

The Driftwood Fire

By Dave Carroll

For eons of time man has been chock-full of devotion in some form. This sentiment is illimitable, but its obvious poles are hate and love. At a time when the virtue of love is over-exalted, we choose to point out some of its hideous features. It causes us to slip, slash, and slay. Love is a selfish bargain made by its possessor to tickle his own senses. But today we select its offspring, loyalty, for a local treatment.

Brotherly Love

There is no more beautiful thought. Men, devoid of the carnal attraction of sex, bind themselves in a friendship which defies social adversities. Men whose natural equipment is such as to enable them to crush the hearts and works of other men become lovers instead of blood gluttons. The thought has ever been a thing of beauty.

But eventually these comrades turn to outside conquest. Their close organization may then prove a blight to the community; and such today is the effect which social fraternities produce on campus politics. These groups have become the units of measurement in political organization. To them may be traced much of the existing disorder in politics throughout American colleges.

Misconceived Loyalty

When pledges are solemnly sworn into Greek letter fraternities, they proclaim their allegiance to a kind of social kinship among the "brothers." This purely social friendship causes a member of one fraternity to prefer the company of his "brothers" to that of other Greeks. Such a social preference is quite natural, even if not wholesome; every boy, of course, has those friends whose company he finds most delightful for dances, trips to Sweet Briar, football games, etc. But this loyalty becomes perverted when Kappa Tau's scheme and conspire in order to glorify their fraternity by "placing" this or that brother in some position which exacts diligence and ability. Indeed, the officials of most national fraternities advise the chapters to stay out of affairs which are not purely social. Campus government needs the man with the merit, not the man who happens to wear the same frat pin as that on the voter.

Reason vs. Practice

Obviously there is no reason why an excellent fraternity brother should not be defeated as a candidate for an office demanding of talent. Yet, certain politicians in each chapter barter its support at political caucuses in order to capture offices for this or that member. The other members of that chapter who imagine themselves bound by any rule of ethics to vote always for a fraternity brother or for the chapter politicians' choice have an aborted sense of loyalty. Nor can any fraternity ritual demand that its subscribers refuse to run against each other or withdraw in favor of a man more suitable to the group's ticket. The group was born for social fellowship; but when it dips into politics, as most fraternities do here, it becomes a houseful of conspirers, a political party. When students begin to elect an officer, employ a servant, they should unshackle themselves from purely sentimental ties and vote for merit. It should be a case with the voter of: Not that I love Caesar less, but that I love Rome more. Until students see this distinction, they will be pitiful beggars of a most unreliable type. If the social groups fail to put forth their best men, or if

their sentimental bonds continue to decide the success of elections, they should be ousted from politics. At best they constitute only twenty-six per cent of the campus.

Why Run for Office?

At an early date, we shall strike at the real fallacy in college politics, namely, a ridiculous over-estimation of the value of student offices. We believe that students should be trained to a high sense of responsibility in government. But in our column on the value of student offices we shall show briefly why any student who seeks an office is a fit subject for a psychology examination.

Open Politics

The writer does not feel that it is his duty or wish to assume the leading role in the promotion of some definite plan for the re-organization of politics on this campus. In spite of inaccuracies in the TAR HEEL, he has never formulated a definite plan for such reform. He has only attempted to provoke thought on the need for political change; and the Di-Phi suggestion was offered as an example of what might be done. The recent change in the date of nominations, the interest in open politics as shown by the freshman discussion group and the debating club, the work of several juniors and seniors—all are factors which indicate a commendable spirit on the part of campus leaders.

Definite Proposals; Mass Meeting

We wish to commend especially the work of a group of juniors and seniors who have studied several ideas and who have codified numerous suggestions which they will soon present to the campus. The mass meeting Friday night should be a highly significant and perhaps heated powwow of political lions and campus notables. Those who wish to see a battle royal may not be disappointed.

Medical Extension Work Is Popular

The biannual report of the University Extension Division shows that since 1916 six post graduate medical courses have been offered by the Extension Division and the School of Medicine.

These courses are given in the summer to doctors of the state and consist of 12 lectures and clinics. During the six summers in which these plans have been in operation there were 41 centers of instruction in 38 counties, with a total of 71 classes and a total registration of 1185. In numbers enrolled Guilford led the counties with Mecklenburg and Durham running second and third.

Plans are now under way for a course to be given this year in the southeastern part of the state.

Soccer Practice Getting Underway

A large number of men are reporting to Coach Ellinwood at the intramural field each day for soccer practice. After a few more days of training the intramural athletic department will schedule games.

Soccer is one of the favorite sports at North Carolina State College and a number of western Carolina preparatory schools. The University of Virginia has a soccer team and as soon as the money is made available by the University for soccer, an intercollegiate meet will be arranged with the Virginia boys. It is very probable that a game will be played this spring.

There will be a regular meeting of the Pitt County Club tonight at 8:30 in the club rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

Library Gets Some More Drawers

212,000 Cards Now In the Catalogue System.

The University library has recently added 72 drawers to its index card catalogue which brings the total number of drawers to 212. One new section was added to the present equipment and the change required approximately 30 hours of labor.

The library now has 212,000 cards in the catalogue which represent approximately 70,000 books. Mr. Baker of the library staff estimates that the present number of drawers should take care of the increased number of books for the next two years. All of the work was done on Sunday so as not to conflict with the public use of the library.

The addition necessitated the change of a large number of cards from old drawers. It is estimated that each book has an average of three cards in the catalogue.

Short-Distance Men Cause of Odiferous Fertilizer Spreading

The recent addition of fertility to part of the campus in the neighborhood of the library was the outcome of indiscriminate trampling of students over the young spring grasses. The numerous pathways have been consistently used by many students who seem to have the same destination and the mutual desire to take the direct course to it.

No limit has been set upon continuance of the aroma: for workmen merely followed commands without regard to weather environment or consequence.

Dr. Bernard Speaks in Statesville

Professor W. S. Bernard, of the University, attended the meeting of the Iredell County Alumni in Statesville Tuesday night and delivered the address of the evening.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON "THE BIG PARADE"

"The Big Parade," King Vidor's picturization of Laurence Stallings' story, has received a larger volume of editorial comment than any other picture which has been before the public in the last decade. In fact, with the exception of "The Birth of a Nation" there has been no other picture that has excited such keen interest among the molders of public opinion or has drawn forth so many prophecies about the glowing future of the movies. From the mighty New York journals like the *World* and *Daily News* to the country weeklies, the men in the editorial chairs have welcomed "The Big Parade" as a contribution to American life and thought. Perhaps their composite opinion is best summed up by the editorial statement from the Birmingham (Ala.) *Post* that, "All the sins of the movies are atoned for by 'The Big Parade.' All the triteness and hokum—all the shortcomings of which the movies have been guilty and which have affronted the artistic instinct of millions, are atoned for when a form of art can produce such a picture. There have naturally been thousands of low-grade pictures for every great one. . . . But the movies have produced their Shakespeares and their Miltons, their Dickens and their Hugos. They have not produced as many—because the art is young. But they have given to the world such immortal films as 'THE BIG PARADE' and 'The Birth of a Nation.' And in that they have justified themselves!"

THOSE OLD WAR SONGS

Of all the martial songs that have made history, those gay, lilting tunes sung by the American doughboy during the World War are perhaps the most famous. Many of these songs of the camp and of the march have been incorporated in the motion picture "The Big Parade," which is at the Pickwick today, matinee and night. The musical accompaniment to this picture, which is said to be the finest

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"A LITTLE JOURNEY"
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"Blisters Under the Skin"
Pathe Comedy—"The Noon Whistle"

JOHN GILBERT



Star in "The Big Parade," showing at the Pickwick Theatre this afternoon and tonight.

score ever written directly for a big photoplay, owes much of its effectiveness to these songs.

The first song that the majority of recruits heard was the marching refrain, "You're in the Army Now," and this song is used to introduce the characters in their roles of American doughboys. Every audience chuckles over this tune as the recruits in "The Big Parade" step along to the cadence of

"You're in the army now
You're not behind the plow,
You'll never get rich
By digging a ditch,
You're in the army now."
Then follows "Over There," the song that George M. Cohan wrote for the

departing troops and which was sung at the time of the embarkation. It was an instant popular hit. Snatches of these songs, which were made famous some time after they were written, have been included in the music score for this picture.

Once in France the doughboys quickly adopted "Mademoiselle from Armentaire" as one of the principal rollicking marching songs. This bit of doggerel runs along for more than 100 verses, many of which were written by the first troops to arrive in France.

Some true atmosphere is added to the hilarious scenes back in billets before moving into the fighting zone by the introduction of "Hinky Dinky Parley Voo" and also "Mademoiselle of Armentaire." One of the comedy scenes in the picture shows the soldiers washing their shirts in the most primitive manner by beating them on stones in a small brook to the accompanying verses of

"Farmer, have you a daughter fair?
Parley Voo,
Farmer, have you a daughter fair?
Parley Voo,
Farmer, have you a daughter fair?
Who can wash a soldier's underwear?
Hinky dinky parley voo."
Then the answering refrain introduces one of the numerous verses about the much-sung mademoiselle from the village of Armentaire. "Mademoiselle from Armentaire
Parley Voo
Mademoiselle from Armentaire
Parley Voo
Mademoiselle from Armentaire
She ain't even heard of underwear,
Hinky dinky parley voo."

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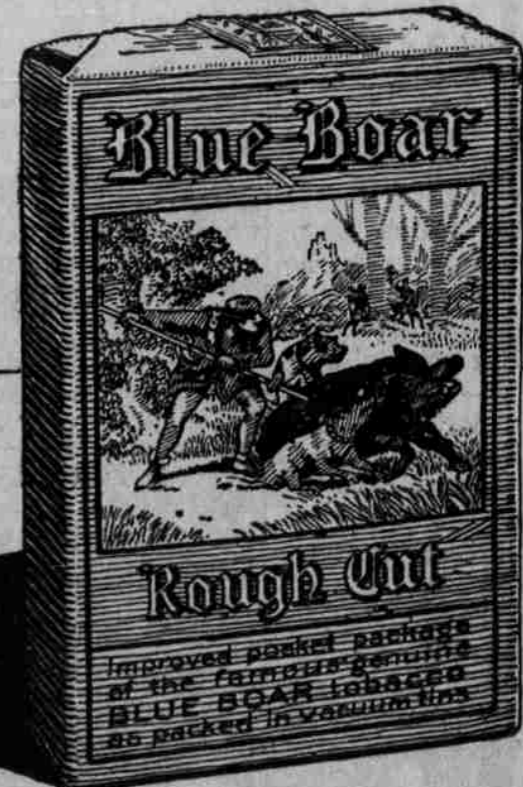
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