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## PARAGRAPHS

Four long weeks before Easter.

Wanted: An editor of the Open Forum column. Dula is out of school this quarter.

With the coming of hot weather and coatless students we find that we have one thing to be thankful for. Officials of Texas Christian University have issued orders that all students who fail or refuse to decorate their necks with ties will be barred from classrooms and the school cafeteria. The order is to "tie up or get out."

N. C. State College students celebrated St. Patrick's day in grand fashion. The Technician came out in green print with a Saint Patrick's edition, and the hilarious celebration was brought to a close with a Grand Brawl.

Speaking of the examinations which have just passed—though we won't—someone has said that if you got an A you knew your stuff, got a B used some bluff, got a C used some junk, got a D it was mostly bunk, got an E merely flunked.

The TAR HEEL is carrying a column or more of comments from various sources pertaining to the council-student controversy which is to be settled this week. This reprinted material is a small portion of what has been said in the press about the affair during the past ten days, but we are unable to carry more of it in this issue. We are giving part of our editorial space in order that as many of the comments as possible may be printed.

## THE TWO INSTITUTES

The University and Chapel Hill are particularly fortunate this week in having the opportunity to attend two institutes of outstanding importance. The fourth annual Dramatic Institute and third annual State Dramatic Tournament will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. An elaborate program has been planned which should be of interest to many students, as well as residents of the town and nearby towns and cities.

The whole state at large is interested in the Human Relations Institute, which began Sunday and lasts through Friday.

This Institute got off to an auspicious start Sunday with large crowds at the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches to hear addresses by notables who had been invited here to speak at the various sessions. Those who are in position to know say that nothing of its kind has ever been attempted in the South that can compare with the Human Relations Institute. Many eminent speakers from different parts of the United States and from as far off as international relations, will bring India, who are specialists on interracial relations, industrial relations, to the campus the results of their studies and experiments. The purpose of the programs is to present the most important questions to the students, faculty men and visitors and to lead them to intelligent thinking and study along these lines. The success of the Institute was guaranteed with the coming of such men as Kirby Page, W. L. Poteat, W. W. Alexander, Alva W. Taylor, Herbert A. Gibbons, James W. Johnson, J. J. Cornelius, James Myers, Fred Rindge, Arthur Rugh, E. M. Patterson, Josephus Daniels, and others.

The coming of these two institutes during the first week of the spring quarter works well from the student point of view and it behooves every person on the campus to attend as many of the sessions as possible.

## CLIPPINGS

What makes the excitement at Chapel Hill the more remarkable is that there appears to be no good half back among the suspended students.—Greensboro Daily News.

It is bad enough when boys fall into bad practices at colleges but it is without palliation when men taking special courses lead in gambling. Such men at the University, if guilty, should not be suspended. They should be expelled.

Colleges and universities ought to set an example in correct habits and in obedience to law.—News and Observer.

University boys charged with participating in a little game of draw, or whatever the name for the game they are alleged to have played, complain, as understood, that third degree methods were employed to get evidence to convict. While third degree methods are without the law they are frequently recognized officially, or at least their products are utilized to an extent that gives them a sort of semi-official standing. The university gamblers, therefore, may find such comfort as they can in the fact that they have received the same consideration as lesser breeds without the law.

R. R. CLARK in Greensboro Daily News.

## CHANGING THE ISSUE

The whole state is interested in the outcome of the suspension of students at the University on a charge of gambling and drinking. The Greenville Reflector, observing that the students suspended are complaining of the methods employed to obtain the evidence, says "their plea is another case of the 'hit dog howling'."

If the students were guilty of gambling and drinking the sentences should stand. The effort to change the issue from innocence or guilt to quibbling about how the testimony was botained, is the old practice of relying on technicalities. The Reflector voices public sentiment in North Carolina when it says: "Gambling at colleges must cease if the institutions are to accomplish their purpose of properly training young men for the future."

Tax payers are not willing to support any institution that tolerates gambling or drinking. If any students insist upon disobeying the rules of the institution and the laws of North Carolina they are not desired or needed at the State University.—News and Observer.

## DOSES NOW AND THEN

According to reports carried in papers of the state last week thirteen students were suspended for the spring quarter by the student council at the University of North Carolina. The thirteen students were charged with the offense of gambling, in the eyes of some a serious breach of the law of the land as well as the law of universities, in the sight of others not so serious. That is not the question to consider here. The guilty parties, if they be proved guilty, will suffer, but the student body of the university will suffer more.

This damage to the student group comes not because certain members of their body corporate have strayed from the right to the left, but because of the attitude that the student group has since assumed towards the members chosen by itself to regulate ill

doing. It is as if a monarch would grant to his physician permission to cure the ills of his body, and, then on discovery of the method of salvation to be employed, revoke that permission. That courage to a rare degree is needed to face the truth we would be the last one to deny.

That such a show down of conditions at the Hill would come was to be expected by those keeping in touch with the political situation. The present head of the student government, it is reputed, won in the elections of last year through a split, or rather a combination, of the fraternity political groups. Being a non-fraternal, dark horse victor in the elections, Mr. Cheppell must have endeavored to be more straight laced in handling of affairs than the average administrator of student government dares to be; hence the trouble.

The students themselves realize that something is wrong as is evidenced by the governmental convention called for a consideration of change of policy. Their efforts to clean up unwholesome conditions will result in good one way or another, and ought to prevent the recurrence of a deadlock in the election of men to the Golden Fleece, and other organizations. In the mean time all of the noise that Mr. David Carroll's Driftwood column roused seems to have been justified.

As long as we or our neighbor colleges proceed to elect men to administer medicine needed we ought at least be staunch enough of heart to be willing to submit to their findings. Until then the entire fabric of the principle of self government by students or by any other body of citizens is full of holes that will stretch into yet larger ones under the pressure of the wear and tear of daily use.—Duke Chronicle.

## CAROLINA'S REBELLION

At the University of North Carolina, 13 students have been suspended for gambling by the student-council, following repeated warnings by the president of the student body. An enraged group of students have demanded that the action of the council, in suspending violators of the student code, be referred to the student body, believing, perhaps, that the members of the student body will reverse the decision of the Council and permit the violators to remain in college.

The demand for a setting aside of the University's student-council decision is based principally on the belief that witnesses were coerced into giving evidence against the suspended students, and also that the punishment inflicted by the council is too severe.

To an outsider, who is unacquainted with the case beyond the reports appearing in the student newspaper of the University, this demand by certain members of the Carolina student body is regrettable. It can quite naturally result in only one of the two things; either a ratification of the council's action of a setting aside of its decision—and in either instance the student government is weakened, and, is the principal loser.

The students of the University are called upon to either endorse gambling or to endorse the action of their Council. Gambling is forbidden by

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the laws of the Carolina student government association, repeated warnings have been made by the President of the Council that offenders, if apprehended, would be suspended—and, now, regardless of how the evidence was secured, the violators deserve the penalty—inflicted by the governing board.

Students, who attend a college at the sacrifice of their parents, are not to be treated with favoritism when they violate both the rules of the University and the human code of morals. By their very action, they forego all hope of consideration at the hands of their fellows. They have injured themselves, but, more than that they have injured all the other students who compose the University upon which they have brought general disfavor by their breach of honor.

One dissenter at Carolina would have the action of the council set aside, simply because he feels that there are other offenders who have not been apprehended. He feels it unfair that one violator should be suspended, when another manages to escape detection. His argument is without support, either by historical precedence or legal experiences. No court in this land of ours would be justified in acquitting one law violator, simply because other violators had not been brought to justice. Imagine the chaos of our government if every violator against the Eighteenth Amendment was given his freedom, simply because the government was conscious of the fact that it had not been able to place all similar violators under arrest.

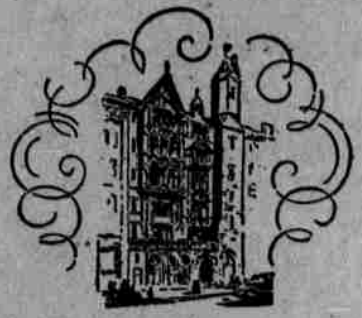
It is to be regretted that members

of the student body at Carolina have to be coerced into supporting their student government, but if they do, the Council, in its efforts to maintain the Honor System certainly seems justified in such coercion.

It is generally believed that students at a University, of the outstanding calibre claimed for North Carolina, will not let prejudices and

a false sense of human sympathy cause them to endorse the actions of men, guilty of reflecting discredit upon themselves and upon the University.—Davidsonian.

There will be a meeting of the Palmetto Club tonight at 7:30 in their club-room on the second floor of the "Y", the Secretary announces.



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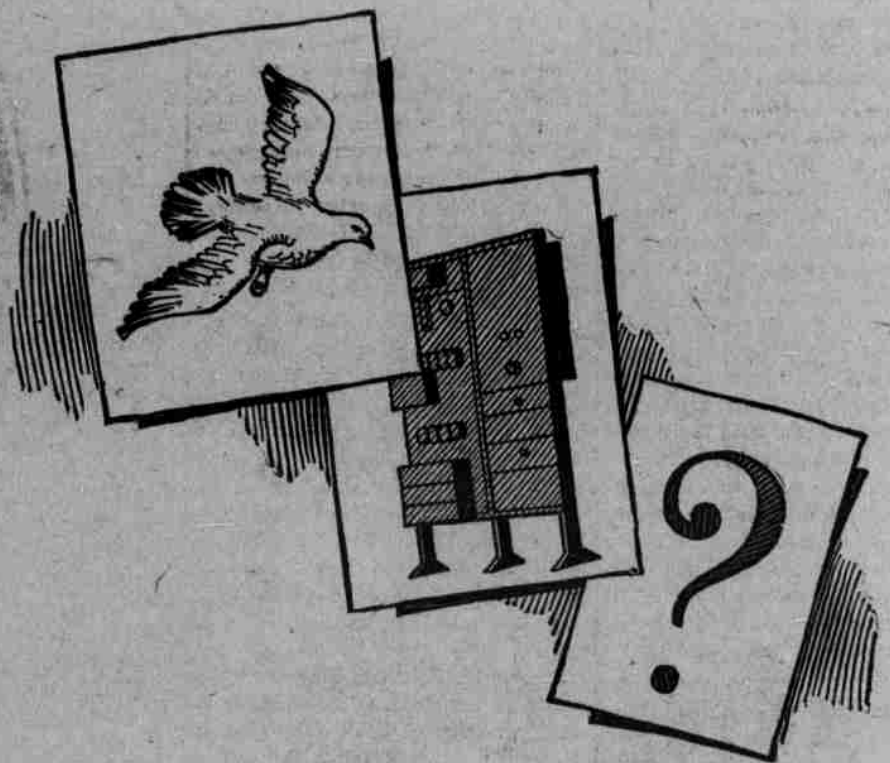
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