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PARAGRAPHS

The snow is evidently holding politics under cover.

Some political machines require more than brains to run them. The Fords which are used to carry voters to the ballot boxes are examples.

To those south of us who are singing "The King Isn't King Anymore," we will only say that "Tomorrow Will Come," or in Bucky Harris' immortal words, "Tomorrow is another day."

Psychologists have found that some people believe their own lies and have given such a condition the name of empathy. It is the result of having a better imagination than memory—the inability to decide between fact and fancy. Many students are not prevaricators—they are just ampathic.

"They are wild—they are primitive—they are just as they should be—they are the personification of electricity—they are life," said Gilda Grey, in describing her impression of college men. We wonder if she could accomplish what Clara Bow did when she kissed a Yale student and caused his lips to burn for three days.

We are still giving prizes. This one goes to the absent-minded professor who poured the syrup down his back and scratched his pancake, forgot his watch and took it out to see if he had time enough to go home and get it, put the clock out and wound up the cat, threw the towel in the bath-tub and hung himself up on the rack, put the car to bed and locked himself in the garage, and picked up a hair brush and said, "Gee, I need a shave."

BOOTLICKING

One thing in colleges and universities that is more talked of than seen is the system of "legging" or "bootlicking." A student will often accuse his fellow-student of attacking the weak points of a certain professor who is susceptible to the art of bluffing, but it is generally done in a jocular way and oftentimes is mere equivocation.

However, such riling it not conducive to the best understanding between students and professors. A student will refrain from coming in contact with his instructors any more than is necessary because he does not desire to be called a booter, and, in turn, the instructor can ill afford to show an especial interest in any particular students for fear that he will be classed as an individual who is quick to fall prey to the wily student who would bamboozle his teachers into giving him high grades.

Such a condition should be absolutely undesirable from the standpoint of both students and professors. It is the students who are to be blamed for the existing state of affairs. At all kinds of student meetings, bull sessions, and the like, "booting the prof" is a favorite topic for discussion, and a vent for the braggart's air. Such "bull" reaches the ear of the professor and he has to guard against showing too much friendliness toward students that he could otherwise help.

Instead of such a condition there should be the greatest mutual friendliness possible between those who are instructing and those who are supposed to be receiving the instruction. Concerning such a system the N. C. Technician says in part:

"One of the outstanding benefits that can be derived from our four-year period in college is our association with others who have perhaps had more opportunities for development than we have had. If we assume a belligerent attitude toward our teachers, or cause them to assume a belligerent attitude toward us, then we are not getting full value for our money and time expended here.

"The average student is afraid to be courteous to his teacher, because he does not desire to be accused of 'legging.' Sometimes he will go out of his way to be discourteous, just to show his fellows that he is not one of the despised 'leggers.'

"So long as we have a lack of understanding and co-operation between the students and teachers we shall have poor standards of scholarship.

"There is an occasional student who makes himself a nuisance to his teachers and his classmates because of his weak attempt as plasticity, to be moulded into whatever shape the professor desires. But this student is rarely possessed of ability, and is soon weeded out.

"If keeping all our academic work in neat and complete order is 'legging,' then that form of student activity is to be highly commended.

"Give us good and industrious attention to duty, leg or no leg."

Bible Drama Sunday Night

Judas Iscariot, a Bible drama, written by Charlotte Gleason of the Drama League of America will be presented in the Methodist church Sunday night, 6:45. The Epworth LeLague rooms of the left wing will be used for the performance.

The leading parts are played by Claude Ballard and Miss Louise Medley. Professor Smith is director.

Epsilon Phi Delta initiated the following men this week: J. O. Allison, Bobby Wilkins and Walter Creech.

OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Is Chappell justified?

The writer would like to express thru the "open forum" what he thinks the most outrageous injustice ever attempted, barring one, on the students of the University during his three and two-thirds years residence. The information contained herein is based upon the statements of one of the wronged parties who is a friend of the writer and who is willing to back these statements by affidavit.

And these are the facts which can be supported thru above mentioned affidavit: Three boys were caught playing cards on the campus in a dormitory room. They were called before the student council, accused of playing poker, and asked for the names of all men who had played poker in the room in which they were caught. The council failed to prove its charge, and Chappell then demanded that the boys give a list of all those who were guilty of having played in the room before though no other men were brought before the council in connection with this charge. He said: "If, by eleven o'clock Saturday, you have not turned in this list you are automatically suspended. Furthermore, I want it understood that I am not shipping you, in case you are shipped, for gambling, but for not co-operating with the Student Council in furnishing these names."

And thus it seems, that any of the three who do not accede to Chappell's demand and furnish the names will be duly shipped—shipped because they refused to buy off their verdict even though they were not proven guilty of gambling. Though the writer frankly admits that he can see no harm in a clean game of poker, he would have upheld Chappell's action should he ship the accused after they were proven guilty of violating a university ruling.

May the writer ask thru your column how Chappell can justify his action with the statement he made as recorded in Thursday's TAR HEEL: "I don't want the students to tell me or another member of the Council everytime they see a case of violation of the Honor System"? Such a statement and such an action seem impossible to be reconciled.

Chappell has asked these men to "sell their honor for a mess of pottage"—that they betray the confidence of their friends in order that their sentence may be lightened, or that they may save themselves from leaving the University. His action has



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shown his attitude: "I can't convict you, but I will make you let me take it out on your friends." Truly, this must satisfy his sense of justice; and more truly must it reflect his attempt to copy the ancient "third degree." His attempt at far-famed glory when he tried the editor and the assistant of the Magazine must have struck his love for un-earned confidence of the campus a sparking blow. He evidently feels that an appeal to the faculty would result in an action for his support since they might be afraid to over-rule an action of the council twice. The writer refuses to predict an outcome of such an item, but he believes that some of the faculty will see the stride of Chappell's attempt to "Chappellize" the student body and force an irreparable injustice on the accused.

If such are the facts, and if these boys are shipped, the writer has lost faith in any "honor system" which will support Chappell in his action.

F. M. DAUGHETY

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Please publish the following statement:

Last night the Student Council gave three men who had admitted to poker playing (for past time) their choice between telling who the men were who had been playing with them or leave the University.

Time or space will not permit a lengthy discussion of the matter or the facts in the case. However, the men in question see the situation from a different point of view and seem to be willing to cooperate with student government and the case will be reopened. The Council has spent four nights this week on the case.

If we have student government we must have one of two systems: either we must conduct a system of espionage, or

we must depend upon the student body to report misconduct, and certainly when a man is implicated in continued misconduct we can expect no less than that he clear the matter. Which of the two systems do we have?

When the faculty granted to the students of the University the right to handle their own problems of discipline, the student body faithfully promised to report misconduct of fellow students and to handle their problems conscientiously. If we cannot and are not willing to keep this promise we have no student government, and should not pretend to have.

If, when a man is called before the Council, we cannot depend upon him to tell what he knows about the situation in question then Student Government from a disciplinary point of view falls flat.

To see that a man does not get credit for work that is not his,

or to see that as evil an influence as poker playing, among 2,500 men, is eliminated is not "tale bearing." It is simply keeping faith with the promise made long ago and fulfilling the duty of the individual in a self governing society.

S. G. CHAPPELL

ODUM TRANSPORTS GUEST BY TRACTOR

One University professor finds a way in spite of storm, wind or tide.

Howard W. Odum received a call from Carrboro Tuesday afternoon that Mrs. Odum's sister had arrived by railway and could get no further. Mr. Odum went to the Strowd garage, had them hitch a drag to a caterpillar tractor, and started out to Carrboro after the visitor. In three hours he arrived back at home with his guest.

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