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THIS ISSUE: NEWS, GARDNER; NIGHT, JONAS

"The open air of public discussion and communication is an indispensable condition of the birth of ideas and knowledge and of other growth into health and vigor."—John Dewey.

UNCRITICAL COMMENT

In today's issue of the DAILY TAR HEEL appears the first of a series of comments by the several deans and administrative heads on the subject of comprehensives. Comprehensives have been under fire for some time, and it was presumed during the last quarter that some action would be taken on the matter.

The three faculty members whose comment appears today are all in favor of the retention of the comprehensive exam. However, two of these men advocate some change in the nature of the exams, apparently desiring to string them out over several days and to make them even more "comprehensive" than they are as they exist at the present.

But none of these men give adequate justification for the retention of the comprehensives, though one of them made a half-hearted attempt at an analogy. Even to suggest that an individual goes through four years of college merely to take a comprehensive exam as football players practice for a week in preparation for a game is undeniably illogical.

Without regard to any justification of the comprehensives, these faculty members suggested that an extension of the time required to complete the examination would accomplish some undefined end. No satisfaction can derive from such a statement. The suggestions at best can only be superficial, since the fundamental maladjustment, the examination itself, is touched upon by no constructive criticism.

Such generalizations can only make more emphatic the conclusion that comprehensives in themselves can have no sound bases for continued existence. The advocates of the comprehensive plan have in the past insisted that a synthesis of the courses in the major takes place. It requires only a superficial perusal of the examinations given in the past to prove that such an assumption is false. An unofficial poll has indicated that students study the individual courses as such without any attempt at synthesizing.

These interviews will be published until each dean and administrative head has expressed his opinion on the subject. It is hoped that future comments will be directed toward more logical reasons for or against comprehensives.

THEY RIGHTFULLY BELONG

Last June the trustees decided that the principle of "allocating functions" among the three branches of the University dictated the exclusion of freshmen and sophomore co-eds from Chapel Hill. Such students should enroll at Greensboro, where a college has been established especially for women students.

Many trustees, unwilling to stop there, expressed the opinion that consolidation would eventually cause undergraduate co-eds to be transferred altogether from this campus to Greensboro. Women, they said, had no place on a men's campus.

To this threat, Carolina co-eds have this year made a positive answer. They are further entrenching themselves here by developing their own life and organization.

At the present, a Y. W. C. A. is being formed, not to hold prayer meetings merely, but also to consider vocational, social, religious and political questions; the organization also expects to engage in girl scout work in the village, and to participate in adult education and charity work.

Last fall, the women students established a local chapter of a national honorary sorority, the organization to take the place in women's affairs of the Golden Fleece in men's activities. They also formed a hockey team and took a greater interest in their athletic program.

With all these developments we are in complete sympathy and approval. We still believe in the value of co-education, especially in an institution which purports to be a university rather than a liberal arts college or prep school.

Therefore, we applaud the efforts of our women students. In developing a life and organization for themselves, they have chosen the best possible means of convincing the trustees that they rightfully belong at this institution.

THE GOSSIPAL TRUTH

by
Irving D. Suss

PAX VOBISCU

The efforts of various groups throughout the country to secure adequate promulgation of anti-war philosophy meets a strong opposition force in the current issue of the March of Time "newsreel." Attempts to minimize militarist sentiment received a near-death blow when the mighty "right" of the news magazine's screen venture swung out and cracked the nation solidly under the heart again and again with a barrage of pictures of marching soldiers, G. H. Q. strategy planners, and waving flags.

Anti-war agencies have neither the money nor the power to combat on equal terms such widely publicized propaganda. They cannot have the disgusting representations of modern warfare portrayed in moving picture houses all over the country; they cannot explain to such large audiences as the March of Time plays to, the economic entanglements which draw a country into war; they cannot play upon the emotions since theirs is a logical rather than an emotional position.

How to create a realization of the causes and costs of war in the minds of the masses of the people of the country is the problem of the enlightened youth and adult elements. Undoubtedly there is some solution. But while Italy and Ethiopia rage, and while Germany, Japan, England, Russia, and the United States prepare for war, and while France is in political uproar, and while the League of Nations remains ineffectual despite its use of sanctions to stop the warring nations, anti-war sentiment is being crushed. This is apparent: organization is needed among the groups interested in furthering world peace, and a vigorous policy is necessary to fight the rising tide.

FIREWORKS

With my usual penchant for repeating stories everybody has heard years ago and which I have just lately come across, I submit the following bit gleaned by careful eavesdropping during the Christmas holidays:

"I hear tell," said the gentleman, "that so-and-so is a firecracker drinker."

"What do you mean?" the young lady queried.

"He's out after the Fourth."

AAA DECISION

The Supreme Court's decision on the AAA folds up one of the most radical reforms of the New Deal. The theory on which the law was based was one of scarcity. To the tenant farmer, whose cost of living jumped proportionately to the price rise in their products, the benefits were not apparent.

The Democratic administration, because of the inexpediency engendered by the situation, will not attempt to have a constitutional amendment passed during this presidential year in all probability. What will eventually happen, no one can predict. It is safe to assume, however, that the American people will not, under our present form of government, pass such an amendment. It is also safe to assume that the majority of the voters will fail to realize the logical grounds for refusing to pass such an amendment.

Swain Hall

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Attending their first Phi meeting were Miss Ruth Crowell, Sam Randall, and Thomas Rankin.

Now YOU'RE Talking

CONTRACT VS. UNION

To the editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:

The contract for printing the Yackety-Yack for this year has been awarded to the Queen City Printing Co. of Charlotte. In all fairness to the University this contract should be broken.

The Queen City Printing Co. refuses to recognize the Typographical Union. The Typographical Union has as supporters and members practically all first class printers and printing houses in this country. Besides being a protection against being fired arbitrarily for the printer, it provides a home for disabled printers who would otherwise be without a means of living. Most important, it imposes certain requirements upon members of the printing trade in order to insure work of a high standard of perfection.

Doubtless, most of the students recall that last year's Yackety-Yack was late in appearing. This was due to a strike of the employees of the Queen City Printing Co. This strike was never successfully arbitrated. Finally the old employees were fired definitely and new, non-union men, were employed in their places. To take the place of the old skilled printers a group of strike-breakers was employed—men who are not capable of doing the high type of work required of Union men. Native North Carolinians who have helped support this University and who have lived in this state as high types of respectable citizens were replaced by an imported lower class of citizen and printer. The old employees were not given a fair deal; they were not allowed to bargain collectively; definitely, the Queen City Printing Co. is guilty of unfairness to organized labor.

Shall the University patronize such a concern as the Queen City Printing Co? The work done in the past on the Yackety-Yack has been above reproach, but now the skillful craftsmen are gone and the present employees of the Queen City are not capable of producing the same first class product. Perhaps the P. U. board can save a small percent by patronizing the Queen City. Does it wish to do so by sacrificing the principles of organized labor and at the price of jobs of North Carolinians who are left at the complete mercy of their employers? Shall we speak of the sanctity of contracts in such a case in which a principle is involved which transcends such matters? Besides, the Queen City Printing Co. has broken faith already: it has changed its principles by radically undemocratic actions since the contract was awarded.

Other colleges have recognized the unfairness of the Queen City Printing Co., and have withdrawn their contracts. It is not seemly that the University of North Carolina, whose traditions are those of a liberal democracy, should patronize a company which does not recognize and which refuses to deal with organized labor. In fairness to the students of the University and in fairness to this State the contract should be broken.

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NOT CARELESS

To the editor,

The DAILY TAR HEEL:

The reason the tower clock chimed every quarter hour Sunday during the entire night was due to the loosening of a tapered

Student-Faculty

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circulating around the campus. It also assumed the responsibility of providing transportation both to and from dormitories for professors and students.

The practice football game which was formerly a feature of the program will not be held this year. Dormitories will have open house from 2 to 4 o'clock and fraternities from 4 to 6 o'clock. Light refreshments will be served and each dormitory will set aside a social room.

Snyder pointed out that every member of the faculty and student body must co-operate with the committees if the affair is to succeed. "We want to get together and make this thing a real success," he said, "and to do that we've got to have the whole-hearted support of every man on the campus."

Last night's meeting was attended by members of the Interfraternity Council, the Interdormitory Council and the Dormitory Managers Council. Snyder, L. C. Bruce and Albert Ellis are in charge of the coordination of plans for the day.

Playmaker Revels

Saturday night from 8 o'clock on, the Carolina Playmakers will hold their "Twelfth Night Revels" in the Playmaker Theatre. This annual affair is in the hands of a committee headed by Josephine Niggli and is attended by both old and new Playmakers.

The entertainment will consist of skits and take-offs. Dancing will be held later on the Playmaker stage. Josephine Niggli announces that any one interested in writing modern skits will please see her at once.

CO-ED GLEE CLUB

Women's glee club rehearsals will be held in the choral room of Hill Music hall from 5 to 6 o'clock on Monday and Friday of each week. The mixed chorus will meet every Friday from 4 to 5 o'clock. Grady Miller, director of the clubs, requests full attendance at each meeting in preparation for a concert to be given February 26.

Milk Case

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up again yesterday, it was again postponed. The local legal minds will again have a chance at it next Tuesday according to the calendar.

pin which ties the driving gears of the dial hands and the strike and chime mechanism to the drive shaft of the clock, and it was not due to carelessness on anyone's part. It so happened that the pin came loose on a hour when the chimes were set up to strike and as the chiming program was then disengaged from the other clock mechanism it caused the chimes to operate every quarter hour. It is believed that the slipping of the pin was due to contraction and expansion of the metals as the outside temperature in Chapel Hill has varied in the past month from a minimum of 8 degrees to a maximum of 66 degrees. This would cause considerable movement of the metals in the clock and would tend to drive the pin out of its proper position. Due to heavy condensation in the tower it is necessary to keep some of the windows open, which exposes the clock to the outside temperature. The clock is 100 per cent automatic in its operation and since the temperature condensation device was worked out about three years ago the accuracy of the clock has been so good that it has been found that many people in Chapel Hill rely on the tower clock for the correct time.

BELL-RINGERS

THE BODY POLITIC

By STUART RABB

The weather: **STORM WARNING**—A campaign disturbance of unprecedented intensity moving across the entire United States with storm center reaching Washington, D. C. this fall. The disturbance will be preceded by hot winds.

Purpose and Platform

Undisturbed and undaunted by the cold fact that our readers will be few, that this column is very likely destined to be the last stronghold of unread print in "the only college daily in the south," we accept our position with dignity. Our purpose: to tell you what we see written on the boxcars of the political freight train as it flashes past.

Our platform: We do not believe that we should burn the existing social and governmental structure and upon its ashes construct a new and greater state. We do believe that no system can be totally bad, indeed, that it can be no worse than the individuals who compose it. We believe that no system can be better than its citizens. In short, we prefer cure to amputation.

Austerity

"How lofty is the austerity of youth," reflected the sage. Too true, perhaps, is the charge that youthful would-be columnists don the garb of the savant and speak with the voice of final authority. Heaven forbid that they should call us "The Voice of Experience."

Unashamed by the stigma of immaturity, the Body Politic marches on! Ta-ta-da, ta-ta-ta-DAA-ta . . .

The Political Press

From the avalanche of partisan propaganda released at the turn of the year, there stands out a slim little volume that packs within its covers the dynamic punch of a master politician. Yclept "Hell Bent for Election," this book which is scarcely more than a pamphlet contains 78 pages of dynamite. Our copy came with the "compliments of Pierre DuPont." It is truly as potent as some of Mr. DuPont's other products.

Written by James P. Warburg who characterizes President Roosevelt as the gentleman "hell bent for election," this book promises to be a thorn in the side of the Democratic party this year. It is the most persuasive document we have yet seen. Mr. Warburg uses four "yardsticks" in appraising the President: (1) How well he has fulfilled his promises, (2) What are his present purposes, (3) How well he has carried out his purposes, and (4) Mr. Roosevelt's individuality. When Mr. Warburg is through, the President appears so ensnared in his own statements and promises that he seems ridiculous.

The smashing of the AAA by the Supreme Court is predicted with startling accuracy.

We talked with six good Democrats back in the home town. They said they hoped "Hell Bent for Election" would not be widely read. To all students of persuasion and journalism we recommend it.

Unsuccess Story

Four-word life story of a political failure: Politics, penury, perjury, poison.

LOST—Small brown purse, containing about four dollars, sometime yesterday. Finder please return to Tar Heel office.

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