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IS THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION DOOMED TO DIE?

For two years the School of Religion has fought its brave fight and during that time has succeeded in becoming one of Chapel Hill's living forces. From the spring of 1926 to the spring of 1928 it has gradually developed from a mere idea to a vital factor in the life of the campus. During the first year of its existence the total enrollment was 58; last quarter's enrollment alone was 70.

These first two years were in the nature of a probation period. Now that such a period has been safely passed through, the present status is to be considered. The school has been built up to its present peak by the faithful work of its Board of Directors and the untiring efforts, through scholarships and personal magnetism of its Dean. But undoubtedly the climax of its development under the system now in use has been reached. All those students who can afford courses in Religion as extra-curricular activities have been enrolled. For the School of Religion to continue its progress and usefulness, for it to retain its very life, it is essential that credit be given for the work.

The purpose of the School of Religion is to offer the students an opportunity for an intellectual approach to religion, and this opportunity will never be realized by the students until scholastic credit may be obtained for work in the School. Under the University plan of "36 credits equal 1 diploma" students cannot take advantage of such excellent courses in Religion as the School presents. And unless the School of Religion fulfills its purpose of giving the students a chance for an unprejudiced study of Religion, it has little reason for existence.

What, then, stands in the way of granting credit for the courses in Religion? They are well-planned courses, well-taught, arranged after the pattern of University requirements, and fill a gap in student instruction that is filled by no other means. The one thing lacking is faculty recognition. And the moment the question is brought up in faculty circles a panic seems to ensue. All the forces of conservatism, departmental jealousy, and religious anti-pathy combine to prevent the students of the University of North Carolina from securing credit for perfectly good and respectable work in the School of Religion. That same conservatism which once opposed recognition of the School of Commerce, the School of Engineering, the School of Education, and the School of Social Science now takes up the pedantic stick against the School of Religion. Departmental jealousy fears

that live courses in Religion which bring credit will attract the students from other less interesting subjects and thus weaken certain departments. And of course all those who naturally object to all matters religious object strenuously to the School of Religion.

But surely the faculty of the University of North Carolina, far-famed for its progressiveness and liberal views, is not represented by that group which stands opposed to the School of Religion. Now in a period when large universities all over the country are realizing the place which such a school holds in a real university curriculum, when such a school as Columbia University offers 42 courses in Religion, surely the faculty of North Carolina as a whole would not be willing to go on record as opposing the recognition of the School of Religion. For in so doing they would be marking time or even taking a backward step instead of advancement along lines of educational progress, they would be refusing to recognize religion as a vital part of youthful instruction, they would not be representing the interests of the people of this state—for North Carolina is essentially a religious state—and they would be denying students the right of studying religious subjects as a part of their regular scholastic curriculum. Can the faculty of the University of North Carolina fail to consider these points? And indeed can the faculty of the University of North Carolina fail to perceive the advantages of recognizing the School of Religion and the disadvantages of not recognizing it?

The purpose of a University is to provide opportunity for research study in every line of human experience and endeavor; and it can hardly be denied that religion has played an all-important role in human experience throughout the ages. A university is one institution that can furnish an absolutely unbiased intellectual approach to the subject of religion, and it is the duty of a university to do so.

Since it has become known that there is strong opposition to the granting of credit for work in this School, there seems to be some hesitancy in bringing the matter to a head. But nothing can be gained by waiting. The School of Religion has made all the progress possible in student work without University recognition. Now let the matter be brought before the faculty for decision—and let the faculty think twice before it denies the students religious instruction as courses carrying credit toward graduation.

It's time to decide, but it's also time to hear the student side of it. Splits in the faculty are to be avoided when possible, but is it fair to sacrifice the School of Religion to save the face of the faculty? Is it wise to ignore the student desire for credit courses in Religion merely to hold the faculty intact? Why dodge the issue?

AN EARLY AU REVOIR

Just two weeks ago today the new editor assumed the responsibility of the TAR HEEL. During those two weeks of editorializing, working, and enjoying the TAR HEEL, he has become so attached to the old tri-weekly that now it is with deep regret that he leaves it even for a week or so. But the muse of Drama calls and the muse of Journalism relinquishes her hold for a time. Playmaking borrows from the TAR HEEL and the editorial "we" goes on tour.

Editors may come and editors may go but the TAR HEEL goes on. And in the absence of the editor the TAR HEEL will be edited and supervised by Associate Editor Joe Bobbitt. So the TAR HEEL will in no wise be weakened by our editorial absence and may indeed be greatly strengthened, for Joe has already shown by his work as managing editor and his work this spring as associate editor that the TAR HEEL is home to him and that he can run it ably and wisely. With perfect confidence in his ability and his discretion we leave the columns and the policies of the TAR HEEL in the hands of Joe Bobbitt.

And au revoir till May 16!

A LIBERAL PRESIDENT

University students will be given their first opportunity to hear this new liberal educator of North Carolina, Dr. Francis P. Gaines, who has just taken over the presidency of Wake Forest College.

Dr. Gaines has already shown that he knows how to take a definite stand, defy his denomination if necessary, in the name of freedom—and that before his formal installation. Recently when student interest in national politics was at its peak the organization of an Al Smith for President club at Wake Forest brought forth a storm of indignant protest from scores of Baptist congregations. Dr. Gaines was firm in his reply; the college administration would not attempt to sup-

press any political organization or stifle speech. With that decision he established himself a successor to Dr. W. L. Poteat, former occupant of the Wake Forest chair.

Dr. Gaines appears here under a double handicap. Dr. Poteat, his predecessor, has established a large following on the campus, and can expect a crowd whenever he lectures in Chapel Hill. These Poteat admirers will weigh the two Wake Forest presidents with loaded scales, for they are already convinced that Poteat is invincible. The new president must be a genius to stand the comparison.

As an added disadvantage, Dr. Gaines will be speaking at a Fleece tapping—enough to frighten the bravest lecturer. Students will be in Memorial Hall by the bench-full, but they will be there to see who is tapped. The best speaker is not the man who talks best, but he who is most brief.

Just as at commencement, the speaker may be overshadowed by the occasion—but there are still those who wonder what manner of man this Gaines may be.

PUBLICATIONS AND ECONOMY

In an open forum letter appearing on this page Dean Addison Hibbard has made the suggestion that the Magazine and Buccaneer be "scrapped" and the Tar Heel promoted from a tri-weekly to a daily newspaper appearing six times a week. To us this plan appeared wholly commendable.

It is not that we hold any grudge against either the Magazine or the Buccaneer, or that they are not in a way performing a useful function, but that we believe the interests of the campus could be better served by some such plan as Dean Hibbard offers. The Magazine is an expensive publication which few students take the trouble to glance through, or even read. It has become the stamping-ground of a small group of writers who have come into possession of this valueless heritage not through any malicious intent, but because no one else cares. This group has acted well, considering its unappreciative audience; but the effort, and especially the expense, is not worth the reception.

Should the Magazine give up its futile attempt to interest campus writers and import professional articles, there would be all the more reason for speedy abolition. The only excuse for its present existence is its value as a student training-ground. Abandon that to make it professional and a publications fee for Happers or Scribners would be as justifiable.

It is our contention that the material submitted to the Magazine might just as well be printed in a Feature or Magazine Section of the Tar Heel. This plan would be infinitely cheaper than the present, and we have a good idea that literary material so published would stand a much better chance of being read.

The functions of the Buccaneer could also be taken over by the Tar Heel at a great saving of money and effort. Columnists could handle the wit, and cartoonists the caricature. Large daily papers with their feature sections, special columns, and cartoons furnish examples of the universality of the press. Combinations of this nature ever make for economical increase of service.

As for the suggestion to convert the Tar Heel into a daily publication, the present editors have already considered that move and are only waiting an opportunity for action. The greatest difficulty at present is the lack of sufficient advertising to finance the project. But if the other two publications were combined with the Tar Heel, as it were, and their income diverted to the newspaper, the plan could be put across. The Tar Heel could then bring the news when it is fresh, wit when it is pertinent, cartoons that are timely, with a magazine section thrown in—all at an estimated annual saving to the student body of about \$3,000.

The plan is worth trying.

J. R. B., Jr.

OPEN FORUM

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION

Editor of TAR HEEL: May I intrude further on the hospitality of your Forum column? I have no desire to make reply to any discussion presented relative to the Buccaneer, but feel, rather, that since this discussion is now on it might be well to suggest one concrete plan which may interest the campus. The plan is not my own; it is one which was made to me during the recent discussion. I believe that it may point the way to an improvement of the general publication situation.

In brief the plan is this: scrap the Magazine and the Buccaneer and make the TAR HEEL a daily paper (six times a week). One issue a week, perhaps

the Saturday issue, might be a large eight or ten page number with special features including the literary interests now represented by the Magazine, and a humorous department including the more legitimate aspects of the Buccaneer. Special "literary" and "humor" editors probably should be elected to handle these departments.

Local day by day incidents could then be incorporated in both departments and all would have a freshness and spontaneity not now characterizing the two monthly publications.

I see certain definite advantages in such a plan. The news service might be improved with perhaps an Associated Press wire service for the daily paper. News would, presumably, be published when it is news on the campus. We could have the best college daily in the country. The pressure on advertisers to support three publications—two of which can expect little more than "charity" advertising—would be decreased and more advertising could be honestly concentrated in the newer and larger and better TAR HEEL. Of course one or two managerial salaries might be lost to the students, but this hardship could be offset by a fairly generous reduction in the publications fee now charged all students. I have no desire to intrude on Publications Union matters, but I should guess that this telescoping of publications would save the students twenty per cent on their present fee or, say, three thousand dollars to the whole student body.

If the idea suggested here is at all sound, why should not the organizations on the campus discuss it, request a referendum, and ultimately put it to the vote?

Addison Hibbard.

ANENT CIRCULATION

Editor of TAR HEEL: Perhaps there is very little known concerning newspaper circulation, except by the persons participating in that kind of work. Any manager of college newspaper circulation will verify the testimony that college publications are the most difficult to correctly circulate, and that it's the hard job on the publication staff. Besides the bumps and kicks of the business managers, the circulation managers have to bear the blame from the great multitude of students who kick before they have found out for sure that their paper has not been delivered.

The fact that students are constantly moving from place to place all through the school year makes it impossible to deliver every issue of the Tar Heel and other publications without the cooperation of the subscriber in giving his or her name and address. I have had hundreds of complaints during the time of my connection with the Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina, similar to this: "Dear Mr. Lear, (or addressed to some other member of the staff) I have not received a single copy of the Tar Heel this quarter. If I'm not to receive it, I should like to have my fee refunded."

They sign their names without giving their address, not realizing the carrier boy might be a freshman from the mountains or the lowlands of Eastern North Carolina, or perhaps from the dismal country of some other state. In that case, it would be necessary for President Chase to give his street address, or leave the task up to the good will of some upperclassman.

It is very late in the year to write an open forum letter of this type, and I doubt if ever before has such been published. This was led by an untimely insertion, mixing circulation with vulgar college comic, as Mr. Hibbard termed it. I truly and sincerely hope that this will be taken for no more and no less than it's worth, and probably the next circulation manager will be saved from the embarrassment of putting the Carolina Buccaneer before people a whole college year, who think it disrespectful, and who have not paid for it, either in the club fee, or by direct subscription.

In consideration of what has been said concerning the vulgar humor of a Carolina publication and the question is asked "do the students of the University of North Carolina let this state of affairs seriously attract them?", I think that question could easily be asked in regard to the Honor System. Who has the greatest opportunities to set good examples for the incoming freshmen? Who do they look up to, if not to the most prominent professors and the deans of the several schools to endow them with the famous Carolina spirit so that they may grow mentally and spiritually into the gentlemen that our dear old school has the reputation of turning out? Is it not as great a breach of our honor system for a person to take and use a magazine, that by mistake comes to his door, when he knows it comes by mistake, and that everyone who has the privilege of taking the above mentioned publication is taxed free, as the snitching of a five-cent bar of candy from an honor box? Why was this fact not called to the attention of the circulation manager on delivery of the first issue of the

Buccaneer? As I stated above, this letter is very much out of time; that is, it's too late for any good results this year, but I sincerely hope that there is enough inside information concerning circulation to keep that department out of the comical criticisms of the Buccaneer.

CIRCULATION MANAGER OF CAROLINA PUBLICATIONS

"NATURE'S MISTAKE" RHAPSODIZES

In Thursday's Heel, as most of you know An article did appear, in which an A. B. his opinions gave About the Engineer.

He made fun of our knowledge of literature, His Shakespeare and other books, He also poked fun at the boots we wear— Just "throwing off" on our looks.

According to him we're not worth a damn, We're a crowd of "Nature's Mistakes." I guess he thinks all the bridges we build Are only a bunch of fakes.

In view of this fact, at home he should stay, And ride in his can around town, 'Cause it's dangerous going on an Engineer's bridge, It might give way and fall down.

Should he land some day in the Electric Chair, Which some Engineer did make, He would surely pray in his last few breaths, That this too was also a fake.

But las, the bridges continue to stand, And the "chair" continues to kill, As the A. B. bird with his swell ideas Says Nature makes errors still.

It's the sole idea of this A. B. guy The "Gineer's" a slide rule king— About any knowledge of social affairs He doesn't know anything.

We don't even know how to play any bridge, Without our little slide rule,

And at a dance or some such thing, We simply play the fool.

I'd like to play some tenth-cent bridge With this enlightened A. B. Not that I'm such a bridge expert, But I'm sure he knows less, you see.

I appreciate what the A. B. says, About the Engineer— If I wrote what I thought of the A. B. bird, In print it would never appear!

H. J. H. One of Nature's Mistakes.

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