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# Letters To The Editor

Over 100 Words Subject to Cutting

#### MOVIE EDUCATION

#### To The Editor, Dear Sir:

While commending the efforts of our editorialists to deal with more universal topics than High School Day and Keep Off the Grass, one is forced to criticise their lack of discernment. To be more specific, we refer you to the editorial of February 18th, Movie Education.

The writer states, "With the growth and perfection of the art of motion OA PAYING GUEST pictures has come a corresponding sense of awareness and responsibility on the part of those who produce our picttures toward not merely furnishing us with the best in entertainment, but of educating the general public Carolina house long enough to bealong lines of necessary action." This is absurd. Observing the Tarheels of the last few days, we see advertised: house, of the political science depart-Ambush (caught in the net of a ruth- ment, for his invitation to us "furrinless manhunt)-social significance ? ? ers" to make ourselves at home in Bragdon came to ask him to use this ?; Pride of the West (Cassidy wit his state. and Cassidy guns foil a daring highway holdup) - social significance ? ? ?; Paris Honeymoon ( a honey- out of state students come to North moon for three in gay Paree-with Carolina . ..." four Crosby tunes to make it perfect)-social significance ? ? ?; Ro- erous coming from Mr. Woodhouse, man Scandals (a Roman holiday of who comes from Virginia and so is songs, beauty and laughter)-social himself a guest, though hardly a paysignificance ? ? ?; Tailspin (thrill ing one. I myself am from Washingdrama of three women who fly)-so- ton, D. C., so Mr. Woodhouse has cial significance ? ? ?; Judge Hardy's few miles advantage on me. I am Family (oo-la-la Meekey, you look so humbly aware of this geographical inmagnifique in your first tuxedo)social significance ? ? ?.

This, we believe, is fairly representative of the tripe which the average in North Carolina I have been gratemovie-goer is forced to stomach. Do ful aware of southern hospitality. This you call the above "educating the is the first time I have found strings ublic along lines of necessary ac- attached to it. Says the courteous Mr tion?" Pardon us while we snicker. Woodhouse, in effect: "Come in, sir, These pictures merely make the make yourself at home, but keep your average movie-goer more dissatisfied damn-yankee mouth shut!" This is not with his lot by painting unreal and the University of North Carolina alluring images of those things un- speaking, if we can take President attainable by him. However no con- Frank Graham as representative of structive thought accrues from this the official attitude. Is it Virginia? dissatisfaction because, firstly, false ideals are created by these movies and

thus, the people are diverted from their real problems, and secondly, they offer no solutions to any problems (unless you are interested in how "Cassidy wit and Cassidy guns foiled a daring highway hold-up.")

Because we have had one or two good movies is no reason to blind ourselves to the hundreds of foul-smelling ones produced annually.

Sincerely yours, FRANK HOLZMAN IRWIN KATZ

#### To The Editor Dear Sir:

As one of the paying guests who has been admitted into the North come an alumnus of the University. I wish to thank Mr. Edward J. Wood-

This sentiment is particularly genferiority in making the following humble suggestions.

I can say, without irony, that while

### **Coffman's Statement**

(Editor's note: The following is an official statement of the head of the English department concerning information necessary to a proposed article on the Negro question in the Carolina Magazine.)

John Creedy, editor of the Caro- Sunday afternoon, lina Magazine, has asked me if I would not make a statement concern- quet tomorrow night and on Friday ing material which he wished to have will present programs at the Dunn published as an article in the forth- schools, at hospitals, and before civic coming issue. The statement follows: groups. A basketball game is planned

dent in sociology received permission a few weeks ago from Dr. Hudson, chairman of freshman English, to secure through a theme the views of the freshmen on admitting Negroes to House To Get Degree the Graduate school.

2. Dr. Hudson understood that this material was to be used for a seminar paper she was preparing in the department of sociology. In this interdepartmental cooperation I concur

heartily. 3. Monday afternoon while Dr. Hudson was absent on account of the dangerous illness of his daughter Mrs. material for an article in the forth-In his his letter of February 17, Mr. coming issue of the Carolina Maga-Woodhouse said "I am glad to have zine. The answer to this request be-

came my responsibility. 4. Mr. Creedy came that evening with the same request.

5. My negative reply was for the following reasons:

a) A regular class in the English department is not the place to secure data for immediate journalistic purposes.

b) As a complete seminar paper or as a thesis Mrs. Bragdon's results will have been examined and approved by a member of the Department of Sociology. The data and the conclusions thus secured through interdepartmental cooperation, when approved or placed in the library are available for such use as any one may wish to make of them. This is a fundamental distinction. b) Incidentally, it is a general departmental policy to respect the confidential character of all written work in connection with freshman English. Dr. Hudson understood that within the limits of a seminar paper or a theses such confidence would be respected when he granted Mrs. Bragdon permission to use this theme. To the above, which represent the reasons for my reply, I added in conversation with both Mrs. Bragdon and Mr. Creedy the question of the relaand work up. Thereby, he maintains, ition of a university department to the Administration. President Graham has recognized the Negro question as one for the legislature and has not entered At the end of each week he gathers into public discussion of it. Though up all available DAILY TAR HEELS faculty members and students inand goes into seclusion, from which dividually and collectively may express their views on this subject, is it not the part of good taste and of regard for official relations at this time for a University department or a school to refrain from such official action as

### Fairley Will Lead **Deputation** Team

Francis Fairley, former president of the student body and now a law school student, will lead a deputation team from the University YMCA to Dunn for the week-end. The group will leave this afternoon and return

The team will be honored at a ban-1. Mrs. Bragdon, a graduate stu- for Saturday night between the University stuednts and the Dunn High school team.

Dean of Administration R. B. House will receive an honorary Ll. D. degree from Catawba college when he delivers the commencement address there May 30, it was disclosed yesterday.

### BIRTHDAYS TODAY

(Please call by the ticket office of the Carolina theater for a complimentary pass.)

Ulman, M. B. Underwood, A. C. Keppel, W. M. Lewis, Jessie B. McAdams, J. W. Prizer, E. L. Cushman, Kate.

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NEWS: MARTIN HARMON SPORTS: FRED CAZEL

### Newest Buccaneer

The latest issue of the Carolina Buccaneer, multiplied in popularity since the tirade of opposition against the previous issue, features the unreconstructed South, humorously glorifies lynching and sharecropping, and includes its theme in an introductory poem:

"We can't help feeling its more fun

To remain Yours Truly, Problem One."

As a satire on the tousled-haired social-conscious intellectual who spends his enthusiasm for reform in soap box orgies, The Buccaneer is coolly refreshing and briliantly clever.

As a humorous camofloge that obscures the truthful need of conscientious efforts on the part of the South to solve its own problems, the Buccaneer is dangerous-dangerous in so far as it treats lynching as an old Southern custom to be passed off lightly as a sporting pastime.

Beyond this possible danger, however, and outside of the usual collection of jokes that are more obscene than clever, the Buccaneer through its admirable satire points out the ridiculously tragic state of affairs in some regions of the South and by making its readers aware of them, becomes a subtle organ of reform.

If the intertions of the editors were, however, simply to print everything laughable, according to Buccaneer custom, they have nevertheless made us realize the possibilities of humor not only as a means of relief from the truth, but as a subtle means of making that truth more poignant, after the tears of laughter have dried.

### Surplus Reduction

Included in the bill to be presented to the legislature Thursday night by the committee on the investigation of publication expenditures is a proposal to reduce the Publications Union Board's surplus to a figure between \$5000.00 and \$8000.00.

The Board's surplus was built up through favorable business transactions over a period of years. It is really the property of not one, but many student generations. If it is to be reduced, it should be reduced gradually to the advantage of a great number of students-not slashed suddenly to cut publications costs for our particular group.

Apparently the committee in proposing this surplus cut has not considered the nature of the present surplus. Of the eleven thousand odd dollars accredited to the surplus, only eighty seven hundred dollars in investments can, for practical purposes, be considered as surplus. The remainder of the book surplus is made up of fixed assets (furniture, typewriters, equipment, etc.) and a few accounts receivable. "Obviously only the investments-the true surplus of the Board-will lend themselves to cutting. If the legislature takes the book figure as the surplus and decides to cut to a point between five and eight thousand dollars, the true liquid surplus will necessary be drastically slashed. The publications need a sizable sum placed away in reasonably liquid investments. Only through its substantial surplus has the P. U. Board been able to maintain a reputation for a good credit risk and thus to obtain attractive printing and engraving bids-and high grade work at low prices. Only through such bids can our campus publications be kept at



### By WALTER KLEEMAN

from a sentimental gentleman in Chicago. We pass it on to you, and you he has less chance of missing an immay do what you like, as usual. Here: Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in hopes you can help me to get some pen pals from your school. I make letter writing my past time, and find it very interesting. (NOTE: So do we.)

My age is 22, (NOTE: Mental age unknown), and will answer all letters. Please write to

Joe Doakes (fictitious name but real name and address on request.) There you are, girls.

We got a letter, too. On the way back from Washington a couple of weeks ago we stopped in at a little dump in Fredericksburg, and got some dill pickles which were fine. Liking good dill pickles extremely, and not having had any good ones in some time, we asked where we could get some. This name, John Sexton & Co., he only smiles and says nothing. Chicago, was given. On a flyer a letter was written to same asking merely the price of dill pickles, and noth- be easier than before and there will ing else. Came the reply: Dear Sir:

We have you letter of February 12 which was addressed to our Chicago office and inturn forwarded to us for reply.

We are asking our representative, Mr. Purvis, to call and give you the necessary information.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your request, we remain,

Yours very truly, John Sexton & Co. Maybe he gives samples.

Another Ad **Contest Looms** 

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sports editor of the DAILY TAR HEEL, 4. How big is - in square centi-

my consent would have sanctioned? GEORGE R. COFFMAN,

Head of the Department of English.

### **Glee Club To Give Concert**

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some assistance by the Carolina Playmakers. Leading parts in the opera will be sung by E. G. Shaw, Jr., Glen

The club will return early from spring holidays for special rehearsals.

Starnes, and John Anderson.



Will visit the Thames Clothing Shop today and tomorrow. Mr. Frank, an authority on style, is considered one of the best dressed men in the country. He invites you to come in and will be glad to help you select your spring clothing from his many distinctive samples.

The Thames Clothing Shop

Sincerely, DONALD POPE **Charles Rhyne** Wins Again

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to do the thing thoroughly, it was The editor got a letter yesterday better to start with the small ads portant item.

### SUCCESSFUL METHOD

he does not emerge until each problem has been solved to his own satisfaction. Evidently this method has its advantages.

When Rhyne came to the business office of the DAILY TAR HEEL for the reward of his labors in the first contest, he was met at the door by Miss

Dorothy Coble, sob-sister-in-chief of the reportorial staff and presented with two passes to one of the current movies. Along with the passes went Miss Coble as the promised blind date.

Perhaps it was this first date that

gave Charles the incentive to follow

up his first victory, but as to this

From the powers that be comes

word that tomorrow the contest will

be two prizes awarded to the winner

and one to each of the two runners-up.

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the senior section of the Yackety-

Yack. His campus interests have been

varied. Besides outstanding work on

the Carolina wrestling team he has

been a member of the Student legisla-

ture, the Interdormitory council, and

Shelley Rolfe, nominated for PU

board member-at-large, has been ac-

tive in campus affairs since he en-

tered the University in 1936. Now

**Candidates Named** 

**By Convention** 

the Phi assembly.

SPORTS EDITOR

book for two years.

he won his freshman numeral in track. meters? is a past member of the Interdormi-5. Which ad backs up the groundtory Council, three years member of hog's predictions? These questions are easy and should the YMCA, is a member of the Interbe easy pickins for someone. Come national Relations club, and has been sports editor of the freshman handone, come all and get your answers in

tomorrow morning.

their present high standard without increased cost to the students.

Quite probably the surplus of the publications can stand a cut, but it should be made with great care. The members of the legislature as representatives of the student body, can ill afford to take any action on the matter with out taking into full consideration the various implications of the change.