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Getting Stewed On Orange County Corn

There is no denying the fact that there is a great deal of drinking on the University campus. Drinking is inevitable in any representative group of Americans of the younger generation so long as the present attitude toward prohibition continues.

Many long-faced-ministers and sanctimonious reformers have exaggerated the reports of liquor drinking here beyond all proportion, but our experience has been that there is just as much drunkenness at other schools in this part of the country, notably at denominational colleges, as exists upon the University campus. At any rate, drinking is inevitable here; Student Council or faculty regulations cannot stamp it out altogether. There is no reason to suppose that strict policing by the civil authorities would have any great effect upon the amount of liquor consumed here, since it has signally failed seriously to interfere with drinking in other places.

But excess in drinking, is frowned upon by all sensible students here. The student who habitually and regularly gets highly stewed, to use the vernacular, is disgusting to everyone. He makes a fool of himself, becomes most unpleasantly sick, and probably permanently injures himself physically.

Most of the whiskey obtainable in Chapel Hill is of a particularly vile sort. It smells like a pigsty, tastes like a mixture of castor oil, asafetida and lysol, and has the after-effects of a mild dose of carbolic acid. Personally we wish that all Chapel Hill bootleggers were compelled to drink at least a quart of their liquor every week. That would put a speedy end to bootlegging in Chapel Hill or immensely improve the quality of the stuff they sell.

The whole question of drinking revolves about the ability of the drinker to limit himself to the amount he can carry without making an ass of himself and rendering him obnoxious to all decent people. There is such a thing as gentlemanly drinking, whatever the reform howlers may say to the contrary, and, while it may not be exactly deserving of approbation, it at least is infinitely superior to the sort that many campus sots indulge in.

—GLENN HOLDER.

The Honor Of the Hiss

A common misconception is again brought to light in an Open Forum letter. A student writes an indignant letter to the Editor of the TAR

HEEL because he was present when a Carolina man hissed the captain of the football team during a pep meeting in Memorial Hall. This, says the writer of the letter, is a flagrant violation of the Honor System, and as such should be punished.

The fact that the student who hissed was drunk at the time, as subsequent developments showed, has little to do with the case of the letter writer. He shares the idea prevalent in many quarters of the campus that any offense against the University or conduct unbecoming to a Carolina gentleman is directly concerned with the Honor System.

He is wrong. The Honor System, as pointed out recently by the President of the Student Body, is concerned only with cheating, stealing, and lying when under examination by the Student Council or when otherwise appearing as a witness. The Carolina student is on his honor not to lie under these circumstances, not to cheat, not to steal, and in addition, to report these offenses where found.

Offenses such as drunkenness or gambling are not concerned with the Honor System. They are violations of the Campus Code. Such cases are dealt with by the Student Council at its weekly meetings. The student must interpret the code for himself. Responsibility, not honor, is involved.

Carolina's Honor System has worked well and is a model for the conduct of student affairs at many other colleges. References to it are frequently made in the press, and inquiries concerning it are received regularly from student bodies which are looking for a better method of student government. But the Honor System can be taken too seriously. The letter concerning hissing is an instance.

Hissing is not a matter of honor. It is more often an honest if unmannerly expression of opinion. Let us be more careful in invoking the aid of this means of government so that it will not be made ridiculous. It is too valuable a part of the life of the University for such treatment.

—H. J. G.

A Sermon In Comics

A beautiful theme for a sermon presents itself in the picture described by one of the boys who deliver the *Buccaneer* and *Carolina Magazine*, to those fervid seachers for literary delights who pay a publication fee, perforce, that they may be regaled with the wit, humor and wisdom to be found in those publications and even sometimes in the bargain which is thrown in THE TAR HEEL.

We shall not, however, at present recount the story. It seems that the last issues of the *Buccaneer* and *Magazine* were delivered at the same time. The *Buccaneers* were invariably snatched from the floor in front of dormitory doors as soon as the plop of its fall announced its arrival. The *Magazines*, on the contrary, were left lying ignominiously in the dust, until a late-returning roommate stumbled over them and picked them up.

The college comic, then, is much preferred to the campus literary organ, to say the least. And this, we think, is no cause for head-shaking and decrying of the present generation. It is true that formerly more interest was taken in literary matters, in the *Magazine* and in *Di-and Phi*. But it is also true that the character of the student body has changed. We are younger, and we live in a speedier more joyful generation. We like to laugh more, and we do.

The *Buccaneer* has been getting out a few issues with jokes which were shady or on the border-line of niceness. The jokes, or rather some of them, are not printed for the benefit of your maiden aunt from Dubuque. They are written for students of a wide-awake college which exists in an admittedly jazzy age. It is said that copies of the last issue of the *Buccaneer* were delivered to the Laundry. Whether this will have any effect on future numbers we do not know.

But the comic will be read, good, bad, or indifferent. There will be the usual line at the postoffice waiting to send the magazine to the little lady, who is supposed to be thrilled in proportion to the heat of the num-

ber, and there will be the usual difficulty in keeping copies in fraternity houses.

And the *Carolina Magazine* will be left outside the door. Perhaps there is a sermon in all this which should be expounded, after all. We leave it to you to do your own expounding.

—H. J. G.

Open Forum

HONOR SYSTEM AT STAKE

To the Editor:

Of late, the Open Forum has been crowded with decrees and suggestions of reform, and in their literary discourse the authors have attacked everything of note on and around the campus, even going so far, as John Mebane says, as to criticize the criticisms and critics—so one more knock, or what will you, will cause no great incendiary movement.

Those who attended the pep meet are unquestionable aware of the vulgar, impudent conduct of several of the audience, while various people were contributing inspiring thoughts for the game; the height of their disrespect and shamelessness was reached when the supposedly Carolina students actually hissed Captain Harry Schwartz as he was making a remark or two. Of all the discourteous, tyrannical acts this incident calls for immediate and deserving attention.

A student who does such a dastardly act, puts himself in the limelight as a sneak, and should be treated accordingly. To allow such a thing to occur without a reprimand, is to bring dishonor to the existing honor system, as well as the school.

It need not be here mentioned, the glory and success of Schwartz, as captain as well as a great football player, for all this is fully appreciated; let it be sufficing to say that he, as well as the other speakers of the occasion were grossly affronted.

Now is the time for this honor system to be tested; there are those who undoubtedly know, who the offenders are, and it is the duty, according to the law of the honor system, for those who can identify the guilty, to do so by giving the information into the hand of the proper authorities. Negligence in executing the given suggestion will be detrimental to the school, the persons involved, and perverting to the present system of student government.

Sincerely yours,
A. Person.

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LIBRARIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Following the address of James Boyd, showing that too few books are read by North Carolinians, Dr. Knight points out that the present low ranks of libraries in the South does it injury.

The progress in public education in the South in recent years has been truly remarkable and the end is not yet. The next big step is to make every public school building, or high school building in the towns, also the Public Library. Most of them have books for school children. The number should be increased and books for the whole community obtained for young and old and these libraries kept open all the year. There can be no diffused education and culture without reading, and there will be no general reading without public libraries. The public school and the public library should go together.—*News and Observer*.

Speaking of Nottingham* the other day, Dr. Selbie said that youths of today suspect their parents of having made a mess of things. So do many others when they look at modern youth.—*Punch*.

The younger generation may be dumber than the older generation, but you must admit they didn't blow in \$12,000,000 on an election that had already been settled by the Literary Digest.—*Washington Post*.

Bandits robbed a luncheon the other day. One of the patrons says he owes his life to the fact that he was protected by a bullet-proof steak.—*New York Evening Sun*.

Senator Borah appears to have remained regular so far since November 6, but we imagine the strain is beginning to tell.—*Ohio State Journal*.

It also appears that the same people who "stuffed" the Literary Digest ballot boxes, stuffed the regular ones, too.—*Birmingham Post*.

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Wilmington High To Receive Football Award in January

The trophy for the high school football championship will be awarded to New Hanover high school of Wilmington sometime in January. Wilmington has been declared state high school football champions by virtue of the win over Statesville in the final contest in Kenan stadium last Friday.

Mr. E. R. Rankin, of the extension division, in charge of high school athletics stated that he was very gratified over the results of the recent elimination contest. It is the general opinion that the contest just completed was the most successful in the history of the organization.

Basketball will be the next sport. It is stated that the elimination contest in this will start about February 15.

Marquette Is Next Debate Schedule

Taylor Bledsoe, president of the Debate Council announces a debate with Marquette University sometime in February. Marquette is the Catholic University of Wisconsin and is reputed to have exceptionally strong teams. Last year their debate schedule was rather extensive, but they completed a very successful season in the field of forensic activities.

The team which will represent the University of North Carolina in this contest will be composed of three men. These will be chosen on a competitive basis at approximately two weeks before the debate itself.

Music Students To Give Recital

This afternoon at 4:30 in Room 9, Person hall, Professors Kennedy and McCorkle will present their students in a recital. Those who will participate are John L. Efrid, Hayes Barker, Thomas Teer, and Seny Bynum, from Professor Kennedy's group and Elsie Lawrence, F. G. Jacobs, and J. H. Isenhour from the group taking under Mr. McCorkle. The program to be presented by Mr. McCorkle's pupils in violin is as follows:

Sonatina, Op. 36 No. 3. Clementi
Elsie Lawrence
Sonatina, Op. 36 No. 3. Clementi
Concertino, No. 2, D Minor Ortmans
F. C. Jacobs

Rondo Fantastic. Potstock
J. H. Isenhour

Inasmuch as this is the last student recital of the quarter, a large number of students and townspeople are expected to attend the affair. Everyone is invited.

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Let Me Introduce

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Richard Tillman Fountain, Law '07

The man who will preside over the State Senate when the Legislature convenes in Raleigh soon is an University alumnus. By virtue of his election as Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina Richard T. Fountain, of course, will hold the gavel in the Senate—a very important position in the state government.

Mr. Fountain is a citizen of Rocky Mount, and has served in the state's law-making body before. In the last Legislature he was Speaker of the House, and so after this term he will

have had experience as presiding officer in each of the two branches of the Legislature.

He entered the University's Law School in 1905 and remained here to complete the two-year course. The following year he became a practicing attorney of Rocky Mount, and has since followed his chosen profession there. Mr. Fountain is 43 years of age, is married, and has a family of three girls and one son.

If the G. O. P. hasn't a white elephant on its hand, it's because the whitewash failed.—*Arkansas Gazette*.

The Hoover Democrat hasn't found it as hard to serve two masters as he will to get served by them.—*Dallas News*.

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