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SAVING THE SCHOOLS

It seems to us that an attempt to pass laws regarding what shall and shall not be taught in public schools or state operated higher institutions is a slap in the face for men who have spent their lives endeavoring to better educational conditions in the state. Undoubtedly, any such laws would be an official expression on the part of the state illustrating that the state did not and could not have confidence in the men chosen to direct the policies of the schools.

As little acquainted as we are with constitutional law, we are willing to say that such legislation is a violation of the spirit of the principles which are the rights of Americans. According to the letter in the law, the state would be within her right to prescribe the list of subjects taught in high schools and state universities, but to imagine that men who have spent years of tireless research; who have labored for an end; who are sincere in their discoveries would attempt to cover the truth is tomfoolery.

Are educational leaders in the state sincere? Would men wantonly fill the minds of youth with false ideas? No reputable scientist or scholar ever offered to take a theory as fact until he could offer concrete evidence of his right to do so. Would the state attempt to suppress research and reason by laws which are not, to say the most, based on clear reasoning? The most eminent scholars in the state have taken a stand in opposition to the proposed ruling. Is it logical for the state to attempt to force something which educational leaders cannot possibly endorse?

We cannot believe that the move to enforce certain principles in state schools will ever

gain momentum. It does not seem plausible that people in this supposed age of enlightenment could be so intolerant. And, it is, speaking of the move to bring about legislation against the growth of North Carolina school system, not logical to believe that citizens of this commonwealth would welcome a return of the same type of intolerance that suppressed the theories of Galileo simply because they conflicted with the teachings of the established church of that period.

Now, if the law were passed and enforced and every teacher in North Carolina schools who even so much as offered to breathe a word against fundamental doctrines of several centuries, would he be thrown in the inquisition in more modern prison? Would there be a return of form? Of course we say no, that such an idea is nonsensical. But then why the law? No nation is so helplessly burdened with laws that are not enforced as ours. Such a condition, that of making laws to suit the tastes of everybody, can easily grow into a terrible disease with a tragic end.

There is an eminent danger, if our educational system is to be submitted to too drastic legislative action, that people who have little knowledge of educational principles may gain control of our school system, reducing it, as a result, to a pitiable sham. Teaching the theory of evolution as a theory can do nothing more than broaden the mind of the pupil. Teaching the theory of evolution as a fact would mean that teachers were not sincere, not capable. Truth, it has been said, will out. Our progeny generations from now will laugh at our ignorance just as we laugh at the stupidity of the sects which threw Galileo and other teachers into prison for their willingness to deviate from the beaten path in hope of bringing additional enlightenment to a world living in the dark. If the theory which is so painful to certain legislators is false it will fall victim of its own weight. If it is false and laws made to outlaw it, it will as a matter of fact become a martyr in the public eye. If we would eliminate questionable theories from our school system, simply give them enough rope, enough room for expression, and they will automatically suppress themselves. In most enlightened sections, such facts are established.—Duke Chronicle.

Westinghouse Man Interviews Engineers

C. S. Coler, Manager of the Education Department of the Westinghouse Electric Company, East Pittsburgh, made his annual visit to the electrical engineering department here yesterday to obtain graduates for his organization.

He made offers to the graduates, but no appointments will be made until representatives of the Bell Telephone System and the General Electric Company have made offers. All appointments will be made by March first. According to Mr. Daggett, head of the Electrical Engineering Department, there is always a much larger demand for electrical engineers than can be supplied by the schools.

Religious Men Meet

The Religious Workers Council will hold its first meeting of the year at a dinner in the Episcopal Church Parish House tonight at 6:30. The subject of this meeting will be, "Sunday School work in Chapel Hill with respect to student participation." The Council will have as their guests the Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Chapel Hill and the student class presidents of each Sunday School.

OPEN FORUM

DULA WRITES ANOTHER

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Understanding that the resolution introduced in the Di Society regarding the Golden Fleece, had been tabled indefinitely, and that the "argument" was over, the natural result was a sigh of relief. It is with regret that this article is "forced" to appear, and apologies are offered with it. Knowing that certain parties will elaborate on the happenings in the Di society, it is only justice that more than one side be heard. "Forgive them, they are but children, they know not what they do." And it is barely possible that one ordinary "fool" can have more common sense than several "wise men sitting in council."

The first motion introduced into the Di society was for the "ABOLITION" of the Golden Fleece. This is what the student body has been led to believe would be the question discussed. The question of abolition was not discussed by the Di society in the Tuesday meeting. When the society opened the first motion introduced was by the leader of the movement against the Golden Fleece, and the exact wording was, "Resolved that the Dialectic society go on record as 'DISAPPROVING' the present organization known as the Golden Fleece." In passing this AMENDED resolution the apparent result was to leave the impression that the original motion was passed. What has happened is this—The Dialectic society has passed a resolution that "We do not LIKE the Golden Fleece." Any person can pass a resolution that he does not like a negro, a chinaman, or what-not, and be thoroughly competent to do so, and this resolution have no effect on what anyone else thought of the aforesaid article or thing. It is an unmitigated and far-fetched presumption on the part of these men to assume that they have the right, as one organization, such as it is, to "censure" another organization—such as the Golden Fleece—in this manner. Several members of the society refused to vote on the resolution on account of this fact—because they said that they had no right to do such a thing. Incidentally, the motion was passed with a 2 majority. The main arguments against the Fleece were—it is idealistic, it is not perfect, it has not achieved its goal, it is liable to set some one up as a tin god—quite sufficient arguments and reasons for some people to not like anything.

I have a perfect right to pass a personal resolution, or get a few men together and pass a resolution, "Resolved that we or I do not approve of or like the religion of the 'Zingo' islanders." Their religion might be none of my business, and what I or we thought of it not affect them very much—though it might be a source of keen satisfaction to me to be able to criticize them thusly.

This "amended" resolution was "railroaded" through the Di society and there is a possibility that it will react to the discredit of those who have seemingly achieved their "Goal or mission in life."

R. L. DULA

DISLIKES TREATMENT

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Perhaps you, or someone on the faculty or one of the students of the department now quartered over in the grey building formerly occupied by the Chemistry department, can explain why the secretary of the department located there now is so extremely crabbed and cranky

in dealing with the students she comes in contact with.

A student went over there the other morning and very civilly requested information as to the whereabouts of a certain prof, who is incidentally the secretary's boss, and the said student received such treatment as is ordinarily not accorded even to jailbirds by the jailkeeper.

Information that is reliable goes to the effect that such occurrences are more than common, in fact only what is to be expected. How the future rollers of pills put up with this individual will be a mystery to all men of spirit and pride.

The officials of the University would be doing the town of Chapel Hill a great service if they could remedy the situation, let alone the poor defenseless students. May this matter be called to their attention!

PUBLIUS

Editor of TAR HEEL:

The Yackety Yack staff is to be commended for its action in eliminating the superfluous and often ludicrous panagrics which have been attached to the names of the graduates whose names appear in the college annual.

These write ups have largely consisted of gross and malapropos exaggerations of virtues and abilities which often times were entirely non-existent. It is obvious that a student's real worth and achievement is sufficiently expressed through the statistics retained. Any further comment serves to give one a distorted and not infrequently untrue characterization.

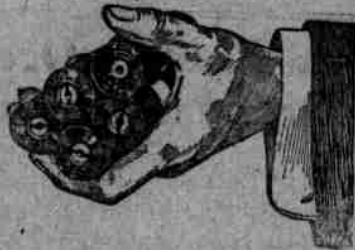
The staff as representative of the student body has not exceeded its power in taking the steps mentioned and for one, I am in entire accord with the actions taken.

T. C.

Music Department Gets Vehicles for Grand Opera Goers

Season and matinee tickets for the Philadelphia Scala Grand Opera Co., which will appear in the City Auditorium of Durham under the auspices of the Durham-Chapel Hill Grand Opera Association, January 27th, 28th, 29th, are on sale this week at the City Auditorium and at the office of the Music Department.

The orchestra seats are entirely sold out at the Durham office, but the Music Department still has a few balcony seats left. The Music Department has announced that those who wish to attend the Grand Opera, but lack the transportation to Durham, may secure transportation in private cars through the Music Department office. The Department asks that those who wish to dispose of tickets for single performances communicate with the Department office.



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Carolina Defeats U. of Georgia Quint Last Night—Score 34-27

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a moon. His all-round work was one of the strongest barriers to the driving Georgia offensive. Cathey walked off with individual scoring honors for the winners with ten points.

The towheaded Georgia guard, Captain Forbes, was particularly good at recovering rebounds off the Carolina backboard and his guarding held the Carolina forwards under check for a greater part of the game.

Wake Forest Visitors

The whole Wake Forest basketball team journeyed over to Chapel Hill and were interested spectators of the game. Carolina is now the only formidable barrier to Wake Forest's march for the State championship, and the Deacons were not a bit bashful about taking notes as the Phantoms performed.

Score and summary of the game:

Carolina (34)	Georgia (27)
Position	Position
Vanstory (8)	Keen (2)
R. F.	
R. Hackney (3)	Florence (10)
L. F.	
Cathey (10)	Frew (8)
C.	
B. Hackney (6)	Forbes
R. G.	
Morris (2)	Turner (7)
L. G.	

Substitutions: Carolina: Price (5) for R. Hackney, R. Hackney for Van-

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

4:30 p. m.—Reading by Mr. Heffner: Cowboy Ballads, 4:15 Murphy Hall.
6:30 p. m.—Supper for Religious Workers Council, Episcopal Church Parish House.
7:30 p. m.—Freshman Debating Society, Y. M. C. A.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 p. m.—Junior Prom, Bynum Gym.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 p. m.—Boxing meet. Carolina vs. V. P. I., Tin Can.
9:00 p. m.—Grail Dance, Bynum Gym.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. Cabinets meet, Y. M. C. A.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:15 p. m.—Di Society, Di Hall.
7:15 p. m.—Phi Society, Manning Hall.

FROSH PICTURES

The group picture of the freshman class for the Yackety Yack will be taken this morning during chapel period (10:30) in front of the Law Building. All members are urged to be there.

story, Vanstory for Cathey, Sides for R. Hackney.

Georgia: Harris for Keen. Referee: Knight (Durham Y.). Mgr. R. M. Hardee (Carolina) scorekeeper.

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