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PARAGRAPHS

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?

Thursday night Gerrard Hall witnessed the annual initiation of those students who had maintained the scholastic average of 92.5. Furthermore the occasion was graced by no less a personage than Dr. Archibald Henderson. The attendance was as follows:

New initiates	36
Old Phi Beta men	8
Officials and Speaker	4
Faculty members	5
Parents	2
Those who just missed	—
Phi Beta	4
Curious women	8
All other audience	9
Total attendance	79

Judging from the above statistics, carefully noted, there are evidently very few people, students or faculty, who are interested enough in the achievements of scholarship to attend the initiatory ceremony even when the address of the evening is delivered by a speaker of note.

The question "Who cares about that?" is easily answered.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDS ITS OWN

The old adage that appearances are deceptive is still true, if one concludes from the Phi Beta Kappa election Thursday night that University scholarship on the whole is improving. Thirty-six initiates were taken into the honorary fraternity, the greatest number in the history of this institution, leading one to believe that campus grades are improving.

But the size of the student body has also grown from year to year, and more rapidly than ever since the World War. Back in 1909, when there were approximately 700 men here, nine of these were taken into Phi Beta Kappa. Now, with requirements for membership at the same minimum of 92.5, it is only natural in a student body of 2800 that the number of initiates should be quadrupled. The quota runs about the same, roughly one percent.

It is surprising that the percentage has not decreased. What with weekend trips, the abuse of optional class attendance and more diverse amusements the susceptible scholar has little chance for intensive study. In this time when it is so easy not to study educators are encouraged that some students remain who delight in making a good grade—men who realize that going to college is no longer any great recommendation. It's what is done there that counts.

Phi Beta Kappa is at least holding its own; the thirty-six initiates are to be congratulated.

—J. R. B. Jr.

Musical Program

A special musical program will be given at the Christian church tomorrow morning at 11:00. Mr. Holmes will render a solo, and a quartet will give several selections. Compositions by Simper, Brackett, De Reef, Gaul, and Geiber will be sung by the choir.

Germany borrowed nearly 3,000,000,000 marks from the U. S. last year.

OPEN FORUM

CONCERNING THE BUCCANEER

Editor of the Tar Heel:

This morning the last issue of *The Buccaneer* was left on my door-step. I say the "last issue: I refer only to the date of issue. I have no hope that it is really the last issue. I should like to believe that it were—at least the last issue of this variety of humor.

This number of *The Buccaneer* found me in a mathematical frame of mind. I tabulated the "jokes" under five heads: Sex, drink, love, campus humor, and "all others" (a miscellaneous item). I secured the following results: there were fifty-one which turned on sex interests, eleven on drink, eleven on love, thirteen on possible campus incidents, and fifty-one were in the "all others" class. This leaves unaccounted for, one lone witticism which my brain was unequal to classifying since I could find no point to it at all. I presume, however, it would be safe—on the basis of the other evidence, to classify it as sex. If this were done, it would mean that there was an almost equal division between sex subjects and the "all others" group, leaving "drink" and "love" and "campus" humor as also rans. In the minds of many people "drink" and "love" are not so very remote from "sex" interests and if these are added together we find seventy-two of that sort and only sixty-four left for the two other types.

Now the point I want to raise is this: do the students of the University of North Carolina find that this state of affairs seriously attracts them? I should be glad to have an expression of opinion on this subject through the Student Forum column. Personally, I believe that most students read *The Buccaneer*, but that they do so simply because the fee charged them brings the publication to their door. I don't believe that opinion by and large supports the sort of thing *The Buccaneer* prints.

You will note, I hope, the complete absence in this letter of any charges of immorality. I believe that even immorality has a certain standing and dignity which mere cheap dirt can not hope to attain. I do not pay *The Buccaneer* the compliment of arguing that it is immoral. I do argue that it is cheap and tawdry. It is, I hope, an insult to the intelligence of the usual Carolina student. And my reason for writing this letter is my hope that I am not mistaken in my impression of the intelligence level of students here, that some students will share with me the damnation which this protesting letter will call down upon my head from our eternal sophomores and our self-nominated intelligentsia.

I take it that the prime justification for a college comic is its presentation of campus humor. I know there is plenty of comedy and real wit on this campus, but I see very little of it in our humorous publication. Only thirteen out of one hundred and thirty-six alleged witticisms in this issue by a stretch of the imagination can be considered campus-humor. Does it mean, then, that a new type of sex magazine has grown up on our campus to compete with "True Stories" and "I Confess"? If so, we ought by all means to recognize it; but it is a question in my mind whether we should recognize it through a fee imposed on students.

So far as I know there is now no question of faculty censorship or of suppression. Certainly, the recent *Magazine* case, argues that the faculty is not hasty in either one direction or the other. What I'd like to find out through this letter is the extent to which student opinion supports its college comic. Is my attitude just another instance of an "all-out-of-step-but Bill" logic? I'd really like to know.

And one thing more. I don't subscribe to *The Buccaneer*. An indulgent Publication's Union fails to discriminate between the Tar Heel for which I pay and *The Buccaneer* for which I don't. They leave me both with a generous tolerance which seems to place both journals on the same level. Or, perhaps, it is bargain day and one who pays for the Tar Heel has *The Buccaneer* thrown in. After all, this may be the explanation for which I have been seeking—that *The Buccaneer* is simply a bit of extra measure to show the Union's good will. But what a way to show good will!

ADDISON HIBBARD

Graham to Speak

Professor Frank Graham, of the history department, will speak to the Methodist Sunday school tomorrow morning at 10:00. "North Carolina's Next Step" will be the subject of Dr. Graham's address.

NEW LAW REVIEW COMES OFF PRESS

English Classes Are Selling Bookplates For Famous Theatre

(By Judiciary)

The April issue of the *North Carolina Law Review*, which has just come from the press, contains 120 pages of material which rivals in interest anything which it has published. Its contents consist of two leading articles by G. H. Robinson, professor of Law at the University of Boston, and by Charles T. McCormick, dean of the Law school of the University of North Carolina, sixteen shorter discussions of recent cases by the student editors, several book reviews and a scathing criticism of the Justice of the Peace in North Carolina by Kemp D. Battle, attorney of Rocky Mount. He closes his article as follows:

"At the risk of being tedious let me summarize. The administration of the public business in the courts of Justices of the Peace has become a scandal. The trouble arises not from unworthy individuals here and there but from a system whose necessary tendency is to include the unfit and to exclude the fit. To introduce young lawyers to their first actual acquaintance with the practice of law by pitching them headlong into magistrates' courts as now conducted has a debasing influence upon their conception of professional ethics and the dignity of the law and upon their standards of personal conduct. The older lawyers, though the shoe does not pinch their feet, have a duty to perform in the protection of the public and in the preservation of their professional traditions and standards. An informed public opinion and an interested bar, working through a legislature awakened to the need of reform, can easily remedy a situation which now cries aloud to Heaven."

Charles W. Tillet, Jr., attorney of Charlotte, begins his spicy review of John M. Zane's recent book, *The Story of Law*, as follows:

"Jethro (the father-in-law of Moses), so the author remarks in the course of his splendid chapter on Jewish Law, is the first on record of those curious animals who can sit patiently in a court room all day hoping for something to happen which may be interesting. This is one of the countless side remarks that the author puts into his narrative as he takes us ranging through what he accurately entitles 'The Story of Law.'

"It is quite obvious that he has read the story and the philosophy and the history not only of law but of social development generally. But he has read it with a chuckle always pretties close to the surface, and he shares many such with the reader. It is also quite obvious that he is a coking good trial lawyer, or rather that he has been such. The title page describes him as LL.D. and Litt.D., and we don't suppose an active, ground-scutting jury lawyer would, while he is still active and ground-scutting, ever get those entitlements. He has all of that thing called punch that anyone is looking for and take it from us, he doesn't fail to use it when occasion demands."

The article by Professor Robinson is entitled "Duty of a Public Utility to Serve at Reasonable Rates: The Valuation War." In discussing the recent O'Fallon case, he points out that the biggest lawsuit in history is in the offing, for the difference between the value of the nation's railroads as a whole calculated on spot reproduction, as compared with their value on the theory taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission is from ten to twelve billion dollars. Dean McCormick's article concerns the Fusion of Law and Equity in United States Courts.

Probably the most interesting student contribution is A. L. Butler's note on Worthless Check Laws, a matter of great interest generally. The student contributions are signed and constitute the backbone of the *Law Review*, and the part in which North Carolina lawyers are most interested. The recognition which the *Law Review* is obtaining from lawyers and judges may be gathered from the fact that the North Carolina Supreme Court has cited it twice in recent decisions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.—Phillips Hall. Meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

MONDAY

7:15 p. m.—Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinets in the Y. M. C. A.
8:30 p. m.—The Forest Theatre. Playmaker production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Teaching of geography, history, and civics in schools and universities of Salvador by other than native-born teachers is prohibited by a recent law.

INKY IKE'S Inklets

"Seventy five co-eds out for track" headlines an exchange. Well, the practice will come in handy, seeing as how summer school is nearly ready to start.

Which reminds us of the old saying that every emotion has its price, and if we want to enjoy it we must pay for it.

We are continually hearing the expression about the "Honor System as it is practiced at Carolina." It is rather hard to interpret that remark, but we take it for granted that it is meant, that, as usual, Carolina has a superior product, if such is possible with 'honor.'

We notice that Student Body President Ed Hudgins and the Student Council are promoting a "Revival of the Honor System" campaign. We venture to say that they will have the hearty support of the Math department, anyhow.

According to newspaper reports the Epworth League is going to hold an Open Forum on the liquor situation. It is said that it will not be a propaganda session, but rather an effort to do some constructive thinking on a subject that is puzzling "the most sober minds of the country." We wonder what is troubling the minds of the less sober ones?

A paragraph of the Favorite Try-Weekly states that if the weather for the playmakers production in the Forest Theatre is like that of High School week, there will be no necessity for settings or imitation storms—Nature will suffice! Not quite, Mr. Editor. This is fine pneumonia weather, so we would advise carrying a yellow slicker and an umbrella.

"Big 'A' Day Promised for Next Week-End" headlines an exchange. Look out, Mr. Chem. Prof. We advise a few bars to be put on the chemistry lab windows.

"Student Voters Favor Wet Man" reads a headline. Probably the students are in their second childhood.

Pity the poor graduate who thinks that just because he can keep a girl in suspense is a good sign that he can support her.

Sign on the wall: "Do not spit aimlessly about on the floor. Try to hit a crack or some definite object."

Inky Ike says darn a man who will ask a girl for a kiss and then wait for it.

They say that love is the essence of life. Well, it may be, but Lord, what seasoning???

All Air

"Marshall is Next President of Band," headlines the favorite Try-Weekly. It should read thus "Marshall to Head Wind Blowers Organization."

A flea certainly has a bright outlook on life; he knows that eventually he will go to the dogs.

Once upon a time there was an artist's son who had designs on a girl, but she was an architect's daughter and had other plans—So ends our part of the story.

Sign in a Cafe: Your Face May Be Good, But it Will Not Fit in the Cash Register.

We heard a man say the other day that he could read his wife like a book. It may be possible, but we venture the assertion that he can't shut her up so easily.

The Gold Digger believes that beauty is as beauty doughs.

"Natures Mistake—The Engineer Art Student Voices Comment"

Come on, Engineers, there's some more mistakes on the campus. Show 'em up.

It is noticeable that the clinging vine is increasing on the campus. The trouble is, they don't cling at the same place very long.

Inky Ike is about convinced that times are changing. He heard one of the Old Boys say the other day that in the good old days the gal chiles stayed at home when they didn't have anything to wear.

We would like to see Water Polo installed at Carolina. The weather in the future being the same as in the past.

A woman may be outspoken but never out talked.

KENFIELD'S MEN LEAD WHEN RAIN HALTS TOURNEY

Match Play Is Postponed Until May 25, When State Tournament Will Be Played Here.

Match play in the state Intercollegiate Tennis tournament has been definitely postponed until May 25. After a single day of elimination series, rain interfered; and the consequent wet courts prevented a continuance of play.

The tourney will be resumed on the Carolina courts in the second bracket of play to which the participants had progressed when the officials were forced to call the meet off. A group of stellar netmen were assembled for championship matches and those who remained in the running were showing excellent form. All of the Tar Heel entrants had survived the first day's elimination and advanced three doubles teams and four singles players into the next department of play.

Wilson-Waddell, Norwood-Scott, and Merritt-Covington were the winning combinations. Waddell, Covington, Wilson, and Merritt remained to represent Carolina in the singles. Runner-up honors went to North Carolina State, qualifying two doubles and two single entries for further play. Wake Forest had two doubles teams and two singles men left. Davidson was represented by one team in each division, and Duke remained with but two singles contestants for championship honors.

With the expectation of a rather difficult encounter, Coach Kenfield's proteges engaged Wake Forest abroad on Wednesday, but the Tar Heels won all their matches with little trouble to annex a 4 to 0 victory. Captain Waddell was forced to match sets, as was Wilson of the Carolina varsity. Covington and Merritt took their contests in straight sets. The matches had to be stopped after the singles play, when darkness robbed the doubles pairs of a chance to show their wares. Only one court was available for the engagement, which fact accounts for the number of matches run off.

A match scheduled for today with the University of Maryland has been canceled. The next intercollegiate play will take place here on Tuesday with Wake Forest in a return meet. This will be the last time the Tar Heels will appear on their home court before leaving for an extensive southern invasion, culminating in the Southern Conference Tournament at New Orleans.

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