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Accomplished Only Through Cooperation

As the new management takes over publication of THE DAILY TAR HEEL with this issue, it is nothing but fitting that a few remarks be made as to the general policy of the paper for the coming year. Under the retiring management this paper progressed from a practically unknown college sheet to be one of the ranking dailies in America, enjoying at present among many editors the reputation of being the most liberal collegiate journal in this country. And it is one of the ambitions of the new staff that such progress be continued, if only to an extent equal to half of that enjoyed during the previous term.

But in attempting to make more secure its present national stand, THE DAILY TAR HEEL is not to forget the fact that it is an organ of this student body, serving the students as best it can to keep them in touch with important events occurring on this campus as well as to acquaint them with student opinion on various matters vitally connected with their interests. Through its editorial columns the paper intends to act as a mouthpiece of the students demanding for them their rights which by law they are entitled to. Aside from this, by means of its large number of exchanges and news services from other colleges, THE TAR HEEL will inform its readers of interesting news on other campuses; and in this way the management hopes to wipe out as much as possible all provincialism present in the minds of University students.

Realizing that no person or organization is infallible, the new staff, as employees of the student body, throws itself open at all times to constructive criticism from intelligent, open-minded individuals. But in adopting such a policy, the publication is well aware of the fact that to every question there are two sides, and when one stand is taken it is to be expected that criticisms will be sounded from the opposing group. THE TAR HEEL will take, therefore, only those stands which in its opinion shall be for the best interests of the student body.

The new management realizes full-well the responsibilities it is expected to fulfill and for this reason requests the whole-hearted cooperation of every student in the University.

Square Peg On A Round Hole

Mass meetings, student strikes and formal filings of protest in the expulsion of Reed Harris, fearless editor of the *Columbia Spectator*, have aroused the collegiate publishing world into an active fight against the spirit of narrow-mindedness and pedagogical suppression of student publications. On the steps of the library building of Columbia college, more than two thousand students assembled Monday noon to protest the action of Dean Hawkes who, with the approval of President Butler, expelled Harris because of his self-asserted policy of "thinking out loud" in the columns of his newspaper.

The *Spectator* staff expressed their sentiment in the matter with the editorial: "A Statement"; "Reed Harris, who detested mediocrity and finally smashed his head against the

bulwarks of entrenched traditionalism, is gone. Columbia college was too small to hold him... While the world is crying for men of light Columbia had decreed that it will graduate honorably only those who have been poured into the antique and rusted molds of leaden thinking... the policies of the *Spectator* have belonged and will continue to belong to the entire Managing Board rather than to any one man." The paper prints in the last of a three bank streamer across the front page "National Student League Meeting Votes to Help Vindication Fight." Other sections of the issue of April 4 bear a chronology of events in Harris' dismissal, a survey of his editorials and various news stories concerning the fight for his re-instatement.

Such is an indication of the feeling of those closest concerned with this terrifying blow to the liberalism of the college press. Similar expressions have been voiced in other sections of the country and great newspapers and writers have come to the defense of Harris. Columbia College was certainly too small to hold Harris. He is representative of a type that too rarely is permitted to voice crusading opinions in the press, and who, once so engaged, is removed by those whose consciences are anchored by chains of falsely construed authority and narrow-mindedness to hear the truth about themselves and their own.—D.C.S.

Watering The Flower Of Maturity

President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard in his annual report to the board of overseers states that "students as a whole appear more mature than a generation ago, not only in scholarship but also in their outside interests and in the sense of proportionate values which is the flower of maturity."

Such statements are probably necessary at periodic intervals but they seem very trite. Millions have been poured into the coffers of the universities and colleges throughout the country to increase the size and efficiency of the plants. Running budgets have been ever on an increased basis. The money problems of the state institutions have been continuously before the state legislatures and have thus received a great deal of publicity. If the public did not realize that the universities could be improved and did not think they were being improved, would they have approved these increased expenditures? In these big institutions it follows naturally that a student matures more than in the smaller institutions of a few years ago. The contacts of the larger group and the necessarily increased independence of the individual facilitate this.

The general truth of his statement is obvious but we are inclined to doubt the great extent of this maturity. For instance, the authorities here had recently to tighten the regulations for class attendance. Would the University find it necessary to restrict absences to keep really mature students from flunking? Wouldn't mature students be able to regulate their activities to their best personal advantage?—H.H.

The King of Italy would prefer to be known as Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. And still Charlie Curtis, who holds the corresponding position here, seems content with his title.—*Detroit News*.

It isn't surprising, declares a Colorado college psychologist, if a young man finds it hard to settle down before marriage. No, indeed. And it is not surprising if he finds it hard to settle up after it.—*Boston Herald*.

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

A Word Of Appreciation

Now that the excitement of the election is over and we have rested from the strenuous campaign, allow me to express my appreciation of the support which you gave me at the polls Wednesday. Nothing since I have been in the University has moved me more deeply than the unselfish aid which you, my friends, so generously lent me.

May I now ask that we forget what is past and look toward another year, giving our utmost cooperation in all matters of interest to the University and the student body.

HAYWOOD WEEKS.

With Contemporaries

Splendid Isolation

Not failure, but experience is the fruit of the abandoned Experimental College at Wisconsin. In the light of this experience Dr. Meiklejohn now projects a new scheme of education. The new system will have a number of small colleges, entirely separate units, each with its own autonomous faculty. This device is intended to foster an esprit de corps among the students by making them "one in purpose and understanding in the midst of all their differences." The faculty, Dr. Meiklejohn claims, will be improved by being smaller and more coherent, and in closer contact with the students. His experience has led him to believe that this plan will improve the instructors as much as the students.

It is pointed out that the new experimental colleges are not a House plan. Whether they will be housed in dormitories is left to the results of future experiments. But the parallel of the House Plan and the experimental colleges is important because both plans have similar ideals and methods. Under the Harvard plan House autonomy is completely sacrificed to the University; Dr. Meiklejohn's colleges will be absolutely independent.

This contrast points to the fundamental faults in both systems. The dependence of the various units of the House Plan prevents any individuality in them as educational institutions. But the experimental colleges may be so independent that effective cooperation will be blocked. The esprit de corps and the autonomous faculty may make a student in a particular college forego the benefits of sitting under an outstanding teacher in another college. The destiny of the two systems, the House Plan, and of the experimental colleges of the future, would seem to lead them to a common ground, where the House Plan will have at least the shadow of autonomy, and the splendid isolation of Dr. Meiklejohn's colleges will be modified.—*The Harvard Crimson*.

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 mat-

ter 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 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 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 top-heavy with the limited vision and culture of bygone days.—*Daily Texan*.

Cuts And Classes

Jules Payot, rector of the Academy of Aix, France, once wrote in his book, *The Education of the Will*. "Our passiveness, thoughtlessness and dissipation of energy are only so many names to designate the depths of universal laziness, which is to human nature as gravity is to matter."

A pessimistic outlook indeed! But then perhaps he is right. The system of holding classes and giving cuts in American university life is certainly indicative of even the scholar's inability to lead an ordered, self-disciplined, intellectual life.

On examining the reasons for having a system of cuts and classes, the fundamental argument seems to be that of disciplining the human mind.

But on those scholars who have proved themselves capable of mental self-control, who show a natural urge to learn, a thirst for knowledge, the system works many evils.

First, the more intellectual being must submit to a leveling process. He can raise no higher than the group. He must attend the same classes and be there at the same time as the ones who are not so capable. This is a result of intellectual democracy. His time is stolen by the system.

Second, disciplining by someone else undermines his morale. It does not allow him the individual initiative to work out his own system of self control. It throws him upon an artificial system that does the work for him. It makes him mentally lazy.

Third, this system of cuts and classes holds the scholar from indulging in more than mediocre intellectual endeavor. For instance, he may be a science student studying a minute organism under the microscope. Perhaps he has just noticed some unusual condition or the form gives some unusual reaction to stimuli. Then the bell rings. That is the end of the study.

Thus there are fundamental evils that for the real student may actually overbalance the good gained through the system of giving cuts and holding classes.

Perhaps the only solution will be in giving a blank time check to those students who have a spontaneous desire for knowledge.—*Butler Collegian*.

Superfluous?

The suggestion of a standard textbook on etiquette has been made by some who have regarded the matter rather facetiously. But, after hearing the condemnation of many of the co-eds who feel that the virile male members of the campus are lacking in the proper appreciation of the niceties of etiquette, we conclude that the theory isn't quite as useless as one would infer.

We were startled and somewhat horrified when we were

awarded a black look from a co-ed for whom we had held open a door to one of the buildings on the campus. Obviously, the young person thought we were indulging in the form of indoor or outdoor sport usually characterized as "flirting." But we assure you that our intentions were absolutely devoid of guile; we were innocently interested in following the precepts of the eminent Emily Post. Proceedings of this nature make one realize that there is something amiss when a casual gentlemanly act of this nature results in a severe rebuff.

On another occasion a co-ed had murmured a "thank you" when the same courtesy was shown and the male student gasped with astonishment. Apparently he was not accustomed to finding co-eds grateful for an act which he thought common enough to justify no thanks. However, the fact that he was surprised would demonstrate that it is comparatively a rarity for the co-ed to do the proper thing. Possibly the average co-ed believes that the male student should do things of this kind from a sense of duty and thanks are superfluous.

Many of our manly males believe etiquette an effeminate proclivity and they sneer at the man who believes that women should be accorded the courtesy due their sex whether the latter has usurped the freedom and activities of the male sex or not. But we believe that it is entirely within the realm of possibility to acknowledge that women are privileged and should be accorded the consideration they deserve. Flouting one's lack of etiquette in public does not quite coincide with our theories of the ideal man.

We notice considerable disagreement on the topic of recognition between the sexes. Many of the co-eds do not know that the rules of etiquette dictate that the co-ed should recognize the man first. Consequently, when they realize that they should speak to him their recognition is belated and while he is waiting for the recognition they pass each other with the mutual feeling that the other is a snob. Whereas, if the co-ed had realized that she should take the initiative in the matter, there would have been no charges of snobishness.

These are simple things and should probably be done automatically. But they are not. Many of the old theories of etiquette have become outmoded through changes in customs and manners. Nevertheless, there are still many of them that should be heeded. It has been said before, and may as well be repeated that a common sense attitude combined with a slight knowledge of the fundamentals is sufficient in this age to stamp the man a gentleman.

And a gentleman may be a man in spite of his obedience to rules of etiquette which may have been formulated long before he was born. And the equality of the sexes does not or should not negate the conditions which have been followed in the past.—*Ohio State Lantern*.

Political Potpourri

All over the country the crazy Democrats and the cockeyed Republicans are gathering in readiness for their grand confabs. Favorite sons are chasing madly across the country making speeches to their admirers. Impossible promises are being made amid loud cheers and cat-calls. Every politician has been bitten by the presidential bee and has temporarily lost his head.

Al Smith is not on speaking terms with Roosevelt. Bill Murray has stated that the best candidate for the Democrats lives in the west, preferably Oklahoma. The Republicans

have been blamed for everything from the present state of depression to the grass hopper plague of 1887.

Garner is ranting about Hoover stealing his glory. Hoover is telling the people to spend their money, and the people don't even have money to spend. Andrew Mellon, so the Democrats say, saw that he couldn't help the treasury make up its deficit and promptly pulled out for Europe.

The *Literary Digest* is completing one of its straw votes on prohibition. Kansas as usual goes dry, and we didn't even have a chance to vote. Congress, fearing the W. C. T. U. and the anti-cigarette league, refused to bring up the question. The malt companies are still making huge profits and the Chicago bootleggers are highjacking each other's trucks.

Will Rogers writes a series of articles on the Chinese-Japanese argument and we at last learn what it is all about. Hindenberg still holds the reins of the German government. France cannot pay her debts and wants the United States to cancel the obligations.

Chicago still cannot pay her school teachers and Al Capone is kept in jail. The people cry for decreased taxes and Congress goes into a huddle in an attempt to find something that is not already taxed to the gun-wales. The Democrats claim to know the secret formula for good times and the Republicans say that it is just around the corner.

The Republicans say that the Democrats are crazy and the Democrats say that the Republicans are cockeyed. We decide that everyone is a little off and decide to stay in school rather than take a chance of starving with the great army of unemployed.—*University Daily Kansan*.

It Is Worth Knowing That—

The tail-less Manx cat is indigenous only to the Isle of Man and the exportation of these animals forms a substantial income to the islanders.

There are 3,027 counties in the United States.

The cost of the upkeep of the public schools of North Carolina is greater than that of any other state in the south with the exception of Texas.

Nine-tenths of all plows used in Argentina are from the United States.

The increased cost of operating automobiles in Germany has caused about one-third of them to be placed in storage.

Contributor of Articles Is Wanted at Tar Heel Office

The editor of THE TAR HEEL would like to have the person who submitted an article for publication signed J.C.C. call at the office of THE DAILY TAR HEEL in Graham Memorial today.

We expect, of course, to buy our share of baby bonds, but we do hope we shall not have to get up in the night and walk the floor with them.—*Schenectady Union-Star*.

Japan wants the world to believe that she isn't fighting any war but is winning all the battles.—*Arizona Producer*.

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