

# Editorially Speaking

## THE HONOR CODE AGAIN

Carolina students and readers of the TAR HEEL in general may often times get fed up on rehashes of the Carolina Honor Code in the editorial columns. Past editors and editorial writers have supported one of Carolina's foremost institutions and there is no reason why the importance of keeping the Honor Code intact should not be emphasized time and time again. It is almost like asking people to vote; it is equally important.

Final exams for civilians are scheduled next week. The V-12 examinations will be over Tuesday, by today a part of the V-12 unit will have completed their exams. We can issue no request for the Navy to keep the honor code in mind on finals because for the most part they are through, but we do caution civilians on the matter.

The Honor Code is difficult to understand when a student is initially exposed to the idea. Probably the one thing that causes the most deliberation is the idea of reporting a fellow classmate if you see that he is guilty of cheating. This scheme sort of goes against the grain with students new to Carolina, because the idea of "tattle tale" is unpleasant to most of us.

All through life we will be faced with problems that go against the grain. Life simply can't be one big bed of roses without a few stickers every now and then. We have to be frank with ourselves and face facts. It takes guts to do it, just like it takes guts for an American to kill when actually he thinks it is wrong.

We are not asking that you report your fellow classmate to the Honor Council if you do not fully believe in the Honor Code, but we do ask that the Honor Code be given due consideration. It has been a satisfactory plan of student government in the past. It has weakened at times only to rise up again. Possibly there are better methods, but the Honor Council has constructed the Honor Code. The code was drawn up by men who were elected by the students. This being the case, why not abide by the rules that your representatives have established.

Give the Honor Code careful consideration when time to take that final exam comes.

Here is a reprint of the Honor Council pledge for final exam papers:

On my honor I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge that I have not given, nor received, nor made use of unauthorized aid or information during the examination; furthermore, I pledge that I will report to the Student Council all students whom I have seen receiving, giving, or making use of unauthorized aid or information during this examination.

Signed:

## ABOUT GRADES

Just about everybody on the campus is taking exams these last two weeks of October, and just about everybody is cramming for them. By and large, the kind of studying that is being done does not consist of a brief review of the course. Instead it is an organized memorization of what the student thinks the prof will ask on the exam. This is done for all quizzes, not merely the exam, but the latter evokes a grand finale of memorization.

That such hastily begot knowledge cannot stick will be admitted by all. Most students forget crammed knowledge a few days after their test. It doesn't take a profound thinker to see that that kind of education is never going to do anybody any good. How can it when it doesn't last?

The main purpose of studying hard before a quiz is to get a good grade on the quiz. It is also true that pupils don't study for every-day classes because they know they won't be graded. Thus it appears that too much emphasis is being put on grades; indeed, they are often the sole means used to measure a person's achievement. Evidently our educational system tends to produce students with good grades instead of true understanding. What's wrong with education in this country anyway?

We propose that the head men of this University and other big schools reduce the emphasis on grades and reestablish the true aims of education. If profs could know their students well enough to grade them on what they really achieve, tests and their related cramming could be abolished. This can be accomplished by hiring better teachers, for higher pay, by smaller classes meeting more frequently, by round-table class procedure, and by written lessons and reference themes instead of quizzes. Let us not believe that this vision of a better education is a far-distant ideal. No, let us rather hope that our educators will begin to improve the situation at once.—L.S.

## PLUG FOR THE YACKETY YACK

The Yackety Yack, Carolina's most widely read publication, is faced with a load of problems this year. With all the technical difficulties of wartime, the yearbook editors and business managers are confronted with disorganized classes which tends toward collection difficulties.

If the Yack is not successful in the collection of \$1.25 from every civilian student on campus, there might well be no yearbook for 1945. In previous years the collections have been made through the heads of the class organizations. Now there are no organized classes. This situation puts the Yack collectors in "hot water" so to speak. They will have to look high and low over the disorganized campus in an attempt to collect the necessary money. The fund is not an additional fee, understand. The price of the Yack is essentially the same, but the fact that classes are disorganized effects a unique situation in that the Yack staff will have to campaign to collect the funds on top of all other duties.

A year at Carolina without a Yackety Yack would be a catastrophe. Lend your support students, because your aid in this collection of funds will decide whether a 1945 Yack is or isn't.

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## LISTEN STUDENTS

By Jimmy Wallace

Twelve weary men, trudged along the beach of a desert island; each one glowered with suspicious eyes at the other. And each one had good reason to be suspicious; for all of them knew that before another month passed only half of their number would be alive.

Six men had to die. And that was ironical too, because each of the 12 had asked for permission to go on that particular voyage. Each man had wanted to be on that ill-fated ship. No one had suspected that the ship was going to be broken in twain on some hidden reef.

They had been cast upon the desert island several days before. The food supply was running short. It would not last but one month; they knew that. But there was one catch to the whole proposition. There would not be another ship passing by the island for another two months.

So someone had to go. Each man wondered how he could outwit the other. It was a pretty bad question to have to decide. The meek members of the party hoped inwardly that lots would be drawn. The meek members knew that such a procedure was their only salvation. But there were six bullies. They didn't care for the lots. They had other means. After all, it was rather important. It was going to be a great gamble.

And each man cursed himself inwardly. Each man knew that a mistake had been made. Each man regretted now that they had allowed the radio apparatus to wash away with the high tide. Now they couldn't radio for help. Now they were on their own.

Once again the smell of politics is in the autumn air, mingling subtly with the odor of decaying leaves. This election, however, up to now, promises to be a quiet one. Parties have almost completed their slates. Most of the names, although not released officially, have already been circulated among those who are politically "in the know." Probably the big guns will open up early in the trimester. It is to be hoped that there



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By Eddie Black AS, USNR

To All My Friends:

This is my last column for the TAR HEEL. Uncle Sam has again seen fit to change the address of my residence. As a result I henceforth will be known as Blackie Black of Asbury Park, New Jersey; not as Blackie Black of Carolina.

I regret in a way the change, and yet I am sort of glad—I am ready to go, to move on to more lucrative fields, namely — Pre-Midshipman School.

I hate to go because I hate to leave all my friends here, but this is the Navy . . . by the time you have come to know and understand those with whom you are living, you have to leave. I also regret leaving Carolina for I have come to know and love it as something real, something alive; and I leave it with the hope that I will return.

I want to extend thanks to all the readers of my column, for their kind words and suggestions. Especially for their fair criticism. None of it has gone unappreciated.

To all those whom I have worked with on the dances, I wish to give hearty thanks, for they were always willing and helpful. . . . even when the

are no recurrences of events which characterized the last election.

Each time a crisis, either a major one or a minor one, arises on the campus (two people with the wind up are sufficient to constitute a crisis) the TAR HEEL becomes involved; simply because the TAR HEEL is a newspaper, and therefore more or less obligated to print a bit of the news—especially a bit of that concerning the students.

And each time, many students go forth to minor who are not students and ask for advice. That is O.K. Advice which is asked for is fine. But each time, there are always "suggestions," etc., which arrive unsolicited, and sometimes the sources of the suggestions are such as to make the suggestions cease to be suggestions and become what might be called a request or an order in extreme cases.

The TAR HEEL is subsidized by the students. It is therefore responsible primarily to the students. The fact that the students are disorganized and more or less out of contact with the TAR HEEL does not in the least mitigate the responsibility which the TAR HEEL possesses as a member of the press. News concerning the students should be printed. If anyone is to decide which news is good and which news is bad, it is the students themselves. That is, according to all democratic theory.

Of course there are many who apparently have not read or have forgotten what the Constitution has to say on the subject. And even if the Constitution did not have anything to say, the situation would not be changed a bit. What is good and what is bad do not have to be distinguished by a bit of writing on a piece of paper.

When one attempts to hide that which is pertinent and of news value, except for obvious reasons of protection (such as no news on movements of the armed forces) that person, regardless of what he avows himself to be, becomes a small-scale Goebbels. Freedom-loving people are having enough trouble nowadays without having to be hog-tied by appeasers, suppressors, etc., etc.

distress signals were flaunting.

When I leave here and go to Asbury, I won't be traveling alone, for many Carolina boys are going with me. I'm sure we will have a pleasant stay there, even if it will call for a little extra work at times. I think that the boys leaving here with me . . . and I know most of them personally . . . will be capable of the task, and will make a grand showing.

Following Loeffler's suggestion, I will try to keep the boys left behind in touch with their buddies by the use of my column. About once a month I will send a letter such as this to the paper, in care of the acting editor.

To whomever takes up my space on the inside page of the TAR HEEL after I leave, I wish them all the luck in the world. And I do hope that when there is a need they will use their column to express the thoughts and sentiments of the student body.

Advice on how to spot a student's classification:

You can always tell a junior by the way he looks around:

You can always tell a senior for he's so sedately gowned;

You can always tell a freshman by his greenish hue and such:

You can always tell a sophomore—but you cannot tell him much.

LSU Reveille  
Send The Tar Heel Home

—FOR VICTORY BUY BONDS—

## Columns and Comment

All signed articles, editorials, columns and letters are opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the TAR HEEL.

## Don't Read This

By Bill Crisp

In the last issue of the TAR HEEL there appeared in the column WITHOUT RIME several comments which pointed out the inconsistency of certain coed "decorum" restrictions when compared with Carolina's honor system. In complete agreement with that columnist, I submit still another restriction which appears to be equally inconsistent, not only with coed honor and decorum, but with the campus code which is supposedly the rock upon which Carolina's student honor is founded.

The University Dance Committee, a student-controlled organization, has continually enforced certain rules the purpose of which is to supervise the dances on campus. Those rules, as a whole, are very effective and practical and the Dance Committee has been very efficient in their enforcement. Dances, usually, have proved very successful both from the standpoints of social enjoyment and orderly conduct.

One of these rules, however, seems both unnecessary and unjustifiable. It states that no girl may leave the dance and return unless she and her date are accompanied by a chaperon. Now what is the purpose of this rule? The Dance Committee-men say that this rule is necessary to enforce one of the other rules—that there shall be no drinking either on the dance floor or before students come to the dance.

But is this rule more efficiently enforced by refusing to permit women to leave and return to the dance? Hardly. In the first place, this

rule is based on a flimsy supposition: that women who wish to leave the dance floor without a chaperone intend to leave for but one purpose—to drink. In the second place, the Dance Committee employs several men to stand at each entrance, to take up tickets, and to patrol the dance floor at all times. If and when a couple should leave the dance and return intoxicated or noticeably in such a condition implying that there had been drinking, the Dance Committee would be perfectly justified in refusing entrance to this couple. Likewise, the men patrolling the dance floor should be able to tell whether or not there are intoxicants present. If they can't, whether there are any on the floor or not, their conduct must be such that they are not causing the sort of disturbance which justifies a ban on drinking.

Under the present rule, any couple, whether Mary Jones and John Smith or Eleanor Roosevelt and Joe E. Brown, may not leave the dance unless they are accompanied by an adult chaperone. Not only is the rule impractical, since it does not solve or obviate the drinking problem, but it is unfair. Carolina men and women are accepted as ladies and gentlemen until they are proven otherwise. Any rule that is based upon the presupposition that men and women are going to be dishonest in breaking an existing regulation, stands in direct opposition to an honor system and campus code which leave the enforcement of deprivation to follow an offense, not to precede an offense that is assumed or anticipated.



## WITHOUT RIME

By Gloria Caplan

I don't see what the fuss is all about. The vested interests have always pulled all the strings they controlled (and that's been plenty) and poured in all the money they saw fit (and that, too, has been plenty) to put into the government machinery their puppets. It's an old, accepted, respectable tradition. But comes similar activity on the part of labor, which, after all, still occupies a considerable portion of our citizenry (even the NAM admits it) and we come up against charges of illegality and one congressional investigation of this new bird after another.

Just what is the CIO Political Action Committee?

It had its beginnings in Cleveland in March, 1943, at a meeting of the CIO executive committee to which 200 key leaders of the locals had been invited. In the group there was growing impatience with the rising cost of living, handling of prices and wages by wartime agencies, attitudes expressed by the press against labor. They sensed a return to reaction and resulting threat to labor's gains in recent years and most important, the possibility of dangerously narrow and short-sighted postwar policies. The problems of labor were no longer soluble in industrial terms alone; they were inextricably wound up with political issues: So they decided on action.

The Smith Connally act barred contributions to political parties by unions, but the PAC was free to spend money for political education and in state primary elections. "If you don't register, you can't vote" became the watchword. The results of their registration campaign were impressive. In Duluth, Minn., every eligible CIO member registered. All records in pre-primary registra-

tions in Ohio, California and Illinois. Despite William Green's plea that AFL locals not support the CIO infant, cooperation has come increasingly even from that sphere.

Unamerican? Where? Why?

Since when is it unamerican for any group to campaign legally in its own interests? Goaded on by the Republicans, who naturally fear this great new force behind Roosevelt, and the Dies brand of Democrats in Congress, the PAC has been investigated by the Department of Justice and congressional committees—all of whom have declared it spotless of any violation of the Federal Corrupt Practices act, or the statute limiting the amount of contributions in an election. Dies himself is now urging Attorney General Biddle to prosecute members of the Committee and former government employees now active in its work. The PAC considers his hostility an asset.

Wherein is their program unamerican? Glance at it: broadening of social security through immediate enactment of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell medical aid bill; establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices committee; the elimination of the poll tax and other voting restrictions; a program of jobs at useful work with standard wages and working conditions; effective price and rent control during reconversion; continuance of price guarantees to farmers; credits to small business, etc., etc.

Space forbids a portrayal of the complete picture. I have read the platform over and over, and I fail to see even a hint of unamericanism. It is, in fact, as American as the farmer's soil and the Mississippi.

## What About The Dumbarton Oaks Plan?

By Bob Rolnik

Here is a thirty second quiz which was conducted in the TAR HEEL office among staff members. See if you can answer this one "simple" question: WHAT IS THE DUMBARTON OAKS PLAN?

The answer to this question will be found in the following article. Most of those staff members polled did not know the answer to the above question.

Those of us who don't know or don't care to know what is going on in the world today ought to have very little right to complain about World War III when and if it comes.

We will have no one to blame but ourselves.

Many Americans probably have never heard of the Dumbarton Oaks tentative plan for a new world security league to preserve peace.

Campus elections and politics, football games and coeds are mighty important parts of college life. However, we should take time out, at least once in a while to think about the significant issues at stake in the world outside Chapel Hill. You and I must be informed on the issues at stake in this proposed world organization if we ever hope to make an intelligent decision about it. We are See DUMBARTON, page 4.