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### Made Liberal

#### By Comparison

The University of North Carolina is noted as, to use a very trite expression, the center of liberalism in the south. The fact that "in the south" is invariably a part of this phrase must give rise to the thought that the south must be in some way noted for an unliberal and narrowminded attitude. Wisconsin and California tho in all probability more liberal than Carolina are never spoken of as the centers of mid-western or far-western liberalism. It is an unfortunate fact that the south is laboring under a reputation for conservatism, but it is a reputation that is a just one for we do lag behind in our attitude to education and progress.

The University of North Carolina's career has been one of constant struggle against reactionary forces which have been overcome only thru great bravery and doggedness of purpose of our leaders who have been ever ready and willing to risk their positions in the cause of liberal education. It is their efforts and their success that have earned us the reputation we now enjoy.

There is very little going on in Chapel Hill, however, that would mark us as particularly liberal in the eyes of the nation. There are no courses given nor organizations fostered whose being calls for any tremendous tolerance on the part of our citizens. Free love and atheism, the bogies that haunt the dreams of Tatum and Clark are practically unknown to the student body. There are practically no insidious forces at work intended to alienate the students from the ways of righteousness, the Democratic party or the sanctity of the home. On the contrary there is little here that might ruffle the most reactionary, crabbed, hardshelled, and dyed-in-the-wool, ultra conservative.

The constant attempts of outsiders to purify the University have had two outstanding results. One is the focusing upon them of the publicity they so

avidly crave and with it the contempt of educated people throughout the country. The other result is the acquisition of a reputation for the University that is but partly deserved, a reputation for liberalism in the midst of persecution and bigotry.—J.F.A.

### Smile And Pray

The frantic efforts of the Republican party to anesthetize the people of the United States with regard to monetary conditions can be understood if not approved of.

Economists throughout the world have agreed generally on many causes of depressions. What is more, they have made suggestions which, if followed, would in a few years leave us practically immune from fluctuations. Removal of tariff barriers at some future date would allow all producers who could not meet competition under free trade to enter a business where competition would be practical. No student of economics can argue against the advantages of mass production in those countries least adapted to the production of those particular products.

Immediate cancellation of war debts would have little effect upon the individual population of the country. The total amount, if divided among our total population, would total a little over two dollars apiece. Were these debts cancelled, changes in exports and imports would be felt here and abroad. The only way that Germany has had of paying her debt has been through increasing her exports over her imports. This has necessarily brought about a lowering of the standard of living among her people in addition to a decrease in every country's exports to her. Where we have gained in direct compensation, we have lost indirectly through a marked decrease in our exports.

Blackett, English economist, suggests long time planning with regard to production. He also approves of price stabilization through control by the government instead of the general trend through producers. Regular occurrences of industrial fluctuation at shorter intervals shows that our present system lacks equilibrium. Why not attempt to change those things which are the causes of such chaos?

Why is it that the major political parties of the country fail to consider such items? There are probably several reasons. Being old parties, they feel that any departures from precedent would cause loss of power. Real changes come about through the younger generations and the new parties. It is very seldom that a political party becomes a turn coat. Instead, its adherents change to a newer party and the older one dies.

Any actual changes must bring results rather slowly. For this reason it is impractical for the political party in power to sow where profits cannot be reaped in the same season. The only thing for them to do is to bolster up credit, instill, if possible, a high pressure area in the nation's financial barometer, assume the prosperity smile, and pray for the confidence of the common people.—L.M.J.

### Chip on The Shoulder

In the newspapers of the country reference is repeatedly made to the Socialists as the third major political party of the United States, and on the University of North Carolina campus they have been regarded with equal consideration. Even more, the Socialist party in the straw ballot conducted by THE DAILY TAR HEEL recently has

polled a larger vote than ever before—all of which goes to show that people in general not only either tolerate, accept, or sympathize with their views but are becoming increasingly conscious of the potential power of the party.

But the recent attitude of the Socialists on this campus toward newspaper comment has been one of unwarranted belligerency. They misconstrue it for prejudice, keep ear to the ground and chip on shoulder for remarks which they seem to think are to the detriment of the party. No such crusading has been intended by THE DAILY TAR HEEL; it is a student publication which in such matters adopts a non-partisan attitude.

One of the self-professed needs of the Socialist party is to awaken public interest in and knowledge of their principles. Indications show favorably that it is at least on the way toward realizing this need. But until the Socialists here get rid of the idea that no attacking or making-light of their activities is meant by either editorials or news write-ups, they jeopardize the chance of presenting their principles to an unbiased public. Continual cross-fire of editorial opinion and open forum correction will eventually lead to misunderstanding. At any rate, it will gain nothing and it may lose the prestige which the Socialists now enjoy.

Constantly finding fault is one way to stir up trouble, and notoriety is one way to fame. But to accomplish a desirable end by either of these means is impossible without unfavorable publicity.—A.T.D.

### OUR TIMES

By Don Shoemaker

### Dancers

Most insistent have been several of our four readers that we write a little piece about the Graham Memorial weekly dances, where democracy runs rampant and fifteen co-eds demolish their formerly inferiority complexes. So we went down to the dance in the lounge room the other evening and report a right good time. Junior politicians stalked about with foolish grins and ready back-slaps, you couldn't dance more than half a step with any one lady, and the dance committee toured the floor with noses alert for the slightest whiff of forbidden nectar. Everyone was pretty sociable and democratic, standing on new furniture and dislocating pictures of past presidents to hear the crooning-trio. We urge that the Young Democrats club sponsor the next soiree of this nature.

### Voters

Someone tipped us off to the article in the November Forum dealing with the presidential preferences of some fifty authors, which, annotated by several of the campus political-opinionated, is lodged in the library files. So we hurried down there yesterday at chapel hour and bring you some of our findings. It seems that Forum, desirous of gleaning the political leanings of representative literati (those who had contributed in the past to their magazine) conducted a canvass and listed their contributors with opinions on the coming November fiasco. Such writer-folk as Struthers (I was a Hoover Man) Burt, Henry Seidel Canby, Will Durant, Julia Peterkin, George Jean Nathan, Clarence Darrow, Marcus Duffield and forty-odd others seem to have some pretty conclusive convictions on the affairs of our government.

The annotators, one using a red pencil and the other a stout Rooseveltian 3B black, had ad-

ded peppy little comments to the political pronouncements of the various writers.

The black pencil gentleman had underlined such as "I am in favor of Roosevelt for president because we have had four years of Hoover," and "once upon a time I was a Republican but because of . . . I have now decided to join the Democratic ranks etc." He even had various programs of the writers numbered and underlined. A good Democrat.

But the red pencil was inclined to be a bit doubtful. He had Randolph Spreckel's "so long as the American people are content to be mere voting cogs in the political machines, I feel no urge to name my choice for president," and another's (guess who) . . . "So far as Hoover and Roosevelt go, I have been able to discern nothing in either that merits the vote of any intelligent patriot . . . I shall therefore deprive myself of the pleasure of attending the polls in November" all lined in red with the notation "me too!"

This we think, is a real way to register protest. Don't vote Thomas, don't vote Foster, but just sneak off and mark up the November Forum with a red pencil.

### Autopsy

By Robert Berryman

### THESE COLUMNISTS!

#### This Mayne Stream

If all my readers will listen very close, I will give them some very exclusive scandal about that young man in the red necktie who—but I guess I had better not do it.

Jake Smith, Hank Jones, Fred Johnson, Tommy Watkins were looking in a window down town yesterday. They're my friends and all nice fellows. When they were there, Lucy Jones, Hallie Craven, Nellie Burns, and Kate Brown walked by. My! My!

Since I have been writing my column, many of my friends have dropped into Graham Memorial (Room 100) and told me that they liked it.

Room 100 Graham Memorial is occupied by the manager of our fine new student union this year.

### Sour Times

It is doubtful if, and which, howsoever they might thus and henceafter try, that they will, if it may then become evident, that they then will actually then regress. Roosevelt seems a sure thing. Right! Just! But Hoover will have none of these and this. Henceforth (and the Dole must be borne in mind—if not in body) and thereafter.

Uncle Sam (the United States) will shortly build (construct, make) a new bridge with 170,002 tons of steel, 40,000,000 something, and cement. Also a lot of sand and wire and lumber and gravel. My goodness! That will take a lot of men. It will relieve un-employment (the depression) and will help lots of people (citizens of the United States) to financial stability (get back on their feet).

I have read a lot of really good literary books lately. In my next column I will prove it by listing about fifty of the most outstanding ones of today. My friends are always chiding me about reading so many good books and knowing so much about everything!

### Lifeless Letters

The little delightful town of Chapel Hill is indeed a sleepy little delightful place in which to live. The soirees in the salons are really *bonne et belle*. I mean, in all their delightfulness, they are simply too charming!

Swinburne, Hardy, Stevenson, and Kipling are delightful writers. They have charming styles. Literary writing is too

fascinating! I adore Schopenhauer. One has simply not lived until one has read Schopenhauer's Essays. As the saying is: *abeunt studia in mores!*

I eschew verbosity. The mark of a *litterateur* is that he confine his vocabulary within under-standability by frequent latin quotations.

### The Ink Spots

Dots . . . more dots . . . dots and more dots . . . many dots . . . ah! what is more beautiful than a dot? . . . Nothing! . . . Blots . . . globs of dots streaking across lines . . . what a help are dots to fill space . . . when one has nothing to say, but has to write a column . . . what a help they are indeed! . . .

Corn . . . string beans . . . lima beans . . . all kinds of beans . . . how I love to eat beans! . . . Beans are good to eat . . . what beautiful thoughts dots express . . . thoughts so beautiful they cannot be expressed in words . . . dots alone can give one an inkling into their indescribability . . . I like to eat all kinds of food . . . I love to eat . . . How strange that so many people like to eat.

Chapel Hill at night . . . Chapel Hill at day . . . a different world . . . a different time . . . Four o'clock . . . eight o'clock . . . the romance of it all! . . . Imagine! . . . Can my readers understand the raptures I experience? . . . The ecstasy I feel? . . . Ah! . . . And again, ah! . . . Ahhhhhhh! . . .

### SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

#### A Freshman Speaks On Cheering

Being a freshman, I have some hesitancy in voicing my opinion on any subject that could be dealt with more intelligently by the older men at the University. However, I believe that there are numerous freshmen who feel as I do about the matter of disorganized cheering.

I have noticed that a compact mass of rooters, say three hundred, all cheering in unison, can make more real noise than a whole stadium full of rooters interspersed between alumni, visitors, and other students who have lost interest in rooting for the team. Why can't we have some organization like the "Cheerios"? I can remember that organization, and it always impressed me when I viewed football games here at Carolina. It would appear to me that the freshmen this year could be as cooperative and loyal to the team, and to the University, as any of the preceding classes.

I believe that if the student body would really back up the team to the limit, the team would fight to the last ditch for the school. It is true that we have lost several games this year, but the team has always done its apparent best, and it must be said in fairness that the team has done as well "by" the student body as the student body has done by the team. If we give the team our undivided support, and let them, or "it," know that we are behind it, win, lose, or draw, I believe that we can take State, Florida, and Duke and end the season in a most creditable fashion.

I would not desire to have membership in this proposed organization made compulsory. There are some men in the freshman class who may think it undignified to belong to such an organization. Personally, I am not in favor of too much dignity, as I believe that it causes one to miss plenty of fun. I know that I should like to belong to a team-assisting gang, and I believe that there are many other freshmen (and perhaps sophomores) who would agree with me.

JESSE PARKER.

### Consider Him Nominated, Then

Mr. A. H. Graham, next lieutenant-governor of North Carolina, should be nominated to the Hall of Fame for at least three reasons: for his admirable statement, "I shall not go into the fundamental differences between the Democratic and Republican parties as it would take too much time here"; for his opinion that the Democratic platform is clear-cut and plain in that it definitely proposes repeal of the eighteenth amendment, while the Republican platform suggests resubmission only; for a talk lasting a full hour containing no single constructive idea and saying in substance, "The Republican rule has not been good for the country and we need a change." All present were amazed to discover that wheat

has been selling for fifty cents per bushel, that Hoover has a weakness for appointing investigating committees, and that there are 12,000,000 unemployed, some of whom will not live comfortably this winter, which, in the opinion of Mr. Graham, is "pathetic." Mr. Graham further warned us to beware of certain Republican candidates who have nothing to say.

Such vital issues as government ownership and operation of industry for public good rather than for private gain; the "repealing" of unemployment; social insurance; the betterment of industrial labor conditions through the six-hour day, the five-day week, the abolition of child labor and the night shift, government employment agencies; the amelioration of farm problems, by planned farming, government marketing, refinancing of farm debts, lightening land taxes; and all the other critical issues, best summarized in the platform of the Socialist party, were ignored by the speaker; whether deliberately or through ignorance, I do not know.

Mr. Graham's final effort to cover up the kindergarten aspect of his speech was by the portrayal of three young gentlemen, aged six, four, and two, respectively. Mr. Six stands for less castor oil, Mr. Four for less breakfast food, and Mr. Two for more bottle-fed babies, as he gets tired of cigarette ashes falling in his face.

Mr. Graham's speech was well applauded. No doubt the Young Democrats present considered that if Mr. Graham's constructive program were carried out, the millenium would be reached in ten years.

VERNON WARD.

### Back Again

I would like to say a few words in reply to the letters by R. B. House, Mary Dirnberger, and R. B. Downs in your Saturday issue.

Mr. Downs' defenses seem to be two in number: first, that a student assistant used some of the working time of himself and his fellows in dispensing Socialist material, including Thomas-for-President badges; and second, that the ban on the wearing of political insignia by assistants while on duty was a non-partisan measure which was not aimed specifically at the Socialists.

With regard to the first of these contentions, the use of University time, I am in accord

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