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PARAGRAPHS

Six to one for the daily was the approximate result of the vote Thursday. Six issues and one weekly supplement—fair enough!

Despite rumors to the contrary, the TAR HEEL next year will not be a "sex-tuplet." The editors will keep the paper clean at all costs.

"Robber Enters Gooch's Cafe" says a headline in the one-time tri-weekly. And probably received a lemon pie in the eye, if the waiters have learned their movie lessons.

Spring is here—almost, but not quite. Judging by the attire of most of the co-eds, it is. Judging by the recent snow, it isn't.

A scholarly survey of the meaning of the word "collegiate" is being conducted, we learn. We hope the investigators won't get on the wrong track and carry on their research in colleges.

"Mum's the Word" has gone into rehearsal. And we can't tell you anything about it, for reasons named by the author in his title.

Ballot

Rotation
Tuesday's TAR HEEL election was the first campus election in which the system of ballot rotation has been used. We hail this inauguration as a sound, progressive step in the execution of student voting, second only to the introduction of the Australian ballot and secret voting some years ago.

The feature of this new system is the printing of the names (or the proposals) upon the student ballot in rotation. That is, if there are four names to be voted on in the election, one fourth of the ballots will carry name number One first; one fourth will carry name number Two first; one fourth, name number Three; and the remaining fourth will have name number Four at the head of the list.

This method gives each contestant a fairer deal. If the same name is printed first on every ballot, it has a distinct advantage over the others, due to the fact that so many voters—either ignorant of the respective abilities of the candidates or else not sufficiently interested to discriminate—hurriedly place their pencil marks beside the first name which strikes their eyes and proceed down the ballot.

Statistics of recent campus elections show this to be indisputably

true. Often two nominees for office have been approximately equal in both ability and in political strength—and yet he who has his name at the top of the ballot invariably runs ahead in number of votes. This fact, recognized by campus politicians, has led to a mad scrambling on the part of candidates and their supporters to be the first man nominated and therefore the first name upon the ballot.

Now, however, under the new system of ballot rotation, each nominee will go before the student body with an equal chance as far as position on the ballot is concerned.

Our Truant Students

Dean Hibbard's article, "Our Truant Professors," appearing in the Outlook of December 5, 1928, has evoked particular interest on the local campus. Dean Hibbard declares that the professor's attention to the student is continually decreasing. But turn the spotlight from the professor (who has had more than his share of it already) and focus it on the student.

Are there not truant students as well as truant professors? If the interest of the professor for his student is continually decreasing, is not the interest of the student likewise turning from his classroom to other fields?

Probably the principal object of a great number of students is to acquire a diploma and to allow knowledge to seep in if it will. The fallacy of the great American business world lies in the belief that a man is not qualified to sell neckties unless he is in possession of the renowned sheepskin. Forced by this fallacious belief, students attend college, absorb enough superficial knowledge to pass the requirements for the attainment of a diploma, and, upon its acquisition, wave it in the face of the world of business as a token of superior abilities.

But the duty of the student is to do more than to acquire a diploma. As the purpose of the professor is to teach, the duty of the student is to learn. In many colleges fraternity houses and organization halls are supplanting classrooms. Club presidents loom above professors; social interests tear the props from intellectual ones. The importance of social institutions assumes gargantuan proportions; studies are urged vociferously to "go hang."

Professors are thought of as inane mouths uttering incomprehensible soliloquies; the classroom is a place in which faces may yawn respectfully at predigested platitudes, and students may yearn fervently for the bell to split half-uttered words with impolite ferocity. In classrooms minds are regarded as being chained so securely that the most violent tugging will prove of no avail.

Knowledge is thought of as being of little consequence. Outside activities cast huge shadows over all else. Perhaps students grow tired of thinking.

State Co-Eds Find New Use for Skates

Carolina State co-eds have begun the fad of riding to class on roller skates. The idea was inaugurated last Thursday morning by Miss Nancy Kendrick who roller-skated to and from her classes that day.

Many of the big western and mid-western colleges adopted roller skates when automobiles were banned on their campus, but the fad is in its infancy in the south.

There seems little excuse for being late to classes when one has skated to them, except at such a campus as that of N. C. State or the University where there are no cement walks leading to all the buildings.

Mouzon to Make Talk Here in the Morning

During his visit to Chapel Hill, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon will speak at only one church service. That meeting will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11:00. In the month of April Bishop Mouzon will go to Yale University to deliver the Lyman Beecher Lectures on preaching. He is the first Southern preacher to be chosen for that lectureship.

Open Forum

WE'VE HEARD THIS SOMEWHERE BEFORE

Jackson, Miss.
February 3, 1929

Editor of the Tar Heel:

My nephew, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, has been with us several months. My sister sends his Tar Heel from Carolina and I see each copy.

Some of the high and mighty on the staff object to honest opinions just as a mother feels that her baby is perfect and not open to criticism because it is hers.

From the first I have been amazed to see what utterly inane piffle is printed in your "Hash and Mofhballs" and "Merely Meandering" "colyums"—this word is used by such journalists as Christopher Morley and Heywood Brown. My brothers having written for their Chicago High School paper, I am in a position to say that some of your articles would never pass muster in the average High School. Only after reading A. M.'s letter did I feel that I must speak up and applaud him; now K. S. adds a splendid, sensible opinion on quality versus quantity.

I am surprised to find a student knowing the four W's, as the articles are usually written without any regard for rules. What a breach of journalistic etiquette, to mention the name of a contributor who signs his initials only. The masthead list of names is long enough to get out a superior sheet, if they were chosen for ability only; one feels in view of the results that political and fraternal affiliation play a major part.

Perhaps you do not know that papers employ a competent assistant to detect and correct mistakes. The errors often appearing in the Tar Heel are inexcusable and they are definitely not typographical. A reporter quotes President Chase as saying: "The percentage of violations of the rules of government are as low" etc. I'm quite sure that he never said that.

I sincerely hope that you will improve your tri-weekly in every way, devoting to the three numbers the full amount of time that you wish to give to six, so that it will be worthy of an institution with the reputation of the University of North Carolina.

Very sincerely,
ALICE CAMPBELL

Much Interest Is Shown In Contest

An unavoidable delay caused by late arrival of coupon books slowed down the beginning drive in the Carolina Dry Cleaners' big coupon-book contest, but the books got in Thursday afternoon and by hurried distribution a score or more of contestants were enabled to get to work that night.

An unusual amount of interest has been shown in the local firm's big contest, and from the number of contestants for prizes in the \$1821 list of awards who signed up yesterday, prospects would appear for keen competition.

The initial or opening period of the contest will last until the close of business the night of February 16.

Work counts most in this period, a \$10 book of coupons sold bringing 20,000 votes at this period while in the last stage of the campaign the same sale will count only 10,000 votes. As a result Manager Caffey has urged everybody interested in working for the awards to get busy at the beginning.

The contest will be concluded at the end of the fourth period March 23, when winners will be awarded on a basis of points the Pontiac, Ford, Atwater Kent radio set, and other big prizes being offered.

Carolina To Debate Harvard University

The Debate Council announces that definite arrangements have been made for a debate with Harvard University on April 9 at Chapel Hill. The query which will be used is: "Resolved, That loyalty is the curse of the American college." In this fray Carolina will uphold the negative side of the query. Squad meetings for discussing this question will begin about March 12. A two-man team will be chosen to represent Carolina in this contest.

Weatherford to Visit University Campus

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Y.M.C.A. graduate clubs of Nashville, Tenn. and Blue Ridge, will be at the University next Tuesday, where he will speak to several of the groups on the campus. On Tuesday night he will meet with the Y cabinet.

Pen Points



By H. J. Galland

Snow Use

Chapel Hill weather is one of the most charmingly inconsistent parts of the place. In one week one can, and often does, experience the delights of the best of both northern and southern climates. The past seven days, for instance, have given us snappy cold weather followed by snow and a quick thaw, and then plenty of sunshine and springlike warmth. Whenever we think of the weather in Chapel Hill we bring to mind the neat and non-committal little leaflet on the subject written by Mr. Jeff Bynum of the Geology Department for the series of pamphlets which are distributed to Seniors in High Schools to induce them to come to the University. Prof. Bynum says: "... One can correctly judge that Chapel Hill is in a favorable climate. There are, however, one or two other factors of very great importance. In any area, in order that there be efficiency of mind and body, it is necessary that there be frequent changes in weather. It is well known that such act as stimuli. Long periods of 'weather' are very infrequent in Chapel Hill. On the other hand, frequent changes are common. ... To make a brief summary, reference is had to a statement made by one of the leading climatologists of the United States, 'Chapel Hill is situated in an area of high mental and physical efficiency.'" There you have it; we have cold weather, but not too much, warm weather, but not too warm, rain, but only enough, and apparently no excuse at all for laziness or loafing—except when we have snow, when time out is allowed for a battle or so. And there seemed a surprising lack of that during our last snowfall. Can it be we are growing up?

So They Played

After weeks of practice in the face of discouragement of various kinds, Doc Lawson's University Co-Ed Basketball Team played another game in the Gym last Thursday night. There was plenty of color to it, and speed and action. It was well worth the price of admission. The opponents were Sanford High School's best, and their best was good. They were attired in tasty blue jerseys with trunks to match, while Carolina's team cavorted in the conventional middy and bloomers. Nevertheless, there was some fast basketball played. Excitement ran as high as for any major school event, though at first the play was amusing to the gents who lined the outskirts of the court. The final score, 18-18, indicates the type of game that was played. We await the next appearance of the team with interest. They are worth watching.

Three Alarm

The Jordan fire last week was interesting but not exciting. At one point the usual beautiful fountain broke out from the middle of a section of hose, but was subdued and repaired in short order. The furniture was rustled out of the house in quick time by the usual volunteer rescue squad, and all in all it was just a plain, homelike, family affair fire. What caught our eye, though, was the traffic situation. At the corner of Henderson Street and Rosemary Lane there was a nice little tangle. Cars, motorcycles, wagons, and student flivvers contested for the right of way. Then up stepped a member of the city police force, and peep peeped on his whistle. The assorted drivers were so surprised they stopped immediately, and from then on it was simple. The cop merely stepped to one side and watched them, now and then lifting a directorial finger. It was neat. What care we for lights and zones and rules—all we need is a cop and a tin whistle!

Collegiate

We're not quite sure just what is meant by "collegiate" but it seems to describe pretty well the atmosphere at the Wigwag and Masque rehearsals we have seen. There is the conventional shirt-sleeved director, terribly earnest and terribly busy. Then there is the group clustered around the piano trying out steps, as the music director runs through the tunes. The chorus girls stretch in a line across the long stage, frowning in an effort to remember the routine, or giggling over errors. The technical staff confers in the rear of the hall, heads down and pencils moving. And always, ever-present, the girls who have a part but are not needed for the moment sit around laughing and talking with their dates. Very collegiate!

Let Me Introduce

by
J. MARYON SAUNDERS
Alumni Secretary



Francis A. Gudger, '98

The movie industry has not been without its University of North Carolina men. At least one University alumnus whom we know has been a powerful figure in the movie business and in the tremendous development of that industry in the past quarter century.

Francis A. Gudger, of Asheville, after serving for a time in the diplomatic corps and then practicing law, turned his interests to the motion picture field early in the century. His rise in that industry was rapid.

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He served as official in several of the larger companies, and recently retired from active life and a successful career. Since that time he has declined to reenter the business, after receiving flattering offers.

Mr. Gudger is not by any chance an old man. He has simply retired from active business much earlier than the average American business man.

Always the University has been very dear to Francis Gudger. In college life he was active in campus affairs. And as an alumnus he has been especially active. Year before last he was president of the Buncombe County alumni club. Last year he was elected vice-president of the General Alumni Association, and this year declined to allow his name be run for the presidency of the Association.

He divides his time between New York and Asheville, making the North Carolina city his home.

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