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PARAGRAPHS

Add to the disappointments of the year: *College Humor* fails to visit the Carolina campus on its little picture-making expedition.

One thing at least must be said about the *Buccaneer*—there are enough people interested in it to argue over its merit.

The Phi Society discusses the reorganization of Di and Phi into Democratic and Republican bodies respectively. That would no doubt increase the interest in the societies, but it would be rather hard on the one which assumed responsibility for Republicanism—judging from the straw vote of Smith and Hoover.

Announcement that sweaters will be the regalia for Senior Week brings with it the idea that perhaps the seniors suspect a certain amount of hard work and brain-sweat may be a necessary prelude to graduation!

If all the alumni bring their beloved offspring here to enter the Baby Contest at commencement, one of the buildings had best be set aside to serve as a nursery.

WELL-DRESSED MEN

The seniors have spoken. Their regalia for senior week will be sweaters. Out of all the possibilities suggested by ingenious class members the final choice has been made. At the last meeting of the senior class such diverse suggestions as caps and gowns, canes and derbies, blazers, spats and monocles, were brought up but no conclusion could be reached. The matter was left in the hands of a committee, which ably came to a decision.

In making this particular choice the senior class has shown its good taste and its practicality at the same time. The dignity of the graduating class, one of its prime requisites, would have been thrown to the winds had its members blossomed out upon the campus even for one week in any such ludicrous apparel as spats or monocles. Even canes and derbies, as worn by last year's senior class, are hardly conducive to the feeling of dignity. Too many members of any senior class are so equipped by Nature as to appear ridiculous when strolling about the campus under the heavy burden of such unnecessary appendages as canes and derbies! Sweaters evidence much better taste.

On the other hand, caps and gowns—which were suggested mainly on account of their accompanying dignity—have the fault of incurring added expense while being of no practical use. They may be worn for the one week and then returned from whence they were rented or else be stored in

some family attic trunk. Light sweaters, however, may be worn during senior week—setting off the seniors from the rest of the student body—and then may be used for the remainder of the summer.

Seniors are to be commended as well-dressed men—of taste and practicality.

A TEST OF INTEREST

Not only will the Weil lectures, the first of which is to be delivered tonight, be a test of student interest in the changing South but they will also show to what extent the campus appreciates the presence of visiting speakers.

Professor Kilpatrick of Columbia University is well up with the standard set by preceding Weil lectures. As an annual event, this series of American citizenship has built a reputation for power and interest unsurpassed by any other local public-speaking occasion. Students who have heard Dr. Kilpatrick report that he has something to say and knows how to say it; educators admit him a leader in pedagogy. The Weil committee has made an excellent choice.

As a native Southerner and former professor in a Georgia college, Dr. Kilpatrick must certainly have the wherewithal out of which to make his addresses. University students should by nature be interested in any authoritative discussion of the South. For this reason, if none other, North Carolina will be attracted to this series.

Attendance at the educator's addresses will also be a test of student interest in lectures. After a recent editorial in the *Tar Heel* decrying the scarcity of University lectures, a number of students lamented with the editor this deficiency in campus activities. Now is the time for those fellows, and all others who want the lectures situation improved, to express their interest in a concrete form. Show by attending the Weil lectures that students know a good thing when they see it.

J. R. B., Jr.

OPEN FORUM

LIKES BUCCANEER

Editor of TAR HEEL:

I read with quite a bit of interest Mr. Hibbard's Open Forum tirade concerning the *Carolina Buccaneer*, and I understand that the letter has caused comment on the campus from a number of sources.

The author of the letter which appeared in Saturday's *TAR HEEL* seems to have made a thorough study of the last issue of the University comic, and he seems to have gone to more trouble than was essential to classify the jokes. I have been in Chapel Hill for two years, and I have been entertained every month of the school year in which the *Buccaneer* appeared during that time. In addition to reading the local comic, I have read numerous copies of other college humorous publications, and I find that the *Buccaneer* ranks with the best of them.

As proof of this fact, consider that every joke in the last issue of the comic was taken directly with neither addition or subtraction from the original jokes of other magazines. It seems that Mr. Hibbard has chosen the "Exchange Number" at which to hurl his criticism.

I admit that some of the selections are rather risqué and sometimes approach the vulgar. But has Mr. Hibbard taken into consideration the fact that there is more than one type of taste to please at the University of North Carolina? Let a copy of a comic magazine containing only the nicest and most unsuggestive type of humor be circulated, and the comment that it will get will be "rotten." I still retain enough of that youthfulness which allows one to appreciate the clever.

The editor of any college comic leads a troubled life; perhaps someone will reward him in the end.

R. M. P.

THE BUCCANEER UPHELD

Editor of TAR HEEL:

I have been very interested in the recent discussion as to the propriety of the recent *Buccaneer*. I noted Mr. Hibbard's arguments and thought them fair in every way and therefore I do not want to leave the impression that I think I am arguing against bigotry and long-facedness.

I think that the first fallacy of Dean Hibbard is the fact that he assumes that the students are interested in the more subtle and refined humor. I live in a fraternity house and think, being quite interested in human nature and having studied aspects of the question in the light of students' nature, that the students as a whole are quite fed up on the more refined and re-

spectable jokes by their contact with the newspapers and contemporary literature and that when the *Buccaneer* comes out they pounce on it avidly hoping to escape from uncolorful respectability. If their bull sessions show anything, the raw, robust humor as shown in the last *Buccaneer* is what they delight in. And I need not remind anyone that the magazine is primarily for the students.

As for the *Buccaneer* being worse than the other college comics, I notice that it will still go through the mails and, if I remember correctly, several college magazines have been debarred from the U. S. Mails in recent years.

The last issue has not diverged very perceptibly from the standard set through the year and for this reason I think that criticism at this late date is very unfair to Editor Anderson. It has been given at a time when he is closing his editorship and has no chance to prove himself right or wrong in his policy.

"T. C."

FOR THE BUCCANEER

Editor of Tar Heel:

I am included in the ranks of those who have read with no waning interest the censorious essays concerning the *Carolina Buccaneer* which have appeared in the *TAR HEEL* under the cover of Open Forum. Duty calls, and I must defend, to some extent, my abilities as critic of one of the University publications. In my review of the "Exchange Number" of the local comic, I stated that the issue was "much to my liking." Perhaps it may be charged against me that I am below the campus level in my taste and appreciation of humor. Yet I doubt this. During the past year I was Exchange Editor of the *Buccaneer*. In this humble capacity (for it is such) I received copies of the comic magazines from approximately fifty well-known colleges throughout the country, and my task demands that I read the majority of the jokes in these exchange comics. Taking this factor into consideration I conclude that my taste and that the taste of the Editor of the *Buccaneer* parallels that of the greater percent of the college comics of the United States.

It is true that the North Carolina University humorous publication often contains bits of rather well-worn wit, and also some jokes which tend to the obscene. Yet if everyone on the staff of this publication was overflowing with as much genteel wit as some of our campus citizens think they are, perhaps the *Buccaneer* might be placed on a more lofty pedestal.

Some of the letters directed against the local magazine were very cleverly written. Most of them show very little thought and a complete lack of analysis of the situation. The *Buccaneer* is primarily for the students in the University, and the editors have made excellent efforts to please the diversified tastes prevailing on the campus. Such a goal, of course, will never be completely achieved, though I believe that the magazine this year has more closely approached it than that of any other season.

Mr. Hibbard rates low the taste, not the endeavor, of the staff of this publication in his criticism of the "Exchange Issue," for every joke in that number was taken, without alteration, from the comics which are received every month. Then Mr. Hibbard rates low the endeavor of the staffs of the other humorous publications over the country.

The *Buccaneer* must print the copy which is contributed by the staff, for the publication is one for the campus, and the mast-head of the book is never closed to those who have springs of wit in them. Perhaps, however, the gentlemen who poured forth such floods of indignation and wrath would rather have blank pages run.

The local comic has weathered the storms of student comment for the past four years. May the fates offer some shelter from the waves of indignation which have battered it for the past few days.

John Mebane
Exchange Editor *Buccaneer*.

MR. MCKAY GETS AN ANSWER

Editor of TAR HEEL:

In reply to the open forum letter of Arnold A. McKay I wish to state that my answer is a personal opinion and conviction. It is not the result of a statistical investigation, but is based upon about two years of practical experience. During my brief stay at this institution, I have never witnessed an occurrence similar to that described in his letter. I am certain that a performance of this kind is by no means typical of the average Carolina student. And I believe that I can say with a degree of veracity that I have at some time mingled with almost every conceivable type of student in the University; except perhaps the coeds, and such a performance with the fair sex is habitual and customary instead of abnormal.

No doubt, a large percentage of students keep talcum powder in their

rooms. But in a majority of cases it is used as an aftermath of shaving to close up the pores of the skin. This use is hygienic instead of "cosmetic."

I feel quite sure, from the tone of his letter, that Mr. McKay, an alumnus of this university, will breathe a sigh of relief if he attaches any credit to my reply. Suppose he had seen—? Oh well!

W. W. Speight, '30.

STUDENT NOTICE

Special arrangements have been made whereby students are able to purchase tickets to the State Inter-collegiate Track and Field meet, which will be held at Greensboro Friday and Saturday, for fifty cents. These tickets admit one to both the preliminaries on Friday and the Finals on Saturday. The admission price at Greensboro will be fifty cents for the preliminaries Friday and seventy-five cents for the finals Saturday. Tickets will be on sale at the Book Exchange beginning today. These special tickets can be obtained only at the different colleges and universities and not at the Stadium in Greensboro.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

6:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Religious Workers Council.

8:30 p. m.—Gerrard Hall. Weil lecture by Professor W. H. Kilpatrick. Subject: "How the South is Changing."

FRIDAY, MAY 4

8:30 p. m.—Gerrard Hall. Weil lecture by Professor W. H. Kilpatrick. Subject: "The Conquest Demands on Citizenship."

Mrs. Chamberlain Visited the Village

Mrs. Hope Summerell Chamberlain, author of "Old Days in Chapel Hill," visited the University recently. Mrs.

Kay Kyser and his Orchestra
PICKWICK
TODAY
Matinee and Night
3:30 — 7:30

Chamberlain has been studying etching in California. Later this spring she will return to the Hill to make etchings of campus views and of the village.

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BICYCLES, stereopticon lectures, and the "gilded" youths with their horses and carts; at night the midnight oil burning in student lamps while the gas lights glared and flickered across the campus—the gay nineties when Dad was in college seem primitive to us to-day. Now it's sport roadsters, the movies, and radios. At night the MAZDA lamp replaces the midnight oil in dormitory rooms, while modern street lighting sheds its friendly glow over the campus. Without electricity we would have none of these improvements. To-day's marvel of electrical invention becomes to-morrow's accepted utility. In the coming years, by taking advantage of new uses of electricity you will be able to go so much farther that the "tearing twenties" will seem just as primitive as the "gay nineties".

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