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Saturday, November 1, 1924

More and more college papers are beginning to dabble editorially in outside affairs. There is no reason why college editors should be barred from expressing their opinions on national and international affairs and problems as well as purely campus affairs.

It has been the policy of the editor this year to get away from as many petty campus "kicks" as possible, and discuss in the columns assigned to him as editor problems that more deeply pertain to the campus at large and to students as students, as citizens of the state, and as citizens of the nation.

The recent discussion of National Defense Day by the press of the country has also been made the subject of comment by college editors. An editorial from the *Harvard Crimson* deals with the celebration in a very practical light. We can do no better than to print the words of the Harvard editor.

"A short month ago the United States celebrated a National Defense Day with great show of mock-mobilization, much waving of flags, and a flood of rhetorical exhortation by generals and others who should have known better. This week, in Berlin, military leaders of the two great warrior-countries of Europe, whose quarrels have been the great obstacle to peace for three hundred years, are leading a world peace congress in the denunciation of war. General Verraux, of France and General Shoenaich, of Germany attack their own trade with true military straightforwardness.

"While Secretary Wilbur, of the Navy, invokes a highly intelligent posse of sheriffs to enforce his censorship of a realistic play concerning the Marines in the trenches, on the ground that it disparages the romance of military life and may discourage enlistment, General Shoenaich, German commander on the Rumanian front, calls fools and cowards the officers of the old regime who still cling to the old militaristic ideals. While the entire strategic staff of the United States Army goes on speaking tours to persuade the voters to enlarge the regular army and create a large citizen army, General Verraux, commander of the sixth French corps, urges a general strike against war, even a strike of generals.

"America, long considered the most defenceless great nation in the world, has just swallowed two bitter doses of jingoism without blinking. European countries, where a vigorous military class has long been the tradition, finds its warlike ideals trampled upon by their former defenders. Perhaps this reversed balance of trade in military illusions may mean a reversal of military strength; as Bertrand Russell insists, the United States may become the only great military nation in the world. The unsophisticated ear of American public opinion is still fascinated by the blare of warlike demonstration, and the jingo is still the herald of patriotism."

THE CASE OF CHECK FLASHING

The story in the last issue of The TAR HEEL concerning the case of check flashing at the University Cafeteria has been mistaken in its meaning by a good number of students.

In justice to the management of the cafeteria it should be stated that the

case is not being pushed at all by the manager of the cafeteria. From a point of law the case does not concern the cafeteria now at all. It is purely one of state against the check flasher. The law is taking its course at no urging on the part of anyone and this fact should be clearly understood by all who have followed the case at all.

This case is not the only case of check flashing that has come to the attention of the cafeteria manager. Last year there were checks to amount to over fifteen hundred dollars turned back by the banks to the cafeteria. The majority of these have been made good, of course, but there are a number that have not. At present the cafeteria is holding approximately fifty dollars in bad checks not including those cashed by the apprehended student. All of these checks have been made since school opened.

Check flashing is absolutely unlawful and hardly to be excused. No amount of hard luck tales can be taken as excuses for students to cash bad checks. If a man who actually flashes a check to secure money is caught in the act it is his own fault. In the first place it is unlawful as a state law. Then it is unlawful as a campus law. And it is certainly undesirable in the trust that the merchants of Chapel Hill place in a student when they cash a check for him.

We feel sorry that such a case has come up as it has. But it is better that a case of this sort be brought out in the light than to be under cover, in which state it will serve possibly as an incentive to more check flashing or even more misdemeanors.

A movement to bail the boy out of jail is not opposed by us. In fact the very man that went on half of the bail money fully agrees that the law should be allowed to take its course. Proceedings against the boy cannot be dropped by the cafeteria, simply because there are none to drop. The case is in the hands of the state. Such information should relieve the cafeteria manager from all harsh feelings on the part of students.

As for the story in the TAR HEEL, it was perfectly legitimate. The facts were accurately portrayed and the human interest element of the story was merely drawn by the reader from the facts themselves.

Arrested Student Has Been Released

The student who was arrested on a charge of check-flashing was released Wednesday on bond furnished by Mr. Strowd. He has now returned to Asheville to go to work. Many who have become acquainted with the circumstances of the case have expressed much sympathy for the former student.

Investigation shows that the student while self-dependent has the backing of several prominent citizens of Asheville. These, it was learned, have aided him financially from time to time. When arrested he stated that he intended to take up the checks as soon as he received expected aid. That this was probably his intention is shown by the fact that on entering school this fall he took up two overdraft checks with which he bought meal tickets last spring.

His sympathizers cite the lack of invention he displayed as proof that he is not an instinctive or practiced criminal and that his intentions were not dishonest or he did not realize the seriousness of his offense. All the checks written by him show no attempt to conceal his handwriting. The names signed to the checks were fictitious and not forged. He gave most of his checks to one firm rather than to several which would have probably delayed his apprehension. His final act was, when asked to endorse a check to which he had signed a fictitious name, to use his own name.

A club similar to the French Club and having as its object the promotion of interest in the German language among students will hold its first meeting in the Y at 7 p. m. Tuesday.

All men must present registration cards to be admitted to game today.

CALENDAR

Saturday, 2:30 P. M.—N. C. vs. S. C., Emerson Field.
7:00 P. M.—Di and Phi Societies, Di and Phi Halls.
8:30 P. M.—Hon. Walter Murphey, Memorial Hall.
9:00 P. M.—Grail Dance, Bynum Gymnasium.
Sunday, 4:00 P. M.—"Songs of the Old South," Mrs. Collingwood Tucker, Memorial Hall.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. Lewis Thornbury, Gerrard Hall.
Monday, 7:30 P. M.—Fayetteville club, Y. M. C. A.
8:30 P. M.—Tar Heel meeting, Tar Heel office.
Tuesday 7:00 P. M.—German Language Club, Y. M. C. A.
Vocational Discussion Groups:
8:30 period.....Gerrard Hall
9:30 period.....Gerrard Hall
11:00 period.....Peabody Hall
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2:00 period.....Peabody Hall
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Miss Draper Receives Praise

Many who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Ruth Draper, the famous diseuse, last month, will be interested in knowing that some of her sketches or monologues are being printed in the *Woman's Home Companion*. In the November issue of this magazine, there is a tribute of unequalled praise to Miss Draper, accompanying the reproduction of one of the anecdotes which she gave in her program here in Chapel Hill.

The sketch is "Three Generations in a Courtroom," which involves the three types of the Jewish-American mind,—the old Jewish grandmother, the more modern mother, and the mining modern typist granddaughter. While the sketch read in connection with the remembrance of Miss Draper's most adequate characterizations, seems a little bare in spots, because of the absence of movement, it is altogether interesting.

Infirmiry Notes

The following students are in the infirmary:

Dickerson Murphy, '27, of Asheville, acute sinus infection.
W. W. Bullock, '26, Belhaven, malaria.
R. A. Proffitt, '27, Burnsville, carbuncle.
J. A. Williams, '27, Hendersonville, acute cold.



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