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PARAGRAPHS

Second installment of the year's rushing season ends tonight when the winter quarter period of silence begins. But in comparison with last fall's hectic rush, the whole fraternity period has been one of silence.

with the acquisition of Benjamin Franklin's statue by the geology department, no doubt all Dr. Collier Cobb's little geologists will be inspired to exemplify the Franklin adage of "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Another tuxedo joins the ranks of the stolen—someone must have wanted to attend the Pi Phi dance Friday night.

If the co-eds really give a May Day pageant depicting the life and history of women students at the University, we should like to suggest the appropriateness of staging the show in the Arboretum.

The Grounds Committee calls attention to the fact that all these "Keep Off The Grass" signs were not manufactured merely to give aid to starving sign painters.

Are Freshmen College Men?

Freshmen revolts against upper-classman regulations have become frequent affairs both within the state of North Carolina and elsewhere recently. Since Christmas, Davidson College and High Point College, in particular, have been troubled by such dissensions in their student bodies.

The trouble seems to be that freshmen do not fully appreciate the overflowing abundance of good will displayed by sophomores and other self-appointed custodians of the school spirit when they undertake to enforce such puerile rules as the compulsory wearing of freshman caps. Wholesale rebellion on the part of freshmen sufferers throughout the country calls for a consideration of the points involved.

Freshman regulation has, in many educational institutions, become a tradition; and, as a tradition, it is naturally adhered to without any reasonable justification. The details differ: sometimes it consist merely of wearing atrocious little caps made up in the school colors; sometimes the new student is allowed to tread upon only limited portions of the sacred campus; again he is compelled to carry cigarettes and matches, to be available at the instant demand of any upperclassman; at one school green

stockings and grass skirts are inflicted upon the co-ed frosh. Instances vary; but the essential fact about these rules is that they all make certain stipulations (and most of them ridiculous) upon the freshman not required of the other classes.

Discarding the sanctioning plea of tradition, we have left only the assertion that such rules are "good for the new men," that they "introduce him to college life," or that they "instill into him school spirit." These are weak and illogical justifications, however, in that they fail to take note of one of the fundamental purposes of a college—that of developing a strong sense of responsibility in the individual student.

When the freshman enters college, he has left behind him the childish pranks of high school and prep school. He has come to take his place with other developing men in a serious attempt to take unto himself an education. And it is right that he should be recognized as a full-fledged member of the college community, enjoying its privileges and its duties. Why insist upon treating the freshman like a child by subjecting him to the foolish indignities of freshman caps and other such regulations when he is trying to adapt himself to his new surroundings and to show in himself the qualities of manhood?

Nor is the popular belief that freshman regulations foster school spirit any more tenable. They may indeed tend to draw the members of the regulated class closer together in banded opposition, but this is certainly not conducive to better school spirit. Rather does it encourage the growth of class spirit at the inevitable expense of school spirit. When it becomes necessary for all freshmen to join in a concerted defense of their liberties, there is born no great and overwhelming love and affection for the alma mater who sanctions discriminative regulations or for the upperclassmen who undertake to enforce these rules.

School spirit comes from cooperation and understanding among all members of the student body—not from rules enforced by one class upon another class.

Why, then is this needless farce of freshman regulations kept up? It robs the freshmen of their opportunity to develop a splendid sense of responsibility and substitutes in the college or university a struggling, factious class consciousness for the more desirable spirit of school unity.

If Dr. Chase Is Leaving

According to a news story in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer, there seems to be a possibility of the resignation of Dr. Harry W. Chase from the office of President of this University.

It is a well known and well practiced privilege of student bodies the country over to indulge in free and wholesale criticism of the President of the University, no matter how well he is carrying out his duties or how good his intentions may be. Few public offices are so open to criticism from all sides—the Alumni, the faculty, the people of the state, and always and most thoughtlessly, the students.

University presidents who are backed up by their faculties are unusual and fortunate, but college heads who have the whole-hearted support of their students are extremely rare and something more than merely fortunate. They are men whose whole interests are centered in their work, whose methods and achievements prove beyond a doubt their capabilities and sincerity. Such men are above the usual run of petty criticism.

Dr. Chase has done much more for the University than can be realized at present, since he assumed the office of President ten years ago. It will require the perspective of time to measure properly the full benefit of his work. One significant tribute, however, is applicable today. The student body has never had cause to criticize the sincerity of purpose, the initiative, and the capability of the man who is at their head. One does not hear him criticized by his students. They appreciate him.

If it is true that there is a possi-

bility that Dr. Chase will resign, we can only hope that his successor will fill the difficult position he is vacating as well as its present incumbent.

The TAR HEEL is the official organ of the students of the University of North Carolina. It is glad to be able to give this evidence of appreciation on the part of the students of the University for the splendid work of Dr. Chase during the period of years he has served as President.

—H. J. G.

When the Gentleman Calls

One of the innumerable stands of the TAR HEEL is for efficiency, whenever possible on the Carolina campus. It is with a righteous feeling of indignation, therefore, that we note the existence of a system which smacks of medievalism, and that right here within the confines of the otherwise rising city of Chapel Hill.

The system we refer to affects many of the most industrious students in the University. We don't mean that they are particularly industrious about their college work, but when some of them start a thing they stick to it no matter what happens. Perhaps we ought to clear all this up and come right out with a statement of the facts.

A visitor to the Co-ed Shack, sometimes referred to in the public prints as Spencer hall, has one means, generally, of finding out whether the young lady he has come to honor with his presence is at home. In a little vestibule to the right of the main entrance is a 'phone and a list of the room numbers of the inhabitants of the dorm. The caller must ascertain on which floor his young lady lives, then step to the phone and dial the regular four numbers to call that floor.

All of which is fair enough. But at this point the shadow of absurdity creeps in. The caller can hear the bell ringing on the floor he is ringing up, and can clearly hear the voice of the girl answering the phone without benefit of receivers or other artificial aid. The whole conversation, including the long-drawn-out call for "Sarah-h" or "Emil-le-e," can be heard at the foot of the stairs. In short, there is no need for a telephone at all.

This, to our mind, is a situation which needs some sort of revision. We would have the telephone removed, since it is obviously useless, and the unadulterated human voice used instead when one wishes to find out if the lady in question is among those present.

In the place of the 'phone, we would have a dumbwaiter. This is not to be used as an elevator for the young men, since entrance to the sacred precincts above stairs is forbidden them, but as a vehicle for relaying bouquets of flowers, boxes of candy, notes, and other items which are commonly used when a young gent calls on his girl.

The use of a dumbwaiter for sending up such articles in advance will save needless wear and tear on the speech-making facilities of the boys, and do away with the necessity of blushing prettily on the part of the girls. This, we feel sure, would prove one of the greatest boons ever conferred upon a waiting college world.

—H. J. G.

Open Forum

SAYS DAILY TAR HEEL WOULD BENEFIT SELF-HELP STUDENTS

To the Editor:

There seems to be general agreement to the fact that a daily Tar Heel would be a very excellent and worthwhile experiment, and I am one of those who heartily endorse this plan. I am a little surprised, however, to see that no one has presented what seems to me to be one of the most outstanding arguments for the daily paper. If we have this daily it is going to mean that a large part of the money which students are now paying to outside printers will, instead, be paid to students who will be in charge of editing and managing the paper. We have always been proud of the fact that over 80 per cent. of the students attending the University are either partially or entirely supporting themselves. As the

registration increases, the number of self-help jobs become proportionally less and less, and here we have an opportunity to increase the number of self-help jobs and to better our publications as well—and the whole scheme will not cost us a cent more. If money that is paid to printers and photographers for useless and superfluous pages in the Yackety Yack could be paid for real editing of the Tar Heel, we would have a really good daily paper, and we would keep money in circulation amongst ourselves; thus we would all be benefited—all except the out-of-state printer.

EDWARD RONDTHALER, JR.

Pen Points



By H. J. Galland

The Cooling Process

It has taken a full two weeks for the blaze of public opinion lighted by Mr. Jerry Slade's letter about the Hello Habit to simmer down to a state of quietude. It was all started by an innocent enough editorial, to which Jerry took exception. And then came the storm. As usual, the disgusting habit of slinging personalities in the columns of the Open Forum was freely indulged in. Why anyone should think he is intelligently answering an argument when he writes that many of his opponent's sentences "are painfully reminiscent of gangling adolescents with forensic leanings" and stuff of that type, is more than we can see. Over and over again it has been editorially stated that the Open Forum column is no place for personalities. We wonder when that fact will sink in. At any rate, the Hello Habit seems little affected by the sudden interest in it. Those who said a friendly "Hello!" before are still saying it, and those who are too pre-occupied still have weighty matters on their minds. Only one difference has been noted. Jerry Slade, in answer to a loud "Hello!" now answers very carefully "How are you?" or "How do you do?"—but no Hello!

It Might

Once we had a flivver and, in common with all its sisters and its cousins and its aunts, we found that she (her name was Maude) was very hard to start on a cold night. Thus it was with a special feeling of interest we read of the flivver which had its radiator stolen while the owner was spectating (patent applied for) at the Gamecock-Tar Heel basketball game last Saturday. According to the news story, the thief, to temporarily cover his work, placed the hood back in position, and it was not until after the car was started and had been driven a few yards that the hood fell off and disclosed the front end minus the water tank. If this is the case, it must be, since we saw it in the Tar Heel, we suggest that the motors be taken out of all the Chapel Hill flivvers and other perambulating wrecks. With the motors will go a great deal of trouble now expended in tinkering with them and a large part of the town's supply of noise, while the running action (judging by the flivver which started on a cold night without a radiator) will be vastly improved. No charge for the idea, thank you!

That Daily

It is difficult to judge the general opinion of the campus on any one question. One is apt to judge by the opinions of his particular set of friends, whose interests will naturally run in one direction. We hesitate to say, therefore, whether the campus is in favor of a daily Tar Heel. The objection that is most frequently made, that there is not enough news on the campus to warrant six issues a week, does not seem valid to us. There is more news for each issue than can be handled now. Most of it is in the form of announcements or straight reporting on events which are too familiar to seem like real news. The daily issue of the paper will provide a chance to branch out and acquire more interesting news from more diverse sources.

What's Yours?

A discussion of the definition of "education" is given in the Oregon Daily Emerald. Says that paper, "Most people agree that education is something that one gets from college but confuse it with football and raccoon coats. Accepting hypothetically that the theory education proceeds from college, a premise that is in no wise undebatable, what are the qualities of the average college graduate? He can usually play some, athletic game well, wear his clothes becomingly, discuss the latest novel, walk with assurance, share the club opinions of

his set, and his table manners are seldom offensive. Is this education? It is emulation. What then is education?" A very nice question. To our mind, none of the so-called emulative qualities outlined by the Emerald is to be despised. They go to make up a gentleman, if not an educated one. We believe a man is educated if he knows enough about the world and what is in it to be interested intelligently and even enthusiastically in what he sees and hears and does—and to want to learn more. And what do you think about it?

Social Note

The travels of a local citizen were reported thusly some time ago by Mr. Louis Graves in his Chapel Hill "Weekly": "Mr. Edwin S. McIntosh, correspondent for the New York 'Herald-Tribune,' son of Mr. and

Mrs. A. S. McIntosh of Chapel Hill, has gone to South America on the United States battleship Maryland. He touches at several ports on the Pacific side, makes a trans-Andean railway journey from Chile to Argentina, and returns to this country by sea from Buenos Aires. When he boarded the vessel at San Diego, California, a regiment of soldiers was drawn up at attention on the pier, bands played, and cannon fired salutes. Mr. McIntosh is accompanied on the trip by Herbert Hoover."

President James K. Polk was graduated from the University with the class of 1818.

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Sept. 25, 1928

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