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Tar Heel Topics

The coeds have gone in for athletics; they held a meeting yesterday afternoon and made plans for a big year in an athletic way. 'Tis said that several members of the varsity wrestling team are looking to their laurels.

From the Five Years Ago column in the South's best—and worst—college daily we learn that the University had an epidemic of hiccoughs. Reckon Orange county corn hasn't become very much worse in the past five years, after all.

A South Carolina jury drank 40 gallons of homebrew the other day. Since the spirits constituted the evidence in the prohibition violation case which they were trying, the defendant was released. We see where jury duty subpoena servers will have easier jobs in the future.

The Species
Bumms Cigarettae

Collegians are adept at the art of bumming, i. e., securing goods or services without returning the equivalent of value received. Particularly are many of them proficient in obtaining cigarettes and tobacco from their fellows who provide themselves with a sufficient supply of these commodities.

The habitual cigarette bummer is an abomination unto the sight of man. Marvelous are the artifices that he employs to satisfy his craving for the slender pellets without expending cash money, although he be plenteously supplied with the wherewithal to purchase them. Even though he realizes perfectly that his friends are wearied by his continual bumming, their likes or dislikes can never be allowed to interfere with his favorite pastime. Rather would he alienate his dearest friend, or perhaps his best girl, than refrain from bumming their cigarettes.

All known brands, and a few unknown, are acceptable to the bumming fiend. He would pry the last cube from the clutching fingers of a man dying of catarrh. Not only would he walk a mile for a fag, but he would walk two miles—if it were free. They all satisfy him. The only requisite is that they be without cost as far as his own bankroll is concerned.

Considerations of pride do not enter into the thoughts of a cigarette bummer on the warpath. Cigarettes he will have, and that without expense, though he must debase himself beyond all human understanding. When the pack is once within his clutches it is just too bad. Surreptitiously he will appropriate a few extra cigarettes for good luck, and if perchance the attention of the pack's owner be diverted, there is a darn good chance that never again will that particular pack repose in the pocket of its purchaser. Since murder is not legal in this state, the best thing that could be done with the species bumms cigaretteae would be to secure jobs for all specimens of the genus in a single gigantic powder factory, leave a number of easily ignited high explosives lying around loose, give the employes a plentiful supply of cigarettes and a few car loads of matches, none of them of the safety variety. Then they would at least die happy.

More Friendships
With Less "Booting"

We hold no brief for the habitual "booter" who "boots" for grades and grades alone; like the maproity of students here we view this practice with great disfavor. But we can see no harm that will result from a closer personal contact between students and faculty.

Any student who takes the initiative in forming friendships by chatting with the instructor after class, or calling on him in his home, or engaging in any sport with him, inevitably earns the name of a "booter." Any effort one may make toward sincere friendship is balked by the ridicule and derision heaped upon it by fellow students.

The most valuable and richest experiences in college life may easily result from friendships formed with the professors. A student can learn infinitely more from a friendly chat before the fireside or in a conversation casually and easily conducted while walking through the woods than he will ever get from a dry lecture he hears in the classroom while his mind wanders to thoughts of pleasure. Our keenest disappointment in college life has been the lack of a genuine sincere, friendship between professors and students.

Many of the teachers are so busily engaged with outside work that they have no time for student friendships. But many exhibit a sympathetic attitude and would welcome student friendships, if "booting" were not viewed with such disfavor by the students.

—J. D. M.

College
Loyalty

Without a doubt loyal students, professors, and alumni are an asset to any college or university. Indeed, no institution could exist for long without loyal supporters both within and without. Of the various types of loyalty that can be manifested toward one's alma mater the writer feels that the rah, rah type which is habitually demonstrated at football games and other contests which arouse human emotions by thrilling performances of the physical man is accorded a relatively greater influence than it really exercises. People are generally prone to think that the students and alumni who yell the loudest at football games are the most loyal supporters of the University. Without attempting to minimize the significance of the loud, emotional type of loyalty demonstrations this editorial seeks to call attention to other and more nearly secluded phases of college loyalty.

Scattered throughout the state of North Carolina, the South, and the nation are num-

erous alumni of this institution who are deeply interested in its work and expansion. The major portion of these seldom, if ever, get an opportunity to attend any of the athletic performances in which their alma mater is a participant. Yet these same persons turn with eagerness to the sports pages of their morning papers to ascertain the outcome of such contests. In the case of victory their delight is equally as great as that experienced by any member of the student body. If Carolina loses they share also in the disappointment. It is this deep and profound interest in the activities of the University of North Carolina that accounts for its steady and unthwarted development.

Although the people of the state continually complain about being overtaxed, officials of the University often find that state appropriations are not adequate to the financial needs of the institution. Consequently and in order to supplement these funds, alumni donations are sought. Some respond readily; others ignore the call as though uninterested. In this latter category are included numerous sons of Old Carolina who attend nearly all of the big football games and who yell with startling earnestness. On the other hand, many alumni who never get an opportunity to see the Tar Heel team on the grid-iron respond with fat checks. Which, we ask you, is the more valuable type of loyalty?

Although we have no intention of condemning any kind of loyalty and although we are convinced that any kind is better than none at all, we do believe that the real interest and concern which the emotional type of loyalty manifests is somewhat overemphasized in the case of this and other American Universities.

—J. C. W.

Readers' Opinions

A CALL FOR DORMITORY REFORM

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

Where but at the University of North Carolina can one find such vandalism and rowdiness as exists in the dormitories? And existing in a totally unchecked state?

The Building department is no doubt indirectly responsible for much of the damage prevalent because it allows all sorts of destruction in the rooms without in any way holding the occupants responsible. This explains the almost wretched state of some of the rooms in the newer buildings. Besides this, they are none too well taken care of.

It would seem that something could easily be done to stop the disgraceful conditions now existing. There is no excuse for shrieking and yelling and running in the halls or in the rooms, whether it be in the afternoon or at midnight. (It is usually at midnight, though.) And the burning of papers in the rooms is certainly uncalled for (although a little sweeping would help).

And then the victrolas that are played between 11 and 1 o'clock at night are very annoying to say the least, as are the automobilists who stand under the windows yelling for no good reasons.

I don't know whether all this is due to the fact that the University in its frantic democracy is making itself the refuge for the feeble-minded or not. But the matter surely needs some investigation. And if the Student Council turned its attention to it, doubtless some of these conditions could be remedied, and dormitory rooms made

a bit more livable. At present, the dormitory presidents and councilmen do nothing to improve conditions.

G. M.

ESSE QUAM VIDERI

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

A lad inquisitive, I looked them over—

My father's books—and found on every cover

Esse Quam Videri he had written there,

And often at the strange words I would stare

All wondering what they meant, until one day

I asked their meaning. With a kindling look

He said, "My son, I've written in each book

The motto of the much beloved state

Where I was born—'T'd rather Be than Seem,'

If you adopt it, be you small or great

You shall attain your own best self esteem.

When Alabama called me years ago

North Carolina held my heart, and so

All I had left was memory and pride

For that far land where my dear parents died."

Now I, that lad, grown old have lived to see

The greatness that would not Seem but would Be.

H. G. BENNERS.

In Memory of Augustus Benners Born Newbern, N. C., December 26, 1818.

Died Greensboro, Ala., August 7, 1885.

Graduate University of N. C. 1837.

Scientific Society
Hears Two Speakers

At the last meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, held Tuesday evening in Phillips hall, papers were presented by E. K. Plyler, of the physics department, and J. F. Dashiell, of the psychology department.

Mr. Plyler presented a paper and Mr. Dashiell talked on "Some Psychological Effects of Insulin."

In his paper Mr. Plyler gave the results of a series of experiments in which the molecular construction of certain materials was investigated through the use of infra-red rays. The results of these experiments tend to show that in certain cases the connection between atoms within molecules is not the commonly accepted idea.

The specific example demonstrated in this paper showed that in the infra-red spectrum the typical nitrate band of inorganic compounds is not present in certain organic nitrates. Instead of the nitrate band there appears the typical band of the organic alcohol.

This investigation shows that in some cases the nitrate group representing organic compounds is not bonded to the other parts of the molecule in the same way that it is bonded in inorganic compounds.

Mr. Dashiell presented in his paper the results of a series of tests to determine the psychological effects of insulin. The conclusion drawn from the results of the tests was that either an over or an under normal amount of sugar in the blood tended to reduce the rating of subject in certain psychological tests.

The tests on which Mr. Dashiell based his paper were made upon a diabetic who consented to undergo the tests both with an under dose and an over dose of insulin.

This work of Mr. Dashiell was the first series psychological tests to have been given to a diabetic in several years.

Freshmen Asked To
Protect Grass Here

This morning in chapel R. B. House presented in a rather unique manner a plea to the freshmen to help preserve the beauty of the University campus. Without bold assertions, Mr. House tactfully impressed his hearers with the importance of avoiding needless injuries to grass and shrubbery which are likely to injure seriously the appearance of the campus.

Beginning Mr. House gave some simple and apparent facts regarding the care and development of the campus. The land promontory upon which Chapel Hill is situated is composed chiefly of sandstone, and consequently grass is not well adapted to the soil. Under no conditions will grass grow here if walked upon or, which is worse, if students play football upon it. Mr. House emphasized also the fact that shrubs are certain to sustain injuries from repeated kicking and blows from footballs. Paths are intended for use in walking over the campus, as they have been made for that express purpose, he said.

These facts are plainly obvious, Mr. House admitted. "Nevertheless, they seem to be the points most often overlooked. Acknowledging the desirability of maintaining a beautiful campus, one should do nothing contrary or detrimental to this intention."

He stated that in the future he expected freshmen to do everything possible toward keeping the regulations governing the care of the campus.

AT THE CAROLINA TODAY

Her third moving picture was the most interesting one for Claudette Colbert, slender beauty of the Broadway stage, who will be seen and heard in the leading feminine role in "The Lady Lies" at the Carolina theatre today.

All of her pictures have been made in the East. Her first picture was "Love O'Mike," filmed while she was busy every night and two afternoons a

week on Broadway in her stage hit, "The Barker." It was a "tough" assignment, but she put all her energy into it and kept both jobs running smoothly.

Her next picture was Paramount's all-talking melodrama, "The Hole in the Wall," which was filmed while she was working on the stage as star of "Tin Pan Alley." It meant a lot of earnest work. At the finish she was ready for a long vacation, but she didn't get one.

She plunged into the task of leading woman in Eugene O'Neill's Theatre Guild play, "Dynamo," incidentally winning laurels by her performance. She didn't essay any film work during the run of "Dynamo."

When the play closed she was back at work again at the Paramount Long Island studios. The new opus was "The Lady Lies." This time she was working in a movie without any, contemporary stage obligations. It was a lot of fun—it was the first time she had a chance to get a real "kick" out of her film work. Here was interesting work, uninterrupted by legitimate stage duties. She liked it a lot, and Director Hobart Henley said afterward that the best performance of her career is the characterization of Joyce Roamer in this great all-talking romance-drama.

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