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PARAGRAPHS

Wuxtra! Wuxtra! Last issue 'fore Christmas.

There's a bit of irony in the claim being advanced by a member of the football squad to the title of triple-threat man. Says he's threatening to funk three courses.

We wonder if the drive being made by the Lucky Strike Cigarette people to "Win More Friends" here has anything to do with the local coed smoking situation.

The Charlotte Observer for Thursday would lead one to believe that war had been declared against a world power. But the streamer had only to do with the faculty's war on drinking at the local dances.

Final 1925 saying of our favorite Campus Cynic: "There was drinking at the Thanksgiving dances, therefore the dances are abolished. There was drinking at the football games. There is drinking going on in colleges. Therefore let's abolish football and colleges. 'Twould be as logical."

The Duke University Chronicle announces that the "Green Room" who "exposed the decline of the Playmakers" is going to review the plays at Duke. We knew that the reviewer waxed caustic, but the exposure of the Playmaker's decline is something new on us.

All possible efforts are being made by the Publications Union Board to carry on with a tri-weekly TAR HEEL next quarter. The semi-weekly last year left a comfortable surplus in the treasury and it may be possible to draw on this and continue Carolina's "almost Daily."

The TAR HEEL wishes to all its readers a successful examination period, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Evidently the best and safest way to get to heaven is to buy a ticket from Station-Master Bill Couch. That is, if we are to take Charles Frederick (the Great, we suppose) Bluske seriously.

THREE YEARS FROM NOW

Three years ago, according to the letter from Dr. Chase to the German Club, conditions at certain dances here were so unsatisfactory that the Club was forced to assume responsibility for future dances in order to avoid their suspension. The German Club complied with this mandate and the suspension was prevented.

The conduct at the recent fall dances was of such a nature that the University, looking back three years, recalls the outbreak of that year and places the ban on all dancing here until after the Easter recess. After then the social life of the Hill will be allowed to revive itself and, student conduct permitting, the commencement dances will be allowed to take place.

What will be the result of this action? Three years ago, after the University's threat of dances suspension, student conduct improved for a season and all went well. This fall the floodgates opened again. After the Easter recess, student conduct will no doubt mend itself for a period. But three years from now will there be another outbreak, and another scandal for enemies of the University to gloat over?

In all probability there will be. And why? One of the most interesting and peculiar phenomena brought to light by the recent unpleasantness is the attitude of the faculty toward the student body. It seems to regard the student body as a stationary, permanent, campus fixture. It seems to forget that every four years there is an almost complete turnover, and that there is then a new community of men here. A professor on class recently, in berating the drinking during the holidays, cited an incident occurring twelve years ago that resulted in the death of a student. This professor was unable to understand why the students of today did not have a vivid recollection of this happening. He forgot that there had been three generations of college students here since that day and that few, if any, knew of the incident of which he spoke.

The faculty remains here and is practically permanent. But the student body is ever changing. The action of the University three years ago was hardly remembered by the 1925 students. It took place in what was really the preceding generation. In three more years the greater part of the present college generation will have been replaced by new men.

The abolition of dances during next quarter will act as a pretty thorough cure for drinking during the next year or two. But no longer. The University has made no permanent contribution in this prohibitionary move. The measure is no more lasting than the present generation. Let new blood come in, and with it will come ignorance of what has happened this year, and a similar occurrence to that of the recent holidays is almost certain to develop.

Suspension of the dances does not in the least touch at the root of the drink evil at the University of North Carolina. The root is the supply and the curbing of it is the only key that will put an end to drinking here.

We refuse to get excited over prohibition. To us it is a social problem that has unfortunately been placed in the category of morality. But the laws of the land and of the University provide against drinking, and provides definite penalties for infractions. If this law is to be enforced, it should be enforced consistently. The dryness and wetness of future North Carolina depends upon the wetness and dryness of students while attending school here. The state draws many of its servants from the University student body. The students here today, will be ruling North Carolina tomorrow. The drier they are brought up, the sooner will North Carolina be just that much drier.

A definite and lasting effort to rid this community of bootleg liquor is the only solution. It can not, of course, prove 100 percent successful. But students here are not habitual drunkards. The vast majority of those guilty of drinking, do their first drinking here, and do it in true

college boy fashion in chasing after the goddess of sophistication. A few cultivate a taste for the stuff and become the campus sots, but not many. The amount of drinking that takes place on this campus depends directly upon the ease with which liquor is obtained. The less the liquor, the less the drinking.

The suspension of dances will, in the long run, be of no benefit. It is a superficial quick-cure, and like a drug will bring about temporary, immediate relief. But when its effect has worn off, and a new college generation has come in, we may look for a recurrence of what happened this year, and three years ago.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE HELD IN GREENSBORO

Walker, Trabue and Hibbard Will Attend Sixth Meeting of Conference of N. C. Colleges This Week.

The sixth conference of North Carolina Colleges is now in session at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro. This year D. J. I. Foust, president of N. C. C. W., is president of the conference and Dean N. W. Walker of the University is secretary.

The conference consists of three sessions, two yesterday and one this morning. These sessions are largely in the form of discussion groups led by representatives from the various colleges in attendance. Besides Dean Walker, Dr. M. R. Trabue and Acting Dean Hibbard are on the program.

The program is as follows:
First session, 2:30 P. M. Friday, December 11.

Opening exercises.
Chairman's address—Dr. J. I. Foust, N. C. C. W.

Topic: "The Admission of Students to College"—Dr. M. R. Trabue, University of North Carolina; Dr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr., Davidson College. Round Table Discussion.

Committee reports.
Second Session 8:00 P. M. Friday, December 11.

Topic: "The Relation of the Colleges to Teacher Training"—A. T. Allen, State Supt. of Public Instruction; Dr. Henry J. Highsmith, State Supervisor of Public Instruction; Dr. James Hillman, State Director of Certification; Round Table Discussion.

Committee Reports.
Third Session 9:30 A. M. Saturday, December 12.

Address by Dr. Robert L. Kelly, Executive Secretary, Association American colleges.

Short discussions by Acting Dean C. A. Hibbard, University of North Carolina, President W. P. Few, Duke University, and President Raymond Binford, Guilford College.

Unfinished business—Election of officers.
Adjournment at 12:00.

Hazing, defined as follows, has been abolished at Connecticut Agricultural College:

"Any initiation ceremony or practical joking that involves physical, personal injury or bodily harm, or the performance, under threat of force, of any action that entails the surrender of one's self-respect."

Calendar

- Thursday, December 10
 - 6:45 P.M.—Glee Club practice, New West building.
 - 7:30 P.M.—Phi Assembly, special meeting, Phi hall.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Cartaret County Club, Y. M. C. A.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Alembic Club meets.
 - 10:00 P.M.—High Point Club, Y. M. C. A.
- Friday, December 11
 - 7:00 P.M.—Deutsche Verein Christmas tree, Episcopal Parish House.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Chernavsky Trio, Memorial hall.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Exhibition Wrestling and Boxing meet, Tin Can.
 - 10:30 P.M.—Paul Blanchard lecture, Gerrard hall.
- Saturday, December 12
 - 11:00 A.M.—Organ recital, Episcopal church.
 - 7:00 P.M.—Phi and Di Societies, Phi and Di Halls.
 - 7:00 P.M.—Tar Heel Smoker, editorial office.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Young People's Interdenominational Social, Baptist Church.
- Sunday, December 13
 - 6:30 P.M.—Interdenominational Union devotional meeting, Methodist Hut.
 - 7:30 P.M.—University Sermon, Gerrard Hall.
- Monday, December 14
 - 7:30 P.M.—North Carolina Club meeting, Saunders Hall.

OPEN FORUM

To the Editor of the TAR HEEL:

The Reviewer of *The Magazine* for January has sadly misinterpreted the announcement made on the second page of *The Magazine*. After reading his review the editor told him that he was going to make a clear statement of the matter and submit it to the Editor of the TAR HEEL for publication in the same issue in which the review appeared.

The Reviewer speaks of the *Magazine* Editor's venting his spleen on Chi Delta Phi, calls the announcement tasteless criticism, insinuates that possibly the Editor thought it funny, interpreted it as an attack, and ended by saying "it is not at all chivalrous to betray the intimate knowledge which Mr. Couch seems to have . . ."

The Editor of the *Magazine* earnestly requests that if you place any confidence in these statements that, when you get it, you take your issue of *The Magazine* and read the announcement closely. There is not one derogatory or disparagingly critical word or sentence in the whole announcement. The Editor merely advances a few ideas; first, he describes the group which formed Chi Delta Phi as ambitious. Then he tells something about how they scraped up the money to buy their charter, and ends by expressing his gratitude to them, and asking that others refrain from doing what no Southern gentleman would do. All this is nothing more than an Editor would be expected to do under such circumstances.

Is it venting one's spleen or tasteless criticism to recognize ambition? Where does the Reviewer get the idea that the Editor thinks the announcement is funny? Where is the attack in the announcement?

Obviously the Reviewer considers ambition as an undesirable characteristic. He thinks it is funny that some of the members of Chi Delta Phi should have thrilling poetic souls; telling that an organization is national, telling all this, he thinks, is a betrayal of intimate knowledge!

Of course all this is absurd. We do not have the right psychological term but we are quite sure that the Reviewer is suffering from some sort of complex which makes him interpret everything he sees concerning a certain subject in a certain way, regardless of the real meaning. It is perfectly clear that the Reviewer himself thinks so strongly all these things that he expresses that he cannot help seeing them in the Editor's announcement. It is very regrettable that the Reviewer has made all these gross mistakes due to ideas which are firmly imbedded in his own mind.

CHEMISTRY LIBRARY IS MATERIALLY INCREASED

Several Valuable Volumes by German Chemists Are Secured to Complete Set of 140 Books.

A very valuable and interesting addition has been made to the Chemistry Library in Venable Hall recently. The Chemistry Department has purchased the missing volumes in the set of chemistry books entitled "Annalen Der Chemie Und Pharmacie." Before this purchase the library contained all of the set with the exception of volumes 89-144, the purchase of which now completes the set. There are about 140 volumes in the set. This collection of books was purchased directly from Germany and is written in the German language. It consists of German science journals bound in book form. The set dates back to 1832 and is approximately ninety-five years old. The cost of these books was between \$200 and \$300, but the collection has increased tremendously in value since the time of its purchase. It is now worth at least \$15,000.

The first eighty volumes of the set are photographic reproductions of the original journals, and for this reason are very interesting. The acquisition of the missing volumes of this set has filled up the most important gap in the Chemistry Library. Dr. Belle, head of the Chemistry Department, has been searching for the rest of the set for several years past, and through much effort has at last succeeded in obtaining it. He finally located the books in a high school in Germany.

This particular set of German chemistry books is indeed valuable, and the University is fortunate to be in possession of it, for there are very few such sets of books south of Washington. There are probably only about a dozen or less sets of these books in the whole United States, and these sets are in such places like Yale, Harvard, and Princeton.

Books for the Chemistry Library are acquired in various ways. The collection has been gradually built up by additions at one time or another. The catalogues of books on sale are constantly watched, and whenever an important book is found it is immediately purchased for the library. At times, the Chemistry Department has even cabled over to Germany to obtain certain books which were especially in demand and likely to have been purchased before the library could bid for them otherwise. Several sets of books in the present library were bought in auction sales in foreign countries.

At the Churches

- Baptist
 - Eugene Olive, Pastor.
 - 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
 - 11:00 A.M.—Worship and Sermon.
 - 6:30 P.M.—B. Y. P. U.
 - 7:30 P.M.—Worship and Sermon.
- Christian
 - B. J. Howard, Pastor.
 - 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
 - 11:00 A.M.—Services.
 - 6:45 P.M.—Christian Endeavor.
 - 7:30 P.M.—Services.
- Chapel of the Cross
 - A. S. Lawrence, Rector.
 - 8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion.
 - 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
 - 11:00 A.M.—Services and Sermon.
 - 7:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship.
 - 8:00 P.M.—Bible talk.
- Catholic
 - Services on the first and third Sundays of the month at 8:30 P.M., on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A.
- Lutheran
 - Student group meets every Sunday night at 7:00 P.M. in the Y. M. C. A.
 - Interesting present-day topics are discussed.
- Methodist
 - Walter Patten, Minister.
 - 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
 - 11:00 A.M.—Worship.
 - 6:45 P.M.—Epworth League.
 - 7:30 P.M.—Worship.
- Presbyterian
 - W. D. Moss, Minister.
 - 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
 - 11:00 A.M.—Services.
 - 6:45 P.M.—Christian Endeavor.
 - 7:30 P.M.—Services.

FAYETTEVILLE CLUB MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

The Fayetteville Club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting next Monday night at nine o'clock at the "Y". According to the laws expressed in the constitution of the Club officers for the coming quarter should be elected at this meeting, but because of the fact that examinations are so near at hand it was voted at the last meeting held to elect new officers the first meeting of next quarter.

The program for the meeting next Monday night will be short. An effort is on foot to charter a bus to leave Chapel Hill for Fayetteville Saturday at noon after the final examination. All students from Cumberland county who will not leave before Saturday and would like to get a seat in this bus are urged to attend the Club meeting next Monday night.

Tar Heel Smoker Is Given Tonight

There will be a smoker given in the Tar Heel office tonight at 7 o'clock for members of the board. The Publications Union Board gives the Tar Heel a smoker or a banquet each quarter, and though coming late this quarter, it is expected to measure up to the standards.

Playmakers Offer Books At Christmas Sale Price

As a special Christmas offer, the Carolina Playmakers are now offering for sale a limited number of two published together with a volume of Paul Green's *The Lord's Will* and other plays for \$5.00. A real bargain is being offered for the three books regularly sell for \$2.00 each. Letters announcing the sale have been sent to all subscribing members and to those, throughout the state, who are on the Playmakers' mailing list.

Quoting from the circular letter, "From coast to coast and around the world the two published volumes of by North Carolinians and others as an appropriate Christmas gift, representative of the life of North Carolina." This is indeed no overestimation of the popularity of these two volumes; and a like tribute could very well be paid to the plays of Paul Green, an excellent portrayal of Carolina folk-lore.

Upon request the Playmakers will send the books individually or collectively anywhere in the world. The offer is open to all, but it will be closed on Christmas day.

Theta Phi Engineering Fraternity announces the initiation of D. M. Holshouser, of Rockwell, N. C., and W. J. Evans of Greenville, N. C.

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