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PARAGRAPHS

Co-ed Cora says some men are hopeless in love, but most men are hopeless anyway.

The question today is, can the Tar Heels repeat last year's performance with the Old Liners? The score last year was the biggest surprise of the season.

At last Carolina is to have some kind of day at a football game. Many other colleges have set aside one day as "Dad's Day." October 30 is to be "home-coming day."

The University of Pittsburgh's "Cathedral of Learning" is to be 29 stories high, instead of 52 as originally planned. Still too high for professors to be dropping students from classes.

The seniors don't appear as thrifty as might be expected. The Business Manager of the *Yackety Yack* says very few have taken advantage of the reductions offered by having their beauty struck early.

The state automobile license plates for 1927 will be red numerals on a gray background. A story from Raleigh says "the state initials will not be used and North Carolina will not imitate the University of North Carolina varsity sweaters." Aw come on. Don't hurt our prestige like that.

The Frosh also get into action today on foreign territory. Various rumors and reports have emanated from the frosh field regarding the possibilities this year. Some had it that there is a "wonderful" backfield. Now the coaches appear pessimistic and say that they are not at all

satisfied with the pre-game showing. Nothing unusual about that.

Subscribers of student papers in Dalhousie University (Canada) and the University of Alberta will compose the audience for a printed intercollegiate debate. The debaters have been selected for "combined debating ability and journalistic skill," the text of the debates appearing simultaneously in both college papers. They have nothing on us. Our Open Forum columns have carried on acrimonious debates for the past several issues.

THE SURVEY IS ON

A copious supply of articles have been written in magazines throughout the country during the past several months concerning the value of a student's time spent in college. H. G. Wells has said in emphatic terms that "The Four Years in College Are Wasted."

Realizing the seriousness of the charges, the TAR HEEL, in cooperation with the Dean of Students, has begun a survey of conditions on the campus to determine the distribution of students' time. Record cards were distributed among the freshmen and sophomores in chapel yesterday morning and these men were requested to keep an accurate account of the time they spend during the following week.

Many accusations have been made against various campus organizations as being detrimental and parasitic to student life. Do athletics usurp time that should be used in scholastic attainments? Do fraternities cause a student to waste time that should be used in other pursuits? Are publications, dramatics, bull sessions, shows, and various other time-takers getting more than their rightful portion of students' time? These and numerous other questions are to be answered by the people who apportion their time among activities and who are in position to know.

Such surveys have recently been made in the leading colleges and universities of the country and resulted in many interesting discoveries which have led to important reforms and advances in organizations and student life.

To make the survey thorough and effective, it is absolutely essential that each student fill out his card accurately. It is to this end that we plead.

Dr. Howell Delivers Keynote Address At School Centennial

Dr. A. C. Howell has gone to Austenburg, Ohio to attend the Centennial Celebration of the preparatory school, which he attended in his "prep" school days. The Grand River Institute, the school to which reference is made, is a unique survival of the old-fashioned boarding school with its quaint culture and colonial beauty. In addition to being the school of his boyhood days, it is further endeared to Dr. Howell as being the school which his mother and two sisters attended.

Dr. Howell will deliver the keynote address of the exercises. There will be three other speakers; these will deal mainly with the historical aspects of the school under past administrations and with the traditions of the school. Dr. Howell will confine himself largely to contemporary affairs, taking as his subject "The Fallacies of Modern Education." He will analyze the various types of men in college and certain extra-curricular activities upon the American college campus.

Alpha Lambda Tau announces the initiation of the following men: L. A. Wilson of Norwood, and S. W. Davis of Greensboro.

Open Forum

Editor TAR HEEL:

The recent fiasco between the Student Council and members of the *Carolina Magazine* staff should reach a culmination. It seems quite likely that certain points have been emphasized way out of proportion to propriety and importance. I do not propose to discuss the much praised and much deprecated article, *Slaves*. The normally lethargic student body, by some peculiar turn, was pricked to a sudden spurt of productivity, resulting in a steady stream of articles which have helped fill the barren sheets of the TAR HEEL. In these articles, if praise was not the keynote, it was an attempt by the writer to explain in the strongest terms the insidiousness of this epoch making article. I feel that much breath has been wasted in this respect. Personally, I liked the article and welcome more. The case was admittedly irregular. It is more than probable that had the *homo* been white in the cohabitation instead of one of a dark hue there wouldn't have been a syllable of protest. While certainly more objectionable to those of a delicate nature, I have yet to be convinced that white, black, yellow, red, green, or any color determine the morality or obscenity of literary motivation. We prefer in our damnatory strategy to fool ourselves and our readers into believing that we are trying to maintain an ethical standard, when in reality we are petting the conventional cat. But enough of this!

Few, if any, seem to know the rights and powers of the Student Council. It seems certain that the Council is not yet awake to them. Student Government, as I conceive it, is that policy wherein the main features pertaining to student life and regulations are lodged within the student body. The Student Council is the organ through which the student body centralizes authority and functions. It appears to me that the Student Council is the servant of those who put them in office—in other words the students of the University. The Student Council I am sure does not pretend infallibility, even if some members of the "right attitude" policy like to think of it as such. It functions well at times, and then again it hasn't functioned at all, and still again it has outfunctioned its function. The Student Council, I believe, should realize some distinctions in the conduct of their business. In matters involving specified provisions, such as the conduct of every student in a gentlemanly fashion, with especial reference to the drinking problem—in this the Council should see its duty. I am not acquainted with the facts in the Council's recent action towards one of the students found in a state of inebriation, but I believe that the Council was justified in its decision of suspension of the student. The Council's duty is fairly clear in this respect. If this University ruling is not ethical or is too drastic, why not raise a rumpus? The student body should kick, buck, and rear if they think a change necessary. It is not for the Student Council to set aside the ruling. Law should be flexible. Let the student body make it so.

As to my second distinction, I believe that in those things which carry about them the halo of individual judgment, opinion, and taste, the student body whose voice, calling in the wilderness, should be given ear to. There are innumerable things which you cannot apply the rule of dogmatism to. Mr. Wilde, in being tried for the insidiousness of his products declared that literature and art are neither moral nor immoral—"it is unmoral." However this be the degree in which we measure literary contributions is largely a matter of attitude and opinion. There will be other things of this nature confronting the Council. The student body's opinion cannot be represented by a few men in a body called the Student Council, when even the Council cannot be of one mind on many questions. At least if they have individuality about them, they cannot. The *Carolina Magazine* is also a property of the student body. It may be that the great mass of students are in accord with the student council. I doubt it. And especially do I doubt their harmony if we rule out the freshmen, whose loyalty always exceeds their reasoning. But if the student body conscientiously condemns such an article in the local magazine, then it is proper for the student council to act. This brings me to the belief that such matters should be referred to a plebiscite of the student body to determine their will to the conduct of their government.

Student government must not mean a name. The spirit exists not in the student council; it exists in the student body. The council is an expression.

BEN EATON, JR.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

I noted with much interest the two letters in Thursday's issue of the Tar Heel, both of which took considerable exceptions to the facts that I presented in the case of the Law Student shipped for drinking on October 14th. It was not my desire to enter into further controversy concerning the matter, however, my self respect demands that I should correct such statements by these gentlemen which infer that I have entered into untruths.

Mr. Waters and Mr. Rhodes, in their unsigned letter, oppose my statement that Mr. Chappell acted as a policeman on the night of October 14. The only facts that I am able to offer to prove my statement is the fact that Mr. Chappell was present in front of the window at Gooch's for some minutes after one o'clock in the morning, and was manifesting considerable interests in the actions of those in the Cafe. My statement was also greatly influenced by the fact that Mr. Chappell told a certain student that he went down town after the dance to see that there wasn't any "cain" being raised. If Mr. Chappell does not recall such a conversation, I shall gladly refer him to the man to whom he made such a statement. If these facts are not conclusive enough, then I will admit that I didn't know what I was talking about.

Mr. H. McSwain particularly considered my criticism of Mr. Chappell unjust because of my statement that Mr. Chappell had a conversation with Chief Featherstone after he obtained the name of the boy in the Cafe. For the information of Mr. Swain, Chappell, or any other interested parties, I'll state that I got this information from Chief Featherstone himself. If Chappell still denies my statement, all that I can say is to just ask Featherstone as I did. Then, gentlemen, believe whom you want to.

Yes, Mr. Editor, I too, call for truths and facts.

Hoorsay for Chappell's Hill!
A. S. KARTUS.

To the Editor:

The general tendency seems to be to use the "Open Forum" as a battleground, on which to fight out the legitimacy of *Slaves*. Because of this, this article may seem strange; however, it may take someone's mind off this rather degenerate subject and thus be beneficial.

The subject of this discussion is

the system of quizzing freshmen in history. Personally, I believe this system is unfair. I do not understand its object, unless it be to discourage first year men, but the system seems to be to give a student, who is accustomed to the slow form of studying advocated in high schools, about a hundred pages of history in two weeks and then have someone other than the instructor, who has likely not studied the book for four years make out a quiz by merely running through the book and glancing at the marginal notes. To make it worse, the questions are either extremely general or about something so unimportant that the instructor has not even mentioned it in class. This is not necessarily a personal view. I have not yet heard of a freshman who does not hold practically the same ideas. I have also heard history instructors voice the same sentiment.

W. A. S.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

At the opening of the fall term of the University Law School, our own Student Body President, S. G. Chappell entered that school as an aspiring barrister. Shortly afterward, he dropped his law work and re-entered the academic school. I do not know Mr. Chappell's reasons for his actions (he possibly thought enough of law anyway), but the steps he has subsequently taken as the guiding force of the Student Council indicate that he is sadly in need of large and indiscriminate doses of both criminal and civil procedure. What right, beyond those of a mere student, has S. G. Chappell to question the official movements of the editor of the *Carolina Magazine*? Who's running this campus' activities anyway—Chappell, or the students? The *Magazine's* editors derive their authority from the same source as do the members of the Student Council; one group edits the magazine and the other tries violations of the Honor System, and the Council's action is as unwar-

ranted as would be the Publications Union's suspension of a student for theft or drunkenness! Next thing we know, the omnipotent Council headed by the puritannical Mr. S. G. Chappell will have out an injunction against the collegiate institution of week-ends, letters from unrelated females, College Humor, and even Coeds, as "degrading and corrupting to the morals of the University and its students." Or perhaps the Council, under the efficacious guidance of Mr. S. G. Chappell will try faculty members for violation of pet council rules? Will the Council care to extend its jurisdiction to the trial of west coast criminal cases? Perchance we shall have classmates as makers of history, and the Almighty Council deciding questions of the World Court, eventually. "Chappell Issues Warning" would certainly look well in the *London Times*!

Seriously, Mr. Starr and Mr. Fowler erred in discretion in even deigning to honor the Council's presumptive and asinine inquiries with attention and response. The editor's actions came under the possible jurisdiction of (1) the Publications Union, and (2) the Faculty Executive Committee. Or else—let's do present a petition to the town fathers to change the name of Chapel Hill to Chappell's Hill! I don't really believe that up at our sister institution, N. C. C. W., (where Mr. S. G. Chappell may be quite popular) that the girls would be so unversed in self-government as to commit the breach our own select group of policemen did. N. C. C. W. probably knows more about government than we do anyhow—by supposedly intelligent vote last spring we modeled our administration after theirs!

BYSTANDER, A. B.

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