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Sanity in Argumentation

There is perhaps no more ardent supporter of the prohibition cause than the *Christian Science Monitor*. And correspondingly do the Scripps-Howard papers—such as the *New York World Telegram*, the *Washington Daily News*, the *Cincinnati Post*, and the *Hearst papers*—the *Chicago American*, *San Francisco Examiner* and the *American Weekly*, befriend the thirsty-man's issue. The odds in miles of ink printed in agitation on either side of the question undoubtedly favor the latter aggregation and a host of small wet fry, but what the dry cause lacks in numerical support it gains through the *Monitor* in fervence and sane argumentation.

Declining to go to the second rate editorial writer and prosperity-propheying near beer baron, the *Monitor* turns to statistics, statements of university professors disinterested in consummate pecuniary gain, heads of womens clubs, and welfare workers for pronouncements devoid of all but sincere convictions that their views are directed toward the betterment of American society. The "International Daily Newspaper" goes to such agencies as the president of the Nova-Scotia Social Service Council, to Dr. William Bancroft Hill, author and lecturer at Vassar college, and to Dr. Thomas N. Carver, Harvard professor of economics for information and articles all in one issue. It is without argument that such an imposing list could not be motivated by selfish purposes. Thus, practically, morally, and economically, the *Monitor* advances the opinion of authority in highly specialized fields to propound the dry cause.

Let us of the anti-administration papers divorce ourselves from political sentiments and house-to-house polls of the already ill-informed voter and give them, if their cause is just, an un-biased and informative argument.—D.C.S.

Educational Progress

"University education," declares a University professor, "is

about fifty years behind the progress of the world."

The superintendent of one of the state's largest public schools says, "The purpose of modern education is to teach children to enjoy a future age of leisure."

Surely and swiftly, technological advancement is precipitating civilization into an age in which leisure will be the rule and work the exception. Before this time shall be reached, considerable adjustment must be effected in the methods and rate of speed of the industrial machine. A two-hour working day is forecast by experts as a positive possibility in the future. Man has yet to free himself from the machine and to make the machine his slave.

But, in due time, these things will come to pass.

Meanwhile, what contribution is education making towards the inevitable future? Will it lag behind the times, as usual? Theoretically, education should be in the vanguard of progress.

Universities and colleges conceive their mission to be training for profitable employment, nothing more and certainly nothing less. The liberal arts degree *per se* is regarded with disfavor by students. Liberal arts graduates by the hundreds are taking commercial or technical courses after completing college.

The future is indeed dim and distant. By reason of the very methods, deliberate and sure, which it employs, education loses step with and falls behind progress. Unless it exerts itself to catch up, today's liberal institutions will find themselves tomorrow's citadels of conservatism.—E.C.D.

For Service Rendered

The faithful fire fighter who has ridden forth to many a blaze during a stated number of years finds at the end of this time that he is required to relinquish his position to a younger man. He is not, however, left without further means of support. He is pensioned. This procedure is followed not only to maintain the efficiency of the fire department, but also as a mark of appreciation to the elderly gentleman who has given his best years in the service of his fellow men.

This same system seems to be in use in virtually every vocation except that of university teaching. In this field a man is not recognized as being outstanding until he arrives at or passes the age at which in other walks of life men are contemplating retirement. Having achieved recognition, he still must continue teaching because salaries have always been low and he has not accumulated enough of the world's wealth to live comfortably in his declining years.

Thus the university professor goes on, each year losing more and more of his keenness and inflicting poor instruction and injustice upon those unfortunates who find it necessary to be enrolled in his course. If a merciful death takes him away, so many more students are spared his unproductive courses, and he is spared the drudgery of continuing what is by now a most monotonous task.

In this very institution a professor has, through bad sight and poor hearing due to infirmities of age, been known to give the mark made on a recitation to a student other than he who recited. This condition has existed for at least three years, and may continue for an indefinite time in the future. If such conduct is not unjust, it is at the very minimum inefficient. The elimination of inefficiency should be the prime aim of an institution of higher education.

It is most certainly true that this is not the time for the in-

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

Man's Best Friend

Pertaining to an editorial which appeared in your paper last Saturday, entitled "A Dog's Life."

The editorial writer who composed this obvious space filler showed a depth of erudition seldom seen in a paper, where, alas, snap judgment and immature opinions are too often the rule rather than the exception. He has expressed his own opinion in a dangerous way by intimating that dogs are tortured by medical students and faculty for the fun of hearing them howl and seeing them gripped in the agonies of an excruciatingly painful death. . . .

Anyone who has ever had a dog or knows anything about them (we wonder if J.F.A. really ever had one) knows that they always howl when moved to new quarters, and also knows that when a group of dogs are left alone all start howling when one begins. Not infrequently a cat strolling leisurely and innocently across the floor will set all the inhabitants of "Caldwell Kennels" to a full use of their vocal apparatus. The "bloodcurdling yelp" heard was undoubtedly caused by no more an atrocious act than the janitor putting the "disreputable looking hound" in his pen, where at least he would be well fed and comfortable, until the time came for him to give his life that man might know more of life, and be better prepared to stave off the common fate of all, death.

Although THE DAILY TAR HEEL, through its writer, does not decry vivisection, it seems to have some idea that it is not being done in quite the right way in Chapel Hill. Suffice it to say here that the work of Dolley, now known wherever physiology is studied, was done here, with the forerunners of these same dogs which jar the sensibilities of THE DAILY TAR HEEL. Also that the work of our own MacNider, known everywhere that medical science is followed, is dependent on these dogs. Many of us might not be here today had not the predecessors of these dogs taught students of the past the fundamentals of physiology, pharmacology, and immunology, so that they might be fit to render scientific service, not experimental guess work, to human patients.

When one knows something of the glorious history of the dog in man's fight against disease—how many thousands have given their lives that we might be able to combat in some measure man's greatest enemy, how some of the terrible scourges of the past are no more, and how, daily, new information is being gained in this never ending struggle, all through the use of animal experimentation—when one knows this, then one can truly testify that the dog is "MAN'S BEST FRIEND."

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CHALMERS R. CARR,
Pres. Univ. Med. Society.

auguration of policies which will involve increased expenditures from the state's already sadly depleted treasury, but may it be suggested that measures be taken to alleviate this situation as soon as practicable. The elimination of such inefficiency is no more than our youth deserve and no less than is due our aged instructors, who have in many cases greatly helped to raise the name of their University to the high place which it now occupies.—O.S.S.

In The Main

By MAYNE ALBRIGHT

Some people still take signs seriously. For instance the two Wilmington boys who hitch-hiked to the Vanderbilt game. Not having any place to sleep they wandered into the Y. M. C. A., and seeing there a bedroom marked "Guest Room" they took it seriously enough—as Ed. Lanier, the owner of the bed, found when he came into his room about midnight. It should be added that Ed, good Yimica Clubman that he is, sought shelter elsewhere, leaving his room to his "guests."

I had heard of the Jig-Saw Puzzle craze that is sweeping the country and breaking up contract parties everywhere, and had idly wondered how it could be so fascinating. I no longer wonder. Wednesday night Dr. and Mrs. Leavitt came by Graham Memorial with a 266 piece set and I sat perfectly happy for five incredibly short hours until a beautiful electric train emerged from the jumbled pile of queer shaped blocks. There's nothing to it, but it gets you. Real Jig-Saw fans want bigger and bigger pictures cut into smaller pieces. Several places in town, including Graham Memorial, now have sets to lend, to rent, or to sell.

Mr. Phillips Russell has taken a long forward step in University teaching methods by holding a two-hour session with his class each Thursday night instead of the regular Thursday and Friday morning classes. There is an atmosphere of informality and sociability about these night meetings which prompts real interest in the discussions and in the work. You have a feeling of knowing intimately the authors under consideration, and you identify your own efforts with accomplishments instead of with credits.

Incidentally in his last lecture Mr. Russell aptly characterized one of James Joyce's wildest neologistic flights by saying "It takes a well educated man to understand even the explanations."

Nelson Robbins, who, from *The Ink Well*, dashes off such good descriptions of the University, has evidently never passed Dr. Collier Cobb's Geology 21, for the famed quotation about man's environmental influences must be repeated accurately word for word and each in its place before you may receive credit for this popular course. Dr. Cobb and loyal host of past members of Geology 21 are shocked, mortified, and offended at Mr. Robbins rendition: "You are largely what you are, because you are where you are." The correct version, of course, is "We are what we are largely because we are where we are." On such trifles hang the fate of nations and diplomats.

And since we are talking about typical sayings of our University professors, see how many of the following expressions you recognize.

1. "All my jokes are bound to be good—they've lasted since Greece was in its glory."
2. "In these old halls, and under these great oaks—"
3. "Speaking in terms of international relations we might seh—"
4. "How much are you a part of society; how much is society a part of you?"
5. "I am a monomaniac. Everyone should be a monomaniac."
6. "I see in this morning's paper that 'The Sage of Northampton' that blankety-blank so-

- and-so, said etc.—"
7. "The situation, as I see it, divides itself into three parts: first—, second—, and third—"
 8. "George Washington's will was of granitic immutability, but in England Bernard Shaw—"
 9. "You must do it with meticulous particularity."
 10. "An unexpected occurrence has caused me to forego the customary preparation which often lends excellence to exposition."

The first person who turns in the correct list of professors gets a free show on me. All others get honorable mention in this column when the answers are given next week.

We don't like jokes about giving this country back to the Indians. The Indians have suffered enough injustice already.—*Dunbar's Weekly* (Phoenix).

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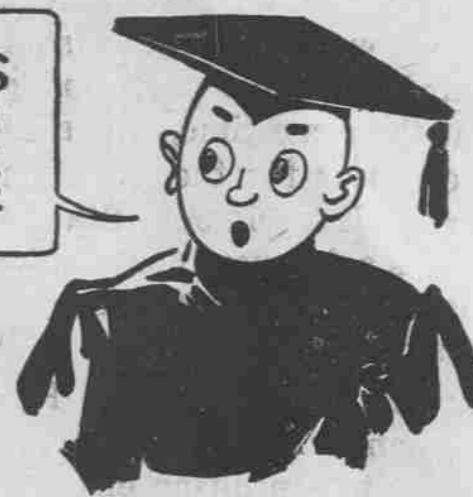
The Campus and National Politics

Socialists are the only politically conscious students on the campus. They seem to be the only ones of a vast student population who are interested enough in their own and their country's welfare to try to do something about it. Colleges are becoming known as hotbeds for Socialism and Communism. There are plenty of loyal conservatives left on the campus but they sit idly by and leave politics to their parents and the political bosses. The college radicals are the only ones who are not afraid to blow their own horns and let the world know what issues they support.

With the presidential election (Continued on last page)

HOW TO AVOID BONERS

THE UNITED STATES IS LOCATED IN THE TEMPERANCE ZONE



POOR BILL BONER—he just can't think straight. He thinks a person is safe from contagious disease if he is intoxicated!

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