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### Death to Liberalism At Columbia

According to a recent issue of the *Columbia Spectator* Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and his reactionary cohorts have renewed their attack on free expression of student opinion which they began last spring with the expulsion of Reed Harris as editor of the student paper. This time they have passed a rule which prohibits "meetings of any organization connected with Columbia university which are open to the public . . . unless a faculty member of professorial rank will volunteer to act as chairman"—thus depriving the students of the full advantages of their last means of true and unhindered expression. The Harris expulsion put a damper on complete expression through the columns of the *Spectator*, and this new ruling will have a similar effect on student mass meetings.

The regulation might well be considered as a direct slam at the integrity of Columbia students. And it is certainly none too complimentary of modern education as symbolized by Columbia university.

There was a time when many of the universities and colleges of the country, as pupils, looked to Columbia for guidance in various educational matters. What Columbia did was at one time considered right and proper. And so far as education was concerned she was perfect. But a great many of these pupils are no longer looking to the New York institution as their teacher. They are beginning to realize that in many respects their one-time teacher would do well to drink deeper at the fount of Up-to-Date Education; that she should give more consideration to the student's own ideas; and that, the less the student is restricted the more is he educated, the more is he developed from within.

To those few pupils who still look to Columbia as their teacher this recent action on the part of the Butler forces has dealt a death blow to further development of liberal expression of student opinion. But to those

one-time pupils who are now liberal teachers themselves the action is merely a final proof of their former teacher's reactionary attitude.

If education does anything at all for the student, it should certainly teach him when, where, and what he can speak of his own accord. But Dr. Butler thinks differently. A member of the faculty must say when and where the student can speak. And if what he speaks is not in keeping with the beliefs of the faculty member, the student will be in grave danger of being expelled. So treat an educated student, prescribes Dr. Butler.

In the final analysis, if Columbia University desires in the future to be looked upon as a liberal institution of higher learning she must first prove herself worthy of such a title, or else she will soon find herself classed as "just another university where faculty supervision reigns supreme."

### And the Mud Flies

"Well," says the Desirable Freshman, "I am considering your fraternity and the Alfa Alfa's."

"The Afa Alfa's," replies the Fraternity Rusher. "What I know about those boys is enough to indict me for slander. Just between us two, did you know that . . ."

And the mud-slinging begins. For the Fraternity Rusher boasts that he always gets his man, even though he has to cut another fraternity's throat to do it.

The rushing rules used on this campus serve their purpose very well. They give all the fraternities and every freshman a fairly even break. But they make no guarantee against that most abominable practice of throat-cutting and mud-slinging.

At the University of Virginia, any fraternity that mentions the name of another lodge in its rushing talk is liable to forfeit its bond, as for the infraction of any other rule. Both the fraternities and the freshmen are asked to report violations of this rule.

THE DAILY TAR HEEL proposes to the Interfraternity Council that it adopt such a regulation in its revision of the campus rushing rules for next season. Such a ruling would have evident advantages. There is no positive harm in it. It would certainly not be disobeyed any more than the rest of the pan-hellenic regulations. —E.C.D.

### Into the Blue

An editorial in a recent issue of THE DAILY TAR HEEL proclaimed the phenomenal ascent of the paper from the red side of the ledger to the realm of staunch economic surety. After losing nearly two thousand dollars in its second year of existence of a daily THE TAR HEEL came back last year to realize a profit slightly in excess of one thousand dollars.

On the heels of this information, it was learned that the first ten issues for 1932 have realized a revenue of \$539.10, an increase of nearly \$120.00 over the same period last year, considered as the peak of advertising periods for this publication.

Not only is this phenomenal increase an index to the glimmer of prosperity returning, but it indicates that THE TAR HEEL is becoming a greater medium for Chapel Hill merchants and those national advertisers who distribute their products through local mercantile establishments.

One old-time country advertising man used to base his sales talk on the argument: "Well, mister, when your automobile

sputters and coughs on a steep grade you give her a little more gas, don't you? Well, that's just like advertising. When business is bad and a red mountain of figures is just ahead, push her over the hill with a little more advertising."

Apparently his lesson has spread.—D.C.S.

### Monopoly Of the Road

Transportation facilities in the state have indeed progressed since the days of our immediate forebears. But it is highly problematical whether the improvements in facilities are doing very much good in so far as "seeing Carolina" is concerned.

Those fortunates who are so situated as to be able to own motor cars of their own, find things very convenient, except for the high gasoline tax. These individuals derive the maximum benefit from the state's most excellent roadways. Let us now, however, consider those persons who must needs ride on the bus to arrive at their various destinations.

The Carolina Coach Company has succeeded in obtaining a monopoly over the motor transportation field in this state, and is pushing it for all that it's worth. When one takes into consideration that the distance from Boston to New York is approximately 200 miles and the bus fare on the Greyhound Lines is four dollars for the round trip, it seems inconceivable that a trip from Chapel Hill to Greensboro, a distance of approximately sixty miles, should demand a fare of three and a half dollars for the round trip.

Operating expenses for busses in the north are in excess of those here because of higher license fees and higher salaries for employees. The only possible reason remaining for the higher rate prevalent in this state is that the company so controls the business that it is at liberty to charge what it pleases.—O.S.S.

## With Contemporaries

### A Way Of Life

In good times, when big business men went about seeking technicians and complaining that colleges and universities turned out too few of them, technical courses became the "rage" in the institutions of higher learning throughout the land. Professors of English, philosophy and the other arts who presumed to complain were laughed down. They had nothing more to do but act as voices crying in the wilderness.

Now, thinks Dr. Raymond Walters, former dean of Swarthmore college, this year beginning his first term as president of the University of Cincinnati, depression will start colleges again teaching students how to occupy their idle time, of which they will have plenty in the next few years.

"The first function of a university," he admits, "is to prepare students for the work of life. A second function of higher learning is training for the leisure of life."

"Perhaps the greatest problem facing our century is that of enforced leisure and unemployment."

"Our great economic system is on trial, just as every preceding system was on trial. Its problems cannot be solved in a Pollyanna recipe that all things will work out well if simply given time. I would suggest for this problem of enforced idleness a definite program of intelligent work."

"Reading should be regarded

as a game, and writing can be done if one feels like it. Many persons are turning to writing, and one authentic sign of a nation's becoming intellectual is a luxuriant crop of amateur writers."

Dr. Raymond's outlook is indicative of the changing viewpoint of educators all over the nation who are realizing that it is the business of the university to point out to modern students a way of life, rather than a way to make a living.—*Southern California Daily Trojan*.

### We Can't Drink It Off

Speaking at a dinner in a loop hotel last Saturday night, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic presidential candidate, expostulated in no uncertain terms that the only way out of our present precarious position was to repeal the dry laws. Once that was accomplished the Governor felt that organized crime could be overcome, the depressions repressed, and the sun could shine once more.

Contrast this view with what Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate, had to say in a recent speech in Milwaukee. "America cannot drink her way out." Then he went on to state that while he favored the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, there were certain social and economic problems that demanded more serious and immediate attention.

We heartily say amen to Mr. Thomas's words. Politicians everywhere are using the wet-dry issue as a smoke screen to hide more pressing problems. Rather than take issue with our present corrupt industrial system, they shout for repeal; instead of discussing means to obtain bread, they procrastinate and yell for beer.

Regardless of what we feel about the Volstead act or the effectiveness of prohibition, let's not be hoodwinked by a mass of ballyhoo. We ourselves feel that prohibition has miserably failed to accomplish what its enthusiasts claimed for it. However, the return of legalized beer and wines will NOT be the grand cure-all for our national condition. We are too closely linked up with international economics; too snarled up in our individualistic program, to ever make such a tremendous recovery by such simple means. Whatever stimulating effect alcohol may have on the individual, it will not be the final answer to our national difficulties.—*Daily Northwestern*.

### We Scandalous Youngsters

An article in a leading newspaper recently bemoaned in no uncertain terms the fact that "we are softening our youth." It began by decrying modern dormitories, sorority houses, fraternity houses, and, in short, all the modern conveniences that the present college student has at his command. With something bordering on Victorian complacency the writer describes his educational surroundings, the proverbial "split-bottom chairs," and all those things the past generation usually boast of. He shows our elders as people who overcame almost unsurmountable obstacles, as people with rugged characters, characters that have enabled them to triumph in a burst of glory over the difficulties of life.

It has always aroused our editorial ire to an almost insane pitch to hear members of a past generation bewail the plight of modern youth. It might be well here to point out some of the products of our "rugged" predecessors. The World War can not be said to have been brought on by the "softness of modern youth," but we must remember that the then modern youth had to fight that war, had to bleed

and die in it. And it is universally agreed that the present economic depression is the result of the "rugged" machinations of the captains of industry, men who certainly cannot be classed as adolescents, men who belong to the generation of the writer who is scandalized by modern youth. And who can deny that the present social order is an improvement on the one which prevailed immediately before the war? Modern youth is not hypocritical, nor is it prudish. It has dared to face the truth, and admit the truth. Yet it is soft. We youngsters are totally without "rugged" characters.

It is our suggestion that fanatical and sentimental people cease decrying youth, especially columnists who belong to a past generation, the generation whose members, by their "rugged characters," brought about disaster in the social order, in the economic order, and in civilization as a whole. That generation has had its day. The present situation is the result of Victorian character-building. We know that we are going to live in this world; we believe that we should make our environment what we want it to be; and, finally and incidentally, we are going to do as we see fit.—*Auburn Plainsman*.

### 'You're Tired, Uninspired; You're Blase'

You're blase, you world-weary sophisticate!

Boredom stalks your waking moments; a becoming pallor decorates your features and a modulated languor your motions. Sated with earthly pleasures, no quest for new sensation interests you. Joy of the flesh is flat.

Wise to omniscience, no knowledge can be new to you. Your brain is replete.

Having sounded the depths and soared the heights of all humanly possible emotions and ideas, knowing "—all is vanity!"—ennui overwhelms you.

Pay no attention if your diagnostician mumbles less about excess of knowledge than about lack of vital spirits, glandular deficiency, atrophied curiosity, retarded metabolism, or defective digestion!

Perhaps the stuff in your shirt, and the mental works under your chapeau make up just a generally second-rate mechanism, a horseless carriage destined to wheeze among twelve-cylinder speedsters and tri-motored air liners!—*Minnesota Daily*.

### Shady Rushing

Try as they might, it is evident some fraternities and sororities are quite unable to overcome the tendency of establishing a lead on their rivals by dirty rushing. What has in other years been only too apparent, has at last struck bottom and now demands a showdown.

If the Greek chapters have to depend on such poor sportsmanship and dishonesty to secure a few pledges, who, themselves, are apparently unacquainted with ethical rushing, the houses are welcome to them. Certainly, by pledging people of such caliber they can never hope to improve their obviously second-rate places.

Dirty rushing is a glaring admission of weakness on the part of the chapters engaging in it. By disregarding the rules made for the benefit of all concerned, they are merely setting themselves up as desperate cases. Their logic is poor; their psychology appalling. What freshman, when he arrives at the inevitable realization, would be content to affiliate himself with a group of cheap, crooked backslappers?

The average intelligence of

those chapters seems to be alarmingly low if they fail to see that by participating in dirty rushing they are only cutting their own throats. When the novelty of it wears off, their pledges will see them as the hypercrites they are. The chapters will not have benefited, for all those possessing any character at all will break their pledges, as they should.

Everyone on the campus has a set of rules, so there is no excuse for the present situation. It is just dishonest, unethical, and cheap. The offenders are hardest hit. They lose their pledges, if any freshman is spineless to submit to dirty rushing; they lose what prestige they might have had; they endanger their social security. And it must be a pretty poor satisfaction to look over a pledge delegation and say, "There, by the grace of cheating and dishonesty, is a group representative of our fraternity."—*Syracuse Daily Orange*.

## DASHIELL TELLS IMPRESSIONS OF OLYMPIC GAMES

(Continued from first page) measurably aided by holding the games every year or two rather than every four. This would give more countries a chance to house the games and would keep the countries in closer informal communication.

The impressiveness of the opening and closing ceremonies cannot be appreciated by hearsay. The singing of the 2,000 athletes on the opening day as they marched around the great stadium following their respective flags, was equalled only by the silence as the Olympic flag was slowly lowered, the taps of the four trumpeters, and the sudden extinguishing of the victory torch which had been burning for sixteen days and nights.

## CALL FOR AID OF NEEDY PERSONS ISSUED BY PRATT

(Continued from first page) each of these organizations as much as was given last year and if possible more. We are confident that those who have, will be ready and willing to make sacrifices for those who have not.

"We have been fortunate in having our local resources supplemented by \$1,200 worth of flour and \$500 worth of cloth from the National Red Cross."

## Clyde Boyles Chosen President Of Juniors

At a meeting Thursday night, the executive committee of the junior class went on record in affirmation of the order passed by the student council on September 26 to the effect that Clyde Boyles automatically assumes the duties of the presidency of the class due to the absence of Webb Collett, erstwhile president. Collett did not return to the University this quarter.

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