

'Thrusts' — random as ever

Spearman still gives chuckles

When Walter Spearman was asked to write a "Random Thrusts" column for the anniversary section of the *DTH* today, he warned that "The thrusts may not be as random as they once were." But after reading his modern offerings, we must disagree. They're just as random as ever.

Excerpts from the Random Thrusts of 1927 and 1928 include:

Chapel Hill — Heap Big City!

No longer can sneerers call Chapel Hill a small country village. That time has passed; now the day of the Great City is dawning. ... Already a start has been made. The estimable Town Aldermen of Chapel Hill are even now discussing the advisability of installing stop-and-go lights on Franklin Street. Red and green lights controlling the dangerous traffic on our main thoroughfare! All hail, ye Great City!

A Change for the Better

...We understand that progress is being made in the installation of the new telephone system, the "dial system"

already in use in most cities. We trust that this dial system will at least be an improvement over our present "trial system!"

Good-bye and Good Luck

Here is the final
Column this quarter;
If you don't like it
We think you order!

But whether you blame
Or whether you praise,
Here's wishing you joy
For the holidays!

This Frightful Traffic

This question of Chapel Hill traffic must be growing into a serious problem.... Yesterday new parking regulations went into effect, and little red tags were found adorning the car of many a professor who had inadvertently left his auto parked on the campus instead of taking it into the classroom with him. Indeed it is serious!

Nothing is Heard

We wonder what has happened in regard to the movie scene that was to have been filmed here for College Humor? General student elections, only a week off, might well furnish the theme of a college farce for the movies. There would be

plenty of action, comic characters and plots galore!

The week after that last thrust was written, Spearman was named editor — the unanimous choice of the Carolina Publications Union and the *Tar Heel* staff. His last column appeared April 17, 1928, as "A Last Thrust by Spearman," and with it he made the transition from humor columnist to editorial writer.

"An actor who regularly plays Falstaff cannot be taken seriously when he first plays Hamlet," he wrote. "Every word from the mouth of the editor is taken seriously; every line from his pen is regarded as a matter for serious consideration. Were he to lapse into a mood of frivolity or were he to make an attempt at light satire — why the humor and satire would be taken as want of stability or as serious attack!"

As for "Random Thrusts," he writes, "If he has been able to bring forth a few chuckles every Tuesday by his "Random Thrusts," if he has in a small way lightened the heavy reading of a more serious type, if he has produced a smile or two over the foibles of the campus — then his year's work has been successful, and he may retire satisfied. If not, why then he retires anyhow, and his very retirement should bring satisfaction."

Walter Spearman retires again this year — as professor of journalism for almost 40 years. He may retire satisfied.

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