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PARAGRAPHS

All eyes are turned toward Atlanta. Watch the Flying Phantoms fly.

As we walk through the campus this week, we are vividly and constantly of the second line of "Gray's Elegy."

The illiteratus that got us to publish his athletic poultry has failed to live up to his bargain. The dope is still missing.

We heard "Sheik" Moore calling up the co-ed house the other night and he evidently thinks that he is "it" to the opposite sex. When the sheba answered the telephone, Cap said "this is Joy-e-y." He may be joy to the co-eds but he ain't no joy to us.

One thing rather singular about basketball this season is the way the double-headers have been divided. We don't recall a single time this season that the frosh and varsity teams both won their games on the same night. The same thing holds good for double-headers in other colleges and universities. One team gives the other a little consolation.

President Douglas, of the University of South Carolina, was unknown as a soloist to the Palmetto students until a recent chapel meeting. A dispatch says that few students knew the hymn that was announced except Dr. Douglas and those that started singing soon stopped. The president raised his eyebrows questioningly after the first few lines, and calmly disregarding the silence which was broken only by his voice and a titter of amusement throughout

the audience, he bravely sang the first verse unaccompanied before he dismissed chapel.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Paul has always been a name of more than passing significance, for in biblical times we have Paul as leader of a faction of the Jews, and later came John Paul Jones, the first American naval commander, and then Paul Whiteman, and a thousand other distinguished Pauls have added glory to the ancient title. Even the University gains widespread recognition through the activities of two more Pauls—Paul Green and Paul J. Weaver, and it becomes more apparent that the success which attends the name of Paul makes the appellation of such a nature that may be summoned only with deep solemnity.

Paul Green, with his play, "In Abraham's Bosom," already moved to the Garrick Theatre and mentioned as a leading contender for the Pulitzer award, and another of his works, "The Field God" slated to open on Broadway shortly, has been heralded by dramatic critics as a second Eugene O'Neill. Paul J. Weaver, not content with his glee club's gaining national prominence as one of the country's outstanding college choral organizations, seeks greater realms to conquer, and schedules a concert tour of England and Europe for the approaching summer. Both men, besides making enviable reputations for themselves, are gaining for the University advertising of a distinctive and valuable nature. Their work is evidence that discounts the assertions of critics that American colleges and universities are built around stadia, athletics, and high-priced coaches, for each is developing a cultural side of college life that reflects credit on the institution which he represents.

The trip which Mr. Weaver has arranged for the Carolina Glee Club is the most extensive tour ever attempted by any University organization, and under the patronage of the Honorable Alanson B. Houghton, United States ambassador to Great Britain, it should prove profitable to the club not only from a financial standpoint, but also should afford a delightful summer's outing for the club members in England and France at a minimum of expense.

Since Paul J. Weaver's advent to the University eight years ago, to take charge of the department of Music, the department has had a phenomenal growth. Under his direction numerous concerts, recitals, and other musical performances have drawn very good support from the people of the town and from the student body. The Sunday afternoon concerts have proven popular with local music lovers since their beginning. But the most important factor in his success seems to have been with the Glee Club. Growing from an insignificant group when he took charge, to a group of such importance that its members were invited to Kansas City last year for the National Music Supervisors Conference, it has made a reputation for itself that probably will not be equalled by any other club for quite a while.

Paul Green matriculated here some years ago, a modest country lad but ambitious and energetic. He did extensive playwriting for the Carolina Playmakers, dealing almost wholly with the plots built around episodes of his boyhood, and in his New York success he has not deviated from his principle of dealing with subjects with which he is thoroughly acquainted. He has two plays in New York now, one running on Broadway, and the other to open soon. His current play at the Garrick Theatre

is there after a successful run at the Provincetown theatre for a month and a half, and according to Percy Hammond, dramatic critic of the New York Herald Tribune, stands an even chance of copping the azure Pulitzer riband as the leading American play of the year. This is a more distinctive honor because of the fact that it meets stiff competition in gaining preference over its more urban rivals—Broadway, the Barker, Chicago, and others which have had an enthusiastic reception in Gotham. Mr. Hammond seldom errs in his Pulitzer prognostication.

BRADSHAW MAKES CORRECTIONS

Dean Francis F. Bradshaw has written a letter to the TAR HEEL to correct two misinterpretations which were in recent issues. One was concerning a paragraph about the freshman discussion group, and the other was the report of the group's discussion of campus politics. In a letter to the editor, the dean elucidates as follows:

"May I correct one misimpression which may prove embarrassing to the members of the group, as well as to some men not members of the group, namely, the misimpression that the group represents the fifteen or twenty 'most intelligent' men in the freshman class. It was not made up on this basis. Three criteria were used in selecting the men for it. The first was a position on the mental alertness score sufficiently high to make it reasonably certain that the time involved in the discussions would not handicap them in passing their work. Most of the men were in the upper 10 percent of the class on that 'mental alertness' test, so called. Some, however, are as far from the top as 60 percent. Since there were nearly 70 men in the upper 10 percent, you can see that we selected only a few of the men and not necessarily those with the highest score. Interest in studies and student activities in high school was the second basis of selection, and recommendation from teachers, upperclassmen, athletic coaches and other people in contact with freshmen early in the year constituted the third.

"I do not pretend to believe that men invited to join the group represent the best 20 men in the class for that purpose. They are merely 20 men who were clearly eligible for membership in such a group. Many others would have been equally as good and some possibly better.

"Your suggestion for other groups made up at different levels of scholastic ability strikes me as a good one. I plan next year to attempt three groups, meeting part of the time separately and part of the time together, made up along the lines of your suggestion.

"May I, too, take this occasion to correct somewhat the atmosphere of a recent article concerning the group's discussion of campus politics. The term 'confessions' was a misnomer as applied to the contribution to the discussion made by the upperclassmen present. They merely described the procedures which have led up to the formation of the campus tickets as they have seen them. There was nothing unethical described, nor was there any implication that the processes of politics on the campus have been essentially unethical, but that they have hitherto been merely concealed and under cover up until the time for nominations."

The TAR HEEL appreciates the commendation included in the letter. The dean says further: "I appreciate very much your commendatory editorial on our freshman discussion group, and can assure you that it has proven as valuable to me as your editorial assumes.

"Let me say, too, that I personally have found the TAR HEEL more newsy and more readable this year than at any previous time. I do not know whether this is a true judgment or not, but I wish to testify to it."

OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

A fairly intimate acquaintance with the bad check situation on our campus and in Chapel Hill moves me to offer a suggestion which I trust you will see fit to publish. A constructive purpose prompts this proposal. My suggestion is that, with the students' sanction and support, a University bank be established—a depository for the convenience and safety of the student body.

The situation existent at present is, briefly stated, this: approximately ten per cent of the student body give bad checks at one time or another during the year. Feeling that there is a responsibility involved which cannot be evaded, the University sets itself to the task of compelling a correction of the worthless checks. This work on the part of the University costs, so I am reliably informed, about seventy-five dollars per month. This approximation does not, of course, take into account the time loss to the students who are dropped from classes nor does it relieve the inadvertently guilty of the humiliation imposed.

A first consideration, presumably, is that of the probable cost to the proposed bank's patrons—the students who deposit. The auditor for the University, Mr. L. B. Rogerson, who by the way believes some such scheme as this thoroughly practicable, estimates that the University could operate such a depository and serve the students eight hours per day at a nominal cost of twenty-five cents per month per depositor. This small per individual cost presumes a patronage equivalent, say, to a majority of the student body. A student depositor at the down-town bank pays one dollar per month. There would be no other cost to the students, and there would be no teeth in the proposition anywhere.

A second consideration which comes to mind is this: what would be the incentive or advantage to the student body to patronize such a service on the University's part? An illogical reply to such a question would be, why not patronize it? It is patent that, after all, one gives a check in order to get money or its equivalent—most often, it is supposed, for the former purpose among the students in Chapel Hill. Frequently it happens here that one has to give, say, two or more checks in order to secure enough cash to meet some immediate need. The day before a holiday season always finds confusion and muddle because of the difficulty in securing money for going home or elsewhere. A depositor with the University bank would experience no such difficulty. Anticipating his probable needs, he could, if he had a sufficient amount on deposit, secure the necessary funds without trouble or worry. An immediate availability of cash for depositors would always obtain.

The University would be able, through the revenue derived from the deposit charge, to place an efficient full-time man in charge of the student accounts. Eminent satisfactory service could be given. Every suggestion of business-like method would be involved in such a plan, whereas at present there is no semblance of economy or business to be found in the manner of handling this matter. And this is no condemnation of the merchants of the town nor of the Student Council representative who labors to check the evil and obviate loss to those concerned.

What about those checks which the merchants might take despite the University's bank? A good question, to be sure, and to answer it my proposal would be to let them make the most of their folly. The University would relieve itself of any and all responsibility as between merchants and students. Such a service by the University would be useless to the extent that student checks were accepted.

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ed outside. But here sound business principles may be seen as raising their heads, for there would inevitably be fewer and fewer checks favored out in town when the possibility of loss became a probability even in a few cases.

What would the parents and guardians at home say about such a proposition? The majority of both doubtless place on deposit for their sons and wards certain amounts of money at regular intervals upon which the students check at will. What would be the difference to those at home between depositing with the University bank and the bank at home? The fee of, say, twenty-five cents would be perhaps the only perceptible difference; but would this not be compensated for through the added convenience of cash at all times to depositors would, it seems, counteract any probable disadvantage accruing.

What about the solvency of the proposed bank? No loans would be made, which would insure the ready subjection of any deposit to demand at any time. The bank would be as solvent as is the University.

Is there need for reform here in this matter? Anyone doubting that the situation at present is bad may have his doubts allayed by acquainting himself with the facts. These will, it is confidently believed, convert the most skeptical. The problem, as it appears to me, grows larger each quarter. Measures, stringent in their nature and costly to those who may fall a victim thereto, are said to be in process of formulation by the authorities. The student body favor, I dare say, whatever means may be employed to eliminate the evil. But why employ stringency when, if the opportunity for making one's self amenable to disciplinary measures be reduced, the evil will necessarily be reduced and, may be, entirely eliminated? Even for those who are never troubled by having checks come back as worthless there is nothing to lose, but convenience to gain.

It is my hope, Mr. Editor, that if you think this proposal has any merit you will take it up through your editorial page, open your columns to a discussion of the proposition, and urge an expression of opinion by the students.

BEN HUSBANDS.

Pi Phi Dance Tonight

The new initiates of the Pi Beta Phi woman's fraternity will tonight give a dance in honor of the local chapter. The dance is to be a twilight affair in the Gorgon's Head Lodge. Invitations have been received on the campus.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 p. m.—Playmakers Theatre, Playmaker Reading, Dr. U. T. Holmes will read "Cyrano de Bererac."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:15 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. Cabinets, Y. M. C. A.

8:30 p. m.—Wrestling meet, Carolina vs. Davidson, Tin Can.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 p. m.—Episcopal Parish House, monthly meeting of the Philological Club. Dean Royster will present a paper on "A Chauver Controversy in 1735." Graduate students are especially invited.

8:30 p. m.—Phillips Hall, Dr. K. S. Lashley will deliver annual Sigma Xi Lecture.

9:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Student Vestry, Episcopal Parish House.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 p. m.—Phillips Hall. Lecture by Edgar Wind on "Styles of Architecture from the Egyptian to the Gothic Period."

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 p. m.—Tin Can. High School State Basketball finals.

BOY SCOUTS DECORATE WINDOW AT FOISTER'S

At attractive display of scout handiwork by troop I is shown in Foister's window. The exhibit was arranged on Washington's birthday. A picture of the "scout's ideal" is in the center. A boy scout's statue has been offered by E. M. Knox to the patrol making the best record during 1927. A picture of the scout band and the Chapel Hill patrol is also shown.

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