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PARAGRAPHS

Co-eds are again to appear in the Wigwag and Masque cast. That may be hard on some of the famous campus chorus girls of the male sex; but it's much easier on the eyes of the audience.

Students at the University of Utah are said to be getting around an edict which forbids them to smoke on the campus by smoking on stilts. They maintain that stilts take them at least twelve inches off the campus!

Installation of the dial system in Chapel Hill kept us from getting the wrong number on the telephone; and now that the houses are to be numbered correctly, one more Chapel Hill number nuisance will be eliminated. The next thing in line is the math department!

Legal exams this week will demonstrate just how strong is our local "power of the law"—and they will also testify, no doubt, to the necessity for a clear head in addition to a "long arm."

The Flonzaley Quartet, which is the entertainment feature of this week, should by no means be confused with the old favorite "Flora-dora Sextet."

The Carolinian declares that "if there were a tax on brains right now at N.C.C.W. it would probably be another case of taxation without representation." And probably the other girls consider that statement a misrepresentation!

The Campus Frigidaire

When the cold winter wind is blowing its strongest and the very air is freezing, then do we most want to duck into the shelter of some building. And when that building offers not only shelter from the weather without but also the thrilling excitement of a varsity basketball game or a wrestling match within, then indeed does it serve as a student Mecca.

So it is that on "game nights" the student trail is ever in the direction of the Tin Can. The lure of basketball rules, and the martyrs of winter leave the warmth of their rooms and dash out into the cold, almost running along the road in their anxiety to reach the shelter of the Tin Can and escape the biting night wind. At last they get to the door, produce their athletic passes, and enter—the campus frigidaire!

No warm comfortable gymnasium

awaits them; no steam heat is there to compensate for the freezing they have already received from the elements. Not even a stove is in sight. So with cold bodies, leaden feet, and numb hands, the poor basketball fans make their way to the wooden bleachers and prepare to watch the coming game—not as warmly enthusiastic rooters for the home team but as huddled, half-frozen human sacrifices.

It's bad enough on the teams, both home and visitors, to get such a cool welcome when they enter the Tin Can. However, they can at least run around the court after the basketball enough to prevent freezing. Even the cheer leader can jump up and down and wave his arms wildly about for a little exercise; but we noticed Tuesday that he refused to take off his overcoat while leading the cheers. The response from the stands is spirited, lackadaisical. Yellers hesitate to open their mouths for fear of the sudden inrush of cold air. The clapping of hands is deadened by hundreds of pairs of gloves.

Oh, we like our basketball well enough; but we could get infinitely more pleasure out of the games if there were just sufficient hot air available to take the chill out of that Tin Can. It's really most unpleasant to feel oneself being converted from a warm and living human being to a hundred pounds or so of frozen meat by a short stay in the campus frigidaire!

Contribute To The Fun, Faculty!

President Chase delivered the best speech at the Junior smoker Friday night that we have heard him make, and he is a notably excellent speaker.

This speech might very conceivably have been composed with the purpose in mind of forwarding the movement for a daily TAR HEEL. For the President stressed the point that the University is a cooperative institution, depending upon the close teamwork of students, faculty, alumni and citizens of the state for its future progress and for its past achievements. Exactly similar is the plan for a daily TAR HEEL. If it is successfully put across it will represent the greatest single cooperative achievement developed on the University campus in a number of years.

The originators of the idea of a daily paper here fully intend that the publication, in the event that it is established, will carry an appeal to every unit of the heterogeneous whole that goes to make up the University. It will serve to alleviate the deplorable situation that exists now—an ever-widening breach between students and faculty, between students in medicine and those in law, undergraduates and graduates, engineering students and Liberal Arts students, alumni and student body, and so on. It will assist in unifying the separate units of University life into one body with common interests and the consciousness of being part of an indivisible whole.

It is on this basis that we appeal to faculty members to express their opinions concerning the daily TAR HEEL proposition. It is of as much concern to them as to the students, and if it is established they will be served by it just as much as will the student body.

A separate column headed "Faculty Opinion" will be initiated with the next issue, Saturday's. We hereby invite and urge every faculty man who is interested in student life and student affairs, as well as in the daily TAR HEEL proposition as related to the faculty alone, to express their opinions in this column. It does not matter in the least whether they favor or oppose the daily. These expressions need not be lengthy. They may be turned in at the TAR HEEL office or handed to Walter Spearman, George Ehrhart, Glenn Holder, John Mebane or Harry Galland.

—GLENN HOLDER.

Graduate Club Will Hold Meeting Tonight

There will be a meeting of the Graduate Club Friday night at 7:30 in Smith building. Dr. N. B. Adams will talk on the subject, "A Ph. D. And Yet Educated."

Open Forum

REWARD OFFERED

To the Editor:

The wrangling now going on in the Tar Heel over the question of whether that pleasant journal shall be made a daily or not has aroused my curiosity on one or two points. I notice that a Buccaneer and a Magazine are frequently mentioned, as well as a thing called Yackety Yack (ouch!). What can these be? The discussion deals with them as if they were publications of the student body. Indeed? That is interesting news. Say, could you bootleg me a few copies? Don't bother about any Yackety Yack (oh, go 'way now), please; German sprites, of which this must be some kind of representation, make my flesh crawl. I'll give you the high-sign and you can slip them under my door and receive the prevailing price in return. Besides this, I will give you that portion of my publications fee for which the value has not been received, provided you can recover it.

By the way, that was a mighty smooth and clever piece in the Tar Heel the other day about recreation in the hospital.

P. A. C.

A FAIR ARGUMENT

To the Editor:

Several students on the campus have been cluttering the Open Forum columns of this paper with their fatuous arguments against a daily Tar Heel, which, as was expected, has turned into personal attacks and recriminations. (Nobody better not take no jabs at my English.) After conversing with several members of the Committee who worked out the plans, and several members of the Student Activities Committee, composed of the campus leaders and a fair representation of faculty members, all of whom passed on the proposal for a daily Tar Heel, it does not seem to be fair to either the student body or the proposed daily paper to have these arguments, both for and against, appear in the open forum. The students' mind will be so cluttered with "frame-ups," "wrong English," "not enough news," "cost more," or what have you, that he will not know which way he is going.

From what I understand the daily Tar Heel will be an experiment for one year, and if all does not go well it will be discontinued. Fair enough. And it seems to me that the Tar Heel is presenting the proposal to the students in a fair and unbiased manner.

It looks as if the student who wanted a daily paper would get out and work for it. As for the students who are against it—and it looks as if they are thoroughly disgusted with the tri-weekly—I should think they would work on the policy that they could not get anything worse if the Tar Heel goes to a daily—yes, they would get the Tar Heel six times a week but, then they would have enough griping material to last them all the week, with probably a literary supplement on Sunday to help the cause!

DISGUSTED.

HE SAYS THE WHOLE THING IS HOCUS-POCUS

Most of the students I have talked to since the announcement of plans for a daily seem to think that the powers that be have already decided that there is to be a daily Tar Heel, and that all there is to do now is to vote on which plan to use. The Tar Heel helped to further this impression by devoting only one or two lines to the fact that we are to vote for or against a daily, and one whole column on the front page, and one whole editorial column on the next page (in last Tuesday's paper) to the plans by which a daily are possible. The same policy was followed when the matter was presented to the freshmen in chapel. I believe that those particularly interested in getting a daily have not played square with the students in obscuring the main issue and playing up subordinate ones.

What's more the way in which the whole plan is presented for voting on is hocus-pocus. Why should only one plan be adopted if there is room for improvement in several departments? And the promulgators of the plan must admit that there is room for improvement or else their plan is immediately shown up as a frame-up. If the majority of students want to simplify the year book and then either change the Magazine or abolish the Buccaneer or both, why not? It all looks to me like a slick scheme to get somebody to vote for a daily in order that they may fight about which plan to use to finance it. Well, we don't want a daily, but we do want to simplify the Yackety Yack. It's like a smart ballyhooser

giving away tickets to his carnival in order to get people there to spend several dollars at his concessions. Let's have economy in all the publications.

Mr. Luther Bird in his article Saturday spoke of the prestige which a daily would give the University, and mentioned several schools which we would rank with if we got ourselves a nice paper like theirs. If Mr. Bird will take the trouble to look these schools up he will see that (1) each of them he mentions is located in a city at least fifteen times the size of Chapel Hill; (2) that they all have much larger journalism departments, some having separate schools of journalism; (3) that several are co-educational—fully, that is—and that this naturally means more news; and (4) that every one of them has an enrollment at least twice as large as this school has, whether co-ed or not. And Mr. Bird wants to increase our prestige. Did he ever hear of the bird which bit off more than it could chew? And all this after no experience at all on the Tar Heel, the Magazine, the Buccaneer, and the Yackety Yack.

R. F. L.

ANOTHER ONE FOR A. M.

To the Editor:

Who gave that most distinguished critic A. M. '29, who wrote such an amusing letter in Saturday's Tar Heel such an awful opinion of our dear tri-weekly paper? Every member of the Tar Heel staff with whom I have talked is heart-broken to think that this one fellow who believes in sticking to worn out of date tradition should rise up in this time of "crying need" and like a hero of old speak as if he had been delegated by the people to do so. It would have been commendable if he had been delegated to have done so, but it is ridiculous as it is.

Let me ask him a few questions. Has he ever written any story that had enough newspaper value to be published? Has he ever taken any courses in journalism, or any kind of courses that would enable him to even criticize journalistic articles intelligently? It seems that he hasn't, and that he is trying to take his spite out on those students who have journalistic ability and are trying to give to the readers of the paper articles which give all that happens on the campus in two days in a condensed form. He furnishes us eight points which should appeal to the great unwashed herd who take no thought of the morrow, but who are content to stay forever in the same rut and never do a thing which will really mean progress toward a bigger and better institution of learning. Let me see his argument.

He says that the "Globe Trotting" article was mere twaddle and was all that a feature story should not be. Well, Mr. A. M., that's where you do shine. That was not meant to be a feature article. It was merely an answer to the questions every student asks along about Spring about how he can go about getting a job on a boat to go to Europe during the summer. The students might have gone to Dean Bradshaw's office, and he could have given them a little bit of information, but was that any reason why the Tar Heel should not carry information on the same topic? And I see that Mr. A. M. tried to razz John Mebane and Joe Jones for their efforts toward writing a column. Could he do better? If he could, why doesn't he hand in some copy and try to save his Alma Mater from disgrace of having such a poor newspaper? Certainly he could serve his college in no better way. And Mr. A. M. should remember that all good newspapers have columns and write ups of local travelers' experiences abroad. Why? Because they appeal to a certain class of people who enjoy reading them. The Greensboro Daily News, a paper which rates high, literarily speaking, carried an account last Spring of Dick Slagle's adventures bumming over the United States. They paid a good price for it, too. It was similar to the article which appeared in the Tar Heel. A school newspaper is not expected to be a literary masterpiece, but there is no doubt that our paper is getting better every year, and it is up to the student body to have faith in it and to stand behind and co-operate under all conditions.

The second point is that Chapel Hill news would be featured. That is absurd. Chapel Hill is not the world. It is not even the state. Things of interest to students will be published in the daily Tar Heel regardless of whether they happen in Chapel Hill or Shanghai. The little bit of news that would be printed about Chapel Hill would certainly not endanger Mr. Graves and his newspaper by any means.

The third point, the fact that students do not want to see pictures of what other colleges do, would be left up to the individual. If one does not like to look at pictures, there is no law to force him to do so.

How many take daily newspapers? How many of them have the time to go over to the library and stand in line to see the news of the day? Very few, compared to the number who wait for others to tell them what it is all about. If they had a condensed version of the world happenings that interest them primarily, in their daily school paper, they would be much better informed.

Isn't the student body willing to pay more if they get more? This is highest priced state university of any state supported university in the United States, and I have the whole Education department to back me up in this statement. Certainly, if boys can afford to come here at all, they can afford to pay a small amount extra each quarter, much less than the amount of their home daily paper, and have a world newspaper brought to them every morning.

Why bring up Chapel Hill so much? Chapel Hill doesn't furnish all the ads, by a long shot. There are plenty of firms that believe in daily advertising, and an efficient business staff, like the Tar Heel has now can certainly get enough ads to fill the newspaper, and then have some left over.

The reporters may not be journalistic stars, but the editors, and the ones who are authority on the Tar Heel staff know quite a great deal more about journalism than Mr. A. M. would think. They have worked for leading newspapers in other places, and everything that goes in the Tar Heel now and ever goes through the editor's hands. It might be conceded that some of the stories in the present Tar Heel are padded, but when you have the world to draw from, and also the doings of twenty-five hundred students, it would be a mighty poor newspaper that couldn't be filled daily with items of interest.

I would advise Mr. A. M. as a personal friend to become more acquainted with his subject next time before he writes such a scathing article about a school paper which is trying to progress and keep abreast of the times as well as to serve a bigger and better University of North Carolina.

DONALD WOOD

Vesper services will be held every evening at 6:30 p. m. in Gerrard Hall. The Sophomore Cabinet has charge of these services, and they extend an invitation to anyone wishing to take part in the service.

Education Seniors Eligible to Compete For Mangum Medal

In a write-up in Tuesday's issue of the Tar Heel, it was inadvertently omitted that seniors in the School of Education are eligible to compete for the Mangum Medal offered each year for the best orator. Those wishing to enter their names must notify Dean Hibbard, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, sometime tomorrow.

Only seniors in the School of Education, College of Liberal Arts, the School of Applied Science, the School of Engineering, and the School of Commerce are eligible to take part in the contest.

William H. Dudley To Visit University

Mr. William H. Dudley, representing the Yale University Press Film Service will be in Chapel Hill Thursday to confer with the University officials and members of the faculty with regard to the use of Chronicles of America Photo Plays to supplement and vitalize the teaching of American History in the public schools.

Mr. Dudley is director of visual instruction in the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin and is on leave of absence in order to devote his time to the study and development of the educational use of the Yale Films. His visit here is occasioned by the interests of the Extension Division in the promotion of visual education in North Carolina.

Wilson Honored

At a meeting of the American Association of University Professors held at Columbia University recently, Dr. H. V. Wilson, Kenan professor of zoology here, was elected to the Honorary Council of this Association, it was learned here a few days ago.

This meeting was the fifteenth annual gathering of the professors, and many resolutions, in which Dr. Wilson figured, were passed, including one which authorized a special committee to cooperate with the American anti-evolution movement and to fight all attempts at restricting freedom in teaching science.

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