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THOUGH there have been times this year when the work of publishing The Tar Heel has been rather irksome, on the whole we have enjoyed "getting out the rag." More than once we have been face to face with the newspaper man's problem of what to print and what not to print, the thing was often difficult of decision, and possibly we have made mistakes. If so, we regret it, but we have done our best, and whatever mistakes we have made have been those of the head and not of the heart.

This has been rather a stormy year in the life of the University. We have felt it our duty at times to give expression to sentiments that we knew would not be well received by a large number of our friends, but when the larger good of the whole student body was at stake, we did not hesitate to say things that possibly yet rankle in the breasts of some of the students. And we never minced words. Possibly there were times when a more tactful expression of sentiments would have caused less trouble, but we are so constituted that when we desire to speak of a certain agricultural implement we say "spade" and not "spoon."

It seems to us now in looking back over the year's work that we have been confronted by more problems than usually fall to the lot of a Tar Heel editor. These problems grew out of the stormy period. They grew out of the fact that, as Prof. E. K. Graham says in the Yackety Yack, "Every student feels, I suspect, whether he agrees with all that has been done or not, that it has been one of those unusual years in which college life rises above the level of routine monotony into genuine self-expression." They grew out of the awakening of a "national consciousness." And in the fights that have characterized the college life this year we have had no doubt as to our position, nor as to the righteousness of our cause, but it was oftentimes a mighty hard problem to know what to say and what to leave unsaid.

But in discussing every question we tried to maintain the attitude of frankness and plain-speaking which has characterized every fight this year and which did much to increase the respect of the fighters for each other. Indeed, at no previous time

in our college life has there been such plainness of speech as there has been this year. The leaders seemed to feel that the time had come to lay aside the old way of beating the devil around the stump, to come out plainly and say what they had to say, to talk to each other as man to man.

This is, to our mind, a healthful condition, for though at times in the thick of the fight the feeling between the two factions was painfully acute, yet when the smoke of battle had cleared away, certainly the casual observer could not discern that those men who were conversing in a friendly manner had lately been fighting each other in a grim and determined way worthy of a young Napoleon. And even after the recent Tar Heel fight, when the feeling was perhaps more acute than at any other time during the year and when some of the students laid aside their text-books, the feeling has, we believe, largely disappeared, and there will hardly be any evidence, so far as feeling is concerned, next fall to indicate that such a fight ever occurred.

And so we come to the conclusion that, despite the many disagreements, the college has come "into a consciousness of its solidarity as a community".

In the presence of this awakened consciousness we have had this year unusual opportunities, opportunities which, however, brought with them serious problems. These problems, as we have said, we tried to deal with in a conscientious manner. And if we have done anything to help the cause, we shall feel that we have not worked entirely in vain. We feel that there are great things in store for this University, that it is now in a better position than it has been in many years to produce men.

We have a feeling of peculiar sadness when we think of the fact that our connection with this institution as a student has ceased, but when we begin the work of chasing dollars around the arena of life we shall ever watch conditions here with a keen interest, in the belief that they will become better and better and that the time will come when there will be neither frat nor non-frat, in the narrow sense of the word, but University men.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the proposed plan for building an auditorium can be carried to a successful end. The plan is that the classes shall lump their gifts to the University together, that the societies lay aside a sum each year, and that the alumni be approached, for the purpose of erecting a building which shall contain an auditorium and halls for the societies. The need for such a building is self-evident. Gerrard Hall is too small, the society halls are fast being outgrown, and the University needs the room that the present halls take up, inasmuch as the problem of housing the constantly increasing number of students is becoming serious.

With the proper energy behind the movement we believe it can be pushed to success. Here's hoping that it will and that the University may have an auditorium worthy of the name.

BEFORE we say goodbye to college affairs we wish to call attention to the fact that the Seniors are never called before a checking committee of the faculty until during the examination period in the spring. This system has, as we see it, defects that are liable to cause some of the embryo alumni trouble and prevent them from ever getting beyond the embryonic stage. A Senior is liable to misread his catalogue and never know that he has left out some required subject until he is confronted by the checking committee and told that he is deficient. It is true that his course is approved by the Dean, and in very rare instances do mistakes occur, but in the hurry and bustle of registration the Dean should hardly be required to go into a man's whole college history in detail to see that he has satisfied the requirements.

It was with much regret that the many friends of Rev. F. B. Rankin learned that he would not return next year as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Rankin has made an excellent secretary and under his management the association has had a healthy growth. He has a free and easy manner, a hail fellow well met disposition, with a strong sense of duty and an earnestness that has won for him a place in the hearts of many of the students. Our best wishes go with him to his new pastorate at Hamlet.

He will be succeeded by Mr. E. E. Barnett, who comes well recommended from Vanderbilt University.

THE chief pencil pusher of The Tar Heel wishes in this the last issue this year to express his appreciation of the excellent work of the associate editors. Without exception they have been ready and willing to perform the duties imposed by the editor-in-chief. To Mr. F. P. Graham especially is he grateful, for oftentimes Mr. Graham sacrificed other things to be of service. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with such men.

To Manager Plummer and his force of typos we desire to extend our thanks for their promptness in printing The Tar Heel this year. The editor-in-chief of this paper knows something of the difficulties of managing the University print shop, and in his opinion Manager Plummer has succeeded remarkably well.

To The Charlotte Observer we are largely indebted for the reports of commencement. They were gleaned from the reports of the staff correspondent, Mr. V. L. Stephenson. To The News and Observer also we are indebted for the account of the dances.

Paul Dunn and Lee Sutton Dead.

It was with deep sadness that the news of the drowning of Paul Dunn and Lee Sutton at Lexington, Va., Saturday, May 30, was received in Chapel Hill. It seems that the young men, who were students at Washington and Lee, went boat riding Saturday and did not return. The boat was later found capsized, and after diligent search the bodies were found in the river.

Dunn was a Junior here last fall and Sutton was a Freshman here last year. The latter was a brother to F. I. Sutton, who graduated this year.

The Track Meet.

In the presence of a large number of people Carolina won from Wake Forest in the dual track meet held here May 2 by the score of 85 to 32. There were 13 events in the meet and Carolina won 10 first places, 10 seconds, and 5 thirds. A first place counts 5 points, a second 3, and a third 1.

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