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A THOUGHT A DAY

An imperfect soul, seeing what is good and great and true, but very often failing in the attempt to attain it, is apt to be very harsh in its judgment on the shortcomings of others. But a divine and sovereign soul—a soul that has more nearly attained to the measure of the perfect man—takes a calmer and gentler, because a larger hearted, view of those little weaknesses and indirectnesses which it cannot but daily see. —Farrar.

PURLOINED PARAGRAPHS

The horse may be vanishing; but we think there still must be a lot of him in the laughter inserted between parentheses in Congressional speeches. —Arkansas Gazette.

"A French designer says a woman's dress now should be 'two Scotch fingers' below the knee." Er—in this case is the Scotchman pouring from his own bottle or his host's? —Detroit News.

Tar Heel Topics

Tip to Prof Koch, Hubert Heffner and Elmer Hall: How about the famous Mr. Boss for the title role in the new Play-maker production "The Man in the Bowler Hat"?

Charles Hagan, former University of North Carolina student, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of California. Yep, a North Carolina Democrat must go West to amount to anything these days.

Pascual Ortiz Rubio, new president of Mexico, was shot in the jaw just two hours after he delivered his inaugural speech Wednesday. Evidently the assailant was taking no chances upon having to listen to another speech by Senor Rubio.

Judging from the amount of expert mud-slinging indulged in here during the past few days, Bailey and Simmons would do well to send their campaign managers to Chapel Hill and let them take a few courses under the tutelage of the campus politicians.

Mud-Plastered Politicians

With elections two months off, the campus is in the throes of the most bitter orgy of political mud-slinging in years. Within the past few days there has been an outbreak of muck-raking and invective-hurling such as the present undergraduate generation has never seen before.

Campus politics have already reached a temperature dangerously near the boiling point. An explosion is imminent unless certain hot-headed politicians cool off considerably. Verbal controversies have almost devolved into fistcuffs on several occasions, according to reliable reports. Perhaps the best thing for all concerned would result if all the mud-slinging politicians were herded into the Tin Can, provided with weapons, and permitted to exterminate themselves. But the type of person who deals in slander and malicious personalities does not take kindly to anything which would endanger his own physical well-being; he manages to keep well in the background and studiously avoids actual encounters with the objects of his slanders.

Two strong political parties have already developed, which is fortunate. During the past two years the elections have been dominated by one huge organization, with bosses who have doled out the offices to various fraternities. This year the non-frat men will have much better representation on the tickets of the two parties, as the division in the fraternities has greatly enhanced the importance of the non-fraternity vote. Since the elimination of fraternity-controlled politics is impossible, inasmuch as the chapters are usually solid political units and the "barbs," or non-frat men, cannot be closely organized, the development of at least two parties is highly desirable. Competition for offices is keen here this year, which indicates a healthy interest in worthwhile extracurricular activities.

In all probability the two parties have been equally responsible for the muck-raking which has developed to an unprecedented extent within the past few days. Neither party will gain anything by these tactics; if they are continued, the remainder of the campus will lose all respect for the leaders of the two factions.

Sane and level-headed men connected with each party would do well to calm down their scatter-brained and scandal-mongering political brethren. Muckerism benefits nobody, and it degrades those who partipate in it.

The Black Art Of Sarcasm

Professors and teachers have many ways of making themselves unpopular with their students, but the most effective of these is the use of sarcasm. A class will patronizingly laugh along with a professor who insists on weak or stale humor; most classes will study without grumbling under a man who assigns an inordinate amount of work, but who knows what he is about; students will go through a withering course under a dry professor and still like him if he is otherwise likeable; they will even stand for an occasional bawling out; but personal sarcasm directed at individual members of the class is a thing that jeopardizes any professor's popularity among his students.

Who does not remember some grammar school teacher who made the days of our youth miserable with classroom sarcasm? How she delighted in showing up to the class our mistakes and weaknesses, and how we quailed with hurt pride un-

der the laughter of our school-mates! College students are not in the habit of quailing with hurt pride, but they know it is an extremely unpleasant thing to be made a fool of in public, and that is exactly what classroom sarcasm attempts to accomplish.

Perhaps some hold it to be an instrument of discipline, but it is certainly a poor one, and serves chiefly to create a dislike and enmity between student and instructor. It also hampers freedom of expression in the classroom, for any student hesitates to discuss a question he is absolutely sure of when the discussion is presided over by a man who is free with irony and invective. Before personal sarcasm from the professor a law-abiding student is defenseless, so it is at best a cowardly weapon.

We realize that college classes often harbour some aggravating individuals, that the lot of a professor is a hectic one, and that he must sometimes be tempted to use personal violence, to say nothing of mere cutting remarks. But we know that it is possible to teach efficiently and have order in the classroom without resorting to such measures, for all about us are men who do so. Glance down the list of professors who are called good teachers, and who are best-liked among the student body, and you find the names of men who disdain to use jibes and ill-natured irony in dealing with their pupils.—J. J.

Readers' Opinions

AN ALUMNUS COMMENTS

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

I will appreciate your courtesy in allowing me to make comment in your excellent sheet on the action of the band in leaving the Tin Can last Saturday evening just before the end of the Carolina-Duke basketball game. That was a most unfortunate occurrence and the result of thoughtlessness on the part of someone. It should not happen again if Carolina teams are to have the support to which they are entitled.

A few aimless matriculates—I will not call them students—bored by the sight of strenuous exercise which is not contemplated in their idea of things collegiate, may withdraw unnoticed from the scene but the band, an organized body looked upon as a definite part of the student body's support of the team, cannot do so without creating a decidedly bad impression upon everybody present—players, students, visitors. In the face of evident defeat all hands should stand by until the last sound of the whistle.

This comment is made with wholehearted regard for that fine esprit de corps commonly known as Carolina spirit. I hope it will be so accepted by those whose support is so vital to the success of Carolina teams. AN ALUMNUS.

Since 1924 there has been only one A.B.-LL.B. degree conferred on a University of North Carolina student; this degree was given in 1924.

In the past five years at the University 660 degrees have been bestowed in the A.B. school, 239 in the education school, 246 in the B.S. technical school, and 313 in the B.S. in commerce school.

At present there are 211 University seniors in the college of liberal arts, 80 in the school of education, 134 in the school of applied science, 107 in the school of engineering and 178 in the school of commerce.

The Campus



By Joe Jones

Rudolph, the snappy young alligator who made the front page of the state dailies last week, is still getting along nicely down in Graham dormitory. His owner, the Snake Doctor, moved him down into the basement when the janitor firmly refused to stay in the room with him long enough to sweep the floor and make the bed.

The basement of the dormitory has a dirt floor, and only the janitor has the key to it, so Rudolph lives there in comparative peace and quiet, as any alligator is wont to live. Over in one corner is a good sized pool under a leaky pipe, and in this the reptile spends his spare time, which consists of twenty-four hours per day. Here he floats with only his eyes and nostrils above the surface. The water is warm, and he, a born loafer, is quite content.

If visitors come in to see him he sinks slowly to the bottom of the puddle, and his master has to call him up from the muddy depths. In doing this the Snake Doctor makes a peculiar grunting sound, which he learned from Alligator Joe, the famed alligator farmer of Florida. It is the call of the old alligator to its young, and Rudolph never fails to respond to it.

He is still as vicious as ever, and surprisingly strong for his scant forty-four inches. The Snake Doctor handles him by grasping him firmly just back of the head with one hand and by the tail with the other. Even then Rudolph sometimes succeeds in breaking one of the grips and has to be dropped. His teeth are keen, his jaws are strong, and he is quick to strike.

It was not without reason that Lonnie the janitor fled loudly and precipitantly from the room when he first caught sight of the creature staring at him from beneath a chair. It was the first time Lonnie had ever seen an alligator, and so swiftly did he leap through the door that, unable to stop or make the turn, he crashed into the wall across the corridor, much to the amazement of the several boys who happened to be in sight.

For some time Rudolph was fed by having a piece of raw beef forced down his throat at the end of a split stick, but after a while he manifested his outraged dignity by closing his gullet and refusing to swallow. Now the steak is left on the bank of the pool, and in the dark hours he crawls out for midnight lunch.

PAPERS PRESENTED BY HENDERSON AND WINSOR AT WEEKLY MATH SEMINAR

At the meeting of the mathematics seminar Wednesday afternoon Dr. Arthur Winsor completed a paper begun at the previous meeting and Dr. Archibald Henderson presented two new methods of solving the bi-quadratic equation.

Dr. Henderson presented in all three methods for solving this equation, one of them, a graphical solution, being that devised by Graustein of Harvard.

Dr. Henderson's methods were graphical and algebraic. The new graphic solution presented by him is much simpler than that of Graustein.

The paper completed by Dr. Winsor was "A Discussion of the Changes in Shape and Position of a Triangle Whose Vertices Move in Given Directions with the Same Velocities."

Campus Life



The boy who tries to kiss a girl in a car should be careful—for the LIGHT that lies in her eyes—may be a STOP light.

Life Of State Is Stimulated By University Research Work

(By R. W. Madry)

A summary of the research projects under way at the University, which has just been announced in a 115-page booklet issued by the University Press, shows that many of the faculty members and graduate students are engaged in digging up and ferreting out facts of value to the state and nation.

A number of these projects have been made possible through substantial grants from educational foundations.

The projects listed in this 115-page booklet, which is entitled "Research in Progress," shows that there is well nigh every sort of research in progress at the University. The projects are listed by departments.

The booklet answers a familiar query: What do University professors do besides teach? The answer is: they continue to study and learn—a process that goes under the name of research when it is carried on by trained and skilled workers.

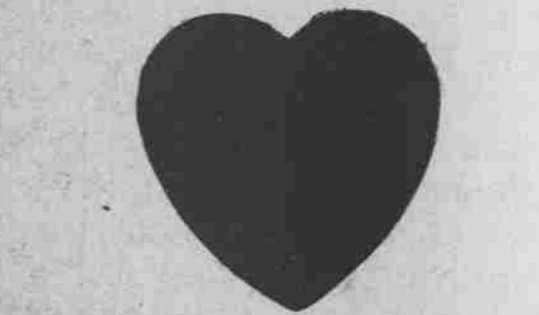
Apparently there is no end to the variety of topics on which the research workers are busy collecting facts. The subjects range all the way from such high sounding topics as "The Thermophosphorescent - Radiations of Hiddenite and Kunzite" and "The Somatic Chromosomes of the Opussum" to such simple titles as "County Government and County Affairs in North Carolina" and "Public Poor Relief in North Carolina."

Last year, for example, one professor in the Chemistry Department studied a new program for the mercerization of cotton with sulfuric acid. Another, in the school of Commerce, made an economic analysis of the cotton textile industry and a study of the taxation of banks. In the School of Public Welfare, there were, among others, studies of welfare work in the North Carolina mill villages, of the North Carolina chain gangs, of North Carolina

county government, and of labor unions in the South. Members of the faculty of the School of Education made inquiries into a number of North Carolina counties. A member of the history faculty produced a new history of the state in two volumes. The flora of North Carolina was studied and investigated by a number of the botany staff. A member of the Law school faculty reported on recent developments in newspaper libel. A professor in the School of Engineering worked out a new process in dam construction, while another of his colleagues in the Geology department made a study of North Carolina foraminifera. The Department of Rural Social Economics made a number of studies in such topics as taxes, education, and county government. The list might go on and on, were there space, with examples drawn from the fields of such subjects as languages and literatures, mathematics, zoology, physics, geology, chemistry, psychology, sociology, pharmacy, history, medicine, and law, and so on.

Among the groups at the University (Continued on page four)

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9-1 P. M. Script