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## "SO SEZ THE DAILY TAR HEEL"

An article was published Thursday, January 11, 1934, in the *Daily Tar Heel* entitled "Man Hunting at Women's Colleges Provides Adventure and Romance," with a sub-title as follows: Dating systems at Peace, Greensboro, Meredith, and Queens found to vary in efficiency and efficacy; little privacy or freedom enjoyed except in Chapel Hill.

The article states: at Meredith—there isn't anyone to call the girls when the dates arrive. Hence—they have what has been labelled "the waiting line" which forms about 7:50 p.m. This is really a game, and the point is, says one alumna, "not to be stood up."

"A bus brings most of the chaps out to Meredith. When the ticking, halting noises of the bus are heard, the straggling line lunges on to the porches to grab the date as he emerges from the bus. Safely in hand (at Peace it has been delicately suggested that thumbs are enough to hold) female drags male into the parlor toward a lounge which is marked "Reserved" by a conspicuous sign.

In the first place, we may say that the author of this interesting piece has never tried the system he describes, for his information is most inaccurate. The porches of Meredith are nowhere near where the bus stops. If the girls were going in for such a "catch as catch can" game, why take a round about "follow the leader" route through the parlors, out on the porch, back around the front, and so to the bus? Evidently the poor boys aren't intelligent enough to find the doors. Far be it from us to allow a guest to wander around in the night in search of an entrance! We think, also, that the writer does us an injustice by "the straggling line." If we formed such a line, it would not be straggling line. What we do, we do whole heartedly, at least.

Furthermore, there are girls employed by the dean in the chapron's parlor every evening. Of course, if a boy is too shy to ask, he mustn't quarrel about the treatment he gets.

We regret that our small parlors make it necessary for the girls to choose the seats in advance, but is it in good taste for a guest to criticize the limitation of his hostess's home? Certainly it shows forethought on the girl's part, and an interest in her guest's comfort. The author shows a good deal of complacency by saying that co-eds at the "Hill" can date and date. We wonder, however, if the co-eds do date and date. We fear that the co-ed might not last long at the University; perhaps the dean wouldn't be interested in her date score? If she does date and date—what a charming bunch of fellows those students must be!

M. M. T.

## STUDENTS TO THE FRONT

(On the N. S. F. A. Conference)

Dr. George F. Zook, U. S. Commissioner of Education says, "The time is quite proper for students to give greater consideration to problems affecting not only their own interests but also those of the nation and world. The National Student Federation in aiding students to think more deeply along these lines is performing a very useful and significant service."

One of the new functions of the organization is the development of student opinion and leadership. The N. S. F. A.'s annual report contains this statement: "The current trend of events demands both sound thinking and courageous leadership of which American students can furnish a great portion. Youth, therefore, should be

called upon to assume its responsibility in the present action. The National Student Federation has already done much toward arousing students to a realization of their public duties, and it will attempt to strengthen its work in this respect in the coming year."

The five Meredith students, who were privileged to attend this conference at Washington, D. C. during the Christmas holidays, realized more than ever before the lack of interest that Meredith students take in public affairs. The campus is the logical training ground for public life, and if we fail to acquaint ourselves here with every day problems we are failing to broaden our possibilities for usefulness as the future citizens of our nation.

It is the particular desire of those who attended this year that representatives from the other organization as well as the student council may go to the conference next year at Boston. The discussion groups are not only concerned with student government activities, but they are also for the purpose of giving students advice in solving all kinds of local problems, as well as in giving them a chance for participation in public affairs.

—S. E. V.

## N.S.F.A. Meeting Reported By Student Delegates

In a talk to the student body in chapel Wednesday, January 10, Virginia Garnett, president of the S. G., gave the highlights of the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Student Federation of America held in Washington, D. C., December 27-31, and reported it as being one of the most enjoyable and worth while conventions she had ever attended. "It enabled me," she said, "to see just what other students are interested in and what their opinions are on the different present-day problems, and it amazed me to hear the way in which many of them discussed international affairs."

Virginia was one of the official delegates sent from Meredith to the convention. Others attending were: Sarah Elizabeth Vernon, Elizabeth Poplin, Loretta Nichols, and Christine Adams. Sarah Elizabeth also gave a short talk on some of her impressions of the convention and the city of Washington.

Both she and Virginia urged all the students who can to attend next year's convention, which is to be held in Boston.

John A. Lang, who was president of the N. S. F. A. during the past year, was re-elected.

## Juniors Are Victorious in Octagon Coupon Contest

The Octagon soap coupon contest waged between the classes has now drawn to a close. The juniors came out victorious with 2,347 coupons. Their "little sisters," the freshmen, were second with 1,675. The sophs were third in the race and the seniors last. The total from the classes was 6,880 coupons. From other sources, alumnae and friends, came 8,120 coupons, making the grand total in the shipment 15,000.

Every one is now looking forward with curiosity for the reward to be given to the juniors.

The money received from these coupons is used for three worthy purposes: athletic equipment, student loan fund, and the college debt.

## Correct Behavior During Exams

At the beginning of the week for exams every one should walk around with a doleful air. If you smile once this is an indication that you are not taking your examinations seriously. Be sure not to skip, hop or run about on the campus; walk very slowly and appear thoughtful, to impress the faculty about what a hardship they are imposing upon you.

When you go to meals on the eve of your exams, be sure to talk of nothing but the coming event—say how terrible you know they are going to be and be sure to repeat "I don't know a thing" in an anguished tone over and over to impress everybody that you aren't a book worm. When you have taken every body's appetite, then you yourself can begin to eat.

Your behavior during the examination itself should be even more studied. You must attempt to sneak in your notebook of facts that you have accumulated all the year—the huger the book the better to sneak in, my dear, we are going on the assumption which a great many pupils seem to have—that the teacher is blind. Don't fail

to have the pages of your notebook equipped with alphabetical indentations so that you can easily find the answer as soon as the questions go up on the board. If you can't find the answer in your notebook borrow your neighbor's, if you still can't find anything to write down, converse with your neighbor in loud tones so you can disturb the rest of the class enough for them to answer your questions. If that fails, raise your hand and tell the instructor that you can't find the answer to her questions and you think the test is unfair. Demerits always look well on recommendations when you graduate.

When you leave the exam, declare in raucous tones that the entire test was terrible and be sure to say that you know you failed absolutely—that you couldn't have made a thing on it.

Then when you come back to receive your grades and you find a B or a C don't fail to fly into a violent rage and say that you should've received an A—the ole teacher just didn't grade fairly and you'll tell her so.

## AT THE THEATRES

### Gaynor and Baxter Teamed in "Paddy"

Warner Baxter is co-starred with Janet Gaynor in "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," the Fox picture that plays Monday, 29th, and Tuesday, 30th, at the Wake Theatre. This is the first time in two years that the popular stars have been teamed, the last previous occasion being "Daddy Long Legs."

Miss Gaynor, who has just completed "Adorable," with Henry Garat as her starring partner, has the title role in "Paddy," and Baxter will play the part of Lawrence Blake. Janet's role is said to be in striking contrast with anything she has played. Her dialogue will have a flavor of Irish dialect.

"Dancing Lady," which is showing at the State again today and Saturday, is bound to skyrocket Joan Crawford and Clark Gable to new heights. Their success together in "Possessed" will seem insignificant compared to their triumph in their latest effort.

Here is a picture with spectacle and splendor never before attempted and that goes for all film musicals heretofore. "Dancing Lady" is not just another picture. It is the screen's crowning achievement in the production of elaborate musical extravaganzas.

Another of the Walt Disney all color cartoons, "Santa's Workshop," a Screen Souvenir and News complete this program.

The State Theatre will present on the stage Monday, Tuesday and Wednes-

day Van Arnam's Minstrels, a well known minstrel show but with an entirely new routine, new songs, new jokes, new comedy, new faces, new scenery and an all new wardrobe.

Mr. Van Arnam has always presented high grade vaudeville acts that are of recognized metropolitan prestige and success and his aim is to present high grade modern minstrelsy good enough to win hosts of patrons wherever he goes.

The show this year is made up of the following acts: "Ardel" on the silver rings, a sensational novelty act with a marvelous sensational finish; "Mickey Arnold," the apostle of mirth, who will drive your cares away besides showing you some of the world's best wooden shoe dancing; "The University Five," who are real harmony singers that sing songs from grand opera to the barber shop chords; "The Palace Trio," Syner Brothers and Roberts, without a doubt the fastest dancing act you have ever seen, and whose wonderful military dance is a classic. As a special feature this year, Mr. Van Arnam is carrying the world's champion "Charleston" and "Black Bottom" dancer, who is but 17 years old, and who last year won the "Keith" medal. His name is Jimmie Leamy.

There will be a street parade and everything that goes with a regular minstrel show and this is all in addition to the regular picture program. The feature picture is John Barrymore in "Counsellor at Law," the story of the greatest criminal lawyer who ever tried a case in the New York City courts.

## January 21 Commemorates Birth of Notable Southern General

By ELIZABETH AUSTIN

Thomas Jonathan, or "Stonewall," Jackson, whose hundred and tenth anniversary will be observed January 21, was a truly remarkable man. Left a penniless orphan when a boy, he had to struggle against terrific odds to secure the education and position he finally gained. He showed, not once but many times, that he was the "stuff of which heroes are made." He was eighteen when he learned of a vacancy from his district to West Point. Applying to his Congressman, he made such a favorable impression that he secured the appointment. Although not well prepared, he had such determination and industry that he finished West Point, number 17 in a notable class.

It was at the first Battle of Bull Run that General Jackson acquired his nickname. The Confederate ranks had been

thrown into confusion by a sudden Federal attack. General Lee cried in encouragement: "Look, there is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians." This appellation attached to his name proved appropriate throughout his two years of fighting.

In 1863 General Jackson received the wound which necessitated the amputation of his arm. Soon afterward he died of pneumonia. The Southern leaders were grieved immeasurably. This man, who had suffered only one defeat in his career, had been a capable leader of his soldiers. He was admired not only because of his knowledge of military tactics, but also because of his deep religiousness and integrity, qualities which were apparent to all who knew him.