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## PARAGRAPHS

It is indeed encouraging to find someone other than the Student Council interested in student government. While there's interest, there's life; and while there's life, there's hope!

Since the next issue of the *Buccaneer* scheduled to make its appearance on the campus is the Football Number, we can soon find out whether we actually have clean athletics here.

The recent violent agitation for the Sunday delivery of mail must arise from some of those unfortunate lads whose home-town sweateaters write seven times a week.

These foreign study tours offered by university departments are all very well but they should be extended to include Hawaii—so many students want to learn to speak hula-hula.

Those people who insist upon swiping Tar Heels and Buccaneers from in front of our doors must be sons or little brothers of the much-maligned individuals who used to be mean enough to push little biddies in the creek.

### Why Reorganize?

We are grateful for the interest showed by Dr. John M. Booker in student government, we are interested in his proposal for a separation of powers into executive, legislative and judicial; but we are unwilling to sacrifice our present distinctive form of government in order to try out his plan.

As we see the situation, this new plan would retain the present executive (president of the student body) and the present judiciary (student council). Then in addition there would be the Di Senate and the Phi Assembly to function as the legislative branch of student government. These two bodies, elected by the students, would then proceed to make all laws to govern the students of the University.

Among our chief objections to this proposal is that under such a system discretionary powers of the student council would be supplanted by strict adherence to codes of laws laid down by the two legislative branches. Now, each case coming before the council is dealt with according to the particular circumstances of that case. There is no written rule which must be followed regardless of differences of situation. Under the proposed

plan the law would be laid down by the legislative bodies and would then have to be upheld by the council. The individual case would not receive consideration—the letter of the law must be followed.

Furthermore, the existence of a legislative branch of some 250 students would mean the enactment of rule after rule, law upon law, statute beside statute. The most insignificant action of the student might be regulated by orders from the Di and Phi. Such multiplicity of laws would eventually lead to disrespect for them.

And where would be the place for the honor system in this governmental structure? If 250 men are to make the laws for the campus, individual responsibility will grow laxer. With such a large number of government representatives about the place, few students will feel that they, too, are an important part in successful administration.

True, the Di and the Phi might well be strengthened by having their decisions affect the life of the campus. However, if these two societies were made into legislative branches of student government with members elected by popular vote, they would immediately be perverted from their present function. They would no longer be literary societies open to all students interested in debating or public speaking. In strengthening the Di and Phi by delegating authority to them we would at the same time make of them something that they are not. As they are, they have their place in student activities—they encourage debating. Changed, they would have lost their primary use and have made a doubtful gain. If they wish to exercise the skill of their members by deciding whether ignorance is bliss, all right. But the campus should not be ruled by this decision!

To be brief, we say, "Why reorganize?"

### An Intriguing Proposal

Dr. John Booker's plan for undergraduate organization as published in Tuesday's Tar Heel is worthy of serious consideration. It is freely admitted that the present Student Council system of campus government is far from perfect, although the wisdom of abolishing it without a substitute system of demonstrated practicability is questionable.

But the idea of a student government modeled along the lines laid down by the United States constitution is intriguing, to say the least. Dr. Booker's plan provides for an executive department, a legislative branch composed of an upper and lower house, to be called the Di Senate and the Phi Assembly, and a judiciary consisting of a student court of nine juniors and seniors.

Participation in such a system would be no end of fun. It would be highly instructive along governmental lines. The whole idea carries a strong appeal to the imagination.

Dr. Booker's proposal is interesting from another viewpoint. It is indicative of intense interest in student affairs on the part of at least one faculty member. Faculty interest in student matters here is almost entirely somnolent, if it exists at all. Dr. Booker is the one conspicuous exception to this lamentably devil-may-care attitude of the professors and near-professors.

GLENN HOLDER.

### Hot Sock!

The Mayor of Goshen, New York, recently busted right out in the public prints in defense of his ruling restricting the rolling of young ladies' stockings.

Said the Mayor: "Only incidentally did I attempt to uphold and defend my ruling, that if the girls were compelled to pull up their stockings the boys must do likewise and abandon the collegiate custom of wearing no garters. May I inform you that on October 15 the order was rescinded and I declared an open season on collegiate socks until next Easter. We are now in the period of the galloping gooseflesh. The katydid grates her naked knees and sings of

frost while a prescience of chilblains and arnica lurks upon the air."

We have no quarrel with the 146 co-eds of this University on the score of their dress. Considering the weather, we doubt that they will be inclined to take up the cult of ankle stockings which has rocked the municipal government of Goshen, New York, even if there was the tempting likelihood of a little fight for personal freedom with the Dean's office.

But we are interested. The male student body and (whisper it) most of the faculty watch the changes in the apparel of the gals with an engrossed eye. We are but human—and so are the girls. Else why the changes in fashion and the efforts to please the eye of the male of the species, whatever the devastation wrought upon his pocket-book may be?

Let us, then, have uniforms for the girls' basketball team we heard about so recently. Let them be bright and beautiful. And let the men cast an admiring glance or two upon them when they practice, if they wish. Dress up the ladies so that we may have yet another source of esthetic pleasure. Let the men be permitted entrance to the sacred confines of the Tin Can when the ladies are tossing the basketballs around. We won't be shocked if Coach Ashmore's indifference to cuss words is taken advantage of by the girls. And watch the interest in the sport and the attendant gate receipts mount to the skies!

—H. J. G.

## Open Forum

### JUDGMENT VS. OPINION

To the Editor:

An opinion is based on feeling; a judgment, on reason—so we have been taught in this institution of higher learning. In the Tuesday issue of the Tar Heel one co-ed expressed her opinion on the honor system; after much chewing of pencil and waste of paper, we will attempt to express a judgment on the matter. We think this will be more representative of the Women's Association than the aforementioned opinion.

She suggests that while the non-official should obey the law herself, her obligation ends there; she has no responsibility to others. Can anyone really interested in the progress of the University ignore the trend of affairs, their effect on the individual and consequently on the community? Does not honor extend to things outside one's own conduct, or are there two kinds of honor, the one for officials consisting of obeying the law and reporting violators; the other for non-officials consisting of obeying the law but at the same time keeping the eyes tightly shut to everything else, significant or insignificant?

In everyday life one would hardly report a person for violating a traffic signal if it led to nothing more serious; but one would not hesitate to report a person who, while driving when intoxicated, injured a pedestrian as well as himself. So it is on the campus; as long as an action affects only the person involved we would leave it to his own sense of honor to govern his actions; if his action affects the community, and he shows no interest in its welfare, it is time for someone else to take a hand.

The ultimate aim of our honor system is, of course, prevention, not punishment, but that is the theoretical end and not attainable in practice. Man is not such a perfect being that he falls into line without some measure of force; even student government must take into consideration human nature. The law cannot be enforced unless there is a penalty attached to its violation.

We would certainly not sanction wholesale reporting, but some things cannot be ignored. Does a person "unnecessarily condemn" the offender if he takes what he considers to be the most effective steps of bringing this offender to a realization of the seriousness of his offense? After all, if a person does not have the decency to refrain from actions reflecting on the honor of the institution, should his feelings be the first consideration in deciding on a course of action?

TWO OTHER CO-EDS.

### WE WANT SUNDAY MAIL

To the Editor:

I wish to say in the very beginning that I want Sunday mail; we

all want Sunday mail. You bet! This is one of our greatest needs here at this University at the present. I'll now attempt to tell you why we want, and should have this mail.

In the first place, who doesn't appreciate a nice letter on Sunday? And my friends, it is agony to sit (or stand) around Sunday, waiting for Monday's mail.

Why, only the other Sunday I strode into my room, and found my room-mate looking very downcast. He was the picture of utter dejection. He looked as though he had lost his last friend on earth.

"Maybe his girl friend has turned him down, or he is dead broke, or perhaps someone in the family is seriously ill," thought I to myself.

I approached him quietly and asked, "What's the matter, Ben? What's wrong? Tell me!"

He said very sadly, "Oh, I wish they would deliver mail on Sunday!"

And kind readers, "them's my sentiments exactly."

Let us have mail on Sunday. Just think! There are many of us who would enjoy a letter from Mother or Dad. It would console us considerably. And a letter from the girl friend would elevate our spirits to great heights. And then perhaps Dad or Uncle (or some kind soul) might send us a check. Oh joy! And just think of how many slightly homesick and probably lovesick youths it would cheer up.

How can they have the heart to deny us of our mail on Sunday?

And then too, it would help out our postman quite a bit. Why, on Monday morning he staggers under a huge avalanche of letters and papers. And then too, our boxes are packed and jammed to the very utmost. Some of the time, anyway.

Now, it would be unfair to expect our regular mail-carrier to have to deliver mail on Sunday also. So we should have an extra man to carry our Sunday's mail. And why not?

Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to demand Sunday mail—Let's go! One delivery on Sunday afternoon would be just fine. Wouldn't it though? You bet it would!

And again, I repeat most emphatically, "We want Sunday mail!"

Yours respectfully and hopefully,  
F. EUGENE PATTERSON.

### FOR A STUDENT BODY CHEERING SECTION

To the Editor:

Of course! When a new project is launched—no matter what it is—there is instantly an abundance of enthusiasm and spirit. Keen interest is profound. And yet, why is it that there always appears an inevitable laxness? Projects may be divided into two groups. Light projects and profound projects. A light project is the result of quick fantastic impulse. A profound project is the result of profound premeditation. It is easy to see how the quickly cultivated spirit taken in the light project dies but what I want to ask is how can a unanimous spirit in a profound project die?

I prefer to consider the University of North Carolina as a profound project. Everything is projective until it is terminated. I deny that the spirit in this profound project has died, for it leaks out in a hundred different ways. But why does it only leak out—why doesn't it pour out? Because it is checked!

The spirit in many other colleges I know, is sometimes more obvious than the college itself. Just where is it so obvious? So emphatic? So keenly conspicuous? At football games! How displayed? By the unanimous cooperative cheering of the student body. Not by a few freshmen who are forced into a uniform and compelled to back old Carolina. Why is such a preposterous state of affairs existent? I am a freshman—

I have sat with upperclassmen during the games, and, when from far below, the freshmen raised their voices in cheering nothing was more noticeable to me than the desire on the part of the upperclassmen to join in with even more vim and vigor. But it could not be. Because only the freshmen are organized into a cheering section. The cheer leaders do not address the entire student body. Why not? Why should a spirit as bright as there is in U. N. C. be checked by the present state of affairs? I propose the abolition of the freshman cheering section and the development of a student body cheering section.

Yours truly,  
T. GILBERT PEARSON, JR.

"So many things do not mean what they seem," wrote a young husband suiciding. Possibly referring to "easy payments."—*Council Bluffs Nonparell.*

The London Standard explains that "lady" is derived from an old English word signifying dough-kneader. Not dough-kneader by any chance?—*Detroit News.*

## Flights of a Flea

—by—  
EMMETT WILSON

### Ho! The Literati

Sherwood Anderson, in his lecture a few nights ago, blasted a pet theory of this columnist to bits. He said that creative men are aware of all that is about them. After a stay of quite a few months on this campus the conclusion was drawn that these artists often went into trances which made the presence of others ethereal. There are no thanks to you, Mr. Anderson. You have taken away another toy. You have blasted another dream.

### Bull's Head Bulls

On looking into the Bull's Head bookshop several mornings early in the year the conclusion was drawn that at last the best element on the campus had gone for a true appreciation of the better things in literature. It seemed that Cabell, Erskine, and Sandburg had arrived on the "hill". It was apparent that modernism in reading had broken down the old barriers of Southern' vapidity in regard to good books being none other than the Waverly novels. But, alas, a closer scrutiny brought the first assumption to naught! The cultured retreat was overridden with scholars who were cribbing French 3 or Spanish 5. And thus another icon was hurled to the ground!

### To Diet or to Phite!

The sewing-circles are off in full swing again. The Di and Phi are up to their old tricks as practised in days of yore. This has been exemplified by certain resolutions fraught with religious, economic, and social importance which the forensic training grounds have mullied over the past several society meetings. The Phi engaged in a rather weighty discussion recently of the merits and demerits of the blissful state of ignorance. This is the same sort of question we used to hem and haw over back in the good old prep school days on the night of impromptu debates. How nice it would have been to have heard the resolution hang in the doubtful realm of victory or defeat! What fond memories of freshness of thought and mental outlook would have returned through the dim mist of the past! And then there was the question of whether or not Mary Gold should marry Henry Austinn—but lest happy tears course down my bearded cheek this must be left for the time being!

### What is the Right Age?

Although juniors have optional class attendance, the rule in regard to compulsory attendance of sophomore subjects is still being rigidly enforced by the various deans. One cannot help but wonder what is at the base of such a contradictory step forward. It is very apparent that such an ordinance is not for the benefit of those who have been here for a sufficient length of time to know how to discipline themselves mentally and physically. It seems that all one must do to merit the privilege of self-reliance is to somehow manage to last through two years of college. But first be sure that you get off your required spohomore subjects; then you are given the right to major as you see proper. The crown will be placed upon your brow after you have met the chronological test. Intelligence is of no great importance. You do not know why you are here until you have passed your first two years of required work!

### Is This Another Blind Pig?

With the approaching debate on modification of the Volstead Act between aspirants for the Mary D. Wright medal the presence of a good bit of *prima facie* evidence is being offered to one side or the other by an interesting display in Patterson's drug store. At the back of the soda fountain there is a complete outfit for all who are desirous of riding the tally-ho or are suffering from the demons of hang-over. There are three charred kegs at the base of the structure. Around it is grouped cork-screws, Bromo-Seltzer, ammonia, Sal Hepatica, and all the various and sundry needs of the tippler. All that is missing is some sort of an invention which will keep home brew from foaming too copiously. Ah, but you are unable to fool us! These are not the good old days!

### The Verse Is Yet to Come!

Since the columnists of this paper have all pledged themselves to the shrines of Calliope and Euterpe, we too have become a votary at their holy places. Witness this outrage.  
All Is Not Gold That Glitters  
Last night my heart leapt high with bliss  
To feel upon my lips your kiss  
White-hot with all your passion's heat.  
Alas, but joy is not complete!—  
While I was dreaming rhymes and verse,  
You lustfully removed my purse.  
And now my song is quenched by pain.  
It's Hell to know you're broke again!

## Let Me Introduce

by  
J. MARYON SAUNDERS  
Alumni Secretary



Dr. William Picard Jacobs, '04

One of the men to travel farthest to see the Georgia Tech game recently was Dr. W. P. Jacobs, who has been for several years in Ceylon, India. Dr. Jacobs has been with the International Health Board, of the Rockefeller Foundation, since 1915, and has seen foreign service in the West Indies and Ceylon. He got back to this country in time to attend the Tech game.

Dr. Jacobs was born in Windsor, December 9, 1877. He received his A.B. degree at the university in 1904, his M.A. in 1905, and returned in 1907-09 to take the first two years of his medical course. As an undergraduate he was on the football team for four years, the track team for two years, a member of the Phi Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha, Gorgon's Head, and Golden Pleece.

After completing his course at Chapel Hill he attended the University of Pennsylvania and received there his medical degree. In 1912 he went with the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, first being director for North Carolina, and then utility director for the Southern states.

## Two More Weeks In Which to Have Your Yack Pictures Made

It is announced by the staff of the 1929 Yackety Yack that there are only two more weeks left in which juniors, seniors, fraternity members and pledges, and others desiring individual space in this year's book may have their pictures taken. December 10 has been set as the final date for all individual pictures to be in the hands of the editorial staff.

It is also requested that those who wish their pictures to go in as members of debate teams, officers of various activities on the campus, or who wish their pictures to go in as connected with any other organizations, please specify the fact on the data cards in the studios of Wootten-Moulton or else notify the Yackety Yack staff immediately. Much trouble and possible embarrassment will be saved both the members of the publication's staff and the student body at large if this matter is attended to. Appointments may be made at Sutton's Drug Store any time this week. Fifty cents is necessary for the obtaining of an appointment card, and one dollar is required at the time the picture is taken.

### Platt Addresses Engineering Society

The regular meeting of the William Cain Engineering Society was held last Friday night, November 16th, in Phillips Hall. The principal speaker for the meeting was Mr. William L. Platt, of Durham, who spoke on the present trend of engineering. Mr. Platt is chief engineer of the Durham water plant and is the designer of the buildings for the plant recently constructed there; and is well versed on current engineering affairs. His talk dealt mainly with the problems that concern the engineer after he is in business, and the situations that an engineer often has to cope with.

### Sigma Nu To Be Guests of Carolina

Sigma Nu Fraternity will be the guests of the Carolina Theatre at the Saturday night show this week, according to an announcement made by Manager E. C. Smith. The fraternity invited to attend this week is one of the groups which will be guests of the theatre each week, alternating with a dormitory group. It is the desire of the Carolina Theatre to have every fraternity and dormitory on the campus as its guest some time during the year. The Sigma Nu men are requested to be at the theatre at nine o'clock for the second show.