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CENSORSHIP?—WE QUIT

We understand that certain University professors became extremely and conspicuously irate over our recent slap at a certain state newspaper and what we chose to call its "comic supplement." The Alumni Review and the Carolina Magazine have put themselves down vs. the Tar Heel and joined in the battle expressing great fears over the freedom of our bold and daring sheet which was unexplainably naughty enough to say that it did not favor co-education and the building of a woman's dormitory here at this time; and which—heaven forbid—came out and stated that it thought a certain newspaper in the state a punk gazette full of political ambitions. The Review hints at a new day when some faculty suppression or censorship may be necessary if the Tar Heel continues to speak out its candid opinions. Such, we are told, some of the other irate ones have also hinted.

The Tar Heel is confident that the overwhelming sentiment in the faculty is against any such notion, and we have no fear that it will ever be attempted. But the mere suggestion of this thing rather disgusts us, as it does all the students here who do their own thinking and are not willing to submit to any such silly prep school practice. The Tar Heel may make mistakes, and it may be indiscreet—also be it plain that we are not necessarily the voice of the student body or of the University. The Tar Heel is simply a student newspaper which, we are convinced, will never stand for any kind of censorship or suppression of the news or editorial matter it desires to print. We sincerely trust that next year the Tar Heel will have a politer and more law abiding editor, one who will please the Review et al; then maybe this absurd censorship talk will hush for all time.

MISS KNOX COMING

The announcement that Miss Emille Rose Knox will give a violin concert here next Friday night brings joy to the University campus. She will be welcomed with her usual large and enthusiastic Carolina audience, this year larger and more enthusiastic than ever before. The students await her appearance here with the keenest anticipation.

No artist that visits Carolina gets the reception that is invariably accorded Miss Knox. It is almost a Carolina tradition that her concert is about the most pleasurable event of the year in the way of events in Gerrard hall. She has the art or capacity or whatever it is to thoroughly delight Carolina students, who go to hear her as religiously as they attend the baseball games and the Carolina Playmakers.

NEW SYSTEM OF ELECTIONS NECESSARY

The president of the student body has called a series of meetings, attended by prominent students in all the classes, at which are being discussed questions of vital importance relating primarily to the functioning of the Student Council and the spirit of the Honor System with the attitude the student body has toward it. One purpose he has in view is to make the sailing easier for next year's president of the students and his co-workers, and the devising of some plan to educate the students, especially the incoming freshman class, to the right attitude toward the Council and a clearer conception of the Honor system. A purpose of more immediate consequence is to get a full discussion of the possibilities of eliminating shady political movements in the coming political campaigns and elections. It is his wish to find some method to have a unanimous and whole hearted observance of the honor spirit in these all-important events, which affect, as it were, so vitally the welfare of the campus.

The action is commendable and doubtless some good will come of this series of meetings. The problems that face the Student Council are as intricate as they are numerous, and only the full co-operation of the students can lessen them, this full co-operation meaning simply the citizens of the campus being law abiding, ever holding strictly to the finest traditions of the Honor system. It is generally agreed that most trouble comes from the freshman class, the men who usually are unaccustomed to the freedom granted by this system and with half baked and distorted ideas of what it stands for. If these meetings can produce a plan whereby next year's freshmen can learn of this fine system of honor prevailing here, possibly before they even arrive on the campus; and if they can be taught shortly after they register in the University, that it is the ideal of our student government to have every man consider his honor above everything else, and that his freedom is given him because he is trusted as a man of honor; then a great deal, indeed, will be accomplished. If such can come out of these meetings the Campus next year will be better for it, and we can see our system of honor and our system of student government one step nearer the goal of perfection we would like them to be.

But in the matter of the spring elections we fear the president of the student body is on the wrong track. He is of the opinion that any kind of supervised system of conducting the polls will be against the traditions of our esteemed Honor system. He would even have the ballot boxes left without a keeper, and trust the honor of the students to conduct the elections honestly. Yet, if such a system is employed, we have no doubt but that when the votes are counted a careful watch will be made to see that there have been no false votes cast, suspicious names will be carefully checked up and even thrown out, if necessary, and every means will be employed to see that nothing crooked has occurred. The students are trusted a long way but not all the way. Just as the Self Help apples are left open in a box at the Y. M. C. A., but with all the money carefully locked up. The students are trusted with the apples but not with the money. Just as on Chemistry and Physics examinations the students are trusted not to cheat, with the instructors leaving the room, asking only that a pledge be signed to the papers; whereas, on these same courses, each day an assistant is posted at the classroom doors to see that the students do not hang up more than one attendance ring or hang up an attendance ring and then beat it out the front door without attending. Trusted on examinations but not trusted in a simple thing like every day attendance.

The Tar Heel is not criticizing these little matters, but is only endeavoring to drive home the point that the Honor system at Carolina does not prevail in everything connected with University life, and for that matter never will. The Honor system, in other words, is not inclusive of everything. Students are trusted in some things and not in others. Students are trusted a part of the way but not all of the way. Yet we have an Honor system here, and a very fine and commendable Honor system, one which we are proud to say works wonderfully well and has come to be the very finest thing that we have connected with student life. But back to the elections. The system of elections is one of those things the Tar Heel believes should be conducted along other lines than the Honor system. We have seen that in all past elections of any consequence, for some reason or another, there has been an abundance of crookedness on the part of those students here who do not comply with the Honor system and who, for the most part, never will regardless of what we may do in attempting to educate them to its spirit. This same crookedness would occur this year, and in as important a thing as the elections we cannot afford to have it. The wrong man may get an important campus post simply because of some dastardly political trick that may never be discovered. Then, too, a system of elections somewhat similar to those conducted in the state such as we would propose is good training and a good thing to have here. It will both insure an honest election which may possibly not occur otherwise due to the malfeasance of those who refuse to co-operate in the honor spirit (which, do not misunderstand, does not prove that the honor spirit does not generally prevail here) and at the same time it will give good experience to the students who are about to step out into a world composed of more elections than anything else—municipal, town, county, state, and what not.

The plan we would propose is the registering district system. Let the campus be divided into districts, with separate polls for each district. Then call a Registration day with the students registering at the polls of his district. On Election day when a student comes to vote the polls holder will look up the voter's name and if he is properly registered allow him to cast his ballot. Granted the polls keepers are honest there can be no crookedness in such a system, and we will be sure then the men elected are those the students want in office. This system is not complicated, for the districts can be easily formed, and if the whole thing is properly advertised the vote will be as large as it would be with the old outworn unsuccessful system. It fits in with the growing condition of recognized open politics, and it will be a healthy and progressive step forward. The objection that it is not in keeping with the honor system will not hold. The Tar Heel believes that it is the only remedy to a present day pretty sorry state of affairs in the way of elections.

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.

SOME SPECULATIONS

During the next few weeks the turbulent teapot of campus political activities will bubble and seethe with its annual tempest. It will bubble and seethe right merrily for a couple of weeks, and then everybody will forget who was elected to what, formidable machines and rings will quietly disintegrate, personal animosities will be forgotten, and the peace that passeth all misunderstanding will settle down on the campus again.

It has been said that the big offices on the Hill will go begging this year because of the lack of "outstanding figures" in the class of '24. These somewhat derogatory remarks are being made chiefly by freshmen who nat-

urally find it difficult to recognize greatness in others since the said greatness is so completely shadowed by their own. What the doleful freshman really means is that it's too bad the student body president can't be elected from the rising sophomore class instead of the rising senior class. Everybody will admit this to be a true saying, because everybody has been a freshman at one time in his college career and he will remember just how he felt.

But, granting that our freshmen friends are absolutely right—and they are not the only ones saying these naughty things by any means—granting that the class of '24 is possessed of no regulation Yackety-Yack demigods, isn't it something to be thankful for? The average man in the class, not having any high-and-mighties to make comparison with, will probably be spared the development of a very acute inferiority complex. Nobody has any fault to find with the class of '24 as a whole, it probably averages as high in intelligence and accomplishment as the general run of classes, certainly as high as any on the campus at the present

time. The great draw-back seems to lie in the fact that there is not enough towering and overshadowing inequalities to make a choice for political positions easy.

But after all, when we get that type of man here on the campus we spoil him with undue flattery. We elect him high muckety-muck of this and grand clickety-click of that until his self-conceit becomes an everlasting torment to himself and an eternal nuisance to everybody else. Things come too easy on this campus to a man with a volitive type of mind, the representative man, the all-round man.

This brings us to a consideration of the material really available for the offices soon to be filled by popular ballot. What do we demand of our candidates? Character, merit and ability certainly ought to be among the first considerations. The class of '24 is not deficient in character. As for merit, there are any number of men who have worked faithfully at such tasks as have come to their hands to do, and who without any doubt deserve what honors the student body has in its power to bestow. Finally, none of the offices open are of sufficient arduousness to require men of super-human ability to fill them. Whoever gets them will be able to discharge them reasonably well and the University will continue to get along somehow.

With one note of warning to prospective candidates this rambling dissertation closes. Whoever you are, if you have been a campus citizen long enough and have passed a sufficient amount of work to make you eligible for these offices, and if you have been able to win and hold the confidence of the student body in such a way as to get yourself elected to one of them, then you are not going to have any trouble discharging such duties as may be entrusted to your care. But don't imagine that the rest of us are going to spend the remainder of our college careers admiring you and commenting upon your greatness. We have other things to think of, and probably the only time we shall remember you at all is when something goes wrong and we look around to see who is to blame. We may be so inconsiderate as to cherish somewhere in our inmost hearts the secret belief that we are every bit as good as you are. Yes, Mr. Lucky Candidate, a majority of us, for one reason and another, are going to cast our ballots for you. You will be elected. But let us regret, Mr. Lucky Candidate, bear in mind that the most tragic, most pathetic, most heart-rending spectacle on God's green earth is a college "big man" visibly bloated with the sense of his own importance.

A. LOOKERON.

PLEDGE SYSTEM

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

I notice in the last issue of the Tar Heel an editorial calling attention to what you consider the failure of the so-called "pledge system" as a preventative of drinking at dances. In any discussion which may follow in regard to this matter, there are some facts concerning the recent University dances that should be known in the interest of accuracy and clear thinking. Your columns are accessible to so many readers that have not been present at the dances that I should like the privilege of calling attention to the following statement:

I have been present at every series of dances given by the University students since the Finals of 1920 except the Finals of 1922. I have not only been present but I have been so placed that many people took pains to express their opinion of the dances to me both during and after the dancing. I am confident that throughout this entire period there has been steadily and constantly accelerated improvement in the tone of the dances and an equal decrease in the number of participants who had been drinking in any measure at all. I am equally certain that the Easter dances just closed were no exception to this trend but were more free from all objectionable features including drinking, than those which had preceded in the period mentioned.

What I have just said is merely a comparative statement. The facts warrant a more explicit description. I would say that the dances just closed were the best that I have seen, in point of conduct, anywhere within recent years, were worthy of the social traditions of the University, and were completely creditable, looked at from the strictest point of view.

I do not mean in this statement to draw any inferences from this fact as to the value or danger of the pledge system. I think that issue should be settled, as it was in the first instance, by the members of the German club without any pressure from the University. I do mean to say that the dances have been increasingly creditable to the University and to the students engaged, and that those who will read of this present discussion, but who have no

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