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## AS TO INCREASED PRICES

There is no excuse for the policy pursued by the Pickwick Theatre. It has had unparalleled success. Competition has been weeded out. Lack of other amusement results in it being filled four times a day. From a financial standpoint the Pickwick Theatre is indeed a success.

But it must be said that the theatre has rendered service. The best pictures are shown. It cooperates in every way with the students. Trophies have been awarded to athletes. Slides are run for the different organizations. The theatre is always first to cooperate with the cheerleaders.

But these things do not justify the management charging excessive prices for admission when special pictures are shown. Patronage is assured and it seems to be the policy of the management to profit excessively thereby.

No doubt feature pictures cost the management more, but even then the admission charge is much greater than that of other theatres where such patronage is not assured. If the Pickwick Theatre was located in a town where the attendance was problematical such an advance in admission price would in some way be justifiable.

This discrimination exists not only when feature pictures are shown, but many times when the ordinary run of pictures are being shown. Posters covered with pictures of actresses in rather scanty attire are shown, and immediately the price of admission goes up.

Such a policy should not exist where the students are dependent on the Pickwick Theatre for their only amusement. And if it is continually pursued, no doubt competition will be welcomed by the student body.

### Announcement to Freshmen

Another group picture of the class will have to be made for the *Yaekety Yack*. This is due to the poorness of the last one. A second picture will be made Thursday morning during chapel period (10:30). All members please be there.

The North Carolina Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi announces the initiation of Miss Mary Margaret Wray, of Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Katherine Johnson, of Eustis, Florida; and Miss Marian Ross, of Boston, Massachusetts.

## Driftwood Jr.

By Dave Carroll

*"Oh, that estates, degrees, and offices  
Were not derived corruptly, and that  
clear honour  
Were purchased by the merit of its  
wearer!"*  
SHAKESPEARE

For the past ten years, at least, the campus has been horrified by the rolling of corrupt political machines over the necks of uninformed or too gullible voters. Political wits have endangered the progress of good citizenship. Students have seen undeserving candidates ride a deluded majority to political heights. Cliques teach their members to vote, not for the best candidate, but for this "brother" or that tool. What sort of state will North Carolina be if its future citizens are to be so trained in government?

It is true that there has been some objection to this evil. The defeated candidates and their supporters have muttered at what they considered the triumph of corruption. *Yellow Journals* have published some astounding facts. But the campus is yet unresponsive. The time for sane and organized action is no better than the present. The secret factions even now challenge the success of merit in the spring elections. This appeal, therefore, we address to candidates, conspirers, and voters. We beg its careful consideration by all students.

### The Evil Distinguished

Machine politics in itself, of course, is too worldwide and natural to be condemned. If machines support the most deserving candidates, they are justified. But when a coterie of honor-seekers meet in a secret caucus to exchange candidates and barter for support with little regard to a man's qualifications, their kind of machine is an insidious menace to student progress. Now why do these inner circles sell their support to a questionable candidate in return for his group's votes? Simply because each band knows that the man whom it wishes to run is so doubtful of election that his votes must be pledged before his nomination. And their reason is valid, for if the campus ever realized how these undeserving "good fellows" barter their support in order to gain a machine backing with which to beat stronger personalities, it would nominate its own men—and it would freeze out these puppets whom political bosses choose, not for the office but for the "ticket." If machine engineers, who are in the work for personal enjoyment, were to choose logical candidates, there would be no need for this secrecy. But it is hard to manage strong-willed candidates, and scrupulous men may be hard to reconcile to certain election methods. So the political leaders arrange secret markets wherein they deal in campus offices to support many questionable candidates. Secrecy, then, and not organized machines, is to be blamed for the nomination of unworthy men.

### Suggestion for Change

How can the campus purge elections of these vices? First, by developing organizations which will take over the responsibility of forming political tickets, instead of entrusting this task to political bosses, who are too prone to error and who soon leave, careless of the impressions they have made. There should be a continuity of responsibility for each ticket from year to year. Then the organization which nominates men would choose worthy candidates, for it would have no sentimental preferences for this man or that. And the group would be known by its nominees; the company is known by the man it keeps. So, for instance, the Dialectic

Senate and the Phi Assembly might nominate as its candidates men from the campus at large. Such nominations could hardly extend, of course, to the class elections, team captaincies, etc. But the importance of this function as outlined would recall to these societies much of their former prestige. Let us consider some features of such a plan for political organization.

### Lack of Secrecy

As soon as the society nominations were made, the TAR HEEL would announce the tickets. It is most probable that both bodies might occasionally favor the same man. But ability is seldom so limited. And the possibility of the formation of a third party by disappointed fraternities or insurgent students who are members of neither society would furnish an added stimulus to the selection of good men. Sigma Upsilon's bent toward *Yellow Journals* might be replaced by exciting pamphleteer work. The friends of worthy candidates might address the student body on behalf of their favorites. But the unwholesome practice of dormitory canvassing would be ended, for the students would have both time and opportunity to see the candidates in action; so the voters would refuse to be "fixed up" or deceived by eleventh hour falsehoods. The student body should always have several weeks in which to study the nominees.

At any event, this columnist will henceforth endeavor to inform the campus when Pi Gamma exchanges its votes with Kappa Tau, etc., for support of its candidate or like considerations. So a regular system which eliminated secrecy might suit some groups better than at first thought, after all.

### Party Division

Some notables have intimated that a bi-party division of the campus might be made. But this plan would involve political bosses, party conventions, and a wealth of unwieldy instruments. For instance, each dormitory might elect representatives to the party conventions. But why resort to this procedure when we already have the Di and Phi, with membership unrestricted in each? And every dormitory would have some "favorite son" to nominate for some position. Another difficulty would be the division of town residents into wards, etc. Evidently the present groups, the Di and the Phi, would be a better division.

### Selective Committee

Another political theorist once suggested that the campus elect five or so men who, with their intelligence and impartiality, could be relied upon to choose from all applicants the best candidates for each campus office. These men the committee would present to the campus as "best bets." But we mistrust the coercion which could be brought to bear on this select committee. And this plan would only shift the control of politics from individual schemers to a group of men who would change from year to year. The committee would have no keen competition from a regular rival; if it did, this rivalry would destroy the

## DULA IS MOST FREQUENT USER OF OPEN FORUM

Defender of Fleece Gets Six, Statistician's Survey Reveals—Column Used Freely.

In view of the recent free use of the Open Forum columns in the TAR HEEL a comparative study of that department has been made. It was found that this outlet of student expression has developed more this year than any other feature of the "student organ."

Questions involving tactics of fleecemen, magazine writers, athletic critics and campus censors have all been aired thoroughly.

The most frequent contributor this year, and, according to all records used in the survey, the most frequent contributor in the history of the TAR HEEL is R. L. Dula, a graduate student. During the fall term and since Christmas eight of his forum letters have been published. His subjects ranged from the damnation of "Slaves" to the glorification of Fleece. These were subjects discussed by the campus as a whole and exposed in detail by campus penmen.

During the conflict on the Magazine's policy the TAR HEEL carried as many as six forum letters, in a single issue. It was largely through this student expression that gained wide publicity of the event in papers throughout the nation.

Other features concerning student expression was brought to light as a result of the survey.

group's prestige. So the Di and Phi plan still seems strongest. Obviously this skeleton outline has its defects; but further details may be presented by students later.

### Think of the Issue

It has been our privilege to know frameups intimately. The campus has significant work to do before the next election. Will men who profess to have the interest of the student body at heart avoid this issue because it may hurt their political chances or because they foolishly consider it one man's political gesture? At any rate, several students' opinions will be reported by this writer if the men are reluctant in voicing their own ideas.

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### Graduate Club Hears Royster on His Trip

The Graduate Club met Friday night in the Parish House of the Episcopal church for its regular meeting. Miss Clyde Russell, vice-president of the club, presided.

Dean James F. Royster, of the Graduate school, was the principal speaker of the evening. He spoke most interestingly on the experiences that he had last summer while carrying on research work in England.

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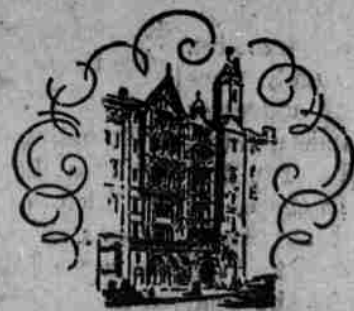
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