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### REFERENDUM ON BOK PLAN WILL BE GIVEN

President Chase recently asked the Campus Cabinet to give full publicity to the Bok Peace Award through all the channels available, so that an intelligent vote may be taken on it sometime next week. This is in accordance with the country wide referendum that has been raging ever since the plan was released to the Press. As the Tar Heel goes to print, arrangements are being made to have both sides of the question presented in chapel by well informed professors, a discussion in the literary society halls, and further publicity given it in the Tar Heel, in order that every student may be sufficiently acquainted with the plan to give it an intelligent vote.

President Chase evidently wishes to sound the student interest and knowledge of timely world affairs and to stimulate thought toward the big things happening beyond the boundaries of Orange County. The Bok Plan which has stirred up volumes of pro's and con's and which is being discussed at the present time by Congress, offers a splendid opportunity to test the student interest in public affairs, and their reaction to the referendum should produce enlightening results.

Chapel Hill, due to its unique location, is out of stride with the rest of the world, relying on the daily paper as the chief means of contact. We sit back complacently in our safe refuge from the giddy whirl and take a passive interest in national problems. It's true that we follow the hectic career of genial Andy Gump, the domestic troubles of Jiggs, absorb the sporting sheets, and perhaps read the headlines of the live questions of the day, but outside problems little disturb us. We have our own difficulties and interests, and simply haven't time to keep in touch with national affairs.

Those who doubt this condition spend some Saturday night with the literary societies where the supposedly best posted men on timely topics gather for weekly sessions, and listen to the hot blasts of shallow arguments based on a scant handful of reading knowledge and hard facts. Or ask some chance student his opin-

ion of the Mellon tax plan and he'll side step you as a dangerous character.

It is this paper's opinion that less than half of the student body read the daily papers at all, and a small minority thoroughly. The percentage of signed answers to the Peace Award referendum should give a definite proof of our active interest in a question of world importance, and if the results are as discouraging as outward appearances suggest, a wave of reform should be launched. The Bok plan in brief appears on the front page and the discussion in chapel will offer a thorough presentation of the issues involved. By the time the referendum takes place, every student will have had an opportunity to gain acquaintance with the subject.

### THE Y'S DILEMMA

"Don't borrow until your present bills are paid," is often chirped by business men. This is a sound enough maxim, but how can bills be met when your debtors refuse to pay you? This is the present predicament of the Y. M. C. A. which is struggling to meet its obligations by collecting money from students who sacredly pledged their dollars in last fall's campaign, and at the same time is making plans to finance the expense of a wing of the Graham Memorial building as the "Y's" future home. The proposed section of the Y. M. C. A. will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, which Secretary Comer hopes to obtain through a private means, but unless the "Y" shows a clean financial slate, the dream bubble will explode.

The "Y" is marking time in its present cramped quarters, patiently waiting for the adequate space that it should have been allotted long ago. Expansion and improvement of "Y" service is almost impossible in the miserable little building that now shelters the "Y" workers. Yet the Y. M. C. A. with a minimum of equipment have made themselves indispensable to the campus, mainly through their service to self help students and the many thankless duties they render to the student body at large. These facts should be considered by the men who have pledged money for the "Y" support when they are asked to fulfill their promise. And then isn't it sometimes said that Carolina students have honor?

Mr. Comer states that the pledged money will take care of running expenses and enable the "Y" to meet definitely for an appropriation for the new quarters. Otherwise there is small hope of obtaining the appropriation.

### MISS HENDERSON RETURNS

Gazing from the snow-capped heights of the Alps. Surrounded by nobles and otherwise from every distant land; quiet evenings in Venice listening to the mellow tenors that have made Italy famous. Drinking in the marvelous lights that play upon the Mediterranean by moonlight. Lost amid the wonders of old India, from there across the peaceful oriental waters to take in the wonders of Japan's enchanted gardens. Amid the courts of the world, the excitement of an earthquake, life an ever changing picture. But Miss Curtis Henderson has returned to Chapel Hill. After over a year of travel and living in the Oriental Miss Henderson has expressed her joy at being "home again."

### MISS TUTTLE TO SPEAK

Miss Emeth Tuttle, Director of Mothers' Aid of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, will speak to the Community Club Friday, January 25th at 3:30 p. m. Her subject "Mothers' Aid" will be of interest to all. Everyone is invited to be present at this meeting. Miss Tuttle appears at the request of the Social Service Committee of the Community Club.

All the ailments reported on the sick list of the infirmary for the past week were suffering with bad colds. Those that were confined were Professor Natcher, E. B. Glenn, Jr., R. P. Warren, J. C. Penley and Herbert Roscowter.



### THE DESERT

BY THE SHRIEK

N. B.—The following is The Desert by The Shriek.

The Old Man of the Wilderness opened his 'colyum' last week by apologizing for the compositor's grievous error in writing titles in the previous issue. We hereby emphatically repeat same. Furthermore, he devoted approximately one half of his dept. to comments upon our own first appearance on this page. We have no intention of vice-versa but before launching upon the arid plains of the Desert proper we wish to voice several shrieks of protest.

In the first place we object to being catalogued as "an enterprising fellow." This phrase evidently got lost in the Wilderness; properly it would be flung from a mountain top. In the second place we object to the tepid report of our remarks upon seeing our initial windstorm blowing about through the Wilderness instead of over its native wastes. We think what we really did say much more picturesque, not to say awe-inspiring. In fact, the glory of our wrath approached that memorable occasion in Miss Cates' Cafeteria when we discovered that we had mistaken pig's feet for veal chops.

And lastly, though it is no doubt useless, we protest against the obvious distortion of our remarks in ref. to students of the adjoining sex. We can't quite seem to place these 'Shebas' of which he spoke (and sang.) Even so we cannot visualize any fair huntresses stalking us, notwithstanding the statue of the calendar and notwithstanding the fact that 'our rival' seems to have a great deal of trouble in this direction. We don't know whether he was being facetious again or just plain dizzy. In any event, our ultimate comment is "Piffle!"

One great pome Deserts another, don't you think?  
The hoary old Man of the Woods,  
In one of his humorous moods,  
Wrote a pome to the Shriek,  
And called him a shiek,  
But he didn't quite deliver the goods.

Nevertheless, the Shriek must confess that he thanks the dear man for his words.

During the recent process of getting ourself properly card indexed for three months in the Sanctorum of T. J. Wilson, which process as you doubtless suspect took place in Memorial Hall, our roving gaze rested upon an innocent looking table which stood apart in solitary glory. Here sat T. J. himself and here sat T. J. III, and here, between the two, sat the chair all vacant, that is to say, not occupied. Whereupon our imagination whose gaze had rested at the moment upon the same thing, naturally inquired: "I wonder if the chair is reserved for the Holy Ghost?"

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Wouldn't it be funny if the line-typist, after his peculiar fashion, should set the 'a' in the above Hall as 'e' instead of 'a' in the word Hall and thereby print H-ll instead of Hall. Wouldn't it be funny (?)! It's a cinch that we and consequently he would very soon catch H-ll.

It seems to have become dangerous to write anything for publication in the Tar Heel containing words of more than two syllables. In the first place it is quite likely that by the time they reach the printed page many of the words will have only a hereditary connection with the words of the author. Or perhaps the author will be nonplussed to class some of them as even remote descendants of his own brain children.

In the second place we heard the rather weird comment that our first colyum was TOO LITERARY. Ye living and breathing gods! Literature has certainly changed since we were a wee lad swinging on the gate. We know there was no literature in that column so it must have been the several poly-syllable words. We stand disillusioned for the 308th time. But, my poor, dear, imposed-upon readers, if there be any left, we defy you to find any literature in this week's breeze.

As we go to press it is reported that there are still two men on the campus who are living up to their New Year resolutions to quit smoking. One of these, however, is weakening rapidly.

It has only come to our notice since we began this colyum that the appearance on this page of the former (we were about to say erstwhile) popular 'Students' Forum' is these days appallingly infrequent. Somebody explained it on the ground that G. D. Goover and Homer Hoyt are not here this year, but that is not sufficient. Where are all the hell-raisers of last year and former years? Where are all the old Treadors? What has become of the ancient and honored Order of Taurus? If some of you guys would kick up a fuss now and then there wouldn't be so much space to fill with these two utterly worthless so-called 'colyums'.

N. B.—The foregoing was The Desert by The Shriek.

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