

Editorially Speaking

THE \$73 QUESTION

Last Thursday night's Legislature meeting may have seemed tame enough for some to dismiss with, "not much of importance took place." The meeting deserves far more attention than that. It was singular; singular in that for the first time since 1943 a bill was presented to make the Student Council's financial report a budget. This means that since 1943 the Council has been writing checks that are not authorized. The recent refusal of the auditor of student activities to O.K. any more checks brought about the present report from the Student Council.

One of the more interesting points in the report was a sum of \$73 listed under the heading "miscellaneous." Of this sum over \$30 was spent for a dinner given for the council and invited guests from the faculty, administration, and Navy officials. The money spent for this purpose is a portion of the student fees which are paid for the express purpose of conducting student activities; activities which concern all students.

The topic of discussion at the dinner was the Honor System. It seems to us that it is not necessary to give a dinner to get a discussion from those who are concerned with the honor system. Some students have already interpreted this move as a bribe, an observation which is as unnecessary as the dinner.

The money has already been spent. Bills for the food are outstanding, have not been paid. The bill has been presented and will be voted upon at the next Legislative session Thursday. With the stipulation of Section 3 of the bill in mind we urge its passage. Section 3 reads:

"Neither the Student Council nor the Student Legislature shall use any of the funds under the item 'Miscellaneous or any other funds, for the purpose of entertainment of the members of either body or of any other persons, except that the entertainment fund called for in the schedule shall be used to discharge obligations already outstanding."

It should be made certain that there will not be another occurrence of such uncalled for splurging of the students' money.

WHO CAN DO WHAT

One Student Council member when questioned about the \$73 and the dinner retorted: "What does the Legislature think they are trying to do, run this campus?"

To the special investigation committee of the Legislature we urge haste in preparing the report to help draw a clear line of authority so that this former member of the Legislature who was dismissed for missing too many successive meetings as well as others in doubt will know WHO can do WHAT.

ABOUT THIS SIREN . . .

This is a plea to stop the childish activity which has resulted in the disfiguration of expensive buildings and statues, undignified brawls, and a filthy attitude between two great universities. The situation between Duke and Carolina is no longer funny; it's time that the two supposedly intelligent student bodies learn to respect each other. If the condition continues, the administrations will be forced to discontinue athletic relations.

The siren which was taken by Carolina students from Duke is the property of the Durham fire department. The University Club, under President Charles Hackney, is dedicated to preventing just such child-like and foolish acts as making a stolen siren become an issue against good sportsmanship and creative athletics between schools. The University Club, long a worthwhile and representative service organization on this campus, has asked us to appeal to the sense of fair play to have this siren returned to the Durham fire department.

There is something warped about the mind of an individual who turns sports—which were created for the betterment of the muscles and personality of man—into a wave of destruction. Many students on this campus, swept by mob psychology, may derive a sort of caveman delight from knowing that their school has pulled something over on a neighboring institution; but if the matter is considered objectively, it is seen to be a mutual injury to all concerned.

Will whoever has the siren cooperate with the University Club, whose constitution provides for a member from each fraternity, sorority, dormitory, the CICA, Town men and women organizations, war veterans, and every campus division. This club is seeking to build a better school by keeping alive the spirit of the University of North Carolina—the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. If you're backing Carolina, fells, turn that siren over to the University Club.

The Tar Heel

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It Could Be Worse

ROBERT MORRISON

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

The gods smiled upon Harry Savvas, a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, when he was on attendance probation in his botany class. Another cut would have caused Harry to flunk the course; but for some reason (perhaps his alarm clock didn't go off), time for the class rolled around and Mr. Savvas was nowhere to be seen in the classroom.

The professor had assigned each student a seat in which to sit for the term in order to facilitate checking the roll. Just before the prof started looking around to see what seats were vacant, a young collie pup, tired of treading the muddy walks of Chapel Hill, strolled into the classroom, jumped up into Savvas' seat, curled up and went to sleep. Harry was marked present and is still taking the course.

SCUTTLIBUTT

You've heard the one about the fellow who went to the ration board to get another pair of shoes and found the board with their bare feet propped up on their desks. Well, here's one that really happened:

A V-12 sneaked cautiously into the Scuttlebutt the other day and silently motioned for a clerk. The mysterious customer leaned far across the counter, slipped a bill to the soda jerk, and whispered, "How about a pack of cigarettes?" The jerk let out a big laugh, reached in his pocket, pulled out a pouch of tobacco and a slip of paper, and began rolling his own.

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

Someone with a warped sense of humor cut this clipping out of a newspaper and tacked it up near the YMCA soda fountain:

"Butler, Ky., Jan. 12 (AP) — When a customer asked him for a package of cigarettes today, Thomas Blades, Jr., a clerk, pulled a gun from beneath the counter and shot himself fatally. Sheriff Charles Ashcraft reported. Coroner James Taylor returned a verdict of suicide."

Don't Read This

By Bill Crisp

DON'T READ THIS

George Washington is credited with having first made the statement that democracy could never work unless the people from whom it derived its power were an enlightened people. "Enlightened," being the completely elastic word it is, may be taken in this case, to mean that informed group of persons who, being aware of the problems which confront them, are, through intelligent instruction, at least partially prepared to solve those problems.

It may appear to be a peculiar analogy, but the Honor System is to the supposed self-government which students enjoy here, what education, in Washingtonian terms, is to representative government in general. If you cannot, at first, accept this hypothesis, please consider the facts.

The very first form of student autonomy ever realized on this campus was the establishment of those examination rules which leave to the individual the complete responsibility of being honest in his work. From these rules evolved the Student Council which was authorized to penalize those students reported and proved cheating.

From this essential nucleus has emanated the whole structure of what is known at Carolina as student government. From the further student agencies which ensued from this beginning have come other rights. The Tar Heel was one of the first, starting originally with editors appointed by the DI and Phi assemblies and financed by the same groups, and evolving to its present status of popularly elected editors with compulsory student fees behind it.

FOILING FIZZ ED

John Nichols, a freshman from Winston-Salem, has found another way of helping Jimmy Wallace wage the battle against the fizz ed program. John appears in time for gym, fully dressed, with the alibi that he had lost his basket. The instructor tells him to go look for it. John looks for it very diligently; he looks for it at the Y, the Scuttlebutt, the Pick, and the Carolina—but as yet it hasn't turned up.

\$60—1c—\$2

Gilmore Bowers of Dook University (the artistic work of his colleagues is still on display at Graham Memorial) works at a radio station in Durham and makes sixty dollars per week. If he made only \$59.99, his salary would fall into a lower income bracket, and he would have to pay two dollars less income tax, each week. In other words, if he made one cent less, he would spend \$1.99 more.

YOU NAME IT

Some fizz ed instructors count two tardies as an absence. One student had been tardy once and was tardy again after he came back from the Christmas holidays. Now as we all know, it is the rule of the administration that any absence occurring on the day after holidays will be dealt with by dismissal from school. The fizz ed instructor put down an absence for the student on that dreaded day because of two tardies. Now action is being taken to throw the student out of school. He has been spending his time in the fizz ed office trying to explain what happened, and he has worn a path between Woollen Gymnasium and South Building. Unless someone can explain the situation to South Building, there'll be one less student at Carolina.

IT'S YOUR TIME

Yeah, we know, these have been pretty corny. You could do better. So if you know any (they must be true), send them to me in care of the Tar Heel. Almost anything submitted could be worse.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

Two issues ago the Tar Heel carried a story on the CRIL in which the erroneous statement was made that the CRIL is pacifist. Since the CRIL had authorized the drawing up of a statement of its views on conscription, we request that you print that statement in its entirety as a means of clarifying the views of the majority group in the CRIL which determined the stand it took. The statement follows:

The Council for Religion in Life believes that our whole way of life in the world after the war is involved in the decision this nation will make regarding the conscription of its young men for peacetime military service. The evidence for our belief lies in the chain of facts and principles which we herewith submit as our reasons for opposing military conscription.

Any realistic appraisal of the problem must start from the fact that we are faced with a dilemma, not an alternative. There is no solution which will of itself guarantee us either peace or war. The choice we must make is not between black and white, but between dimly perceived shades of gray.

It is patent, however, that the nation cannot simultaneously move in two directions. The problem is multi-faceted, but the course of action we choose must be one course—the course which promises most hope of peace.

The dilemma makes it necessary that we act on an assumption—which leaves us two choices: we can assume that there will be another war; or we can assume that there is enough intelligence in the world to improve the inadequate scheme revealed at Dumbarton Oaks and make peace real.

If we assume that another war will come in spite of all we can do, conscription will not be enough. We shall have to maintain a tremendous standing army, a huge navy, and an awe-inspiring air force. In the face of approaching war to do less would be suicide.

To act on the second assumption, however, will require that we do all we can to make world organization work. We want it to grow and become stronger. It is obvious that if each of the member groups in the organization arms itself the organization will be torn asunder by internal conflict. We believe that will be fatal.

We believe that militarism in any form is the denial of the democratic process. We know that the nation became militaristic to defend that process against its enemies. We approve. But we believe that we cannot make peace and war at the same time. And we choose peace—which means that we will oppose conscription and work for democracy.

We believe that if we lose the war at home we shall have made the fight abroad worthless. We pledge ourselves to do all we can to win it at home.

THE COUNCIL FOR RELIGION IN LIFE,
Jack Anderson, President.

Dear Tar Heel:

My purpose in writing this letter is to present the "con" side of the question of putting out the Tar Heel. If, as you have said in your editorial columns, the students are not interested in the paper, then perhaps the thing to do is to stop publication. All meetings, exhibits, concerts, lectures, etc. could be adequately publicized in the YMCA's weekly folder or on the bulletin boards—and this is just about the case anyway. Serious editorial thought could be printed in the Carolina Mag, and would improve the quality of that publication. Sports news is already amply and more promptly covered by the dailies. What indispensable function does the Tar Heel serve, then? If the journalism majors must have a practical outlet for their training, let them work on the Mag or write for the Durham papers and the Chapel Hill Weekly. Surely it is more sensible to cease publication than to continue it if the Tar Heel is really so poorly received on this campus.

Please understand that this is not necessarily my own opinion; I have only attempted to show the "con" side of the question.

Lee Silverstein
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The Ram Sees . . .

BY AN OLD GOAT

There's a large weekend in progress out at Carolina's Copacabana (better known as Shorty's Cabin). The doings began last evening when the Grail squired the Valkyries on trucks a la hay a la moonlight out to Shorty's. Eating, dancing, and moo-sic was the order of the night and the Ram hears that said orders were carried out faithfully.

SHORTY'S CABIN

Tonight the cabin will ring again when the Delta Sigs, the commerce frat gone social, knocks off one of their "original" shin-digs. The femmes will deck out in something new in the way of evening garb . . . formal dress with no shoes or stockings . . . a pro-barefootist is in the crowd no doubt.

NEW ORGANIZATION

Among new-born clubs on campus is the Q, Q, and Q club, recently chartered by six restricted gals on second deck, Alderman. This is a club with a real purpose, and to think . . . it all began with three little mice.

KA SWEETHEART

KA's latest "Southern sweetheart" is Impy Shool of Archer House. The "gentleman" doing the pinning is Jim Lowry, a Davidson Deacon . . . and speaking of pins and things, the Ram was snooping around the Mag headquarters the other a.m. and spied the cover girl for the coming issue of the Caromag. The Ram advises fellows to start clearing wall space, 'cause "something new to be added" is coming up along the line of pin-up posies (poses . . . or what have you?).

LUSTY CHEERING

Didjuhear that lusty cheering Wednesday last at the basketball game? A great deal of it sounded forth from the ADPI's who sat in body (meaning physically as well as together) at the game . . . and while we're on the subject of basketballing, the Ram hears that the ADPI's, Pi Phi's and Alderman dormitory all have undefeated teams. Finals are scheduled for this coming week when the "winnah" will be declared.

SERVICE NEWS

From the service the Ram hears that Roland Giduz ("Foo" to most folks, former Tar Heel reporter who was wounded in France recently, has just returned to the States and is undergoing final treatment at the Ashford General hospital, White Sulphur Springs, Va. . . . and Bobby Kirkland, Zete, who was here until '43, has just been awarded the bronze star. That's according to word from the Philippines where he is stationed.

LARGE PARTIES TONIGHT

Two fraternities are flinging big weekends currently. There is the KA party which is to be held somewhere . . . exactly where nobody knows at present. It is especially for the new KA pledges. A flavor of old Carolina hangs around the gathering with imports galore and local coeds too. Marine, V-12s, and civilians will merge for a gala time . . . And the Sigma Chi weekend. It begins this afternoon with a scavenger hunt which will continue well into the night, turning into a party toward the dusky hours. Then Sunday afternoon there's a theatre party lined up, and finally a buffet supper to top off the fun.

DKE REBEL ROOM

Next month will see the grandiose opening of the DKE's "rebel" room for revels. It's in the process of creation right now, but promises to be a glorified rumpus room, all done up in gray and blue . . . and the Ram hears tell that four new members have just been initiated, namely Bob Dodson, ROTC; Bud Sale, ROTC; Jim Fowler, ROTC; and Moc Davis, V-12.

ADD NEWS FRAGMENTS

West Point-bound is Bob Koonts, Phi Delta, who was recently accepted into the army academy following an appointment in December. He will enter in July. . . . The Zetes have elected new officers. Bynum Hunter is new president; Adam Thorpe, vice president; Collins Brown, treasurer; Marvin Wilson, secretary; and Blanton Belk, rushing chairman.

IN OUR CRYSTAL BALL

Spencer dormitory is planning Spencer Weekend for Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10. A buffet supper Friday will start things rolling, followed by a dance for Marine and Navy V-12, ROTC and civilians. Then a dance Saturday night for Pre-Flight cadets will climax the parties. . . . McIver is planning a dance Saturday night. . . . Pi Phi's will stay the night around at the house Friday, February 2, at an old-fashioned spend-the-night-party. . . . Saturday, February 3, the ATO's are putting on a dance . . . and that ain't all, but 'tis enuff for now.