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Believe it or not—they're just as much a gripe to us as writes 'em' as you to read 'em.

Dean Rose of George Washington University, says this journal, finds that girls get by on charm and "It." And the boys, we find, have "Those"—you know, those D's and F's.

A committee, of the League of Nations calls U. N. C. "the intellectual dynamo of the south." Which accounts for some of the sparking in the Arboretum.

A sub-head in this issue reads, "Men loaf during regular session; attend summer school to get off work." Just leave off that last word, Oswald, and set the rest.

The band is to take some trips to make up the remainder of the money necessary for uniforms. Don't come back without the pants, boys.

Count Von Luckner caused a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm with his mention of not being able to pass examinations. But when he got to the part about his navigation exam and the fact that there are always some which must be passed, there was nary a sound.

"Faculty Wives," says the TAR HEEL, "Are Entertained." Well, so are some of the Faculty's classes next day.

Four very different methods of financing the daily TAR HEEL are suggested by the Student Activities Group. Another method is to pay for it.

University students will not be allowed to remain if they marry after February 4th in the winter quarter. There's another way of getting into trouble twice at once.

A Daily Tar Heel—And How!

The financial possibility of the proposed daily TAR HEEL depends upon student approval of at least one of the following plans:

- Combination of the Carolina Magazine and the TAR HEEL, the Magazine appearing as a bi-weekly literary supplement to the daily newspaper.
- Abolition of the Carolina Buccaneer.
- Simplification of the Yackety Yack.
- Readjustment of the portions of each student fee given to the respective publications and the use of surplus funds of Publications Union

Board to take care of deficit.

Such are the four propositions to be submitted to the student body in a campus wide election on February 7. Student sentiment is almost unanimously in favor of a daily TAR HEEL; the question to be decided is the best method of securing this daily. Consideration of the above plans involves a survey of the entire field of publications at the University and an evaluation of the importance of each unit.

If the first plan is adopted the Carolina Magazine would appear every other Sunday morning as an eight-page literary supplement delivered with the TAR HEEL. It would, however, still retain its identity, its independent editor, and its own staff of writers. The question-for consideration is whether this change in form could bring with it the death of the Magazine as a purely literary publication and the abolition of a worthy campus laboratory for young writers or whether the change would cause the Magazine to be more widely read, more popular with the students, and more representative of the campus.

Under the second proposal the Carolina Buccaneer would be abolished and the funds necessary for its production used to provide a daily TAR HEEL. Here, the question is whether the students approve of sanctioning a publication made up entirely of jokes (and most of them accused of being of the liquor-and-sex variety) as an integral phase of campus life or whether they believe it a superfluous publication which should be banished.

The simplification of the Yackety Yack would involve cutting out such so-called "deadhead" sections as the sponsors, the faculty, the humor, and perhaps the views or the vanity fair. The adoption of this proposition would imply that the student body believes that continued attempts to make one Yackety Yack surpass that of the year before has gone far enough when the cost of the book reaches the sum of \$14,000.

The last plan, if favored by the student vote, will give the Publications Union Board authority to rearrange the distribution of the five dollar fee paid by each student annually in such a way as to make possible the publication of a daily TAR HEEL. In case there is not sufficient money forthcoming, the deficit would have to be met from the surplus in the treasury of the P. U. Board. This plan might seem, at first sight, to be the most feasible one in that it does not involve the abolition of any other publication. It does, however, allow the P. U. Board discretion to cut the allotment of the Buccaneer, Magazine, or Yackety Yack. Furthermore, it calls for utilization of the surplus in the treasury, which has been saved up as a sinking fund to be used in case of debt on any of the publications. Drawing money from this surplus might be all very well for one year or even two; but if it were to continue longer, it would be dangerous to the safety of the publications.

Each plan has its intrinsic merits and each has its zealous supporters. The general question before the campus now is this: How do you want your TAR HEEL?

A's and F's For Instructors

There is a well known and sometimes not too pleasant system prevalent in colleges everywhere of grading students according to the amount of knowledge they have gained in a particular subject. There is nothing startling about that statement. It has been going on for years.

You take your course and learn your work, and at the end of the term you are given an examination and a grade. That grade ostensibly represents just how much of the work given you you have retained, and how good a scholar you are. If you do not pass, if you are not up to the mark, then you flunk, and if you flunk too many times, you are considered below standard and are required to drop out of college.

Such is the system as it is applied to the student. But what of the instructor? He passes his exams as an

undergraduate, is appointed to a place on the faculty of some college, and hibernates until he is promoted a step up the professional ladder or is transferred to another institution.

If he was an Associate Professor for eighteen years in Squeedunk College, then, reason the trustees of a neighboring institution, he will be acceptable as a teacher at dear old Tioga. Suppose he has lost interest in teaching, or is not interested in his new subjects? No matter. Nobody will know the difference. Nobody, that is, but his students—and they don't count.

But what, we wonder, would happen if students were allowed to rate their instructors? Well, it has been done. At Purdue University instructors present rating scales to their classes which, after being filled out by the students, are turned in to the heads of the departments without being returned to the instructors.

It is understood that there are fallacies and faults. Students will rate according to their personal likes and dislikes, and the grade expected from the professor. But these facts can be taken into account, and if all the ratings from several classes of a certain instructor show a definite tendency, then you are pretty likely to have a reliable report on the instructor's ability, knowledge, personality, and enthusiasm—all factors equally important and dependent on one another.

There are instructors and professors in this university, as in every other, who are not up to the mark, not worthy of the efforts of their students. You cannot either improve them overnight or turn them out to dig ditches on the basis of the suggested student ratings. But you can cause them to stop and think a bit, and perhaps see themselves from the students' standpoint. There are possibilities. We should like to see the Psychology department dabble with the idea.

—H. J. G.

Open Forum

ADVISES SLADE TO BE A BIT MORE CAUTIOUS

To the Editor:

I hope that I will not be asking too much if I ask for a little space in your Open Forum.

On January 15, Mr. J. J. Slade startled the readers of the Tar Heel by his attack upon one of the dearest traditions of the University. In his righteous and self-sufficient manner, he has attempted to suggest that the other students on the campus pass and re-pass in the same manner that he does.

Furthermore, one can't help being amused at the childish manner in which he has, in the issue of the same paper for January 19, attempted to justify himself. Since a few thinkers have taken him at his word, he says that he was only joking. I do not wish to minister unto the gentleman, but I would advise him to be a bit more cautious with his jokes.

So far I have only expressed my personal reactions to the article. The real reason for this letter is a desire to inform the gentlemen that all the forces at the command of the University have been put into action to hold the greeting habit on the campus. During my stay here, which has been more than three years, a week has been set aside for the special purpose of getting acquainted with and speaking to each other. The movement has been backed by no less persons than the President of the University, the Dean of Students, and the presidents of the different undergraduate classes. Now Mr. Slade comes up, so it seems, without ever thinking about that fact, and condemns the custom.

Mr. Slade reminds me of the little story I once heard of the American who was driving along a country road in England. Upon meeting the first car, he turned to the right. The Englishman, of course, turned to the left. A wreck was the inevitable result. The tourist was giving the native quite a large and unpolished piece of his mind when some one suggested to him that the Englishman was accustomed to taking the left side of the highway in case he was meeting anyone going in the opposite direction. I would suggest that Mr. Slade, as well as the American tourist, should acquaint himself with conditions before doing anything that affects anyone except himself.

For the benefit of Mr. Rondthaler,

I would like to say that he need not worry about having, as Mr. Slade would put it, to take an inventory of the latter's dental work very often. I was with him one hour for five days in the week during approximately three months not so long ago, and as yet I have not been burdened with the "Hello" so graciously promised to Mr. Rondthaler. I hope that Mr. Slade will not feel that he has been neglecting me, for I do not. I had expected that his feelings were as they have proven to be: so I did not feel that I could gain anything from an involuntary salutation. I am, too self-sufficient in that respect.

FRED GILREATH.

RONDTHALER REPLY

To the Editor:

Something needs to be said in reply to the "Hello" letters appearing in Saturday's Tar Heel.

I hardly know how to answer Mr. Wilsey's letter, for I feel too much as Uncle Moses felt after he had listened to a two-hour sermon at the colored church on the Chapel Hill-Durham road. Uncle Moses walked up to the preacher and said, "Brother, I sho' did impressively enjoy yo' powerful inspired sermon dis mornin'." Now just what was yo' trying to say in dat sermon?"

On the other hand it seems to me that there is quite a bit of intelligent criticism in Mr. Slade's letter. Mr. Slade, in substance, states that the decline of cordiality on the campus is the result of a deeper difficulty than the mere superficial hello, and that a stronger remedy must be used than simply increasing the hellos. I agree. Of course I agree. There is no question about that. I suppose that everybody agrees to that point, but nobody knows what to do about and neither do I. The Hello question is a slightly different matter, however, and I want to give one more defense of this custom.

Removing one's hat when in the presence of a lady does not signify that one is in love with the lady. The hand-clasp of members of various secret orders has certain meanings attached to it. The military salute is probably the coldest of all greetings, and simply recognizes the other individual. Now as I see it, the Hello greeting is simply a cheery way of one student saluting another, and it does not mean that an intimate friendship exists between the two individuals any more than removing one's hat in the presence of a lady means that one is in love with her. There is much in common between every one of us here at the University, and some type of salute is entirely in place. In the five years that the Hello question has been debated, no one has yet shown any benefit that would be derived from a discontinuance of this greeting.

EDWARD RONDTHALER, JR.

BUS RATES TOO HIGH

To the Editor:

Tar Heel and other papers have recently had articles telling how local citizens have succeeded in having laws passed which led to the arrest of students for solicitation of rides between here and Durham.

While this practice is done at the expense of the self-respect of both the students and the University, I believe that citizens should take other means of effecting a remedy. It is apparent that 50c is far too much to pay for a ride of 12 miles, regardless of what the coach company officials may say of high operating costs and periodical lightness of travel.

Railroads have all of these problems, and many more, but their rate is only 3.6c per mile and furthermore in many places where the distance is short, round trip and communication tickets are sold.

This is what the State Regulating body should be petitioned to order, not perhaps upon as favorable a basis as the railroads grant in suburban districts, but at least some reduction. I believe that these round trip and communication tickets would benefit all and the Coach Co. would make up the loss by an increase volume of business.

WILLIAM F. SPRAGUE.

English Singers To Appear at Duke U.

Of special interest to local music lovers will be the annual winter appearance of the English Singers who will appear at Duke University on the evening of February 5th, it was announced by the Music department yesterday. Owing to the fact that there is such a limited number of tickets to be sold to outsiders, it is advisable that students and residents of Chapel Hill reserve their seats immediately for the performance. There are ten on hand now at the office of the Music department, though a few more can be secured.

The English Singers are very fine, and since the beginning of their annual winter tours, they have caused quite a sensation in this country.

NOTICE

All students in the Schools of Commerce and Education and in the College of Liberal Arts who passed not more than one course in the Fall Quarter are hereby notified that they are on strict academic and attendance probation for the Winter Quarter.

DEANS CARROLL, WALKER and HIBBARD.

Their singing of old English madrigals has been acclaimed as excellent by the world's leading music critics. There are six members of the party. An air of informality is lent to each of their performances by the fact that they sit around a table and render their programs. Tickets to the performance are retailing at a dollar each, and may be reserved through Professor Paul John Weaver, head of the Music department here.

Cupid should erect a danger signal whenever he breaks the ice between two lovers.

MEN WANTED

WANTED—Several college men for steady summer work. Good pay. "Hit while the iron is hot." See Mr. Vroomen and C. W. Price Wednesday only at 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. on the second floor of Y. M. C. A.

The time has been extended through Saturday for making Yackety Yack pictures for everyone except Juniors and Seniors. Take advantage of this last chance to have your picture in the Yackety Yack.

Wootten-Moulten

SHE'S GOT THIS
---SHE'S GOT THAT
Oh, Boy What a Girl!

Wednesday

ALICE WHITE

--and--

JACK MULHALL

—in—

"NAUGHTY
BABY"

Borrowed dress, borrowed coat... the thing she owned was a million dollars worth of "it." But what more does a beautiful blonde need to make the social register ring like the peal of a wedding bell.

Added
Comedy
"Feed 'Em and Weep"

TODAY

Ramon Novarro

—in—
"The Flying Fleet"

Added
Billie Dooley Comedy
"Oriental Hugs"



THE CURRENT STYLES IN
CLOTHES, HATS, SHOES
AND HABERDASHERY FOR
LOUNGE, SPORTS AND
CAMPUS USAGE WILL BE
EXHIBITED IN YOUR TOWN
ON DATE GIVEN BELOW.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY IN-
VITED TO ATTEND.

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