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IN NEW HANDS

Beginning with this issue, as our predecessors for some dozen or more years back have been wont to write on this occasion, the TAR HEEL is taken over by the new editor, sub-editors and staff. At this time it is customary of the new editor to set forth his policy or target at which he will shoot during his control of the paper.

As for the editorial policy of the paper, the readers of the TAR HEEL will be forced to make the conclusion by that which flows from the editorial pen during the coming year. In an appreciable sense we realize the responsibility taken and our obligation to the campus.

Brushing aside the matter of setting forth a policy, we shall endeavor to give all the publicity deserved to the various departments and groups on the campus.

With an alert eye for all legitimate news and our honest opinion on the editorial page, we hope to serve the University and student body to the best of our ability during the coming year.

As to Open Forum Letters

In the open forum column of this issue of the TAR HEEL will be found a letter published as an act of comity. The letter is a reply to the author of the communication signed by the initials R. L. B. which was published Saturday.

It is obvious that both letters deal in attacks on personalities. Since the TAR HEEL was under the management of another when the first communication

was published, we are glad to give friends of the individual aimed at by R. L. B. a chance to reply to the first letter. Without any reflection or undue reference to L. J. S. or the other communicant, both have violated an ethic which the TAR HEEL hopes to keep in the future.

Henceforth communications that are attacks on individuals and personalities will not be treated in the open forum column of this paper. Letters to the editor or the campus at large, which contain some information, opinions or suggestions of such value that justifies their being published, are always welcomed.

A hint may be thrown in here that no communications that are over three hundred words in length can be published. We would like to refer all authors of essays, expatiated opinions, and those who wish to use the open forum column for a display of their literary style, to the Carolina Magazine and Buceaneer.

THE SUN RISES

(By D. D. C.)

Eons ago man existed. So far as we know, he was a comparatively senseless creature, an organism whose principal equipment was what we now choose to call "instincts." No doubt the ancient men and their child-bearers saw the gloom and brightness of many years before they learned to portray a friendly inner self with a smile.

So a smile, little as we may think of it, is a precious achievement in the annals of the greedy human race. Gestures also have their value as vivid expressions of the natural surges. But these nods of the head, sweeps of the arm, and other motions have not the delicate value of facial expressions, subservient to the finest nerve action. Many animals can gesticulate, but we pay such character actors as Emil Jannings thousands of dollars for their superior emotions conveyed in facial messages.

A few weeks ago, the student body at a Southern university saw a beautiful example of the progress which men may make.

The recent Human Relations Institute brought with it a scholarly negro, a famous poet. This man appeared before students of a state institution in a section where prejudice toward the blacks is a part of most people's false "culture." But, during the brief visit of this representative of a misjudged race, the sons of Vance, Davie, Aycock—and all the rest, struck from their minds the shackles which ignorance, beg-brained organizations, and economic injustices forged long ago. To a fellowman whose color has long provoked the scowls of Southerners, the student body of this Southern university extended a hearty welcome; these white leaders of tomorrow forgot their savagery and achieved a smile.

Half a century ago, an humble slave was janitor to North Carolina's state university students. His work was mean; his duties were lowly—for he was janitor. And when George Moses Horton was not sweating to do the will of his young masters (many of whom he attended during illnesses due to both legitimate causes and unlawful wildness), he was their bard. He composed, at the behest of amorous students, many limericks and poems which won the favor of Southern sweethearts. Modern college students are astounded to learn that this bonded negro composed excellent poems before he learned to write. He was an author of short stories widely published and eagerly read. His literary talent won for him the admiration of Dr. Caldwell, Dr. Battle, and Horace Greeley, who printed some of his verses.

Today the local scene is re-

markably changed. George Horton no longer writes. But a national leader of his emancipated race, James Weldon Johnson, only a few weeks ago stood in dignity before white students, sat behind their professor's august desk, and read to them the poems of the slave Horton. Instead of a menial dormitory janitor, we now have before us a polished doctor of letters, a nationally recognized artist. Horton's posture was that of bended knee; James Weldon Johnson has come with the majesty of an exalted leader.

This is no lavish tribute to the liberality of our native state. The writer comes from a state where officers of the law are more successful in the apprehension of Sunday golfers than negro-lynchers. But when he observes that "Southern hospitality" and "Southern chivalry," once our chief virtues, have become relics of a moribund civilization—when he sees, as everyone must, the pall of intolerance so nearby, he feels that a huzzah should be raised to the glory of a liberal North Carolina.

Your state university has acted her motto—*Lux et Libertas*. Those who no longer exist merely, but who live and achieve a tolerant, encouraging smile shall rise. But it must be more than a facial smile. The faculty can do much to sustain liberal thought on this subject. Will it?

OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL: POLICY JUSTIFIED

Editor Dula: (I believe this is a more graceful form of address than the usual cliché "Editor of the TAR HEEL" that precedes the gall that appears in your column. Moreover, you are the only unanimous choice for an editorial berth.)

"R. L. B.'s" diatribe on Byron White in last Saturday's Open Forum is the most farcical missive that has appeared in your most farcical column. R. L. B. predicts a "seething cauldron" if White had been elected editor.

He endeavored to prove White's incompetence by the student body's "repudiation of his (White's) policies by the votes cast." To anyone possessing the faintest glimmer of almost human intelligence, the student body's "votes cast" is a vindication of White's intelligence and ability. As if the opinion of ten thousand idiots would show the wit of one wise man! A popular vote is no gauge of a man's ability. This is as obvious as a co-ed's would-be delightful contours on a spring day. But R. L. B. is blind and cannot see them, or he is a Methodist and refuses to acknowledge them. Because a man does not frantically dart about the campus boisterously smacking backs, squeezing hands, muttering ingratiating banalities or have others do it for him, does not stamp him as an incompop even though he may be regarded as a witless politician.

White's "sensationalism" and yellow, Faun-like journalism is "sensational" and "yellow" if one regards Truth and Originality in a newspaper as "sensational" or "yellow." I agree with R. L. B. that "it is not surprising in the least that the student body repudiated his policies at the polls Wednesday," but I differ from R. L. B. as to the reason why. I admit it would be damned surprising if they did not "repudiate" them, for even though we boast of the University as a 'hotbed of liberality in student thought' the mass of undergraduates possess as little thought as a Brisbane editorial.

L. J. S.

Grail Honors New Men With Banquet

Drs. Bernard and Williams Address Order Saturday Night.

The Grail held its annual get-together banquet honoring the new initiates of the Order Saturday evening at the Carolina Inn. After a delicious five course dinner, Dr. Horace Williams and Dr. W. S. Bernard made short talks which were enthusiastically received by the Grailmen. At the Business meeting following Norman Block was elected to succeed Walter Crissman as President of the Grail for the coming year. Mac Gray was elected Secretary and John Anderson chosen Assistant Treasurer.

Norwood To Manage Freshman Tennis Team

A freshman tennis team has been organized under the management of John Norwood and all men interested are urged by him to come out for the team. A ranking list will be posted on the notice board of the tennis courts, and any aspiring freshman should place his name in one of the blank spaces at the bottom.

Several interesting trips are being planned, including one through Virginia during Easter, as well as trips to North Carolina colleges.

Mrs. Ted Weaver, former student here and recent bride, is expected to return with her husband to Chapel Hill this week. Mrs. Weaver will have an apartment at Mrs. MacRae's.

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Members Must Pay Club Dues to Attend Dances

Members of the German Club expecting to attend Easter dances must pay their dues in full at once. Ten dollars is also due from those who have paid only half of the annual fee of twenty dollars. The Club still has vacancies for new men, and anyone wishing to make application for membership, or to pay their dues, will please see Frazier Glenn, Treasurer, on second floor of the "Y", or address a letter to Box 581 as soon as possible.

Optional Attendance Holds Before and After Holidays

A report from the Registrar's office today announces that Juniors and Seniors will not be compelled to attend classes Friday before the Easter Holidays nor the day immediately after their class. The Registrar, however, urges that all these men attend classes on these days in order to lessen the confusion, and to cause less trouble on the part of the professors.

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Y Deputation Team Visits High Point

Quartet and Speakers Appear Before Number of Organizations.

A deputation team represented by three speakers and a quartet from the Y. M. C. A. Cabinets presented programs before several of the prominent organizations in High Point Thursday and Friday.

The quartet greatly pleased the audiences with popular selections, and the talks by Ed Hudgins, J. W. Crew, and John Mebane were well received. Among the organizations visited were the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Hi-Y clubs, the Central High School, and High Point College. The quartet also rendered selections at the High Point Hospital. Graham Poyner, Alex Mendenhall, Wm. Downs, and Julius Meredith completed the group.



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