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PATRIOTISM

That indescribable thing which causes us to salute our flag, and makes us yell when we hear Dixie, is now manifested in many ways. It is that which causes the Di Society to purchase liberty bonds, and stimulates Charles Apostle, the Greek, to contribute liberally to the Y. M. C. A. War Fund. There is one fact that in itself would make us believe in our old U. S. A., namely, that aliens commence to love her when they arrive on her shores, and then become citizens as soon as possible.

It is the seemingly simple thing that is hardest to define, but the following definition by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Washington, D. C., is about the best we have seen:

"Patriotism is such a loving sense of the unity and vitality of the national life as will lead one gladly to obey the law, to guard its dignity, to aid in its enforcement, to exercise a noble self-restraint, to cultivate civic virtues and political wisdom, to sacrifice, to suffer, and, if need be, to die for the country."

THOUGHTLESSNESS

Did you go to the "Vaudeville" in Chapel last Monday night? If so you probably noticed a little incident there which was the result of thoughtlessness.

Preceding the performance the restless bunch in the gallery conceived the idea of floating small paper planes down on the people below. One of these planes accidentally landed in a lady's hair. Immediately the house was in an uproar. Now just stop and ask yourself candidly what you think of this sort of conduct, coming from University students. Don't you feel a sort of inward wrath at this incident.

Then, there were some who persisted in using the edge of the gallery as seats, apparently forgetting that their feet carried an assortment of mud and dirt as a result of a day's tramp. These fellows continually banged their heels together, sending a shower of debris to the people below.

Just stop and think about this incident. Of course it was not an intentional discourtesy. But what does it mark us as? Let's watch those little things and see that they stop. If we exercise a strong individual censorship at all times we will ultimately be able to raise the standard of conduct here and perpetuate one of the highest ideals for which our University stands.

If the boys work much harder at the trenches, they'll be dug out.

OVER-ORGANIZATION

In the good old days of the universities, there was no such word as over-organization, but rather under-organization. From then to the present time, universities have been changing in character until now we have the more or less standard American High School College, and in that college so many little organizations that every man in any department can belong to at least three.

Why do men join these organizations, of which many will be lost sight of the year after graduation; of which many are merely colossal farces as far as standing for any thing of real value goes? One man explains it by saying that a man in his first year or two is reaching out for college honors of all kinds, and so becomes a member of many minor organizations. In his other years, perhaps will come opportunities to ally himself with those fewer groups which may benefit him, and so he joins them too. As a result we have the average senior with four meetings to attend at 7:15 sharp.

For the past year or two there has been quite a bit of talk going about among the students in a quiet manner, and yet new mushrooms are springing up over night.

Why should we turn our four years here into a scramble for Yackety Yack statistics?

THE LATE THEORY OF SMITH-JOHN

Just when man first started the abominable habit of being late is uncertain. But Messrs. Smith-John and Doebill, two philosophers of world-wide reputation, trace it as far back as Adam and Eve.

The Serpent, according to Smith-John, was about to shed his skin, and Adam in need of leggings, was actually urging him to sell his own hide.

A bargain being struck, adds Doebill, Adam, exulting, phoned Eve to get supper by 6:30 and be ready to take in the Pickwick.

Now when Adam reached the Old East, neither Eve nor the evening meal was there. So Adam, according to Billjohn, ran down into the Arboretum where he found Eve peacefully patching together a brand new costume of fig leaves. To his sharp rebuke she replied that Uncle Henry was not ringing the bell on schedule time, and that an hour was not sufficient time to dress anyhow.

Now whether Smith-John and Doejohn are right matters not with us. That Chapel Hill is sorely afflicted with this habit of being late is quite evident.

On every class; at every drill; at every club, fraternity, or other organization, with few exceptions, there are stragglers. Whenever a meeting is called for 7:30 it convenes at 8. There is indeed a danger that if 8 is used for 7:30 too often it will become 7:30 without a doubt, and 7:30 will be something else, and then the whole system will have to adjust itself.

But really it is a serious thing when one must lose a half hour waiting to meet an obligation. Of course we have to wait for the mail, and it is not our fault because the train comes in on time once a week. Imagine yourself a Dinky, and the South wind blowing straight in your face. Nor is our fault altogether, that we are late on classes, late at drill, late everywhere except at Swain Hall and the boarding houses. There our appetites, or rather others' appetites, spur us on.

We are not on time because

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The New York Evening Post recently stated that the American University Union in Europe was to open on October 20, with the Royal Palace Hotel as its headquarters for American college men and their friends in war time. The London Branch has opened also.

things don't start on time. We are not on time because being late repeatedly it has become a part of our very natures. And, most inexcusably, we are not on time because every one goes by a different time.

In the first case we must start things on time. That calls for leaders—and every one must be a leader. In the second case we can be an isolated exception to this habit. And in the third place we should have a standard time here.

Old Henry's watch used to lose five minutes while he walked from Alumni to the South. So the bell rang somewhere in a fifteen minute margin. And old Henry's successor must have inherited that watch.

The Tar Heel suggests (rather it has been suggested to the Tar Heel) that by some means or other a large clock be placed on the tower of the South building, and that all meetings, engagements, classes, and drills—to say nothing of Ingersols and alarm clocks, be regulated by that one clock.

Here's a chance for an appropriate class gift.

The directory this year is said to be the best one ever gotten out. It has recently made its appearance on the campus.

The University Daily Kansan says it is going to put on the front page the names of all professors who hold their classes after the bell rings.

DANCES TO BE "BIGGER AND BETTER" THAN EVER IS SAID

The dances, that one oasis in the long dreary stretch of the Fall Term, come off the first week in December. Then the campus takes on a new air, creatures from another world flit about from place to place and men hold on to these creatures as if they might fly away at any moment. These phantoms of beauty mysteriously move about making glad the hearts of men and then are gone almost as suddenly as they came.

When asked as to the prospects for the dances this year, "Peck" Norris, Treasurer of the German Club, using the words of the circus advance agent, said, "bigger and better this year." He said that negotiations were being carried on to secure the services of Wright's Saxophone Orchestra from Columbus, Ohio. This orchestra has the reputation of being one of the best musical organizations in the middle west and every possible effort is being made to have it play here this fall.

There will be three big dances besides the informal ones which different fraternities will give in the mornings. The Gimghouls will start the ball to rolling with their annual dance in the gym the first night. On the second afternoon the Gorgon Heads give an informal dance at their lodge on Franklin Street. The German Club closes the festivities on the second night. Wrights will furnish music for all these occasions.

Bingham McKie is leader of the German Club dance with J. S. Ficklen and Jack Powell assistants.

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dents, attended a meeting of the Council of Woman's Federated Clubs, in Winston-Salem. She also made a short talk to the G. C. W. students before her return.

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