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Saturday, January 30, 1926

The Prince of Wales has fallen off his horse again. A prince of a good faller.

If some class presidents are popular rather than good citizens, elect better presidents. Better officers, not more officers, should be the decision of the students.

"Alumni Pouring into Chapel Hill" says headline noting the coming of a hundred alumni. Wonder what words would be used to describe the last minute returns of 2200 students.

"It shall not pass," is the motto adopted by the Di Senate in reference to the forum bill that comes before it tonight. Maybe the old rivalry isn't quite dead; the proposition came from out of the Phi.

CAMPUS POLITICIANS

There is a scheme on foot to create more officers. Whereas now the presidents of the classes act as student councilmen, it is proposed to make the position of councilman a separate office and thus to make room for more officers.

Why? We hear three reasons. First, that the combination of official and councilman consumes too much of a student's time; second, that being a councilman hurts a man's popularity and reduces his efficiency as a class president; and third, that a good leader is not necessarily a good judge.

That's almost 100% buncombe. We have the statement of the busiest student on the Hill, who is a monogram man in two sports, a Phi Beta Kappa student, and both a student officer and councilman, to explode the theory of too much work.

Hurts popularity? Granted that the classes will elect their most popular and efficient men to the presidency, aren't they by far the most suited to suffer this loss that appears so severe. If the job is looked upon by the students as one of police dirty work, the biggest and most popular men in the class are needed to carry it out. It's a poor grade of popularity that can stand a year on the student council.

The job of student councilman on any campus requires the very biggest man in a class if that body is to function ably. The proponents of the plan do not criticize the present council for inefficiency. It has acted, one will find if he investigates the matter, as efficiently as a body of its nature can. It is as effective as any system of student government yet devised.

Duties of class presidents are not strenuous. There is no need of going to a lot of trouble to make them so. The University student body, molded together as a unit as it is now, is much more preferable to a harum scarum campus characterized by an enormous expenditure of energy in hazing, yelling and hooraying.

Then comes the third charge. Good executives do not necessarily make good judges. But student councilmen do not have to be well versed in the laws of the land to function. Their's is a job calling for common sense and character. John Marshalls are not necessarily needed. Men who are leaders of men are the ones required, and necessary, if their decisions are to be respected.

The present system is serving very well. The position of councilman tends to prevent the election of a man to the class presidency entirely on the grounds of popularity. The position of class president tends to cause the election of student councilmen that hold the students' respect. An admirable system of checks. Why not let well enough alone?

DEUTSCHER VEREIN HAS INTERESTING PROBLEM

About forty members were present at the meeting of the Deutscher Verein which was held Thursday evening in the Episcopal Parish House. The meeting consisted of a short business session and a musical program by Dr. Wind, of the philosophy department. Dr. Wind is a native of Berlin, Germany, and is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Verein.

As the first part of his program, Dr. Wind played a dance and minuet by Bach; *Arabesque* by Schuman, and selections from several German operas. These were excellently rendered and were very much enjoyed by the audience.

Dr. Wind next made a few comments on the great composers. He described Bach as representative of the seventeenth century. He pointed out the great differences in Bach and Schuman, describing the latter as representative of the romantic school.

After a short business meeting, Dr. Wind favored the Verein with several lighter selections and some German folk music.

The Verein will meet again in Gerrard Hall next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Geology Club Will Hold Meeting Next Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Geology Club next Thursday afternoon from 2 o'clock till 3. The time of meeting, which was originally from 8:30 to 9:30 every Saturday morning has been changed on account of conflicts, and meetings will be held every Thursday afternoon in the future.

The Geology Club is an organization made up of the Geology faculty. Two papers relating to geological problems, one major paper and one minor, are read each time. These papers are discussed by the members, and any other geological matters of present day interest are also discussed.

Mr. H. R. Seiwel and Mr. Thomas Kessler will present the papers at the next meeting. Mr. Seiwel will discuss "Fossil Butterflies." Mr. Kessler's subject is not yet fully determined.

With the treasurer's report showing that the finances of the organization were in excellent shape at the annual meeting early this week of the Country Club, Critz George was elected president, George Howe vice-president, Miss Alma Holland secretary, and H. R. Totten treasurer.

Calendar

Saturday, January 30
7:00 P. M.—Phi and Di Societies, Phi and Di Halls.
9:30 A. M.—Geology Club Meeting, 29 New East.
8:30 P. M.—Wrestling Meet, Carolina vs. Concord "Y".
Monday, February 1
8:30 P. M.—"Y" Cabinet Meeting, Y. M. C. A.
Tuesday, February 2
8:30 P. M.—Basketball game, Carolina vs. N. C. State.
8:30 P. M.—Freshman Friendship Council, Y. M. C. A.

OPEN FORUM

The Editor:

Many years ago every man on the University campus was a member of either the Di or the Phi. They looked forward to the meetings as a time in which to discuss the student problems and all of the activities of the campus. Very seldom any meeting conflicted with the meetings of the two societies.

With the introduction of movies and other student entertainers, only the talent was left for the societies. So many men had been interested and therefore influenced more men at the opening of each school year that still very large crowds made the meetings so interesting that a large number continued to take part.

Then the opportunity of week-end trips came by way of the bus and again the ranks of the societies were thinned. So in the last two or three years many men have been accustomed to join and then decide that what was discussed was of no importance to them. Still a few have feebly struggled to keep the societies in existence. These are the few who propose the consolidation of the societies with the hope and the almost certainty of bringing those inactive members back into the realm of literary activities.

There are three types of students who have some form of an idea as to the consolidation of the societies. The first are those who have an interest in student problems and the general good of the campus at heart. These are the ones who wish and sponsor the movement. Some of the first type believe that the life and importance of the societies can be revived and they wish them to continue as they are.

The second type are those who have joined and then lost interest for the simple reason that the discussions did not seem of any importance to them. It is certain that these men would return to an active student organ and take an active part in it. They almost favor the move entirely. They hope for something in which they can really get some good, whereas it has been proven that they do not regard the existing societies as such. It would be safe to say that this group alone would double the attendance at the meetings of both societies have at the present.

Then there are those who have never taken any part in the societies and will not under the present conditions. Yet, if something stronger and more than a literary society were to be adopted, they too would send many representatives. They view the societies as so much bunk and wish to have nothing to do with them. Their view is taken in silence with the secret hope that consolidation will be brought about.

It is a very simple matter for anyone to see that the present attendance is not large enough to justify the few faithful ones for their regular weekly meetings. The general attitude of the campus is for consolidation and knowing that it will be brought about sooner or later, they hope that it will be sooner.

SHOULD CREATE FORUM

Fellow Students:
In Tuesday's Tar Heel we saw that the student body considered the Di and Phi archaic. Is this view justified? If so, what shall we do with these organizations?

Present Conditions

For the past ten years, that aspect of the University life which most greatly impressed returning alumni has been the chronic coma of the literary societies. Nearly to a man, they have gone away to bemoan the sad state of affairs existing today; and while much of this feeling is just another manifestation of a love for "the good old days," one has to concede that it is mostly based upon things as they are. Consider the following facts: The *Yackety-Yack* bill, for each society is \$150, and neither society has anything like enough money to meet this, which is only one item in their expense. Average attendance in each organization for the entire fall and this much of the winter quarter has been around 33 members. Not only do the societies sadly lack efficient machinery and numbers, but their discussions are ridiculously superficial, doing no more than help men to learn to speak in public. In the fact of these circumstances, how can one say that the societies are doing a great and noble work?

At any rate, conditions demand that we question the wisdom of our present institutions. Assuming that the societies are really alive, are they not handicapped by their organization as literary societies?

Just What Is Proposed

The plan proposed recently is as follows: The Di and Phi shall become component parts of one blanket organization. This is to be a student forum. It is to have just as definite, close, and distinct a membership as either the Di or Phi ever had. Not only will it have regular weekly meetings, carried on in much the same manner as society sessions, but about once a month, or whenever a question of signal interest is up for discussion,

men prominent in the life of the state and nation and conversant with the fields in which the subjects lie, will open the discussion. This will constitute an informally school in public affairs.

The proposed organization, far from being an interloper and destructive agent, will be the child of the Di and Phi, enabling them to live through it. Just how far the Di and Phi will lose their identity in the new body will be left for the joint committee to decide. The societies can become bases for parties within the larger body, quite possibly retaining their traditions and names and even holding regular weekly meetings in addition to those of the forum. But frankly, the forum is to be a real organization, and membership in it will be more important than belonging to either the Di or the Phi party within it.

We have good reason to hope that the University will give the forum Gerrard Hall for its permanent home, to be fixed up as a society home, with committee rooms and other necessary changes, and devoted exclusively to its use.

Purposes of the Forum

The forum is intended to be far more than a literary society. It has a three-fold purpose: (1) to continue and improve upon the work of the Di and Phi in teaching men to speak in public; (2) to enable them to talk intelligently, through its being in part an informal school in public affairs; (3) to afford a more perfect organ for the effective expression of student opinion.

The campus sadly needs something which will do these three things. The literary societies are only in a mediocre way teaching men to speak.

More Than a Literary Society Is Required

This, with its set, artificial orations and debates, its censorious criticism, rules against almost every kind of political activity, is out of tune with the campus today. Doesn't the very term make you bristle? We want something that can really do something, that in addition to teaching men to speak in public, will give them something to talk about, make their expressions really worthwhile, and make their opinions heard and felt on the campus and out in the state. It is said that the avowed purpose of the two societies is to promote debate. If this is their main purpose, it should not be. Why teach a man to talk if he has nothing, and can get nothing, to say, and no one listens to him?

Why One New Organization

All naturally ask, "Why should we form a new body? Can't the societies of today be made to serve just as well?" As we have seen that mere literary societies cannot solve the problem, these questions resolve themselves into, "Why have one organization instead of two?"

Not Enough Men for Two

A primary reason why one organization is better is that there are not enough able men on the campus sufficiently interested to maintain two organizations of sufficient size and high standards to insure for them the influence and prestige so necessary to their purpose. If these men are present, they have kept themselves well hidden.

Perhaps history will throw some light on our problem. At first, forensic activities at the University were carried on by one literary society. After an existence of over a year, it divided. Why? Because there was an intense east and west sectionalism on the campus; because the organization was so large that men seldom got to speak; and because one group objected to the extensive powers of the Censor Morum. Do these conditions exist now? Why should we continue our dual existence? Only because we have had this in the past, and under such an organization, have made a glorious record.

Do we bring students to the University to make East and West North Carolinians of them? Are the societies so large and so lively that men can seldom get the floor? We must adapt ourselves to the present.

Very Little Wholesome Rivalry Exists

No doubt those who broke away from the parent society in 1795 hoped to gain much from the rivalry which would result. But what rivalry have we today? One gentleman says that there were 15 competitors for the Mary D. Wright debate. Very true; but we must not lose sight of the Junior Oratorical Contest in which one society was not even represented, and the commencement debate for which men tried out only to save the reputations of their respective organizations.

Need Co-operation

Why should men all striving for the same ends, all by nature more or less alike, be artificially kept apart and have their provincialism encouraged? Why must those who should govern the campus fight each other?

We cannot have a very effective expression of student opinion when it takes from two to four weeks to get a resolution discussed by both societies, and when even then, if one has passed and the other defeated it, it is impossible to get together and come to a better understanding. The proposed organization by being one and by being a larger body will much better express student opinion.

The forum, by bringing the societies close together as parties, by increasing points of contact, will stimulate whole-

some rivalry between them. Two persons separated by the Atlantic ocean are not apt to be as keen rivals as if they lived in the same village. Formerly, when practically all the students were members of the Di or Phi, rivalry abounded, but with a decimated membership and with the points of contact greatly diminished, the societies must be brought closer together if rivalry is to be preserved. So the proposed organization will stimulate friendly rivalry and also permit co-operation where it is needed. It will also afford much training in party leadership.

Forum Will Raise Standard of Discussions and Increase Interest in Them

Let us pass over the fact that running expenses of the forum will be far less than those of the Phi and Di. The doubled size of the body embracing the societies will of itself raise the standard of the speeches. The presence of a large audience is inspiring and makes one strive to do worth-while work. The knowledge gained by hearing those who know, must add much to the discussions. Many students who wish to do more than talk for talk's sake will be drawn into this organization because of the opportunity it will offer to learn about public affairs. The greatest asset of the forum is that it will be more than a literary society, thus making it appeal to those interested in doing more than learning to speak.

Not only will the doubled resources of the forum enable us to have visiting speakers more often than under our present system, but the fact that they will speak in the organization's home and at regular meetings will do much to increase interest in the work of the body. How much more would Mr. Bailey's appearance here have added to the Di's influence, could the same audience have assembled in the Di hall at its regular meetings. As it was, attention was drawn away from the Di to the speech itself. Out of town speakers will also be far more apt to address us when they know that they are to speak before a body that represents the entire University rather than one group on the campus.

Lastly, possession of a home, admirably suited to the needs of the forum and capable of seating any probable audience, in the center of the campus, and being given over to the use of the forum, will serve to stimulate interest in it and keep it ever in the attention of students. What Smith Hall has meant to the Playmakers, Gerrard Hall will mean to us.

And yet no mere form of organization will create life. It is because the proposed forum, suited to the needs of the campus and more than a literary society, will catch up the spark of life that exists, and by drawing new and able men and affording real opportunity for inter-entertainment, will fan it into flame that I believe in it.

Should Consider the Present Primarily

We are dealing here with a thing of great importance. The societies have had a long, and for the most part, glorious history. Their memory is sacred to the alumni. These men should be consulted and their preferences considered. But in our reverence for the past and in our respect for what men of days gone by have done, we should not hamper the work of today, for that is the paramount thing. If we are to change nothing because we did not create it, then constitutions cannot be amended, all becomes static, and progress is impossible.

So let us go about the task, slowly, carefully, and reverently, but above all keeping the needs of the present and future constantly in mind.

J. F. COOVER

Editor:
Societies, that is the Di and Phi, have probably attracted more attention within the last week than for such a period in the last few years. What has brought this about? Some say they are decaying. That may be the case, but I prefer to leave my decision to a later date. It is true that through the removal of compulsion they have become more or less weak financially. And we can each understand the importance of such a condition, however, this does not present a situation which cannot be remedied, nor does it improve the value of these organizations to the active members of them.

The thing that I wish to bring to the attention of the reader is the fact that these societies, today, present better conditions to the few who are interested than ever before. Our halls have in the past few years been crowded to the extent that one was fortunate if he were permitted to express himself at an occasional meeting. With the present average attendance of about forty-five, sometimes more and sometimes less, there is no reason why an individual can't get an opportunity to speak more often. And these societies are especially anxious that new men have an opportunity for such; in fact, the speakers of these societies will always give precedence to the man who has not spoken before when two or more are clamoring for the floor.

This opportunity is one which is too important to miss. We, without an exception, recognize the importance of extra Curricular activities to a college man when he faces the problem of life after

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 Lecture.
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. Dr. M. R. Trabue, Teacher.
11:00 A. M.—Worship.
6:30 P. M.—Epworth League.
7:30 P. M.—Worship.
Presbyterian
W. D. Moss, Minister.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Worship.
6:45 P. M.—Christian Endeavor.
7:30 P. M.—Worship.

WORK IS BEGUN ON NEW COUNTRY CLUB

Will Be Situated Seven Miles From University on Chapel Hill-Durham Highway.

With Donald Ross as consulting advisor, work on the new Chapel Hill country club which is to be located seven miles from the University on the Chapel Hill-Durham Highway, is expected to go ahead at a rapid pace under the agreement with the real estate operators who are financing the scheme.

The money which is being invested in the recreational real estate development by the operators will be met by the inflation fee of \$100.00 per member in the future; when the total of the real estate operator's advancement is met the club become the sole property of the members. About 275 members have been enrolled in the new club. Prominent among the original backers are the following: Dr. Chase, Dr. Royster, W. S. Robinson, Louis Graves, Paul J. Weaver, "Bill" Fetzer, Parker Daggett, W. E. Thompson, and Kent Brown.

The club house is being constructed by Messrs. Sharpe and Mebane, under the advice of Gilbert White, President of the club. There was a meeting of the members of the club at the Washington Duke hotel last night to consider the progress of the contractors, and the matter of naming the club the New Hope Valley was considered, but no definite results were reached on the momentous question.

MATHEMATICAL CLUB HAS MEETING TUESDAY

The Mathematical Club held its first meeting of the year in 206 Phillips Hall, Tuesday night at 7:30. A fairly large crowd was present for the program.

Dr. Henderson discussed "Geometry from the Complex Function Cycle." Dr. Lasly next made a short exposition of the "Curvature of the Plane Curve in Terms of Differentiation." Both of the lectures were illustrated by board work. All of the points were explained clearly. Discussion of the subjects by the members followed the conclusion of the lectures.

The period of preparation. And, I believe, none of these are as important as those offered by the Phi and the Di, especially in public life. No greater opportunity to train the faculties for reflective thinking exist than that offered in debate. When the opponent of your bill has condemned it with logic you are placed in a position to test your capacities in this line to find logic refute his statements and at the same time to support the proposition under discussion. Each time gives you victory; if you are able to meet the issues no one will deny its value, and if you fail to meet them you have undoubtedly gained something that will aid you in your next encounter.

The Phi holds its regular meetings every Saturday evening at seven o'clock, on the third floor of New East building. Any men who are interested in the kind of work which we are doing are cordially invited to become a member. We will receive applicants any Saturday night except those that are devoted strictly to business. We hold only one such quarter. If you don't care to become a member we shall be glad to have you visit us.

S. G. CHIAPPELL
(Spoke) Phi Assembly