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Tar Heel Topics

Greatest mystery of the year:
WHO IS PETER GREEN?

Now that the W. C. T. U. has started a campaign against aspirin tablets, we believe that the time is ripe to launch our drive on the deadly ice cream soda habit.

Franklin Roosevelt's visit here Tuesday seems to have had an uplifting effect on the campus politicians. A tremendous revival of handshaking and back-slapping has come to pass during the last two or three days.

What with the battle for the Conference title in Kenan stadium this afternoon, the donning of cap and gown by our friendly antagonists the faculty for the academic procession this morning, the dedication of Louie Wilson's new library, and the continuation of the famous Peter Green controversy in the Readers' Opinions column of the S. L. C. D., it looks like a hectic weekend hereabouts.

The Undergrads and The Alumni Loyalty Fund

A movement of vital importance to the future development of the University is now underway among the alumni, but very few undergraduates understand its aims or its significance. Many of the alumni leaders of five and ten years hence will be recruited from the ranks of the present undergraduates; every student should become thoroughly familiar with the Alumni Loyalty fund, the greatest single project that the University graduates have ever undertaken.

In 1924 the University board of trustees granted a revised charter to the Alumni Loyalty fund, in which its purpose was set forth as being for "The inauguration and stimulation of University activities and the improvement and enrichment of its student life, with the consequent enhancement of the University's service to the state and nation and with the especial object of serving purposes other than those for which the state ordinarily makes sufficient appropriation."

In more simple terms, the purpose of the fund is to make possible the finest development of the University. State appropriations have enabled the trustees and executive officials to establish an outstanding University here; private funds must be secured if they are to be enabled to develop a really excellent institution. Ordinary needs of the University are cared for through the state appropriations. These funds must continue to increase in proportion to the growth of the institution. President Chase and alumni leaders have referred to these every-day, constant needs as the "bread-and-butter" demands.

But just as the student cannot thrive physically upon bread and butter alone, although he must have them, he cannot thrive mentally and spiritually on the ordinary things of the curriculum and of University life. He must have the finer opportunities, the "excellencies" of the truly great university.

In 1919-20 the University was receiving more than one-third as much income from private sources as from the state for its maintenance. By 1928 the ratio had dropped to one-eighth. Income from alumni and other private sources influence fundamentally both the income from the state and from the Educational foundations. It is essential that the ratio which obtained in 1920 be restored, but it is just as essential that the state appropriations continue to increase.

Thus an efficient method of promoting the habit of contributing to the University on the part of the alumni has become necessary. The Alumni Loyalty fund admirably fulfills this need. Each alumni is asked to contribute a small amount each year that the University may attain its greatest and finest development. Money secured from the fund will be used to supplement state appropriations, but the appropriations must not be diminished.

Since we first became interested in the possibilities of the Alumni Loyalty fund a few days ago, we have become increasingly enthusiastic over its prospects. We are confident that the future of the University is dependent to a great extent upon the success or failure of the Alumni Loyalty fund.

It is the move of the alumni, but it is also the move of the undergraduates. We must come to understand thoroughly the significance of the movement, and to develop a lasting sympathy with its purposes during our undergraduate days.

Our New Library

Great battles have been fought by the University of North Carolina. Many have been lost and many won. Championship athletic teams have represented Carolina; undefeated forensic teams have held sway for her honor. And sometimes her efforts have not been fruitful, and Carolina, at times, has been temporarily vanquished. Carolina is always fighting—she is fighting not only for superiority in athletics, but, in the main, for the supremacy of enlightenment over ignorance.

Today Carolina is in readiness for two great events: one is a battle with the University of Georgia for athletic superiority; the other, the greater event, is the celebration of a battle won, the dedication of the new library.

For many years the University, to be on a parity with other great institutions of learning, has needed a library with the proper facilities to accommodate the growing student body. Nobody saw this need any quicker than the head of the library, Dr. Louis R. Wilson. He not only dreamed about such a plant as we now have; he worked for it by creating enthusiasm and by actually seeing to it that the University got a new library. Of course there were others who were instrumental, but to Dr. Wilson goes the highest praise.

Now that the dream has been realized and is to be dedicated today, a chapter has been closed in the history of the upward climb of the University of North Carolina. The dedication of the library marks another milestone on the highroad to greatness, but in our praise of the projects we should not forget those who have labored to bring it about.

—B. M.

The Profs Don Cap and Gown

A parade of never-failing interest and color will be staged this morning not long after you have finished the last of your breakfast coffee and laid down your copy of the Tar Heel—provided it is a part of your breakfast ceremony.

The order has gone forth for the faculty to appear in academic robes in front of Alumni building, and at 10:15 the march to Memorial hall for the new library dedication services will begin. At that hour, all students who wish to get a new slant on their pros and deans will be lining the path, goggle-eyed.

The academic procession is one of the last vestiges of the pageant of learning in America. Our colleges have grown and acquired big business methods, and with them, big business efficiency and impatience with nonsense. Our professors and deans and presidents look like business men, without even venerable white beards to enable one to pick them out of the crowd of ordinary mortals.

In England the dons rush around the Quadrangle in long black robes. In most colleges the students are required to wear the academic garb, complete with rakish mortarboard, while the University is in session. They are constantly aware that they are serious students, working with a purpose. If they forget, they stumble over the folds of their gowns.

It is, in fact, an inspiring sight to see a line of men proceeding at a dignified gait, each with his cap, gown and colored cape. It brings one nearer to the ages of Chaucer and Elizabeth, when the rank of men was indicated by what they wore.

It is to be hoped that Professors Coffin and Connor will be together in the procession, as they were at the last commencement, when Professor Connor unconcernedly smoked a cigar and Professor Coffin walked along with a cigarette between his lips. But smoking or no smoking, the procession should be seen, for it shows at least the other and more academic side of the briefcase-carrying, business-like professor.—H. G.

Readers' Opinions**PETER GREEN SAYS IT AGAIN**

Editor of the Tar Heel:

In my appeal for enthusiasm and support for the football team in a letter to the *Tar Heel*, I had no idea that there was so much enthusiasm apparently going to waste on the campus. I might suggest that a few of the men who took occasion to vent their enthusiasm by calling me a "yokel" and "backwoodsman" would transfer a little of their excitement to the team when it plays and to a celebration if it wins. I am modest. I don't need all their attention for myself.

I merely undertook to point out that there was little genuine enthusiasm displayed after last week's game. For this I received a veritable shower of figurative brickbats. I repeat that a student body should not have the rights of free speech and congregation taken from it. I do not, however, mean to confuse these rights with the rights to rowdyism, and I never suggested it.

I am perfectly aware that students can be obnoxious. I don't believe, however, that a majority of the boys who did the damage, if damage was done, last Friday were students. A good number seemed to be from neighboring towns, and University students should not be held responsible for their actions, nor called a "howling mass of

hoodlums and near-things" because of them.

Do you want to suppress feelings of genuine enthusiasm, Mr. Editor? No more do I. And no one deplores evidences of rowdism more than myself. I felt secure in writing my letter that it would be understood that I was referring to the traditional Carolina gentleman when I asked for more enthusiasm and backing for the team.

I do not wish to refer to the epithets which were hurled at my head by the gentlemanly writers of the letters in yesterday's paper. In attempting to brand me they merely branded themselves. Gentlemanliness, and womanliness too, for that matter, is not demonstrated by the passing of empty personalities. I appreciate and agree with "Aristotle" in his demand for organized enthusiasm, something more than mere stadium cheering. And I hope to see a real occasion for it Saturday night.

Sincerely,
PETER GREEN.

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