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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Charles Ross, special counsel for the State Highway Commission, has announced that the new State highway patrol will not disturb roadside petting parties, so long as the cars are properly parked with the proper lights showing. In other words, if you do your necking in proper fashion the soldier boys won't bother you. Now if some obliging gent would draw up a set of Marquis of Queensbury rules for necking everything would be nifty.

The Junior Prom will be a "stiff battle of music" if you accept literally what the South's most notorious tri-weekly states about the dance. A stiff struggle would probably be more accurate—without any reference to the music.

"Punch 'em" Ad Warren, Carolina's white hope in pugilistic circles, will return to the ring May 30. We hope that they put Ad up against some class this time. He demonstrated sufficient ability in pushing down the set ups—besides, we don't get much fun out of watching that sort keel over.

The Campus and The Village Step Out

Old Dame Carolina is taking on quite a flapperish appearance. With the arboretum garbed in a glorious profusion of blossoms and most of the campus covered with a pleasing carpet of green, the University is indeed a sight to bring rejoicing to the heart of the lover of natural beauty.

The space to the rear of South and the Y. heretofore a decided blemish upon the appearance of the campus, is being improved by the removal of the unsightly railroad tracks. Around the shining new Bingham Hall the grounds improvement gang has done some remarkable work. All about the new library the debris necessarily attendant upon the construction of so imposing an edifice is being rapidly cleared up. To the east of the campus the tract known as Battle Park has assumed the appearance of a typically North Carolina spring-time wilderness—and there is nothing more beautiful.

Thousands of birds, many of them comparative strangers to these parts, have been attracted to Chapel Hill this spring. Their gay plumage blends perfectly with the bright foliage of the campus, especially the arboretum.

This Queer Bird The Collegian

Queer creatures indeed are we collegians. For four years, perhaps longer, we sojourn at so-called institutions of higher learning. At the end of that time we are rewarded, ostensibly for scholastic attainment, with a doubtful distinction of the moth-eaten title of Arts Bachelor or Science Bachelor in Commerce and an elaborate sheepskin termed a diploma.

In the majority of case our parents are making sacrifices in order to furnish the wherewithal to pay our room-rent, our tuition, our board and our bootlegger. Many of us are working for very low wages during hours which should be spent in study in order to supplement the funds that we receive from home. Perhaps an even larger number of us borrow comparatively large amounts of money, the repayment of which will be a decided handicap during the first few years after we graduate.

Why, then, do we go to college? On the face of things there should be a very strong incentive for a college education, in order to account for the huge enrollments of recent years. Perhaps this incentive may be explained in terms of the false importance attached to a college diploma by many business men and to the glamour surrounding the college man in the eyes of the modern female. But the honest collegian admits, to himself at least, that the actual benefits accruing from a college education are at best highly over-estimated.

Yes, strange birds, we collegians. We go to bed at inordinately late hours. We regard classes as a necessary evil, and cut as many of them as the generosity or indifference of the professors allow. We applaud the democratic atmosphere that is said to prevail upon our campuses, but we participate in the most undemocratic of "frame-up" politics, which make it virtually impossible for a non-fraternity man to hold a campus office. We exhibit the ultimate of snobbishness in our attitude toward men who are not fraternity members. If we aspire to a good scholastic record, with its corollary, membership in the super-Rotarian Phi Beta Kappa scholarship fraternity, we confine our choice of courses to "crips", steering clear of those courses on which it is difficult to make high grades, however much we may realize their desirability. We are habitually late to everything, including classes. We develop an almost human capacity for indolence, and we contract most of the bad habits known to mankind, but very few that are desirable.

We collegians fumble blindly through the required number of courses, searching for soft spots whenever we search for anything, and fatuously pat ourselves upon our collegiate back when we secure the empty thing called a degree. The trouble with American colleges and universities lies not in the curriculum, is not with the professors and methods of instruction, but primarily with the undergraduate attitude. We don't much give a pluperfect damn what we get out of college, just so we eventually get out—with a degree.

Yeah. Queer birds, we collegians.

The Proposed Fraternity Regulations

Tuesday's issue of the TAR HEEL carried an article describing in detail the new plan for the rushing and initiating by fraternities of freshmen. This, the latest development of the situation, because of its conduciveness to scholarship, seems to have a marked advantage over the prevalent system.

Since 1923, when the short period of rushing was introduced on the campus, the scholastic average for fraternities, according to figures given out by Dean Bradshaw, has shown a gradual increase. Further, statistics show that each time the rushing period has been shortened the fraternity average has had a tendency to rise, so that at the present time it is much higher than the regular academic average. (This is of course due to no mental superiority of the Greek-letter man over the non-fraternity man, which point the

psychological tests will bear out.) Evidently, then, the chief advantage in the new proposition lies in the provision for the further shortening of the period set aside for the rushing of freshmen.

There are other inclusions which are not to be overlooked. However, the attention of this comment is directed mainly on the provision mentioned above because it is believed that it is the most paramount to the average student's point of view. Certainly a shorter rushing season, if it does favor increased scholarship, is in the interest of both freshman and fraternity member.

Opponents of the plan will likely argue that freshmen are not able, within a twenty-day period, to come to any satisfactory decision as to the fraternal group they might wish to join. On the other hand, in the light of the fact that many schools have a system of rushing and pledging men immediately on matriculation which has proven highly efficient, this argument would not be a very effective one. But there are any number of objections which might be raised and probably will be—if the proposal ever gets beyond the faculty committee. The decision of that body relative to the project is a matter which is to be looked forward to, for those, at least, who are interested in the fraternity problem.

Nevertheless, the fraternity men should be much concerned with these new regulations which may, if the rushing period is shortened, prove to be a positive aid to the scholastic endeavor of the entire campus, which, after all, is perhaps the chief end of college.

—B. M.

Open Forum

A SUGGESTION FOR A CAROLINA SONG BOOK

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

On two occasions I have received letters from persons out in the state asking for information about the history of Carolina students songs. On one other occasion I was asked to suggest a source book where the music to all Carolina songs could be found. In every instance I was unable to give a satisfactory answer to the enquiry. If there is a book or booklet that contains all of the suggested information, I would like to know of same. If there is not such a book in existence, perhaps you will see fit to publish this suggestion in the Tar Heel. Of course I claim no originality for the idea, and if the suggestion is not worth while then it will justly fall into obscurity like many other amateur student proposals. But if there are others who would like to own such a volume, perhaps some University organization will sponsor a definite plan and bring into existence a Carolina Song Book. In that case, I propose (tentatively) the following:

1. That an editorial committee be appointed which will include at least one student, one faculty member, one alumnus of the University, and one member of the music department.
2. That the proposed volume contain the words and music of every Carolina song or yell of any importance—past or present.
3. That a brief and concise statement of the origin, history, and adaptation of the piece be given in each instance.
4. That the volume might also include reprints of the official songs (only one in each case of course) of all national fraternity or other organizations at Carolina.
5. That the volume might include brief sketches of the history of all significant University musical organizations, and of the Cheerios.
6. That the volume contain reprints of our State and National songs.
7. That no person receive any reward or gain for his making the volume.
8. That the finish work be published and made available to students and others who desire to purchase it.
9. That the editors change, expand, or otherwise revise this tentative proposal as they see fit.
10. That accuracy of materials and attractiveness of form be the two chief features of the finished volume.

Simply suggested by
 A STUDENT.

ANOTHER STUDENT GOVERNMENT PLAN

Dear Editor:
 For the past two years the campus leaders at the University and the student body as a whole have fer-

vently advocated a constitutional convention to determine and agree upon a concrete code of laws and procedure upon which the governing bodies may base major decisions relating to the disposal of major offences committed by students.

In order that there may be uniform justice to students year in and year out with the actions and decrees of every succeeding governing body, there must be a uniform code of laws and procedure; moreover, there must be a more businesslike and conventional governmental organization for student government if it is to achieve the standing among the students which it merits. If student government is allowed to function so haphazardly it will lose the respect and confidence of a student body whose purpose it is to serve, and upon whose confidence its very success depends.

Any re-organization in governmental policies must have the unanimous support of both the student body and the faculty administrative board. The students must take upon themselves such reorganization with the approval of the University executive in order that the resulting actions will be respected by all concerned.

Realizing that destructive criticism without an alternative suggestion is harmful, and that heretofore no critic has offered a concrete organization for the student body, we offer the following suggestions for a thoroughly organized government with equal representation from all classes and from all quarters on the campus, including dormitory government, class government, and campus government.

A Constitutional Convention is necessary, that a suitable proposal for campus government be placed before the student body. The chairman of this convention should appoint a sub-committee to draft a constitution and present it to the convention.

The legislative bodies should consist of a lower body and an upper body, and could very easily be formed around the organization of the Di and Phi. Memberships in these bodies should be by campus vote, and should consist of two or three representatives from each dormitory and fraternity house in the case of the lower house, and of three fraternity men and three non-fraternity men in the upper house from each class and each professional school. It would

probably be desirable for each class, professional school dormitory, and fraternity to vote for their respective representation within themselves. Requirements for representation in the lower body should be at least two quarters residence in the house from which they are elected, and in the upper house, the passage of a required number of courses with at least a C standing. The meetings should be held at least once every quarter to consider rules for campus government, and elections should be held annually. In case of the different extra-curricula activities having representation, there would be room for argument on the question as to whether the Athletic Association, the Y.M.C.A., the Publications Union Board, and the Freshman class have seats in the upper house. This might be offered as an amendment.

Lower courts should be organized in each respective class and professional school to try petty offences in their groups. These courts should meet weekly with the president of the class sitting as Judge and the secretary acting as recorder. Cases from this court might be appealed to the supreme court which should correspond very nearly to the organization of the present student council, except that the present student body and the chief justice of the supreme court should be two separate offices, one being for the purpose of administering justice, and the other to preside over the senate or the upper house, and to carry on his duties as president of the student body.

Dormitory and fraternity courts should consist of a president and vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and their duty should be to keep order in their respective buildings. Appeals from such courts should be made to the respective class courts, and in case of special students, to the graduate court. The officers for these dormitory and fraternity organizations should be elected by their own groups. Inter-fraternity and inter-dormitory difficulties should be appealed to the class courts in the case of individuals, and to the Supreme Court in case of group disagreements.

Major offences with shipping as the penalty should carry the power of appeal to the president of the student body and then to the president of the University; or should be tried in the presence of the dean of students and the president of the university who

should have voting power. Students entering the University for the first time should be made to take a pledge to support the existing constitution and the honor system—in other words, they should be naturalized so as to make them citizens of this institution.

We suggest that penalties for petty offences range from class probation to prohibition from participating in extra-curricula activities for a specified length of time. Offenders might also be disfranchised, boycotted, etc.

In case any student or professor at the University wishes to correspond with the author of this proposal, or otherwise wishes to seek additional information on the detail and practical organization of such a proposal, he may do so by writing G.B.C., c-o The Tar Heel, Open Forum Department.

(Signed) G. B. C.

AGITATION OVER BOOKER PLAN UNNECESSARY

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:
 For several weeks discussions, both pro and con, concerning the present form of student government have been raging in societies, "bull sessions," and our famed tri-weekly. This stir has proved interesting but it all seems quite unnecessary.

The judicial system as it stands is a smooth-working, competent machine and the destroying of our age-old Carolina tradition and the adoption of a new, complicated, untried plan is utter foolishness.

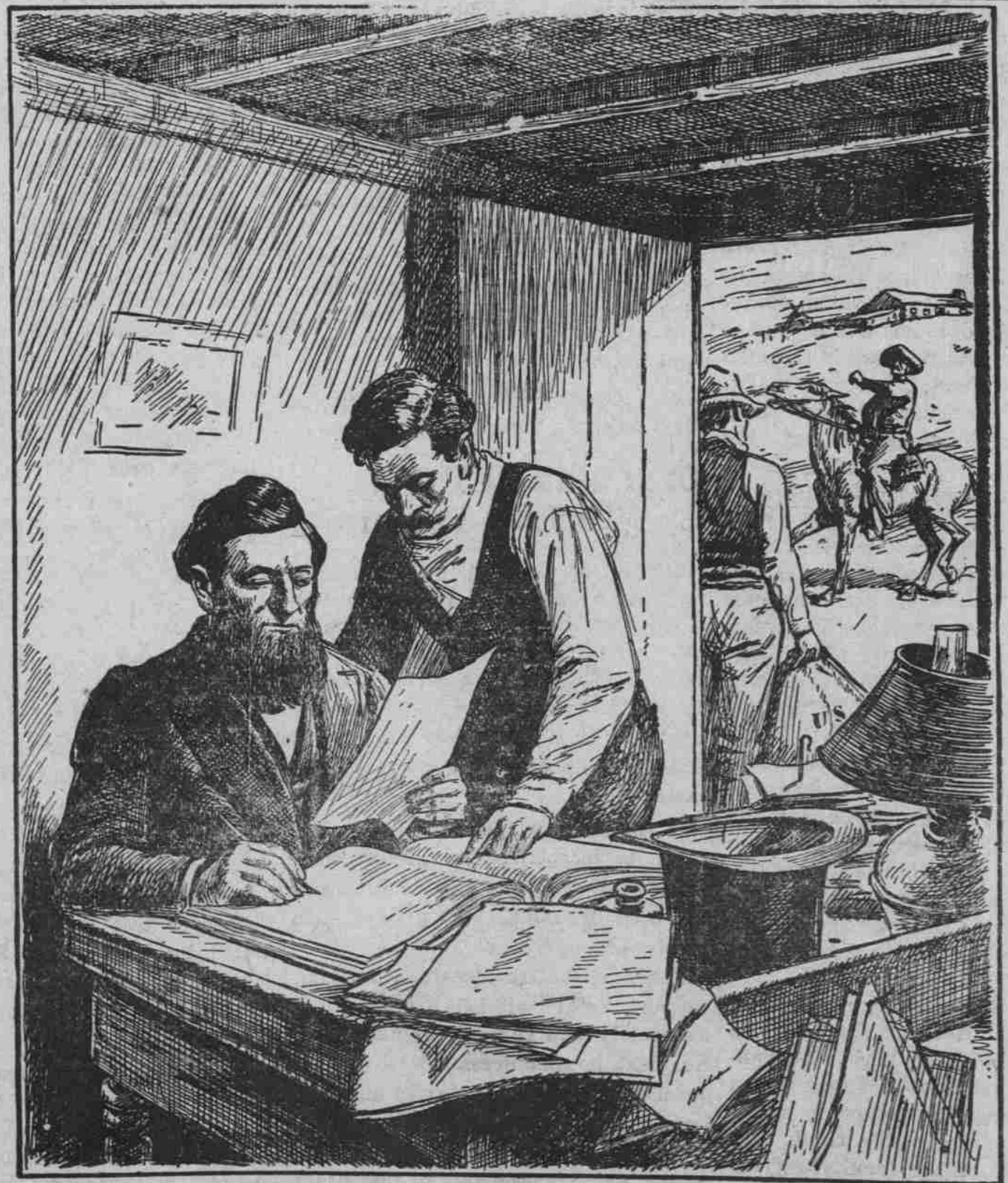
Generally speaking, I find that very few are in favor of Prof. Booker's plan. Of course, there are some ardent supporters among whom we find those who aspire to hold one of the many offices that the proposed plan would create.

Critically speaking, I think that Booker's system would be grossly inefficient because of its immense size. I venture to say that it would be exceedingly hard to obtain even a quorum at a majority of the meeting of the "Houses."

Remember the old saying: "The less the government the better the government."

AN ADMIRER OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF STUDENT GOVT.

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