

**Ashes and Embers**

(Being the sophomore remains of sundry driftwood fires.)

By Walter Spearman

Since bits of verse seem to be required as a justification of every titled column, we offer the following:

"Seer and Sibyl speak concerning All the world to ashes turning."

"O joy! that in our embers Is something that doth live."

When one has cooled down the ardent flames of enthusiasm and delved into the very midst of the fires of comment and criticism, there perhaps—in the cold ashes of realism and in the living embers of knowledge—may be found some semblance of truth. And lo! we—the Sophomores—are the seekers after truth.

Although criticisms are hurled at us for our radical attacks upon old, fixed customs, although denunciations are launched against us for our so-called super-sophistication, although the very adjective "sophomoric" is applied to us with a touch of derision—still we stoutly maintain that we represent one essential phase of that gradual evolution of the college man from the raw high school material to the finished senior product.

Our first year of college was spent in trying to readjust ourselves to new conditions. It is in the second year, the sophomore year, that the student really awakens to a keen realization of what is happening about him. Now is the time for questioning established forms, institutions and creeds—not with any view of tearing down vital pillars of society but with the sole aim of searching out the truths of the universe and the endeavor to ascertain just what is worthwhile and what is non-essential.

In turn, we cast our eyes critically upon the educational system of the University, upon the creeds of the churches, upon the politics of campus, state, and nation, and sometimes upon the very moral codes of our civilization. If what we see does not please us, we are prone to give vent to dissatisfaction and loud criticism. But time will temper any over-critical outlook. The point is this: we have awakened from an intellectual stupor; we are at last looking about us with discerning eyes and we are paving the way for clear-sighted, constructive work in the years to come.

All hail the Sophomore! and ye critical ones be slow to deride our first starts of mental activity. Rather be patient with us and aid us in developing our dormant minds and our sleeping brains—for only as a result of constant questionings and probing investigations are we enabled to reach that stage of our university evolution at which we may turn our thoughts into actions and our wonderings into deeds.

For verily, "Knowledge is power" and we are seeking Knowledge wherever her paths may lead. One thing we have learned—like Socrates, "As for me, all I know is that I know nothing." Let that realization be our first step toward learning; and with every dauntless question that we throw out to the world let us take one more step forward.

**EXTENSION DIVISION TO HAVE SEMINAR TUESDAY**

The fourth Extension Division Seminar on Adult Education will be held Tuesday afternoon, February 15, from 4:00 to 5:00, in 312 South. Dr. L. R. Wilson will lead the discussion of the subject, "Libraries and Adult Education."

**OPEN FORUM**

Editor of TAR HEEL:

"I come to praise Caesar—not to bury him." One of the most noteworthy plans of the ages was proposed in the last issue of the TAR HEEL. It was a plan designed to rid the campus of the multi-various evils of machine politics, and it suggested a wonderful cure, a panacea for all political ills. The plan is truly marvelous—remarkable—grand. All that the campus needs to do, to assure itself of nice, clean, fair elections in which the deserving young men, the people's choice, are elected, is to turn the nominations and elections over to the Di and Phi literary societies—two "non-political" organizations.

The students would, resultantly be relieved of a tremendous burden—the gigantic task of deciding who will be nominated and who will be elected. A minimum of effort would be required for the students to vote their approval of Di candidates one year and Phi candidates the next. If Sigma Upsilon is allowed a "finger in the pie," their candidates could be given the stamp of approval every third or fourth year.

It is a well-known and non-disputed fact that neither the Di nor the Phi would stoop to soil their lily-white hands with such a horrid thing as a political frame-up. They are to be commended upon receiving credit for being so clean and pure and lovely. Turn the elections over to these organizations and let them evolve a system of elections which will be as white and clean as newly-lain snow. They will do a deed which will rebound to their everlasting praise and glory, on down through the ages—and receive the commendation of everyone who is interested in the abstract principle of Justice. They would also receive the whole-hearted damnation of all incumbents of political offices—most of whom, it is understood, owe their present, past, and prospective tenure of office to some kind of political machine or frame-up.

Some men might object to thus giving up their election rights—this should make no difference.

R. L. DULA, "Editor"

To the student body:

Inasmuch as my work as a columnist has given rise to the suspicion that certain acts have had my political success as their goal, and since pointed questions have been put to me recently by students who did not care to express their misgivings in print, I take this opportunity to make a public statement of several things, which, if unsaid, might cause my interest in political reform to hurt that campus issue.

1. Unless two of the three managing editors of the TAR HEEL withdraw from the race for its editorship, I will not run for that or any other campus office in the spring of 1927. Since two of these men have already announced their intentions of running, this condition is now satisfied.

2. It is to be thoroughly understood that my decision to run for no office results from no past acts or present fears. Furthermore there has been no yielding in order to promote the chances of any friend who might benefit by such a sentimental "sacrifice."

3. The issue of Open Politics is not original with me; so, it can not be considered a personal affair. Nor shall my fractional part in it work to the favor or pampering of any persons with whom I am affiliated.

4. Finally, the writer calls the attention of the campus to the fact that there are several men here who do not aspire or perspire to be its officers. He believes that he needs no office in order to contribute all that he has—and thus he will continue to do.

My articles explanatory of political reform have been suspended during the class control of this paper. But the Open Forum will remain open.

DAVID D. CARROLL

**NATIONAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE MEET HERE**

A conference of the National University Extension Association will be held in Chapel Hill, April 25-26-27. The University of North Carolina Extension Division is in charge of all local arrangements. The National Academy of Visual Instruction will meet here at the same time.

The Northampton County Club held a social last night at the home of Dr. E. W. Knight.

**First Year Students In Law Hold Feed**

Alcohol Case Not Pressed When Defendant Drinks Evidence.

The first year class of the University's School of Law held its annual banquet Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Carolina Inn. D. K. Moore, recently elected president of the class to succeed Henry Johnson, presided as toastmaster. After an excellent banquet Acting Dean McIntosh made a short talk upon the incidental activities necessary in the making of great lawyers, spicing the speech with flashes of wit and amusing reminiscences. Dr. McIntosh particularly emphasized the importance of wide reading and knowledge of literature, and of the ability to read and understand human nature. He quoted from Scott and Warren, and referred to Dickens, Arthur Train, and Melville D. Post, all of whom have written excellently upon phases of the law in their fiction.

Mr. P. H. Winston then presided at a mock trial in which Phillip F. Schnell, one of the class, was indicted for "wilful and malicious possession of Tona-Spaf, with intent to sell." J. N. Smith, D. M. McComb, and D. S. Gardner acted as counsel, prosecutor, and sheriff, respectively. The case was not pressed when the witness drank up the evidence. After the case was dismissed Phil Whitley entertained the class with a "take-off" on Mr. Winston, who enjoyed it almost as much as the class.

Kellogg awaits the reply of the Chinese factions to his proposals and when he gets it China will be found suggesting that he talk turkey.—*Raleigh Times*.

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**CAMPUS FORUM NUMBER FOUR**

The annual State Y. M. C. A. Convention was held last week at the Greensboro "Y." Every "Y," white and colored, in the state sent delegates. It was announced that all business program was finished at the end of the afternoon session. The white delegates had a banquet in the evening at which two Y. M. C. A. notables from Washington and New York were special after-dinner speakers. The negro delegates expressed desire to hear the speakers also and protested against the discrimination.

If you were in charge of the convention how would you handle such a situation?

Several groups last week came to the conclusion that solution to the whole Race Problem lay in education.

Who is it in need of education,

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the white or the black—or both? Who makes the greater problem for the Race Question, the uneducated negro or the uneducated white man? How and why?

What do you know about the living conditions of the household servants, cooks and nurse maids in your town and in Chapel Hill? Is it only a matter of moral and religious importance as to the sanitation and decency of the southern negro?

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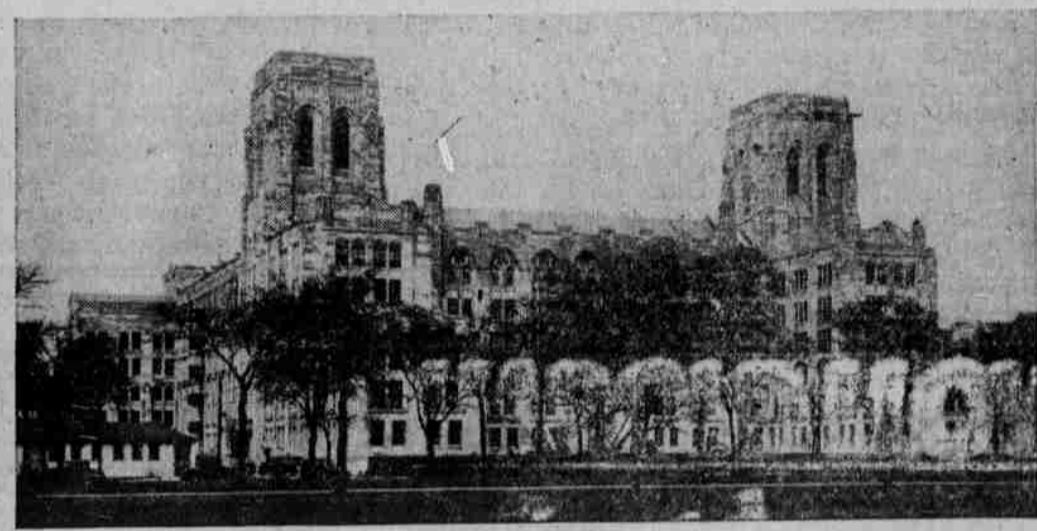
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