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THE "TRIAL" EDITORIALS

The editorial columns of the TAR HEEL for the three issues this week will be given over chiefly for use by the three candidates, who are running for next year's editorship. An exception to this is Dave Carroll, who is continuing his writings on politics.

The three managing editors, Jud Ashby, Byron White, and Holt McPherson, are the candidates, and each has been given notice that he may write at least one editorial for each of the three issues this week. None is required; it is left entirely to the men whether they will contribute a sample of their work. They will not be allowed to contribute to the Tuesday issue of next week, which will be last one before the elections on the following day.

These "trial" editorials are being run for the purpose of trying to give the campus some line on the suitability of the nominees for the position of editorship of this paper during the coming year. It is a matter of placing the men in position to be voted on intelligently by the student body—putting merit as the prime consideration.

We hope that the students have been forming opinions all during the year on the capability of the men who are in charge of the different issues, and earnestly ask that every one who intends to vote in the coming elections pay especial attention to the three issues of the TAR HEEL this week. We expect to have something to say about the individual candidates in one of the issues before the elections.

Arn't those Chinese perfectly precious! Imagine a nation wishing to run its own business.—Atlanta Constitution.

Self-Government's Victory

(By Jud Ashby)

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the action of the student council in suspending thirteen students, spells a victory for student government at the University of North Carolina.

Anyone sufficiently interested in student affairs to digest the voluminous statement of the committee's finding, will observe that this group of men struck at the base of the whole situation, dug back of the plethora of incidental evidence and the present controversy. Out of this investigation several well-defined conclusions come. The named body "was impressed, during the investigation and discussion, with the hazy and confused conception that the student body had in regard to the Honor System, and student government." The committee found that it felt "that it would be expressing the sentiment of the student body in recommending that the Honor System be limited to cheating, stealing and lying."

As to what course and action will be taken this morning when the report of the committee is laid before the student body in session is a matter of passing importance. This is not to be construed to mean that the welfare of the thirteen men is a trivial matter. It is only to be observed that out of the trials and tribulations of the few, the accomplishments which work for the good of the multitude are wrought.

The absence of intervention by the faculty in this controversy is indicative of their confidence in the student body. The meeting of the students as a constituent assembly, and their action of appointing the committee to investigate the whole affair, leads to the conclusion that self-government is more of a reality than it may have been thought. Without the faculty taking a hand, the student body gave proof positive that it was, and is, able to handle its own government.

The outcome of the whole affair, we believe, will be a triumph for student self-government at Carolina, which is democracy's victory as well.

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY

(By Holt McPherson)

This issue of the TAR HEEL marks the inauguration of an 'on approval' week, editorially speaking. These columns for the most part will be filled with editorials from the pens of men who aspire to the editorship of the paper for the remainder of this year and up until this time next year. The work submitted will serve more or less as an index for the campus and those persons interested in the welfare of the paper concerning the type of editorial work that can be reasonably expected from each of the three candidates.

Naturally no one expects to judge a man's ability to direct the editorial policy of the paper by the type of work he exhibits in a single editorial, however the writings offered will serve as a guide to the ability of the young journalists. Readers who carefully follow the trend of thought shown in these trial editorials will more than likely become acquainted with some of the general characteristics of the men. Before drawing final conclusions it is a wise plan to reflect upon the quality of work each has shown as managing editor of his issue throughout the present year.

This year the student body is fortunate in that it is offered three men for editorship of the TAR HEEL—anyone of whom is capable of writing acceptable editorials and apparently is able to steer the paper in a creditable fashion. Therefore the problem

confronting the voters is not that of choosing a good editor, but of choosing a man who will make the paper worthy of being representative of the University of North Carolina and which at the same time will command the respect of the students and patrons of the school.

The editor of the campus newspaper is no figurehead. The guiding of student body thought and opinion lies largely with the editor, and if he chooses to direct opinion along wholesome lines he will have kept faith with the student body which elected him. However, if he chooses to shirk the responsibility entrusted to him, then both the paper and the student body will suffer. It is imperative that the student body investigate carefully the work shown by the three candidates and seek to choose for editor the man who most nearly exemplifies their idea of what the editor of the paper should be.

What Every Young Woman Should Know

(By D. D. C.)

It is a laughable fact that each year brings anxious candidates who solemnly declare that theirs is the "most unusual and freakish race in the history of Carolina politics." But the coming elections will be undoubtedly unique on account of the students whom they will call to the polls.

It is both desirable and imperative that we consider the hundred-odd co-ed votes. We have heard from reliable sources male and female that woman suffrage will show its power in the next election. This news is indeed welcome. Perhaps, under the leadership of certain prominent young ladies (who have a strong following among boys, at least) the co-eds may enhance their campus record by casting many intelligent votes. Their campus record, as they must know, has thus far been an insipid history of sweet nothings.

Politicians declare that the election of certain doubtful men was made possible last year by the ballots and influence of women students who had been sadly duped by adroit talkers. Far be it from the writer's ability to believe that woman's supremacy in this line has been questioned. But we recall resentfully the arrogance of various political scouts who boasted, at a secret caucus last year, that their Romeos could "sew up any houseful of girls."

No one is more desirous than we of seeing this insult to feminine judgment avenged. It is obvious that an absurd masculine

prejudice handicaps talented co-eds on this campus. But we do not believe that the present "houseful of girls" will allow scheming males to use them as dumb tools. Indeed, the recent co-ed edition of this paper expressed a strength which defies exploitation.

The co-ed dormitory should certainly be a factor as important in politics as Swain Hall. Surely the Carolina co-eds, all of whom have advanced academic standing as juniors or seniors and an intuitive knowledge of good men, can overcome their lack of quantity by careful attention to quality of suffrage.


Several days remain for the thorough study of candidates. Never before has so much publicity been given politics here. Co-eds will have the same opportunities to vote as men students; and they will be expected to vote more intelligently as a whole. Many 'self-righteous' males declare and swear that "girls' opinions are determined by gossip or the handsomeness of the candidates." At any rate, co-eds will have a chance to show their interest in Carolina politics—and the writer predicts a noteworthy result.

The success with which deceitful canvassing meets in the co-ed dormitory will decide whether feminine voters are pawns or power.

Up till now we understand that Chicago is still refusing to send any representatives to President Coolidge's disarmament conference.—Punch

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