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**An Old Game Replayed**

Systeme Hoover, better known to office seekers here and elsewhere as "playing politics," has apparently assumed the proportions of an intramural sport on the University campus as political moguls assume power not delegated in them to render decisions and adjust class business without the consent or consultation of their constituencies. When at the instigation of campus groups the trespassing of the German club in the selection of commencement marshals was pointed out publically to officers of that group and of the class responsible for this selection, recall of the group of marshals was disregarded and ignored. Persisting in its policy, the dance organization instructed the marshals it had chosen in the usual political intrigue to be photographed for the 1932 *Yackety Yack*. When again informed of this development, the executive of the class concerned with the election of marshals ruled the selection as valid, presumably on the mere presumption that the pictures had been made and therefore could not be changed. As far as THE DAILY TAR HEEL can ascertain, this action was taken without a vote of the class and even without the official recognition of the executive committee.

The German club is apparently firm in its refusal to recall its first election, but this adamant stand can not excuse the negligence of student officers in ignoring their duty to handle the election of marshals, despite the steps taken for the printing of the marshals irregularly selected. The refusal of student officials to exclude personal politics and ignore student sentiment defeats the whole principle of student government.—D.C.S.

**Filling An Open Grave**

The latest phase of the general housecleaning we are undergoing at present is directed towards the rapid and painless extermination of our numerous obsolete and useless societies. The campus is at present cluttered with many small clubs and orders whose only functions are occupying a page in the *Yackety Yack* with a mysterious symbol and a list of those who "belong." Some of these organiza-

tions are terminating careers marked in their hey day by fine contributions to our student life but "the old order changeth" and we cannot keep these organizations alive on mere tradition. They no longer justify their existence and their demise is in sight.

Whatever regrets we may feel at the passing of these venerable societies based upon the earnest ideals of their founders and members we can feel no sympathy with the greatly to be hoped for extinction of the sophomore social orders. The Shieks, the Minotaurs, and the Thirteen club constitute an open affront to the sensibilities and the good taste of the student body. We cannot help but pity the young man in whom the rah rah collegiate spirit and an unbelievable desire to "shine" are combined in such a great degree but we do not tolerate the leper in our midst though we pity them almost as much.

The word sophomore, having the meaning immature or half baked, might well have been coined upon seeing an honored member of one of these clubs performing his cute antics before an amused or slightly disgusted group of his fellows. These clowns typify the collegiate spirit at its very worst and it is high time that the finish was written. This can be done by organized student opinion which has performed greater services in the past when the authorities have been unwilling or unable to intervene.

The type of young man who will waste his allowance or his father's money to join a society having as its sole aim making its members vulgarly conspicuous is presumably beyond the reach of reason. The great majority that has not been honored by membership can do wonders when attention is drawn to the need. If we can organize student opinion against the existence of these sophomore societies and ignore the clowning of the hapless youths already victimized the end is not far off. If this can be done we are saving the dignity of Carolina and protecting childlike college men from useless waste of time and money.—J.F.A.

**It Is Worth Knowing That—**

The net income of farmers in 1930 was \$4,669,000, a loss of \$1,092,000 since 1929.

Expenditures in the United States for highway construction average \$1,500,000,000 a year.

The largest diamond ever found was the Cullian, in 1905, in South Africa, weighing 3,024 3-4 carats or about one and three quarters pounds.

The Forest service, department of agriculture, estimates the wild game in national forests in North Carolina as being 181 bears, 5,616 deer, and 38 elk.

Dr. Li Chi, of the Chinese National Research Institute, recently found Chinese vases thirty centuries old at the ancient city of Tan.

The English language is spoken by more than 160,000,000 people and it is understood and used by 60,000,000 more who do not consider it their native speech.

The "keep-kissable" girl in a national cigarette ad is Adriane Jeanette Allen, a former student at Texas university.—*Minn. Daily*.

Maybe preparedness invites war, but it doesn't invite other nations to land troops in your seaports.—*Los Angeles Times*.

**With Contemporaries**

**A Matter Of Ethics**

It is difficult to understand the average college man's conception of ethics. He would scorn to rob a bank, he would frown on refusal to pay honest debts, and yet he blatantly displays towels and silverware "lifted" from hotels and other establishments he has visited.

Perhaps it is a feeling that such items as towels and silverware are common property. But a little thought will show that they are rigidly on a par with any other form of private property and, as such, should be viewed with all due respect to the owner's rights.

Gate-crashing is another collegiate breach of ethics. Some college men boast openly of the number of dances they have crashed, much as the Indian would flaunt his scalps and take pride in the heap he had been able to capture. Particularly proud is the collegian who discovers some new and novel means to thwart those who would make him pay or show proper credentials before entering a dance.

The *Daily Californian*, student newspaper at the University of Southern California, reports: "Fraternity men were arrested recently for taking thirty-five electric light bulbs from local establishments for their house dance. Their stunt was collegiate and clever, and would have been lauded by upperclass brothers who sent them on the escapade had they been skillful enough to complete their errand."

This points to another of the many inconsistencies in collegiate ethics, and at the same time to a likely means of bringing these standards up to a plane where society will respect them. When college men come to view successful and unsuccessful escapades from the same angle, they will have created a consistent code of ethics that brands towel-lifting as robbery and places gate-crashing in the category of criminal behavior.—*Penn. State Collegian*.

**Crack At Students**

A hard crack at the students of the colleges and universities of the country was made recently when Henry M. MacCracken, president of Vassar College, said: "Students are not people because they do not function as people should. They are not influential as they should be in the management of their colleges or in the control of public opinion."

If colleges and universities of the country will throw off some of the medieval shackles and ancient hide-bound subject matter and methods of the ancients, and will rebaptize the higher educational institutions of the world in the gulf of real human need they could rededicate themselves to the best in the ancient culture and finest of the new. Young people would not be bound down so closely to traditional class rooms and they could be trained to tie the flesh and blood of live learning to their every day life.

True some colleges and universities of the country are becoming modernized, and no balanced thinker would contend that this age should throw into the discard the best in the culture of the past; but it is equally true that some are not, and that there is need for those who will demand that the present college curriculum be not topheavy with the limited-vision and culture of bygone days.

We are not informed, but we

wonder if Mr. MacCracken is one of those who belong to the old school of medievalists and still prates of the good old days when culture was culture. We hope not, and we doubt if he is.—*The Daily Texan*.

**Students As Idealists**

Much has been said concerning the cynical attitude of the collegians. They have no ideals, it is claimed. The popular conception even goes further, branding the average undergraduate as an iconoclast. He has no idols himself, and deliberately destroys the gods of others, both public and personal. Such accusations are not only generally false, but malicious as well.

There is perhaps one student in a hundred who can honestly say he sets for himself no ideals, no goal toward which to strive. He is the classic example of warped intellect. The average student may assume an attitude of pseudo-cynicism, which has been rather in vogue lately, but beneath his superficial affectation he has built his personal idols.

Knowledge is an undergraduate goal, despite the fact that comparatively few students make an honorary scholastic society. The general avid longing for a diploma at all costs is surely indicative of this. Broad mindedness also ranks high as an undergraduate idol. Races and creeds mean less and less daily, due for the most part to the increase of interest in foreign affairs. These are but two of many instances displaying the attitude that rules students inwardly, altho outwardly they may scoff at such ideas.

Affected by mass poses and group fashion in thought, the typical undergraduate creates the impression among those not familiar with collegiate psychology. Apparently, the student may be a cynic, but the only significance of the accusation lies in the fact that the public at large is utterly unfamiliar with matters outside its immediate sphere, nor is it willing to search for latent realities.—*Syracuse Daily Orange*.

**Honest Supposing**

A negro shoeshine midget died in the Albemarle the other day of acute alcoholism. We newspapermen had no qualms in saying how and why he died.

But suppose, for the sake of filling this column, that he had been a prominent citizen, but had died in exactly the same manner.

Well, just suppose. That's all we ask you to do.

And we're doing some supposing ourselves at the same time.—*The Elizabeth City Advance*.

**The Consumer Goes Unprotected**

The United States government spends \$3,000,000,000 annually for supplies and equipment. This ranges from baseballs to battle-ships, from thumbtacks to dredging machines.

Stuart Chase, in "Your Money's Worth," asserts that the government purchasing agents paying little attention to pretty girls on magazine covers, or to super-salesmen with pants like the Prince of Wales, are able to save \$100,000,000 a year. Their method is to have the products they buy tested by the Bureau of Standards, at an operating cost of \$2,000,000 annually.

The average consumer's monetary output does not compare with this enormous yearly amount. But this comparison should cause the consumer to think. How much of his money is being wasted by lack of supervision?

It is up to the consumer, then, to demand this same protection that the government gets. He is entitled to the same savings that his ruling representatives obtain.—*Oklahoma Daily*.

**Collegiate Morals, Again**

It is with constantly increasing wonder that college students note the continual attacks upon their moral standards. It is with difficulty that they accept these criticisms. In a recent issue of a local paper another attack is launched at the standard of morals at the University of Nebraska. The writer of the article believes, that as a taxpayer, he has a right to object. Granted his right to object to all things, but against the morals of college students he should first be sure of his ground.

He states that college students are living in palatial homes, incompatible with their culture and income, that they smoke too many cigarettes, and that drunkenness has increased at football games. He makes the statements, advances no proof.

The *Daily Nebraskan* makes bold to say that the morals of the students of the University of Nebraska are higher in every degree than the morals of a similar age group anywhere else. If those who are constantly bemoaning collegiate vice will show students a group of five thousand young men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 with morals which will compare in any respect to those of students then they will have grounds upon which to base their complaints.

The names which constantly adorn the police blotters of the cities of the world are not college students. The youthful breakers of the law are seldom college students. College students are better fitted to reason out their own moral standards than any other group of the same size and age anywhere.

Drunkenness has increased at football games, says the letter writer. He declares that that fact is too apparent to be denied. *The Daily Nebraskan* would like to know who the drinkers were. Were they college students or were they outsiders? College students are blamed in nine cases out of ten for crimes which they never commit. When any one is drunk on a football trip or at a football game, it is always the students who are blamed, and in almost every instance it is someone not even allied with the group who is causing all the trouble.

Then the cigarette smoking vice. That has been bemoaned for years. Just what is so terrible about smoking a cigarette? What makes it a vice? Some of the greatest men in the world today are cigarette smokers and some are not. Some of the finest

**Giant Voices Save Lives**

Orators long have praised the presence of mind of men at the helm and the throttle. Recently another kind of quick action has just as surely saved lives.

A dispatch from Europe reveals how a stampede of 50,000 people was halted when the grandstand at the Holland-Belgium Rugby match collapsed. Roaring through a loud-speaker, an official quieted the mob. This recalls a similar incident in this country when "Speed" Holman, the fier, fell to his death before 20,000 spectators. Panic threatened and Jim Ewing, announcer, thundered at the crowd through the Western Electric public address system, holding it spellbound until the band played and the next planes flew.



Jim Ewing

and most cultured women in this city are cigarette smokers. Why is it wrong?

To those plaintiffs who see vice in our midst we say come and point it out to us. We challenge them to show us a group of the same size and age anywhere which has so little of downright evil in it as has ours. Further than that we challenge them to disprove the statement that the moral standard of college students is higher than that of a similar group in other circumstances.—*Daily Nebraskan*.

When three lunatics escaped from a British asylum, posses went out and brought in five.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

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