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The Feminine Touch

With regard to the question of allowing co-eds in fraternity houses it might be said first of all that the co-eds themselves are wholeheartedly in favor of such permission, since, now that the old rule is being enforced they have no place to go to have their dates except the semi-public lounge of Spencer Hall.

According to the Dean of Women such permission as is now being sought was granted during a session of summer school with the result that opposition was aroused from the men, who objected to the invasions made upon their time and freedom within their own homes. But in this connection it is well to point out that fraternity discipline in the summer, if it exists at all, is notably lax as compared to that of the winter sessions. Fraternity rulings concerning unnecessary noise and the radio are enforced during the winter sessions for the benefit of the largest number, and it is entirely likely that these house rules, devised and enforced within the houses themselves, will, in the case of the granting of such permission, prevent the co-eds from making nuisances of themselves.

The predominant sentiment among fraternity men who consider the question at all indicates that the ruling as it exists now is a reflection on them and on the co-eds themselves. Quite justly, fraternity men do not consider their homes as lairs of evil devised for the entrapping of innocent females. The oft-derided respect for decent womanhood prevails, fortunately enough, among Carolina men, and to the extent that co-eds entering a fraternity house come into a decent and moderately civilized environment. It is our suggestion that if any lack of respect for them should be shown, it be reported by the women themselves through the Women's Council, to the Interfraternity Council. That organization would be in a position to deal effectively with any misconduct.

At any rate, the situation as it now exists seems unsatisfactory to all concerned, and it is to be hoped that a reasonable settlement of the question is not far distant.—H.N.L.

Man Above Property

Hailed by liberals as a prominent decision in the history of the rights of man, the Supreme Court's ruling in the Minnesota case, which upheld the moratorium privileges of a mortgagee against a building and loan company, has created an apprehensive stir among the Hooverarian conservatives. And in connection with this, it is interesting to note that, although Chief Justice Hughes cast the deciding vote in the four-five decision, three of the majority were from judges appointed during the conservative regime.

The opinion has been expressed that the Minnesota decision is likely to become a precedent for future judicial rulings under the NRA—that is, during the time that the recovery program is active. Although we like to believe this, there is ample authority to the contrary. One famous student of the constitution and its interpretation by the Supreme Court, for instance, attaches little importance to the Minnesota case.

Nevertheless, it has been thought to indicate a broader application of the states' rights principle, though what this will mean in this dictatorial era we, at least, cannot conjecture. One

thing that has particularly up-set the hard-and-fast-rulers is whether it will mean that a state may (in substance) invalidate such a contract. Even more extravagantly, some declare that contractual agreements between debtor and creditor are likely to be permanently impaired, or at least will henceforth be construed entirely in the former's favor.

In our humble opinion, it will do neither of these alarming things. But that is not to diminish the importance of the Minnesota decision. If the debtor will have, during recovery years, the advantage over the creditor, all well and good. At least most of us now are in the former class which can thank Providence for Justices like Hughes and Brandeis.—A.T.D.

An Interesting Campus Group

It is easy with so many activities that a large university offers to overlook some interest that might yield a great benefit. The French club on this campus meets weekly and to those interested in speaking the language it offers the best opportunity available at Chapel Hill.

Everyone knows that with the varying degrees of ability that are found in every class, with the small amount of time, and the large amount of material to be covered it is difficult for the French class to function in the true French fashion.

The French club, of course, is not in any degree formal, nor does it aim at anything approaching classroom activity. It is a gathering of those students who are interested in using what French they know. It maintains the rule, self-imposed, by the members, of having only French spoken at meetings.

To those students who are French-minded a meeting of the French club offers a real service and at the same time an enjoyable evening.—J.M.V.H.

What Ho? Democracy

Anyone with half an iota of horse sense—but it doesn't exist outside of Gulliver's Travels—could see in the recent report of H. H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War, a definite concerted and so far successful fascistic organization of the CCC. He states that the army is in a position to be directed to organize the CCC into "Economic storm troops." Further on in his statement he so boldly and unabashedly states: "Let me speak frankly! If this country should be threatened with foreign war, economic chaos, or social revolution, the army has the training, the experience, the organization to support the government and direct the country in the national interest" (bold face ours).

The national interest would undoubtedly be the interest that sent us into the last war. The national interest of Wall Street, the same peaceful intention of the present government that keeps the Cuban ports crowded with our sea-going army tanks, is the only interest that the army knows to serve, for who butters the army's bread? Wall Street. How the president can countenance this report and stick by his statement of peaceful intention is a mystery to all but those who read between the lines when the navy got a nice appropriation under the cloak of public works appropriation.

We have long suspected that the American Military Caste has had this in mind, but we did not know that the Roosevelt administration was so careless that the caste felt that now was the time to come into the open. When we couple this move with Johnson's efforts to muzzle the press, we can not help but wonder if we aren't drifting into that dreadful oppressing undemocratic state of Fascism.—B.C.P.

Speaking The Campus Mind

First in Ignorance, The State

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:

"A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

The University of North Carolina is degenerating. But for the heroic sacrifices of a number of faculty men; but for the superhuman efforts of Frank Graham, we should long ago have closed our doors. The writer is a northerner, and has never lived in the south till he came to this University. He looks at the matter impartially. He is not going to mince phrases for the sake of diplomacy, but is going to speak the truth, without flowery eloquence, and not with half formed ideas, but with firm conviction and foundation in every word.

The University here at Chapel Hill is ranked as one of America's finest, by Europeans and by American educators, who take no stock of football teams, as the south's greatest, and near the top in the nation.

In the face of this, our appropriation from the state was barbarously cut last year, and no hope is given for a raise for some time to come. North Carolina, which is the third most illiterate state,

pays its teachers lower wages than forty-one other states, is lowest in the country for libraries per capita population, is forty-seventh in the number of acres cultivated per farm, whose property per capita is worth less than any state's in its value for tax purposes; has, in other words, nothing but red mud, a great trade in rotgut corn liquor, a few second growth pine forests, some tobacco, and a University.

The people of this state are not worthy of this great heritage, this University that is theirs. It seems they are more interested in some few whining legislators, in their petty trade, in their picayune spites, in their bigoted, hard-headed, smug, self-sufficient, intolerant, and near-sighted selves, than in the only thing that can raise them above the level of mediocrity.

A hundred and forty years have gone into the making of this great institution, and now it is given into the hands of a people first in nothing, except perhaps their ignorance.

And so we who speak, not for the University but for the north—as the Nation, and the New York Times have spoken—who can see you in the light of the progress that the rest of the country has made, who can behold you throwing down your guerdon for a few more stretches of cement, for a couple of tobacco factories, we can only pity you.

W. H. W.

With Contemporaries

(Editor's Note: Brother Prochazka was formerly a student at the University. His comment on fraternity politics and his recommendations, appearing in the Middlebury Campus, are therefore particularly interesting and amusing.)

In the December 13, 1933 issue of the Campus the students of Middlebury were reminded editorially of the suggestion made last spring that a general election day be instituted at this college. The practical advantages of such an election day were reviewed, and the evils of our present slipshod system were pointed out. But one very important phase of the election question was not touched upon—the mater of interfraternity politics and their bearing on the situation.

That the general election day would be a decided improvement on the system, or lack of system, now in use seems obvious. It would help in many ways, as demonstrated in the editorial mentioned above, but it would not solve the problem of scheming political combinations.

In an attempt to curtail the pre-election bargaining among various selfish factions, the nominating committee idea was made effective. Ideally it was to keep the nominations for the various offices secret until the actual casting of ballots came about. The nominations were to be made by a representative group, and were to be carefully arrived at from the most deserving people available. Undoubtedly it has checked politics to some extent, but it has not eliminated them by any means. The fault does not seem to lie in the system, which is ideally splendid. It would seem that under any system a certain amount of vote bartering and "fixing" will take place. Under the committee system the names of the nominees have been repeatedly divulged and additional criticism has been made because of the power given the committee, representative, perhaps, but small, to decide upon the nomi-

nees. Besides failing to stop political "combines," the committee created other situations that are unpleasant; so, despite its theoretical excellence, it would seem to be impractical and unwise.

Interfraternity politics may possibly be defended on the grounds of brotherly co-operation, but they have certainly caused a considerable amount of unfairness and have put inferior people into office time and again. It is of course deplorable that they seem to be a permanent part of elections in a college where almost all the students are on comparatively intimate terms, despite all attempts by hopeful idealists. But since the students, possibly inheriting certain qualities from the tactics of American politics, cannot, or will not control their scheming, it seems futile to attempt to suppress them.

The best thing to do would be to adopt a general election day, and eliminate the committee idea. Nominations could be left open well in advance of the election day, and all willing and available candidates would be certain to find a place on the ballot. There could at least be no complaints in that direction. Then, any ententes that might be ready to coalesce could do so; but we believe that politics would have less actual power when the voters would have a longer period to consider the nominees—but that would remain to be seen. Possibly some honest-to-goodness electioneering would help to make the situation a healthy one.

The answer to the problem would seem to lie in leaving the field open to all, eliminating restricted nominations, and putting the candidates before the voters in time to allow careful consideration. The evil of politics would not be entirely done away with, we are aware, but at least the politicians would be violating no rules, and those individuals would probably be less effective. But it seems sad that students, brought into close contact with each other in classroom and in extra-curricular activity, should scheme behind each other's back. The world will offer enough of that in later life.—Otto W. Prochazka, Jr.

KYSER'S BOYS CELEBRATE

Kay Kyser's band, which was founded when Kyser was a student at the University, celebrated its seventh anniversary recently. Kyser and his orchestra have appeared in various musical capacities all over the country.

FIREMEN ANSWER ALARM

Chapel Hill firemen were called to the residence of Professor J. C. Lyons, 405 Pittsboro street, at 9:20 o'clock yesterday morning to extinguish a fire which originated in a defective heater flue, setting fire to a partition. Damage is reported as slight.

OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

- WMCA—570
- 6:00—Ted Black.
- 7:00—Clem McCarthy, sports.
- WJZ—760
- 6:45—Captain Al Williams.
- 7:30—Eddie Duchin.
- 12:00—Paul Whiteman.
- WOR—710
- 7:00—Ford Frick, sports.
- 7:30—Little symphony orchestra.
- 11:02—Paul Tremaine.
- WGN—810
- 8:30—Hal Kemp.
- WABC—860
- 6:15—Mildred Bailey.
- 6:30—George Hall.
- 9:15—Stoopnagle and Bud.
- 10:00—Rebroadcast, Byrd expedition.
- 11:00—Guy Lombardo.
- 11:30—Ted Fiorito.
- 12:00—Glen Gray and Casa Loma orchestra.
- 12:30—Abe Lyman.
- 1:00—Claude Hopkins.

Radio Clippings

Some Pull, Some Pull—
Three years ago, Kate Smith heavyweight Moon singer, slipped on a rug in her living room, and according to the story which has just gotten out, it took two boy friends five minutes to get her off the floor.

We Can't Believe It—
When a man announces publicly that he has too much money, that's news. And How! But that's what Abe Lyman, popular California band leader did when a business firm approached him with a nice fat contract. He referred the firm to Jan Garber, and added "I don't want to make any more money, the richest man in the world can't do anything I can't."

Just Kids—
Amos 'n' Andy had some fun Christmas week. They wrote their secretary a two page letter, on the first page stating how much they appreciated her services and all that, but in the face of hard times they would have to cut her salary ten per cent—and then on the second page, near the end wrote, "on second thought, we have decided to raise your salary—"

I Wonder—

If the public has really been musically educated to the point where those classical ciggy programs are going over big—and how many are going to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Richard Strauss' "Salome," from the stage of the Metropolitan opera this afternoon . . . if anybody knows that Saxy Dowell, Carolina grad with Hal Kemp, plays the part of that colored musician in the "Little Orphan Annie" sketches . . . and if our early bird listeners catch that swell Midnight Flyers program run by our Hal Kemp from WGN every Tues-
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