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In Defense of Chapel Hill Merchants

In a recent issue of the *Tar Heel* one of the assistant editors denounced the merchants of Chapel Hill in no unmistakable terms for the high prices existing here. While there was some justification for the editorial, inasmuch as a comparison between price levels here and in other points in this state shows slight discrepancies in a few instances, the writer evidently did not comprehend fully the rather unusual situation which exists in Chapel Hill.

In fairness to the local merchants and business men, it should be admitted at the outset that they face unfair competition in the dormitory stores and the University-owned retail establishments. The University stores pay no taxes; the element of risk-bearing, an important consideration in a private business establishment, is eliminated. Thus the Chapel Hill merchants are at a disadvantage in competing with them. Many of the local business concerns are in financial difficulties at present, and none of them are earning high returns for their owners. It may easily be discerned that they are not profiteers, extorting enormous and illegitimate gains from the oppressed students, as one might conclude after reading the editorial written by the *Tar Heel* assistant editor.

Local barbers in particular were the objects of attack by the editorial in question. It is true that 50-cent haircuts prevail here, but the fact that University students are not prone to indulge in the accessories which furnish the major portion of revenue for tonsorial artists in most cities and towns should be taken into consideration. Few indeed are the massages, shampoos, tonics and other high-priced "fixins" purchased by University undergrads.

During the holidays practically all of the business houses in Chapel Hill operate at a loss. They must maintain extensive establishments in order to serve the students competently; the overhead expenses upon these establishments continue during the rather frequent periods when only a mere fraction of their customers remain on the Hill. The losses incurred during these slack periods must be recovered

through increased returns from the normal trade.

Many of the Chapel Hill merchants and their businesses have practically attained the eminence of University traditions. "Dean," "The Widow," "Doc," "Gus," "Maw," "Jeff," "Pat," "Red," "Hug," "Jack," "Harry," "Jimmy," "George," "Andy"—even "Boss"—are personalities known and liked by thousands of University alumni and undergraduates scattered throughout the state. They have become identified with the University, and for them warm affections are cherished by most of those who have become familiar with them. They are indispensable to undergraduate life here; they should be encouraged in their financial difficulties rather than be subjected to bitter student censure, for they are performing a real service to the campus and to the community.

Comprehensive Examinations

This year the regulation requiring of students a "comprehensive examination" in their major field goes into effect. Quite a bit of discussion among students, particularly seniors, has been recently occasioned by the prospect of these examinations; and many objections to them are, at present, being generated in student minds.

The purpose of these examinations is to test the student's general knowledge of the subject in which he is majoring, to determine whether or not he has gained a sufficient knowledge of the subject in which he has taken his six or more courses. The various departments have appointed committees to give to the student any aid which he may need in preparing for these examinations.

Comprehensive examinations will, doubtless, prompt the student to a more thorough study; that is an admirable purpose. They will also occasion in his senior year a review, a general summing up of what his major field has covered. This, too, is beneficial to the undergraduate. In all probability great numbers of students have graduated, possessing a far insufficient knowledge of what their studies should have taught them. The comprehensive examinations themselves, their purposes and aims are not the basis for the objections propounded against them. The salient objection arises out of this fact: juniors and seniors who were given no warning in their first and second years here of what to expect from these examinations will be required to take them and pass them. Despite the fact that they are to be given next quarter, it was not until this quarter that the student was advised to "choose courses with the end in view of receiving coordinate training in the chosen field of study." To seniors this advice is a little past due. Particularly in the field of English will this failure to warn previously bring disastrous results. Many English majors, not knowing what to expect, have chosen courses with less of a view to generalization than to specialization in a particular branch of the subject. Many of them have never read Addison, Johnson or Fielding, merely because they believed that they would never have need of a knowledge of them. This, perhaps, may be the student's fallacy. Nevertheless, the student must now read all of these writers or obtain in some manner a knowledge of them outside of his classes in order to be prepared for his comprehensive examination. Students in many other major fields will have the same difficulty.

It is a bit unfair to the student to tell him that he must prepare

in one or two quarters for an examination which will cover the entire field of his major subject, to advise him to select during that short period of time courses which will lead to a preparation for this examination. There will be found some consolation in the fact that a

student is given three opportunities to pass; but even then, only one examination may be taken in the same quarter. If the present juniors and seniors had been told, when freshmen, what an ominous event loomed before them, it would have been fortunate.—John Mebane.

Readers' Opinion

STUDENT FOOTBALL TICKETS

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

The Athletic association student ticket office has tried to give the students the very best service possible in exchanging coupons for student football tickets. The great majority of the students have cooperated with us to make this service fast and efficient both at the exchange office and at the gates. A relatively small minority of students who are not willing to do what they know to be right have forced us to adopt stricter methods of issuing and taking student tickets in the future in order to protect the public and the student body.

A large number of students have sold, traded or given their student tickets away, in spite of the fact that it is clearly printed on both coupon books and the tickets that neither is transferable. To sell these tickets is open stealing from the purchasers for when they are presented at the gates the holders are informed that the tickets are worthless. This happened at least forty times at the V. P. I. game.

Students who desire to have guests and sit with them during games have been allowed to trade tickets in at the Book Exchange for tickets outside the student section and put their guest tickets alongside. Some have taken advantage of this by trading their student tickets and buying ones alongside and then selling both of them. This loop-hole will be plugged in the future in the following manner: the tickets traded for will be stamped "Student Ticket" and numbered with the recipients' registration numbers and must be presented at the gate with the coupon books of those numbers. If presented by any persons other than those to whom issued they will be void and the coupon book will be void for further games. All student tickets and coupon books presented at the gate by others than those to whom originally issued will be taken up and the owners will be called upon to explain their fraudulent use.

For all further games, student tickets will be accepted at gate No. 5 only.

All lost coupon books that have not been already reported must be reported not later than October 29, if the owners expect to get tickets for the N. C. State game. All coupon books issued to students who find it impossible to exchange their coupons for tickets in person, should try to send it by a friend. Tickets will be exchanged as late as 5 p. m. Friday before the game.

All ticket grievances of any kind should be reported to me in South building. The public is hereby warned not to buy or in any way acquire student tickets. They will positively be refused.
GRADY PRITCHARD.

OPPORTUNITIES IN TRACK

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

By persistent and hard work, and by the splendid cooperation of the greater part of the student body, the University of North Carolina has made an enviable record in track athletics, and is now recognized as a leader in Southern track circles.

This rise has been one continuous development over a period

of eight years. It has not been accidental, but due largely to the spirit of the men composing the track squads during those years, and to the general response of the student body, answering the call for track candidates. We must continue to rise or we shall slip backward, and the decline will be much easier than the rise.

There are fourteen events on the program of intercollegiate track and field athletics. Each team may enter three men in each event in open meets. Therefore, the number of men on a track team are not limited as in most of the other sports. Even if the limit is reached, the number is greatly in excess of the maximum in other sports.

Practically any man with patience, persistence and determination can develop into a creditable performer in some one of the fourteen events. Track affords an opportunity for the average student to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Restrictions or handicaps of size, build, or weight are practically eliminated. You have a wide choice of events. You work in the open air under the most healthful conditions. You work as an individual, practically at your own convenience. You measure your ability by comparison with the performances of the world's best athletes both past and present.

There is a splendid opportunity for men in all the events, there is room for any and every talent. But we need you now. The next quarter may be too late. The ground work for our track season must be laid during the fall quarter.

Regular practice is being held on Emerson field, between three and six o'clock. One hour per day is sufficient time, but start now. Report to the stadium office, Emerson field, for definite instructions.

COACH BOB FETZER.

No Chapel Today

There will be no chapel exercises for the balance of this week, Dean Bradshaw announced yesterday. The roof of Memorial hall is to be completely repaired in the interim.

All freshmen are notified to appear at Gerrard hall tomorrow where announcement will be made concerning the holding of chapel exercises until repairs are finished.

Changes Made In Geology Courses

On account of the demand for trained Geologists and Geographers in a number of fields, the B. S. in Geology course has been changed so that one can elect any one of five different branches. These branches are Structural Geology, Economic Geology, Geographics, Paleontology, and Geography. The work of the first two years is the same for all, but beginning with the junior year, a choice must be made and followed under the guidance of the faculty member in charge of the branch of Geology or Geography elected. All of these sub-courses are planned to give the student the maximum liberality in education consistent with the branch of Geology chosen.

Merely Meandering



john mebane

CLASSIC SHADES!

(A philosophic discussion in which versifiers of the present day and long-forgotten bards participate.)

Time: Dusk in October.

The group walks along an esplanade in Elysium chatting with one another. Tennyson is walking arm-in-arm with Milton. Ezra Pound trails behind the rest reading his poetry to himself.

WORDSWORTH

Ain't Nature grand?

E. E. CUMMINGS

the sun Magnificently

sinks

and a black goat lookingly: wanders.

EVELYN SCOTT

Ah! see the moon rise, dripping stars.

EDNA MILLAY

(Singing softly to herself) 'I ain't got nobody. . . .

WORDSWORTH

It is a beauteous evening, calm and free.

COLERIDGE

Ah, look at yon grotto. A savage place! as holy and enchanted as e'er beneath a waning moon was haunted by woman wailing for her demon lover.

BOBBY BURNS

(Chanting to himself) And my fause luvver staw my rose but left the thorn wi' me.

EZRA POUND

How do you like my poems? (Nobody pays any attention to him.)

MILTON

Beauty? Ah, yes. Beauty is Nature's coin; must not be hoarded, but must be current.

GERTRUDE STEIN

Beauty? Beauty is to last. Beauty is ever. Whenever is beauty. Duty. Beauty and duty.

WORDSWORTH

Duty? Stern daughter of the voice of God!

COLERIDGE

(Addressing Wordsworth) By the way, what were your views on the French Revolution? You know I suffered a nervous breakdown before I completed your "Convention of Cintra."

BYRON

(Interrupts) 'When a man hath no freedom to fight for at home,

Let him combat for that of his neighbors;

Let him think of the glories of Greece and of Rome,

And get knock'd on the head for his labors.'

EZRA POUND

Say, what do you think of my songs? (Apparently he is not heard.)

KEATS

(As they see in the distance the shade of a pale knight)

O what can ail the knight-at-arms?

ALFRED KREYMBORG

Yes, yes. 'Alone and palely loitering.' Those romantic tales of knights are out of fashion. We need new rhythms.

TENNYSON

Sir!

EDNA MILLAY

O world, I cannot hold thee close enough.

KIPLING

Pardon me, Miss Millay, but may I ask why you always insist on embracing something?

(Ye columnist pokes his head out from behind a tree where he has been hiding, listening to the conversation. He is seen by some of the group.)

CHORUS

Get the hell out of here! You damn Tar Heel reporters are snooping around everywhere.

EZRA POUND

(Following ye columnist) Say, what do you think of my songs?

Pen Points



By H. J. Galland

It happened in a philosophy class the other day, at the end of a discussion of the mind and its capacities. "Yes," said the prof, "perhaps it would be better if we all didn't think." And the class awoke and smiled approvingly.

Which reminds us of the latest indoor sport, actually observed in a classroom in Saunders. In an effort to overcome an apparent attack of ennui, the prof in this class amused himself by trying to throw pieces of chalk into the open mouth of a sleeping student.

Ad turned in to the Tar Heel: "FOR RENT—One hot air room to rent 2 blocks from Main Street." What a peach of a place that would be for a fraternity on its meeting night.

The only place in town where one can get one's shoes shined during a football game is the University Shoe Repair Shop, and the only place where food may be obtained is the Owl Shop. A statistician sent out by this department to find out how many places supplied shines and food on an ordinary afternoon, returned with his tongue hanging out and no reliable figures.

The recent agitation in the Tar Heel may have been responsible for the seven, count 'em, seven cheerleaders who were in front of the stands yesterday. Their combined efforts and the frequent goals caused more organized cheering than has been heard in these parts in moons.

The absence of drunks and drinking at the game was notable. It may be noticed, for what it is worth, that very, very few alumni were attracted to the game, whereas they turned out in force for the Georgia fray. And the stands that day were somewhat moist.

Young Mr. Carroll, mascot of the Carolina team, deserves a reprimand. He so far forgot himself and his official duties as to operate a Yo-Yo while the team was on the field and in action Saturday. And this in full view of the crowd. Team support should be taken more seriously.

It seems that the much-vaunted Peter Green has a rival, who signs himself Peter Green. He turned in a letter to the Tar Heel in which he apologized for the original Peter, and the harassed editors didn't discover the error until too late. And now they have got a fight on their hands.

If the co-ed who informed the world loudly and long at the Shack the other night that if she didn't get an apple she would kill her grandmother will call at this office, she will be supplied with a grandmother.

Another source of amusement: Watching a man smoke a cigar in one of these new-fangled all-color pictures at the Carolina, and trying to decide just what shade of green the color of the smoke is.

From the Chapel Hill News: "Efland Forrest stopped over in Efland Saturday while on his way to Carolina-Georgia football game at Chapel Hill. This is Efland's eighth year in college, he is now in his 23rd year of age, a most unusually bright and intelligent young man." Well, if Efland can keep up appearances, maybe we can get away with it.