 - 35. In a row (poet.)
 - 36. Queen of heaven (Gr. Rellig.)
 - 38. White frost



Yesterday's Answer
39. River (Eng.)
40. Departed
42. Breeze
44. Permit

