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## TRUE OR FALSE?

Someone has proffered the Tar Heel the distressing information that the campus has turned into a veritable hell hole, with drinking, gambling, dishonesty and lewdness tearing away the morale of the student body and making this quiet and peaceful village an unfit place in which to live. The student council, our informant adds, has wholly ceased to function and lacks the nerve to mete out punishment, and should be chased out of the University with rocks and brick-bats for failure to perform its duty. He even went so far as to say that this moral let-down is found not alone in the realm of the men students, or among any special group or faction, but that it is perceptible everywhere on and off the campus.

If there is one iota of truth in such an accusation we truly marvel at our blindness. All year the observation of the Tar Heel has been that the campus presented a picture of almost drab smugness, too lazy for any sort of mischief, even if so inclined, and a situation as well nigh perfect as could be possible at a University of two thousand students. Our impression is that there has been far less drinking, far less gambling, and far less immorality than ever before, notwithstanding the great increase in the size of the student body. And as for crookedness, we have never had occasion during our four years at the University to doubt that the students here are essentially an honest body of men.

Yet this sudden outburst of revolt by a man not otherwise so insane has considerably upset us, and to our amazement and mortification he has listed innumerable cases of these vices seen with his own eyes which certainly formed no pretty picture. He has further advised the Tar Heel to ask the thinking men on the campus their opinions and as a result we would be supplied with comments similar to his. As for this man he is about to gather up his duds and hit it to a calmer and more virtuous clime.

The Tar Heel does not believe that this information is correct. It is true that the Student Council has not been a very active body, but it is our opinion that its lack of business has been due to a general betterment of morals on the campus. It is true that the bottle has been passed around here and there, that chips have been in service in some places, and that there have been women here from Durham. So all these things have been since first we registered here. But the question is: Has there been more or less this year? Our opinion is that there has been less.

But this editorial is written with the purpose of an inquiry which surely can do no harm. There is possibility, of course, that we are wrong and our disgusted informant correct. If this is true, though we are not enlisting a reforming crusade and have no desire whatever to institute a Y. M. C. A.

regime, the Tar Heel believes that something should be done to lift us up. We are open to conviction, and would like to hear from the thinking men who will speak in an effort to either exonerate the campus' name or prove these charges true.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON

We paused on yesterday—borrowing a scant moment or so from the daily college routine—and into history bent an eye, reflecting on the deeds and character of that great American, George Washington, who one hundred and ninety-one years ago came into this world and lived a life of service.

February 22 is a date known to all good citizens of this country, a birthday commemoration date that means vastly more to us than we sometimes realize. Whose memory could be more dear to us than the father of our country, the spotless character who led our armies with dauntless courage in the war that freed us? It was, indeed, fitting that on yesterday we paused and spent a time in glancing over pages describing the life of that great man. Whose natal day could we celebrate with more pride and pleasure than George Washington's?

The cherry tree—again it moved our heart in sentimental faith and reverence, and we were glad that this most marvellous of all character traits marked the life of the man that started these United States. Honesty—a truthfulness to the core, a veritable passion for honor above all things, a standard that could not be set aside—that, says history, was found in the leader of the American rebels. And Washington was virile, strong and athletic, normal, clean, a rather model lad as he grew up—who yet possessed his weaknesses, else he would not have been great—and when the age he reached, a man.

A proud nation this should be to know that its beginning was the result of such a man as George Washington, who saw the right of things, and who felt liberty to be a privilege inalienable, leading armies into battles with this grand passion uppermost, and emerging after brave and courageous risk of all, victoriously. A nation with conscience clear ours should be to know that the freedom and democracy that exists for us is an inheritance from the building of a man like Washington.

A splendid, far-seeing, unselfish statesman; a soldier who fought for a cause he deemed worthy of such fighting, brave, daring, relentless and unswerving; a gentleman, refined and cultured, noble and true—this Washington, this father of the nation whose birthday we commemorated yesterday.

We are glad we spent a few moments with history yesterday, and right happy we are, too, that it was with George Washington in our company.

## N. C. C. W. Request Sent To Legislature

Carolina's sister college, N. C. C. W., is just one step ahead of U. N. C. in the matter of asking the Legislature not to cut down on the appropriation for the next two years. At a mass meeting Friday night, February 16, the entire student body, 1,300 strong, signed a petition asking the General Assembly not to cut down on funds. In addition, each girl promised to write to a member of the Legislature and the "folks back home," urging that they bring all possible pressure to bear to prevent the slashing of the appropriation and the checking of the fullest development of the college.

The petition is as follows: "We, the students of the North Carolina College, realizing the need for higher education for the women of the state, and cognizant of the critical period in the state's educational history, do hereby go on record as endorsing such a policy of educational appropriations as will make provision for 4,200 high school girls graduating in the spring of 1923, and thus carry on the progressive program started by the Legislature in 1921."

## UNIVERSITY IS TO BE REPRESENTED AT ANN ARBOR ASSOCIATION

The Association of Medical Colleges will meet at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 21. A program of speeches by leading men of the country will be given. Papers on two subjects of especial interest to the University will be presented, "Problems of the Two Year Medical School," by Harley E. French, dean of the Medical School of the University of North Dakota; and "Shall the Premedical Requirements be Increased?" by Theodore Hough, Dean of the Medical Department of the University of Virginia. Either Dr. Manning or Dr. Chase will represent this University at the Association meeting.

## JUNIOR ORATORS PICKED

In the tryouts for the Junior Oratorical Contest, held last Monday night, the following men were chosen for the final contest to take place in Gerrard hall March 27: G. Y. Ragsdale and Julian Allsbrook, of the Phi society, with Dabney White as alternate; M. A. James and E. H. Hartsell, of the Di society, with H. S. Capps alternate.

## CONDITIONS OF ARMENIANS DESCRIBED BY DR. YONAN IN STRONG PLEA FOR AID

Lauds Work of American Near East Relief—Bitter Against Barbarian Turks.

## AMERICA THE ONLY HOPE

"The American Near East Relief Workers have done and are continuing to do more for Christianity than all the theologians of the ages," asserted Dr. Yonan, president of the Persian University, striking the keynote of his appeal on behalf of the refugees of Armenia, in Gerrard hall, Monday afternoon.

"We do not ask for help as beggars," he said, "but as defenders of Christianity against the barbarian Turks, who during their 600-year stay in Europe have contributed nothing to civilization but the Turkish bath. For six centuries we have fought and died for the sake of our religion and we will continue to fight unto the end. We have more martyrs for the cause than all countries combined. We fought in the Great War and not a single Armenian prisoner was taken by the Turks for we fought to the last."

The speaker told of how they had been forsaken since the World War, by France, Italy and England. "Our only hope lies in the help of the United States," he said. "Will you help us to save our children or will you ignore us?"

Rev. S. K. Emurian, a native of Armenia, sang several songs and played a few selections on the piano, including the Armenian national anthem.

Dr. Yonan was scheduled to speak in chapel in the morning, but due to the slowness of the "Carrboro Limited" he arrived too late, and was forced to postpone his speech until 5 o'clock p.m.

## Secretary Comer at Nashville Conference

H. F. Comer, secretary of the University Y. M. C. A., is now in Nashville as chairman of a commission appointed by the Southern student Y. M. C. A. secretaries to appear before the annual gathering of state and international secretaries of the 10 southern states. Saturday evening will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of the commission's report. The claims of student Y's for closer supervision and co-operation of the general association secretaries will be urged.

Mr. Comer left Thursday and will return Tuesday. He expected to stop for a few hours at Atlanta for what he hoped would be the final interview with Karl Zerfoss, the prospective assistant "Y" secretary for next year.

## Illicit Consumers Light Juice Raided

Active war was waged on excessive use of electricity all day Saturday by representatives of the University when they staged a round-up of high voltage lamps and electrical apparatus. All the dormitories were visited and all bulbs of above 75 watts were confiscated along with any heating or cooking instruments that depended on canned lighting for their usefulness. Those who were fortunate enough to get tipped off saved their possessions and empty sockets in several cases caused no little concern for the raiding party.

The raid was carried out in true Orange county style. The suspected abodes of the illicit consumers of the fluid were effectively surrounded by a force of able-bodied men varying from three to seven in number, and the places were rushed before the startled occupants were able to conceal their unlawful possessions. The raid was one of the most successful in recent years and it is believed that the illicit consumption of electricity has been effectively overcome for a time at least.

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## The CAROLINA BOLL WEEVIL

## TWO ARMENIANS INTEND TO PURSUE STUDIES HERE

After a Harrowing Adventures in Europe, Brothers to Seek Solitude in Chapel Hill.

Two natives of Armenia have come to Chapel Hill with the intention of entering school here next quarter. They are Baruyr Seranian and his brother Hoosig. Baruyr intends to follow the commerce course offered here and Hoosig will pursue the course leading to medicine.

These strangers attended the American high school at Tabriz in Persia Armenia. They were run out by the Turks in 1918 but returned later to resume their studies at the American high school. During the interval they studied at Teheran. Their uncle, Captain John Tamraz, came to Carolina and it was through him that they were directed here.

The two Armenians started from Tabriz last summer. They were arrested by the Bolshevik Armenians and questioned for three hours before they were allowed to proceed on their journey. At last, after much travel, they reached Batoum, a Black sea port, where they waited 16 days for a boat. At Constantinople they had to wait 16 more days before they could get a ship coming to this country. They arrived at New York last September and went to Yonkers where they remained until they came here.

They are very interesting characters. Athletics have an appeal for them just as to any average American school boy. Baruyr runs the half mile in track and Hoosig broad-jumps in track, and, besides, plays football.

They both speak several languages fluently. Baruyr speaks, besides English, Armenian, Russian, Turkish, French, Persian and Syrian. Hoosig speaks all of these and in addition speaks a made-to-order lingo known as Esperanto.

## BROADCASTING STATION IS NOW A POSSIBILITY

There has been much talk around the campus of a University radio broadcasting station, especially among the students and faculty of the Electrical Engineering department. Until the early part of last week, nothing definite as to what position the University would take on the matter and how the equipment would be secured had developed.

The Western Electric Company, of Chicago, sent a man here last week to look over the buildings and grounds to make a prospectus for the head office in Chicago. No plans or ideas as to the nature of the investigation were given out.

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