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PARAGRAPHS

At the senior class meeting Monday night President Carr made the following announcement: "Mac Gray will now talk for a few minutes on the grass and shrubbery."—So that's what wears out paths and bare spots about the campus!

With the revisions of its constitution the Di Senate proclaims that even such a venerable organization as it is can join in the modern march of progress—whatever that is.

The possible advent of a daily TAR HEEL will bring one compensation for the daily routine of classes.

To compensate for this, however, the seniors voted to plant cherry trees along campus walks as a class memorial.—And no doubt within a few years our fair coeds will be rehearsing Madame Butterfly under available cherry tree.

Well, the professors have been graded—at least by the senior class; and only ten of them received the grade of A.

"Newspaper Men Hold Institute Here"—so we are informed by the TAR HEEL. But according to our journalistic information, it isn't news when journalists attend conventions—it's news when they don't.

Elections—State and Student

One of the bills to come before this session of the North Carolina legislature provides for a uniform secret ballot system for all elections held in this state. At last our fathers in the legislature are turning their serious attention to a reform which we of the younger generation have already put into effect in all of our student elections at the University.

The Australian ballot system, which gives every voter the opportunity of casting his personal vote as he sees fit without interference or influence exerted by those who may be about the polls, is undoubtedly superior to the present system used in North Carolina. Now, when a citizen goes to the poll to cast his ballot, he is accosted by "workers" for various parties and interests; he is promised, cajoled and even threatened; the officials themselves exert undue pressure upon the voter.

If the proposed reform before the legislature is adopted, it will mean fairer elections and more satisfactory results. The secret voting in use at the University has proved

highly effective in all student elections and is approved by the student body. We are now looking to the legislators of North Carolina to take that forward step for the entire state which we students have taken at the University.

The Unspanked Generation

We are beginning to become quite accustomed to reading newspaper reports and solemn magazine articles about the flippancy and general uselessness of the present younger generation. We, that is, of the generation. The older generation have been used to it for quite a time—in fact, since the days when they were the "younger generation."

There are always those who are ready to point with something less than pride and bordering on horror at the antics of young men and women. Those outworn phrases about the jazz age, the flippant flapper, and the curse of drink, recur every now and again. Just now, we are told, college students are among the most consistent and thoughtless violators of the liquor laws. There are accusations and counter-accusations, investigations and surveys. And on all sides we hear the age-old cry, "I don't know what we are coming to—we never thought of such things in my generation."

If all this is true, and college men and women are turning liberty into license, should not something be done? Should not proper restrictions be set up, and punishment meted out where necessary? Assuredly. But the point of the matter is that the present unspanked, liquor-drinking, petting, and generally worthless generation is no more any of these things than those of finger-shaking fathers.

It is easy enough for the older person who reads these statements to say, "Yes, you may say so, but what do you know about the conduct of young people in other generations? Now, when I——"

True enough. But we make our statements backed by a most encouraging report recently made by a man who should, and we hope does, know. "Today it takes a better boy or girl to be a good boy or girl than was the case 50 years ago." This from Dr. Frank D. Boynton, president of the National Education Association, in an address to the High School Principals' Association of Massachusetts. And for verification Dr. Boynton calls upon Thomas A. Clark, famous dean of men at the University of Illinois for the last 30 years, who says: "There is less rowdyism, drunkenness and shiftlessness in the students of today than any college generation with which I have been acquainted."

Yes, our fathers and grandfathers had their moments, too. And, when you come right down to it, they beat us all to pieces. We are not going to the dogs. And we are not going to, as long as the majority of us come to college for an education, and ignore the reformers who make mountains of proverbial molehills.

—H. J. G.

Keys Without Keyholes

The majority of the student body measures the worth of the numerous organizations on the local campus by the size and brilliancy of their insignia and by the statistics on their pages in the *Yachety Yack*. The average student cannot conceive of a person pledging himself to a club or society which does not have its name scrawled across a page or so in the annual. Glittering trumpetry dangles before his eyes, dazzles him with its brightness, and divests him of initiation fees.

Students with half a dozen or so of these gargantuan keys and charms are pointed out in awed whispers on their promenades across the campus "as big men." But it is not so difficult to become one of these campus celebrities. In fact, one may easily become a self-made celebrity—all that is needed is enough money to pay initiation fees in about six organizations (and a great number of clubs require for admission only that a student have a check book of his own). Of course, the charms may cost a bit extra, but such a little amount

really doesn't count.

It would be insane to attempt to estimate how many men join clubs to acquire only the pretty playthings which they may hang from their watch chains, but they comprise no small percentage of the membership of the many local societies. It is amazingly easy to draw back one's coat and display these magnetic little trinkets. Then, too, girls like them.

It would be making too broad a statement to say that all of the campus organizations have no other function than to provide the name for which the initials on these keys stand, but it would probably be a low estimate to say that fifty percent of them do only this. The favorite excuse for most of these groups is that they "create good fellowship." Therefore, they call themselves "creative organizations." All of which is very ingenious. Perhaps, however, it would not be a poor idea to investigate the actual functions of campus clubs before accepting an invitation to sign another check.

JON

Open Forum

HE DID NOT GET WHAT HE REGISTERED FOR

To the Editor:

Two recent TAR HEEL editorials regarding the attitude of instructors and the choice of subjects for Open Forum letters have given me some assurance that the complaint I have to make will be of interest to some students.

The matter is that last quarter I registered for a course and did not get it, but instead one that was more to the liking of the instructor.

For a full appreciation of the situation, it is necessary to go back to the spring quarter. I then registered for English 3, a sophomore course in English poetry outlined in the catalog as follows: "Works representative of the different forms of literary expression prevailing from the time of Chaucer to the present are studied. English 3 consists of poetry;" On reporting for the first class, I learned that I was assigned to one of the greatest scholars on the faculty, whose specialty is Victorian literature. He outlined the entire course, saying it was the usual two quarter syllabus given to Juniors and Seniors, but that he would give it to us in one quarter. Of course, it would be adapted to the sophomore mind, but essentially it would be a study of nineteenth century Victorian poetry. At first I thought I had got into the wrong room; but on finding it was not my mistake, I tried to change to another section where I could get what I registered for. This failing, I immediately dropped the course, expecting to try my luck some other time.

However, during the fall registration raffle I drew the same number. But this time the Victorian, after outlining some work in selections from the *Canterbury Tales*, said, "That's what they want me to give you. Now..." and then he assigned a text-book of nineteenth century poetry upon which all other work was based. Thus, what was supposed to be a survey course in English poetry became a chasm with a gap of four highly productive centuries. One day Milton was admitted to the exclusive circle for two brief minutes in which it was discovered that only five or six students had ever read any of *Paradise Lost*. The Victorian professor mumbled something about having to take it up, but Milton was allowed to return to the depths of the grave.

Of what use are a catalog, a curriculum and a highly organized system of instruction when such an instance occurs? If an instructor is not willing to follow the course which they lay down, how can students guide themselves in the selection of courses?

But the most serious aspect of the situation is this: In a year or two many of the students in these English 3 classes will be expected to pass a comprehensive examination. Those majoring in English will have to study on their own account; for they will not be able to depend on any guidance received in their sophomore English poetry course when answering questions regarding Spenser, Milton, Dryden, Addison, Pope, Whitman... Are there any more?

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by J. MARION SAUNDERS
 Alumni Secretary



T. Holt Haywood, '07

The T. Holt Haywood department of Frederick Viator and Achelis, textile commission merchants of New York City, is managed by T. Holt Haywood, graduate of the University of the Class of 1907. Mr. Haywood entered the University in 1903, being awarded the Ph.B. degree in 1907. Immediately upon graduation he specialized in cotton manufacturing at the Philadelphia Textile School, and entered the employ of Frederick Viator and Achelis as a designer of cotton fabrics. Later he entered the selling end of the business. After traveling or several years he became assistant manager of the cotton goods department, and in April, 1915, became manager, which position he has held since. He directs merchandizing the products of thirty mills.

Mr. Haywood was born in Raleigh, and entered the University from that city. In college he was prominent on the campus as a member of several organizations. He was a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity. Toward the end of his senior year he was elected permanent president of his class. The University has always been very close to his interests, and as the present time Mr. Haywood is serving as director of the Alumni Association.

He was married in 1914 and has two children, Mary Louise, aged 12, and Thomas Holt, Jr., aged 8.

DATES SET FOR DEBATE TRYOUTS

Debate Class Will Meet Tonight To Continue Discussion of Hydro-Electric Power.

The debate class meets tonight in 201 Murphey to continue the study of the question of hydro-electric power which was begun about three weeks ago. The discussion will begin at 7:30. The program of the meeting will be somewhat different from what it usually is, as there will be a general discussion among the members of the class instead of the usual address by a faculty member. In consideration of the nearness of the try-outs for the next two debates such a discussion should be very valuable to those who are expecting to try for places on either of the two teams which are to be selected. In all probability this general discussion will result in the elimination of certain errors regarding the nature and scope of the question. Regardless of the nature of the question to be debated there is always room for misinterpretation.

The executive secretary of the Debate Council announces that the date for the try-outs for the two debates on the hydro-electric power question has been definitely set as Monday, February 4. The teams will be picked as usual in 201 Murphey. At this time a team of three men will be chosen to debate with Marquette University at Chapel Hill on the night of February 18. In this contest the Tar Heel team will uphold the negative side of the question. Another team consisting of two men will be chosen at the same time which will uphold the affirmative side of the question in forensic combat with the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. The executive secretary of the Debate Council further announces that the University of North Carolina will engage the University of Texas in a debate at Chapel Hill on the night of March 2.

In order to complete this rather extensive schedule, officials of the Debate Council have designated February 4 as the date for choosing the two teams who will debate on the hydro-electric power question. This arrangement leaves two weeks for a study of the question which will be used in the fray with the University of Texas. The date for the tryouts

in this debate tentatively set is February 17. The debate itself in this case will come two weeks later. The query which will be used is: "Resolved, That the United States should enter the World Court without reservations." The Tar Heel team will uphold the negative side of the question.

Power Plant Engine Closed Down Tuesday

The large engine in the power plant was shut down all day Tuesday while workmen were installing a new oil trap in the exhaust steam line. It was necessary to cut out a six inch section of the line with an arc cutting tool, because the new trap was that much longer than the one which was removed. The oil trap is in the exhaust line to remove oil from the steam so that the water from the condensers can be used again in the boilers.

Sophomore Y Cabinet Holds Informal Banquet

The Sophomore Y. Cabinet gave a very informal banquet at the Methodist church last Monday night. Elaborate arrangements had been made for the occasion, and an exceptionally good time was enjoyed. The Freshman Friendship Council

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