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Tar Heel Topics

The Greensboro Daily News handed us a much-appreciated bouquet yesterday for our editorial last week on the Duke-Carolina unpleasantness. Which makes us absolutely positive that the Duke students are a darn fine bunch.

A vast amount of publicity has been given in the state press to reports of wholesale drinking at the game here Thanksgiving day, but local bootleggers report that business was "powerful po'" in Chapel Hill immediately before and throughout the holidays. Vindicated, be gosh!

Evidently the contractor for the Sigma Nu house went the infamous gold brickers of past generations one better. Smoke issuing from the rear of the fireplace Sunday night brought the fire department in a hurry. When the partition was torn out it was discovered that the contractor had used wooden bricks in constructing the rear portion of the fireplace.

Bertrand Russell In A Hash House

Tonight Swain hall, official University hash emporium, will perform a function that it has never before known during its decades of faithful service. Bertrand Russell, famous philosopher and essayist, will speak under the auspices of the student entertainment committee; his subject will be "Need Moderns Be Cynical?"

The rather disastrous presentation of the Jean Gros Marionettes in the Tin Can November 21 effectually eliminated the huge structure as a University auditorium, especially for lectures and similar events. In desperation the entertainment committee instituted a frenzied search for a place to present the remaining numbers on the program for this year; and Swain hall was finally selected as the only auditorium, if such it may be termed, possessing the requisite seating capacity and acoustical qualities.

Obie Harmon and his force must perform arduous labor in preparation for the lecture—the Swain hall tables must be

removed and seats installed. Much praise is due Mr. Harmon and Charles Woolen for the manner in which they have cooperated with the entertainment committee officials in their efforts to escape from the dilemma confronting them after Memorial hall was condemned.

Most of the students and townspeople have realized the predicament faced by sponsors of entertainments and similar public events here in the absence of anything approaching a University auditorium. While the majority have adopted a very sensible attitude toward the situation, a few malcontents have voiced thoughtless and entirely unfounded criticism of those in charge of the entertainments. A little reasoning would convince these men of the absurdity of their criticisms.

Admittedly the entire situation is very much of a muddle, but the blame can be legitimately attached to no one, unless it be the architects of Memorial hall. They have reposed under the sod for lo! these many years, however; hence they cannot be held to account very satisfactorily. At any rate, the spectacle of Bertrand Russell delivering a lecture on "Need Moderns Be Cynical" in a dining hall will be quite remarkable. It is to be hoped that the members of the University building committee witnessed the Marionette performance in the Tin Can and will hear Mr. Russell speak in Swain hall. If so, they will probably be brought to the realization that the absence of an auditorium here is a serious indictment of the University and of the state.

Joint Session An Encouragement

The Dialectic Senate and the Philanthropic Assembly in their recent joint session gave the staff of the Daily Tar Heel the signal to go ahead when they declared by an almost unanimous vote that the issuance of the daily publication is basically sound and practical. The discussion from start to finish showed that student opinion approves the work done thus far by the editor and his staff.

In the course of the debate members of both societies cited defects which have characterized the paper thus far, but they contended almost without exception that these were due to the fact that the issuance of a daily student paper at the University has not yet passed beyond the embryonic stage. The majority of the speakers were of the opinion that the daily publication represents a marked improvement over the old tri-weekly. Members of both societies contended that the high quality of the Daily was remarkable when considered in connection with the fact that its issuance began a scant three months ago.

Although the combined memberships of the Dialectic and the Philanthropic Assembly make up an almost negligible part of the student body in so far as numbers are concerned, they are representative. There is no risk in prophesying, therefore, that the support accorded the Daily Tar Heel by the vote of the joint session Tuesday night was representative of the opinion of the entire student body.

Several Senators and Representatives called attention to the fact that thirty-two leading colleges and universities of the United States issue daily papers, and have been doing so for a number of years. They developed from this the very logical contention that the University of North Carolina should continue to issue a daily paper, since she occupies a position of prominence in the category of so-called leading element. This attitude of profound interest in the advancement of the Univer-

sity is a great encouragement not only to the staff of the paper, but to all others who have the cause of a "Greater Carolina" at heart.

—J. C. W.

Football, The Big Show

What the editorial writer on the Chicago Tribune staff said recently about American institutions of higher learning and the show business cannot be doubted. Practically all colleges and universities have invested, within the last few years, enormous sums of money in stadiums which can be used for nothing other than football games and in coaching and business staffs and equipment. Such investments have not been made merely to accommodate students; they have been made for the benefit of the public as well. And in order to pay for these gigantic arenas American schools have had to go into the show business on a grand scale.

Those institutions which are not involved in indebtedness, their stadiums having been donated, are none the less in the show game. They have had to maintain their prestige in athletics and to be progressive; therefore schools in this class have become entertainment promoters. And we revert here to the Tribune's editorial comment and say: Well, what of it?

At any rate, just as the California Tournament of Roses is rapidly replacing Barnum and Bailey-Ringling Brothers as the greatest show on earth, the Virginia-Carolina game is becoming, if it is not already so, North Carolina's great show. Whether the chief attraction of the event is the game itself or the fights in the stands or the clowning of drunks or the attendant dances, certainly the public approves the collegiate entertainment and no doubt the number of patrons will continue to increase. In view of the fact that football is here to stay and that it must remain the great sport for a good many years, we heartily advocate bigger and better shows in Kenan Stadium.

—B. M.

Readers' Opinions

THE CHILDISH CAROLINA-DUKE RIVALRY

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

I thoroughly approve of your editorial in Thursday's issue relative to the childish rivalry that has grown up between Carolina and Duke student bodies. Some years ago I, as an interested Carolina alumnus, approached an official of Trinity College (now Duke University) on the question as to why Trinity and Carolina should not play each other in major sports. His reply was that the two institutions were too close together, that the history of such contests proved that closely neighboring schools could not play on a plane of generous rivalry, but that the game would degenerate into an orgy of petty spite and ungentlemanly boorishness. My reply to that suggestion was that I believed the two student bodies could meet in athletic contests and still practice the amenities. I remember asking him this question: "If young college men can not meet in a mere athletic contest and remain friends, how can any one expect uneducated men to deal with each other in the serious business relations of life?" I would still like to have the answer to that question.

I hold no brief for Duke, and I yield to no man in my love for the University of North Carolina; but at the game next Saturday I expect to sit with a friend of mine who is an alumnus of Duke, and I have no doubt time seeing the game—which

The College Honor System

ARTICLE III.

Editor's Note: This series of articles on the Honor System is being printed simultaneously in all the college newspapers in the United States. A series of five short articles dealing with matters pertaining to the Honor System will follow. This release is being made by the committee on the Honor System for the National Student Federation of the United States of America, with a hope that the students of this country will give serious thought to the problem of student honesty in our colleges, and that they will send to the Fifth Annual Congress of the National Student Federation representatives who have well-thought-out ideas concerning this matter. The Fifth Congress will meet at Stanford University on January 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1930.

These articles were prepared by James Theodore Jackson, chairman of the committee on the Honor System. The writer would be glad to hear from students concerning this problem. Please address him at P. O. Box 958, University, Alabama.

The Present Status of the Honor System

Eighteen months ago the present chairman of the Committee on the Honor System for the N. S. F. A. gathered extensive information concerning the prevalence of the Honor System in American colleges and universities. The information gathered then is believed to be valuable; conditions have not changed materially since that time.

In reply to a general questionnaire containing questions pertinent to the Honor System, 417 colleges sent information. 160, or 39 per cent, of these colleges operate under some kind of Honor System. In 129 of them it is used wholly; in 31 of them it is used only partially. Of these 31, 21 use it only in certain select advance classes, seven employ it in certain departments only, while three have the system in handling matters that do not pertain to examinations (e. g. the handling of library books).

On the other hand, 251, or 61 per cent of the colleges replying do not have the Honor System. They operate under the faculty espionage or the protector system, whereby the students are closely watched while they take their examinations, whereby no trust is placed in them, and whereby the shrewder man wins, be he the student or be he the instructor.

This survey shows that there are now 10 per cent more colleges using the Honor System than were shown by a similar survey to be using it in 1912. In that year 66 per cent of the colleges using the system were colleges for men, 17 per cent were colleges for women, and 17 per cent of them were coeducational. In 1928, 15 per cent of those using it were for men, 35

per cent were for women, and 50 per cent were coeducational. Of the 160 colleges using the system, 61, or 39 per cent, are colleges whose student bodies range from 500 to 1500 in number; 54, or 35 per cent have an enrollment of from 200 to 500; 18, or 11 per cent, have an enrollment of less than 200; 13, or 8 per cent, have an enrollment ranging from 1500 to 3000; and 10, or 5.5 per cent, of the colleges using the Honor System have 3000 students or more. Of the 160 Honor System colleges, 41 per cent are situated in the South, 36 per cent of them are situated in the Northeast, 15 are in the North Central section, and 8 per cent are in the Western part of the United States.

A CAROLINA ALUMNUS.

IN DEFENSE OF "I" DORM

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

(Note: "J. O." of a recent Tar Heel shall be referred to as "Joe" throughout this article.)

Joe of "I" Dormitory spoke rather recklessly of his almost impossible situation of a recent issue of the Tar Heel—in fact, he raised such a river of tears that we fear he is himself after some mercy or pity record. "I" is not after any record. For the benefit of those who did not read little Joe's innocent plea and for those who enjoy soothing words from the wise, we quote some of Joe's sophomore outbursts that may be well included in the Annual Record of the Banalities of Criticism:

"Objectionable manners with-

per cent were for women, and 50 per cent were coeducational.

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Of all the colleges in the South that replied, 60 per cent use the Honor System. 36 per cent of all colleges in the Northeastern group that replied use the system. 23 per cent of the colleges of the North Central group use it, while 38 per cent of the colleges of the Western group that sent information have the Honor System.

In several universities of the United States the Honor System works especially well in the Law School. Are students of law any more honorable than any other class of professional students or undergraduates? Do professional ethics tend to cause a man who would cheat and defraud in the School of Arts and Sciences, to terminate abruptly such practices upon entering a professional school?

One university has the Honor System only in its School of Speech; another has it in its School of Business Administration; another has it in its School of Veterinary; another has it in its School of Engineering; while still another university has the Honor System in its School of Architecture.

What influence does the size of the institution have upon the success or failure of the Honor System? What influence does the location of a college or university in a city or a village have upon the Honor System? Are women more honorable than men? Are students in one section of the country any more honorable than those in other sections?

This statistical information and these questions are given with a hope that students will study them, seriously think about them, and form some definite conclusions about the Honor System as an educational institution. In what ways does this system give a student more benefits than the faculty espionage system confers?

out a thought to the convenience of others," "consideration of other men," "deaf ear to polite demands," "some sort of authority to curb their actions," and "misplaced number of men."

Knowing that a person's ego is usually tickled when he is quoted, we hope that Joe does not in any way feel himself a bit inflated. And, since, now we must start our defense of "I" we find it first necessary to tear down some of the many illusions that our unofficial observer has so seriously considered.

If there "reigns a deathlike stillness" in "J" compared to the conditions now existing in "I" then a statistician would surely starve tabulating the number of people who have moved out of "I." We, in all sincerity, hope that Joe does not accept the position, since we would rather see him live so that we may have cultured ballyhoo ad libitum.

No "misplaced number of men" could do all that Joe honors them with unless they were blessed with a highly artistic

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Merely Meandering



john mebane

Quoting from the Paragraphs of the Duke Chronicle: "Have it your own way, but we hold that there are three gentlemen from Carolina, viz., the Holder-Mebane-Edson combination." Which statement we heartily endorse.

Apologies.

May we say: Have it your own way, but we hold that there are three gentlemen from Duke, viz., the Lippard-Crona-Shaw combination.

Now, if someone else will compliment us, we shall be delighted to return that, too.

The N. C. C. W. Carolinian has been very unladylike once or twice this year. You should have seen the slams they tossed to Carolina and Duke. The feminine sex can get away with anything. But they ought to be ashamed at some of those things. Because N. C. C. W. is a very nice school and turns out lots of school-teachers.

And school-teachers shouldn't be turned out. Because they are a nice class. God bless them. This near exams.

Below we give quite gratuitously a list of phrases which might go rather well in your "saccharine daily." These are reprinted with permission of various recipients.

"Love is a marvelous intoxication . . ."

"I've found that love isn't exactly like I've imagined it to be—it's great!"

"If you ever plan to rudely shatter my air castles, do it now before they're too towering and real to me."

"When you wrote 'I love you,' you wrote three words in living flame that I will keep after all others are forgotten."

"I'll tell you a little secret: I was crazy about you from the first time I saw you. Honest."

"Those pictures should be finished . . ."

"When miracles occur and I have a decent picture taken, I'll send you one."

"The radio is marvelous tonight, not one bit of static. Right now I'm listening to the warmest and bluest number entitled 'True Blue Love'."

"Tonight I decided that I would believe that you loved me; and, gee, the very thought just thrills me!"

"It doesn't matter how many girls you write, just as long as you love only me."

"Why does time pass so quickly? I begrudge every moment of it. How I wish I could see more of you."

"Personally, I think that being in love with someone is wonderful; it gives you something pleasant to think about, dream about, and wonder about."

P. S. Darn it, Glenn, I told you I shouldn't have written that letter today—I used up all my puns.

London, Eng.—George Bernard Shaw says of us, "You Americans are barbarous. Your figures and faces are changing. Your complexions are getting redder and redder. You treat your women like squaws. You are going back to feathers."—Ring-Tum-Phi.