

# To the STUDENT BODY... ... from the EDITOR

## ELECTIONS BILL

The "Bill to Provide for the Conduct of All Elections Held Under the Jurisdiction of the Student Legislature" is a document which appears to be the product of some conscientious labor and thought. The theme of the bill lies in its provision to annul all previous legislation regarding elections and substitute a complete ruling on elections complete in one four-page bill.

The Ways and Means Committee, consisting of A. B. Smith, chairman, Jimmy Wallace, Clive Thompson, James Traynham, and Mary Elizabeth Barwick, drafted the bill and endeavored to achieve completeness.

On the whole, the bill is certainly needed. We think that a few minor amendments should be suggested for the consideration of the legislators Thursday night.

Section 3 of Article II states that elections to fill vacancies will be held within two weeks after the notification of vacancy. This is not enough time, especially in the case of major offices. Students need more time to examine the qualifications of the candidates while the candidates need more time to enter effectively the race and present their qualifications. We suggest that the time be left up to the better judgment of the elections committee.

In Section 1 of Article III, the matter of whom should assume office in case of disqualification should be made clear. Would the other candidate assume office in a two-cornered race if his opponent were disqualified? Would a party have a chance to place another candidate in the race?

From the standpoint of the technical terminology of a newspaperman or printer, Section 2 of Article III is very ambiguous. No printer ever speaks of print being "one-fourth the size of other print." Do the drafters of the bill refer to height, diameter, surface area, or to the point system of type? Unless the bill specifies the exact measurement, a party with a printing expert could violate the spirit of the bill without violating the actual wording. We suggest that the clause be amended to read: "Any literature, in order to be considered party propaganda, shall contain the names of all the party's candidates, the point size of the type of the smallest name not being less than one-fourth of the point size of the largest type appearing on the literature."

Section 4 of Article III states that a copy of all literature before the time of elections must be submitted to the elections committee. Does this include banners, etc., which are for use on election day?

Section 5 of Article III provides that no votes be counted until all candidates are believed clear by the student honor councils. Does this mean that one minor candidate (such as for the Debate Council) can keep the entire campus without knowledge of who are its elected leaders?

As Douglass Hunt suggested from the chair last Thursday night, Section 8 of Article III should provide that expenditures made out of Chapel Hill be listed at the actual cost unless that cost is less than 15% of what the cost would have been in Chapel Hill, in such case the amount listed against the candidate's expenditures limit will be 15% less than the prevailing prices in Chapel Hill. The bill as it now stands gives the candidate the right to charge all out-of-town expenditures at 15% less than Chapel Hill prices, regardless of the actual cost. If the bill were passed as it was proposed last Thursday night, a thinking party of candidates would have all work done away from Chapel Hill.

We take no stand on the provision to place all polls in the YMCA, but we predict that this point will raise quite a bit of discussion on the floor.

Looking at the bill as a whole, it is excellent and expedient. We strongly urge everyone to go around to the Phi Hall on the fourth floor of New East Thursday night at eight o'clock and listen to the reworks. We predict a hot session!

## CATAPULT RECEIVES PRAISE

The May issue of the *Catapult*, which was circulated to the NROTC's last week, made a good impression. A page was devoted to the memory of Roosevelt, and several to the NROTC May Beauty Ball. Editor John Graham is known to have done some hard work. In general, the copy and makeup was lauded, but as all campus publications now stand, the *Catapult* could not be listed under the category "Extraordinary."

## WORTHWHILE CONFERENCE

Again we remind the campus to attend as many sessions as possible of the Conference on Research and Regional Welfare which will be held at Carolina May 9, 10, and 11. Dr. Claiborne S. Jones, assistant to Dr. R. E. Coker in planning the conference, stated that, since a large attendance is expected, the sessions at night will be held in Hill Hall; sessions in the day time will be held in Gerrard Hall.

The fact that the Conference is bound to be good can be seen by the list of speakers including Hon. Gregg Cherry, Frank P. Graham, Hon. J. M. Broughton, and David E. Lillenthal. There will be speakers holding such positions as the president of Washington State College, the president of the University of Alabama, the head of the Department of Medicine of the Mayo Clinic, a brigadier general, the executive vice-president of the Champion Paper and Fiber Company, and the Undersecretary of War of the United States.

In this conference students may find the solutions to many career problems. Each speaker is one of the world's foremost authorities in his particular field.

# The Tar Heel

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## PLAGIARISM CASE FACTS ASSEMBLED AND ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER BY TAR HEEL EDITOR

On April 27, the Editor received a letter in which was enclosed a poem called "The Monkey's Viewpoint" by Cadet Richard G. Salter, USNROTC. The Editor liked the poem and decided to print it.

In the May 1 issue of the Tar Heel the poem appeared in the lower left hand corner of page two and carried a credit line for Cadet Salter.

Several persons commented that the poem was rather well written, but they thought that they had read it somewhere before. On May 2, the Editor received a letter from Pvt. Jimmy Crutchfield, a Marine living in Smith Dormitory. Crutchfield declared that he had seen a copy of the same poem which appeared in "The Hearne Democrat," of Hearne, Texas, over a month ago. Crutchfield asked to know the facts on the case, which the Tar Heel set about to uncover.

The Editor attempted to learn what other papers had received permission to print the poem and when the poem had been written. John Graham, NROTC editor of the *Catapult*, in a statement made to Managing Editor Barron Mills of the Tar Heel on the afternoon of May 2, declared that Cadet Salter had submitted the same poem for publication in the *Catapult*, but that since the Tar Heel had scooped the poem, he wished that the poem could be deleted from the *Catapult*.

Wishing to verify all facts concerned, the Editor placed Associate Editor Bill Hight responsible for personally interviewing Cadet Salter before the Tar Heel deadline May 3. On the night of May 3 the Associate Editor phoned Cadet Salter at Old East and was assured that the poem was the original and sole work of Cadet Salter. Not satisfied with oral verification, the Associate Editor contacted Cadet Salter in his room in Old East a few minutes before eleven o'clock on the night of May 3. At that time Cadet Salter signed a statement to the effect that "The Monkey's Viewpoint" was his personal work and that he had given the Tar Heel permission to print it. The Associate Editor reported back to the Editor and submitted the signed statement. The Editor printed the signed statement together with the letter from Pvt. Crutchfield in the May 5 issue on page two in the lower left hand corner.

On May 5 at 8:30 a.m., Pvt. Crutchfield came to the Editor in his room in Battle Dormitory and declared that Cadet Salter, after reading the letter to the Tar Heel Editor, told him (Crutchfield) about 7:00 a.m. of the same day that the poem was a plagiarism. Pvt. Crutchfield declared that Cadet Salter had admitted that "The Monkey's Viewpoint" had been received from a friend. Cadet Salter's friend had declared that the poem was the friend's own work.

On May 6 a magazine called "What's Cookin'," published in Montgomery, Alabama, and dated April, 1945, was placed in the hands of the Tar Heel Editor. The entire third page of this magazine was covered by an illustration of several monkeys and a copy of the poem "The Monkey's Viewpoint." This copy of the poem was signed by an author named Stanleigh Malotte, of the Alabama Theatre in Birmingham.

## DANCE EXPENDITURES

For some time there has been a limit on dance expenditures at Carolina, and now a bill is up before the legislature to abolish the limit. This issue caused an uproar in campus opinion several years ago and has caused periodic times of disturbance since. Those in favor of the limit remind us that there is a war on, those who would abolish the limit declare that under the present system the large number of poor dances now being given could be replaced with better but less frequent dances at the same cost.

## LAURELS TO BILL WARD

It seems that the Athletic Council has made a good move under the direction of its newly elected student leader Bill Ward. The Reorganization of the Monogram club which has been on the war casualty list since 1942 is a step in the right direction and Ward and the men who assisted him are to be congratulated for their accomplishment.

The turnover at Carolina might have been a detriment to the organization, but it seems that club will be even a greater asset in times of many changes in faces around various athletic camps. It has a fine record to uphold, and under the able direction of its officers, Jack Davies, Ed Twohey and Bill Voris the club has hit the right road toward this objective.

## CAUTION, AMERICA

Chapel Hillians will not be too surprised to read on the front page of this issue the story concerning Dr. Friederich. During these times of war it is not extraordinary to discover that there are those among us who, in the recent past, have leaned in a direction which belies their present stand. We do not contend that Dr. Friederich is today a pro-Nazi—a term which, interpreted with current proof of fascist German atrocities, evokes an intensity of relief that twelve years of the Nazi nightmare are now at an end. But not long ago, we remember, the term "pro-Nazi" was not so unpopular in this country as to be intolerable. Charles Lindbergh was certainly not forced into exile, even though his statements brought a deluge of criticism. We have, admittedly and on many occasions, succumbed to that pacifist appeal which, in effect, was the undermining force that made Pearl Harbor such a ghastly reality. That blindness which has so often rendered America susceptible to such appeals is virtually impotent at this precise moment. But we venture to recall its *once* quite-sabotaging effect. We go further: we insist that its power to endanger the success of the coming peace is not to be underestimated in that long list of threats which must be overcome. The OWI is right. Extreme care must be exercised in the choice of those to whom the rehabilitation of Germany will be trusted. It is well to remember an old adage which is part of our heritage as a free people: The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

## Dougald MacMillan Wants More Editorials In Tar Heel

St. Anthony Hall  
Chapel Hill, N. C.  
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as long as you read it and perhaps think about it a little, I shall be quite pleased.

Mr. Robert Morrison, Editor  
The Tar Heel  
Graham Memorial  
Dear Bob,

Sincerely,  
Dougald MacMillan

I just finished reading today's TH and for the fourth consecutive time was somewhat appalled at the all but complete absence of editorials in those four issues. The editorial column has been full of letters, news and feature stories, and today a reprint from a 1908 TH. I have not had any newspaper experience to speak of, but some people I know have, as have members of my family. As far as I know, the editorial column is for editorials pertinent to current circumstances and occasions. I don't want to get nosy about your job, but I would like to see some editorials in the paper again. We used to have some pretty good ones. At the moment, it is difficult to tell whether there is any editorial opinion about any of the many things going on around school.

I've been meaning to say something about this when I saw you but have decided I might as well write it down to be sure that you at least hear my modest opinion. As I said, you're the boss, but I think it might liven things up a bit for the students if they had an opportunity to read the editorials as they used to.

By the way, don't feel that I want this printed. It is critical, yes; but

EDITOR'S NOTE: We feel quite sure that Mr. MacMillan has a real complaint, but he does not realize the difficulties under which the second page has been made up. The Tar Heel has attempted to give many new columnists a chance to get a reaction from the student body as well as to print all letters which we have received. Several issues ago we deleted one of our editorials to give space to a letter which Mr. MacMillan had received from Chancellor House; Mr. MacMillan requested that we print his letter, and we did not want to disappoint him. There are many articles submitted which we have to refuse. In an effort to print as many as possible, we have (much to our regret) cut down on the space we allow for editorials. However, Mr. MacMillan is not the only one who has expressed a desire to see more editorials. Because of this rather widespread desire, we will begin using page two as we really want to use it, that is, as a place for the Editor to comment upon the news. In this issue, we have turned down a number of very good columns in order to comply with this letter's request. We will appreciate more letters from students about the matter of editorials.

## The Ram Sees...

BY AN OLD GOAT

- Rameses begins his today's items with a plug for Peggy Jurgenson, the always eager-to-please "Y" secretary. Her smile and interest, her unselfish enthusiasm lead the "old goat" to believe that she lives by that significant motto "Helpful Hands."
- Student-Faculty Day Saturday was celebrated by the Med Students and the faculty on a huge party at Hogan's Lake. The day was formerly observed by the entire student body and the faculty, but now only by the Med Students. Their exciting baseball game was rained out, and Pinky, who kept score, said she didn't know WHO won. But skits given by the students as take-offs on the members of the faculty were the LAUGH "tonic" for the afternoon.
- The highlight of the week-end was the crowning of the Catapult Beauty Queen Saturday night at the annual Roticee May Beauty Ball. Each spring the Unit selects from the many photographs entered a queen and six attendants to reign at the Ball. Champion glamour girl this year was Polly Gilkerson of Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by Joe Hafner. The six runner-uppers were Mary Cody, Martha Mann, Nancy Kennickel, Louise Pegrum, Jane Morris, and Ann Carter. The dominating theme of beauty was used at the affair, the result being extra pleasing to the eyes of this old goat.

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## Lux et Libertas

By Angela Hardy  
The eighth Annual North Carolina School Art Exhibition opens tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9, in Person Hall, and will run through May 20. The exhibit is a cross section of art done in the schools of the state by children from the kindergartens to the high schools, and is exhibited for the purpose of promoting and developing further See LUX ET LIBERTAS, page 4.

## TAR and FEATHERS

By Charles Frank Benbow, Jr.  
The recently elected Student Government officials have taken over smoothly without causing a lull in governmental activities. They have already out-shined many of the retired officers. To wit: Bill Ward bringing a campaign promise into reality by organizing the Monogram Club... The legislature meeting of 5/3/45... where Thompson, Wallace, et al, said, "If he's enrolled in UNC, he's eligible to run for and hold student office"... Where Charlie Warren (able young legislator and chairman of the Rules Committee) in-

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