

Editorially Speaking

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Whether in war or in peace this great country of ours continues to hold to its democratic principles, never doubting whether or not continuation of elections during the war would hinder the best possible operation of the war. It shows that Americans still have the dauntless spirit which our forefathers had in founding the country.

Roosevelt has it for the fourth term, news that is old now but still an interesting topic of conversation. Will he continue to have the support of the country, will he be able to carry forth his program as well during the next four years. He will carry out his program of course depending on his health. The elections proved that the majority wants Roosevelt as the head man with the same spirit of never say die democracy the United States will experience another four years under Roosevelt which will probably be better than the last 12. Roosevelt has made many mistakes as would any public figure, but above all he has devoted and will devote some of the best years of his life to serving his country . . . not an easy job that he has by any means. He could have stepped from the presidential race easily enough, complaining about his health or the worry connected with directing the United States, but he, as every loyal and true American, has taken conditions in his stride and worked for a greater nation.

It is our duty to continue to support democracy and to support the President. The next four years will probably be the toughest, but Roosevelt will try to make for the best that he knows. If American spirit holds true we will weather the next four years as best we know how with one of the greatest figures in our nation's history as our leader.

WHERE OH WHERE IS LITTLE V-12?

From what we make out of the Navy ruling for night check on V-12s and compulsory study it leaves us with several questions in mind as to reasons for such action and the expected results of the ruling.

It is true possibly that many V-12s were not spending as much time as they should for academic purposes and that possibly they enjoyed freedom which was unknown to many other trainees in similar programs throughout the country. But for some reason or the other we don't think the action is justifiable. If the Navy plans to make officers out of these students, they of course know from years of naval experience just what it will take to do the job and a civilian probably shouldn't stick his nose into the matter. Anyway we will voice our opinion.

When the responsibility for carrying out a mission is placed on the shoulders of a newly commissioned youngster who is not many months out of a college like Carolina, his trust is not questioned. He is carrying out a mission that is dangerous to probably thousands of men, but his superior officers place faith in his decisions. It seems that if in the training program a close check is made on every operation that the purpose is defeated. And then too it might seem that if a certain officer candidate were to flunk his work because of excessive time spent elsewhere it would be a fair marker to judge the better officers. As we said before, however, the Navy knows what it is doing.

Other than the above mentioned is the fact that Navy men comprise a prominent part of the campus. It is questionable whether or not V-12 men should take part in campus activities, but in our estimation the extra-curricular program around campus would be an asset to any would be officer. For instance the Tar Heel work is done mostly at night. The restrictions make it impossible for the Navy men to take part in the publication of the Tar Heel. True there are few Navy readers of the Tar Heel as compared with the civilian subscribers, but other activities such as the legislature, the student council, and other campus extra-curricular fields need V-12s.

TIME FOR SOME CHANGES

One hour—we shift to the other foot, two hours—we heave a deep sigh, three hours—and we're darn sick of waiting, but patience is a virtue so we crane our necks and actually see the book exchange counter in sight. At long last we reach the head of the line and ask for our books only to be told that the shipment of our particular text has not arrived. Or perhaps we ask for two lab manuals, one for ourselves and one for our roommate. The reply to that request is an emphatic, "No." The roommate must come to stand in line to add one more person to the long curving snake taking shape in the "Y."

Perhaps no student has had nothing drilled into him more often than the advice, "Make a good start. Get off on the right foot." Without taking into consideration the condition of his feet for the good start, his nerves, or the time wasted, under the Carolina system (or lack of system) a student is lucky if he obtains his books before several class periods have elapsed.

Standing in a line which moves one half a foot in ten minutes is inconvenient to say the least. No objection would be made if this were a necessary evil but no other word than absolutely ridiculous can be employed in describing this method whereby thousands of students must purchase school supplies at the beginning of each term.

What can be done about it? Obviously two or three clerks for such a great number of students are insufficient, and what is more there is no dearth of available employees. Several coeds actually expressed willingness to volunteer their assistance to help speed up the service.

Why couldn't a list of books available at the Exchange be posted in the "Y" and arrivals of new texts added each day? Another room or two on the first floor of the "Y" could be put into use. Text books could be classified according to subjects with various groups being sold in the different rooms.

It's high time some changes were made. When we begin classes next semester let's begin on the first day and not a week later because we didn't have the supplies.

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IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND in classes. The girls outnumber the boys, but you can bet your bottom dollar that none of above male figures will regret such an overflow of feminine pulchritude.

Don't Read This

By Bill Crisp

Have you noticed the change? Carolina's classrooms present a striking picture this trimester. There are male and female, civilian and military, professors and dogs all matriculating together. What is Carolina coming to?

There are those among us who predicted catastrophe upon the inauguration of such class mixtures. But then, there were some people who never thought that Baptists and Methodists could dwell peacefully in the same county.

Carolina is suffering no ill-effects from its synchronization of civilian and military schedules. Despite the ridiculous rumors to the contrary Navy men and civilian men (even some of the freshmen 4-F's) both have hair on their chests. War or no war, uniform or sport coat, this old campus is dealing with the same basic material as always: male and female.

The pessimists will sneer at these words. They are positive that the honor system is at stake under such a system. On the contrary, the honor system should be bettered by this setup. If it is true that there is a tradition in the Navy which forbids the act of "squealing," surely that tradition will be offset when civilians

are present. Honor is not a virtue which can be colored by the clothing one wears. Nor is it fundamentally a quality requiring independent factions for successful application.

Navy men or civilian, we are all at Carolina for the same purpose. It makes no difference if Uncle Sam is sponsoring one group and poppa Jones another, the ultimate purpose of our matriculation here is to receive an education which is based on knowledge and merit—not dishonesty and fraud.

And another thing, some of the civilians on this campus are now becoming the friendly acquaintances of many individuals. Heretofore, acquaintances have been primarily a matter of recognizing what unit a Navy man is in. Instead of being familiar with the Marines, V-12's, and NROTC's, many of us are finding closer friendship with fellows who, INCIDENTALLY, wear the uniform of a soldier.

And so, when you hear 4-F Smith referring to the Tar Heel office as being located on the second deck, starboard side, of Graham Memorial, don't become frantic. He's not insane at all and he doesn't think Graham Memorial is a ship. He's just repeating one of his friends from BVP.

Reading The Exchanges

With Jerry Davidoff

When we were in New York recently we noted that most of the students on the Columbia campus, and most of the high school students riding the subways, wore tags which read "Youth Wants Roosevelt." Apparently the nation wanted him, too. Our point is that of the 12 college polls that we have on hand, Dewey was the choice in only four, Drake, Purdue, Minnesota and Syracuse went for Dewey with the fringe on the lip. Roosevelt carried Temple, Mary Washington, Minnesota's Ag school, George Washington, Lenoir Rhyne, Washington and Lee, and L. S. U. Also, the poll taken by the IRC here the past August showed that the Tar Heels were hot for Roosevelt.

Analyzing these figures is of little use. In most cases too few students were polled to really give a fair sampling of campus opinion, and in many there was no breakdown of reasons for voting for each candidate. We'd like to say here that Don Brown of the Purdue Exponent, who conducted four polls at Purdue, probably turned in the most conclusive of the polls. All four of his articles had listings of reason

for each candidate's support.

Our results don't jibe with the Gallup poll, which showed that college students were in favor of Dewey. Probably both our collection and the Gallup poll's survey were not wide enough.

Our emphasis on student opinions in this column is intentional. Only about three per cent of the people in the country ever get to college. Most of the leaders of the nation come from this three per cent. While it is fairly safe to assume that college students will become more conservative when they leave college, their opinions on campus are partially indicative of the way that future national and state leaders will think.

Last week The Tar Heel editorialized on the treatment given ex-President Homer P. Rainey of the University of Texas. Academic and intellectual freedom are at stake in such a situation. The students took matters into their own hands. Before forty-five hundred students, called to convocation, Mac Wallace, Texas student president, presented

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Columns and Comment

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LISTEN STUDENTS

By Jimmy Wallace

Two vast contradictions have become apparent in the Navy V-12 program—at least on this campus.

When the program began, the Navy, unlike the Army, expressed its wish to educate the V-12 men "as students," as nearly as possible. That was very good. On this campus however, there is some dispute as to what a student really consists of. According to the rules, a student must pay compulsory fees. The V-12 does not pay fees, but it is not the fault of the V-12 at all. Despite this, everyone seems to have gotten along without any trouble.

Recently, however, the Navy has imposed restrictions on the V-12 unit here. Men must now be confined to their rooms between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Undoubtedly, such a plan will result in more studying and better grades. But, for the Navy man who has become a representative of the V-12 in student government or other extra-curricular activity, this new plan imposes a hardship.

The V-12 men on this campus, I believe, wish to get into the spirit of things as students. The men who have returned from the fleet, I believe, wish to become students without being differentiated from other students. The University, in order to procure "educational and financial" advantages has gone on the trimester system. For the first time, V-12 men and civilians have classes together. Simultaneously, a curfew is put on the V-12 unit. Such a move, while it might be militarily expedient, is not one in the right direction as far as V-12 participation in student activities is concerned. If the Navy is to adhere to its first principle, that of "education as students," the regulation should be rescinded.



WITHOUT RIME

By Gloria Caplan

Government by the people has been given added vigor and new "face"—both in the eyes of a skeptical world (witness even Britain's abrogation of wartime elections) and in the eyes of a sizeable slice of our own population beginning to despair of popular selection and its ability to meet crises.

It will be a strange, new congress and, because of it, an undaunted, confident and enterprising president, that tackles Peace. Without a Ham Fish, Gerald Nye, Bob Reynolds or Martin Dies the two houses won't resemble themselves. The battles on the floor won't have the same color and spirit without those four, and the consequent reduction in petty squabbling will increase the amount of business completed in the congressional day, although we visualize a rejuvenated Clare Luce returned to the House, talking four times as hard and saying four times as little to make up for the loss. Our sympathy at this time goes to PM, which has for years expended all its energy in making of the above four symbols of what every good American should not be, and in them finding the nation's most palatable ridicule material. Nominations are probably now in order for a new set of political fops at whom PM may direct its jokes; my choice is Luce. Contrary to the historical pattern

and proving once again that all we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history, the nation returned a democratic majority to Congress. Unity between the executive and legislative branches will be ours—our gift to those relying on the power of our prestige to light the lamp in the darkness of post war days and to keep it burning, for that power would have been nil, given a hostile congress.

One thing strikes me as remarkable: that an almost solid anti-New Deal newspaper bloc (with the last minute exception of the New York Times) and the DuPont (each individual DuPont), Pew, Mellon, Rockefeller and Ford financial strength failed to swing the people away from their confidence in FDR. A diminished margin in the popular majority indicates a decrease in that confidence, true; but not sufficient to cause concern, and certainly not as much as could be anticipated in view of the fact that war breeds dissatisfaction, which finds a natural outlet in making the existing administration the scapegoat. Reaction, they call it. There has come to many of us renewed faith in the reliability of the people in making governmental choices, and we begin to wonder if they are as much the dupes of their slanted reading material as we had once thought.



Chords & Records

By Dot

All you Carolina jive lovers and classic fans heave to and lend an ear to the good news about records released of late.

If you're an inveterate gloom-spreader on your way to that 8 o'clock sociology class there's music in the offering to put you in the groove in the early morning hours.

Especially of interest to you rabid record collectors of torrid torch songs and jumpin' jive is the recent reinstatement of over one hundred "collectors' items" by RCA Victor.

These discs have been unobtainable for several years, though they had established themselves as classics in the hot jazz field.

Those ever popular solid arrangements of strictly sizzling music, such as "I Got A Right to Sing the Blues" by Louis Armstrong, "Beale Street Blues," and others by the stellar Jelly-Roll Morton Red Hot Peppers, and "Meet Dr. Foo" by Coleman Hawkins, are guaranteed to knock the sleep out of tired eyes, as

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