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### PLEDGE SYSTEM FLUNKS

It has been proved beyond doubt that many Carolina men, otherwise wholly honorable and trustworthy, do not consider an "understood" or "forced" pledge binding. We allude to the recent Easter festivities when numbers of Carolina men, members of the German club who supposedly have signed the pledge not to take any intoxicants six hours before each dance, appeared on the dance floor with the unmistakable odor of whisky on their breaths.

There was not a great deal of drinking during the dances, and on the floor we did not see a single person drunk or behaving unbecomingly to a gentleman and a Carolina man. The dances were very beautiful and successful, essentially clean and decent. Yet the fact remains that there was drinking—we do not say "drunkenness"—and this at the dances, under the pledge system, by men whom the Tar Heel would otherwise trust in any venture. We frankly admit that we think considerably less of those who we know to have broken the pledge, but we still believe them to be, at heart, honest men.

The prevalence of this wholesale breaking of the "forced" pledge, surprising as it was, proves that the drinking pledge is a failure and an unsuccessful dead end, and may as well be cast in the gymnasium swimming pool for all the good that it does. The Tar Heel was all for the drinking pledge before the current set of dances—we also favored prohibition once—but our ideas on the subject have been completely reversed. It has been tried and there is a loose cog somewhere for it failed miserably, and in failing it has cast a shadow and black mark on our esteemed and respected honor system. The biggest institution in Carolina life has suffered either through the appearance of something that has no place here or through the shortcomings of Carolina men who constitute this institution.

The drinking pledge at dances should be abandoned and forgotten as a little bad dream that the dancing men of Carolina suffered. Its object, the elimination of drinking or drunkenness at the dances, must be attained in some other manner. Some may argue that this is a step backward, but the Tar Heel falls to see it that way. There is certainly no progress in the employment of a system that does not work and apparently has the effect of causing honest people to think less seriously of their word of honor. Drinking will have to be eliminated by the dance managers or others assigned the task by simply seeing that it does not occur and removing from the floor those who are guilty of unbecoming behavior. That is the only way it can be done.

### BETTER DEBATING TEAMS

University people should feel very proud of the Carolina debaters who have recently made such a splendid

record and acquired great honors as representatives of this institution. The Tar Heel congratulates them for their fine performance.

Debating at Carolina has been rapidly on the decline during the past several years. The University has not turned out the consistently winning teams for which it was once so noted, and its leadership among colleges in the field of debating has been shaken considerably by several reverses and losses that were unexpected and are hard to be explained away. It has been said that the men out for debates have simply not put out the work that those whose voices once sounded in the halls of the Delta and Phi were accustomed to do.

But the victories of the University debaters in the recent oratorical events which have attracted nation-wide interest and comment is highly encouraging. It is a good indication that debating at Carolina is not a lost art, and that the institution bids fair to come back strong in an activity somewhat neglected recently. Perhaps it is the beginning of a new era when the consistent victories of the old days will be with us again.

### HIGH SCHOOL WORK

Hundreds of youthful visitors will be in Chapel Hill this week attending the High School activities. High School week has come to be one of the most important events on the University calendar and the Extension Division is doing a great work in this field.

One of the prime purposes in conducting events of this kind is advertising the University and its manifold advantages to prospective students. While the visitors are here this week it is up to the students to do their share in this work of giving them a whole-hearted welcome and helping entertain them in a fashion they will not soon forget. Courtesy to visitors has long been a tradition among Carolina students, and this should be especially remembered this week.

Among those who will be here are the most prominent and promising high school students in the state, leaders in undergraduate activities and scholarship, the kind of students that the University especially wants to come here. If they like the University and the spirit that the students show in entertaining them the chances are that they will be here to register next fall. Be courteous to them, show them around the campus, and let them get a true conception of the real University and the great things it has to offer.

### COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE.—This column is for the free exchange of opinion among our readers. Use it if you have anybody to kick or anything to praise. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the author; no anonymous communications will be published.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:  
Dere Jake:—

This iss to rite an exk you iss you saying yo prayers an givin thanks to somfin havin riz on de campus? Does you say, "Thank heven for de co-eds"? Ef you dont iss de same like not sayin much oblige when you gets a 6, whin you orta hav got a 7. Jest think of de space what you woodnt of had ef et hadnt been fur dem co-eds.

Now ey you wuz to ask me what I thinks of it id tel you dat i thinks dat dey orta bild a dormitory fur de co-eds what iss good lookers. Now dis iss what I says. Put onn a beautyty contest in de state an dem girls what wins out let em com on an be welcom, only dey got to promis first dat dey tak 1 -ed (dat means boy couuse de co part is left) to de pick ever night, an ull give a dance too times a weak, an of a -ed gets brok dat dey'll len him som money til he gets dat dollow frum hom, and dat dey wont wamp none of de profs what has wifes and babies an lifs down in Baby hollar, cause we dont wan no scandile like dey has out in Holywood, which iss a way out in cal, which dey says iss de bes state but I bet it aint no bettern N. carlina cause dey aint got none of Cam Morrisons oysters what de norther folks com down hear an stole frum us caus dey wanted to sel em to dem uropeans what comes over hear an writes about what we iss an aint an mak a big profit off of dem what iss lik dey do in de book exchang where you gets changed frum a rich man to a pour man like dey do wot by oil stok, but I got ter go ete diner an you haf to excuse me of I stops hear. So long  
Years truly,  
STETSON n. whitteleit.

Editor of the Tar Heel:

Having recently read a resolution adopted by the young women of the University asking for the erection of a women's dormitory, and also having read

various articles in the Tar Heel by young men in opposition to this request, and feeling an interest in the future of the University, I feel sure that the young folks will permit me to submit my views on this subject.

Before stating my position respecting this all-important question, I shall state my view with respect to women generally.

I was unalterably opposed to woman suffrage, and was one of the last to submit to the inevitable, not because I loved my country less, but because I loved the women more.

I am and have always been opposed to co-education but it appears that this question has also been settled and that the women are and will continue to be admitted to the University. If the question should now be co-education or not, I should say not, but inasmuch as it appears to be settled, I shall not cherish further opposition to it either.

In the language of the late Joseph Caldwell in a letter to me several years ago, "There is nothing true but Heaven and I have concluded to wag along with the crowd."

Inasmuch as co-education is a settled question at the University and women are citizens of the State, they should have a dormitory and one of the best on the Hill. If the young men can't resist "flapperization," as is indicated by one correspondent, then let them go. I feel sure that I have two boys there whom they will never encompass.

Permit me to state in closing that the criticisms of the women's resolutions by the Editor of the Tar Heel might have been in a little better taste.

Respectfully,  
R. B. REDWINE.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

A rumor has reached me that certain parties on the campus wish to know what has become of the money paid as admission to the wrestling meets held recently between Carolina and their opponents. If you will allow me space enough to publish the financial statement for the season, which is found below, perhaps it will straighten out some of the parties in doubt.

Although not a money maker, the season was a success, the team having paid for every item used, even to entertaining the visiting teams, and buying everything used during the season, not having any outside financial help.

As a sport, wrestling has been very well received in the University although the crowds were poor at times. They were sufficient to see the team through financially, and the spirit of the student body attending was incentive enough to the wrestlers to enable them to win three out of their four matches, piling up 87 points as against 37 for their opponents.

As will be seen below, the season closes with a profit of \$17.03 and a successful season as to meets with other colleges, having won from State College 26 to 5, Guilford 35 to 0, Davidson 18 to 9, and losing only to Trinity, 23 to 8.

With such a record and a season the sport is certainly worthy of being taken over by the Athletic Association next year.

The financial statement for the season 1922-23 follows:

	Rets.	Disburs.
Trial, Dec. 10, admission 10	12.25	
Trinity College, admissions 25c	66.00	
Guarantee		\$ 25.00
Guilford College, admissions 25c	30.75	
Expenses		40.25
Guarantee		\$25.00
Referee	10.00	
Meals	1.75	
Printing	3.50	
Davidson College, admissions 25c	46.00	
Expenses		59.75
Guarantee		\$50.00
Meals	4.25	
Laundry	1.50	
Printing	4.00	
State College, guarantee, no entertainment	50.00	
Expenses		36.82
One car to Raleigh	\$18.00	
Lunch	2.00	
Supper	6.00	
Fruit, etc.	.90	

Poindexter's R. R. fare to Raleigh	1.50
Stopping Mr. Poindexter at Durham 2-24-23	1.00
Extra trip to Raleigh	7.42
Uniforms for team, 7 at \$3.50	24.50
Profit for year	17.03

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AUBREY SHACKELL,  
Manager Wrestling.

### TENNIS COURTS SCARCE

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

The annual spring-time tennis fever has rapidly spread over the campus in the last few weeks and with the return of spring and long afternoons the students are more and more seeking diversion and recreation in that sport.

Much bitterness is apparent among the racket-wielders over the extreme scarcity and general run-down condition of the courts on the campus. Among the groups of players that gather about the courts can be heard many complaints about the unjustness and unfairness of the authorities in neglecting to provide ample facilities for this branch of athletics which is in reality the only one that any where near approaches the state of being a mass sport.

There are now available to the student body only three courts, the varsity keeping one of the six courts occupied and the remaining two are neither equipped with nets nor in shape to be played upon. In no case are the courts marked off or any care given them.

Many students complain that the university sinks enormous amounts of money into training a privileged few while it utterly fails to make any provision for the major part of the students who are deprived of all chance to participate in the only athletics available to the general run of students.

Before the construction of the new buildings the campus was fairly well supplied with courts, but these had to be destroyed to make way for more buildings and thus far no new courts have been provided and there seems to be no plan for building any in the near future.

At present the student must content himself with either taking a chance at getting a court to play on or else exert himself by doing the "daily dozen" or walking thru the arboretum and dreaming of a happy day far in the future when things will be as they ought to be.

HANNIBAL NERO.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

I have read of the controversy in the Tar Heel concerning the affairs and conditions on the campus, and, from the viewpoint of an interested spectator, I would like to offer a little information, which, although it has no direct connection on the subject in question, may help in improving conditions.

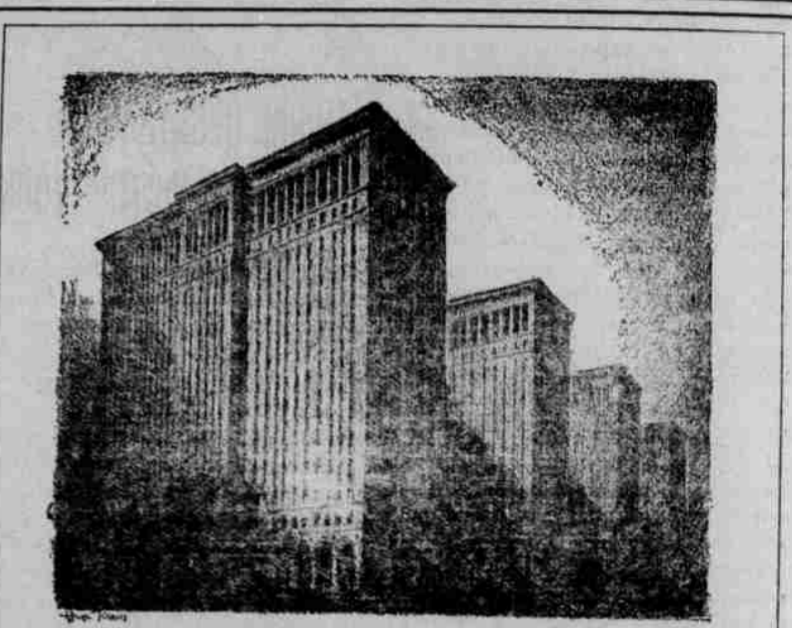
In the days before prohibition, the manufacture of alcohol, and I use this term to mean alcoholic drinks of all kinds, and not the pure grain alcohol, was on a scientific scale, controlled and operated by scientists who knew their business. The product was manufactured with the utmost care and nothing but first class stuff was allowed to be made.

The process of manufacture, in brief, was as follows: Barley grains were spread to a thickness of about four inches on a clean, dry, cement floor in a dark room. They were moistened and allowed to sprout. This process was very important, and when the sprouts were of certain length, the growth was stopped by heating the grain. In the process of this slight growth, the insoluble proteins in the barley grain were made soluble. The grain was then called malt. When this product was fermented, certain other precautions followed, and alcohol of good quality resulted.

I cannot stress too emphatically the importance of the preparation of the malt. The last bit of dirt or foreign matter which got into this product through careless handling or unsanitary methods changed materially the character of the product when the malt was fermented. In fact, unless the utmost care was taken in the preparation of this product the malt could not be used. In those days the alcoholic drinks were safe. They were manufactured

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by scientists who knew their business. How is it today? First, the manufacture of the product is taken from the hands of competent men and placed in the hands of ignorant amateurs. These people know little or nothing about the needs of its manufacture, and sanitation is unthought of. It makes no difference to them whether the malt is clean or not. They probably never heard of sterilization. Any method will do for the sprouting of the malt; any vessel will do for the fermentation of the product; and any alcohol will do which is the result of these methods.

What is the outcome of these conditions? Here's what happens: In the days before prohibition the fermentation was accurately controlled. An enzyme was present to act upon the sugars of the malt. Bacteria was absent. A uniform product resulted. Now, everything and anything is present in the fermentation. Bacteria abound, and these bacteria work on the soluble proteins, breaking them down into decomposition products which impart into the product a taste and an odor, before the enzyme begins to work on the sugars. These decomposition products may or may not be poisonous. Certainly they are not desirable because they are analogous to the decomposition products of spoiled, decayed meat. Practically the same product would result if the extract of spoiled, decayed meat were mixed with a little grain alcohol as the moonshine of today. Distillation will not help matters any as the simple amines are volatile and come over with the alcohol.

To my mind it is these decomposition products which may or may not be

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