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## IN PASSING...

There have been recent rumors to the effect that South building determines the editorial policy of the Daily Tar Heel. Such rumors are totally unfounded. We want it understood that the editorial policy of this paper is determined by the editor and members of the editorial board. No one in South building has ever told us what to cuss or discuss. When that day comes, we'll turn our job over to anyone who wants it. When the time comes that college journalism is not free from censorship, the newspaper profession is in a pretty bad state. No, students, South building does not, and will not determine the editorial policy of the Daily Tar Heel.

We see by our own paper that on Friday the sophomore class meets to vote \$100 to the NYA fund, \$155 for "sophomore day," \$4,000 for its dance set. Now, we don't begrudge anybody a good time. As a matter of fact, we wish the sophomores a far better time than the juniors and seniors whose leaders still look forward to \$4,000 worth of frolic. It is quite apparent that sophomores have shown a far better—if still fractional—ratio of common sense to inane spending.

It would be very gratifying, however, if some member of the sophomore class would take the lead to eliminate "sophomore day" and cut dance expenses still more. If we could forget there is a war, that many deserving NYA students still stand to lose their jobs, that local contributions to the Red Cross are disgraceful, we would commend the sophomore expenditures and action as progressive. If.

"Nothing is more clear than that the days of national self-sufficiency have passed. Whatever the outcome of this present war no single nation, not we ourselves, can stand alone, free, secure, prosperous. We are each of us vitally interested in each other. A world community, of one sort or another, there will be. The issue we now face is what is to be its essential characteristic. The issue is imminent and it is vital for us. On the one hand there is the prospect of a community in which the standards of international conduct are those to which we have pledged loyalty in our private lives and as citizens; one that fosters honesty, kindness, service to others, a respect for the life of others, a recognition of a general law that will serve in behalf of the weak as well as the strong. On the other hand there is the vision of that which needs no definition: It lies before our eyes in Czecho-Slovakia and Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium, France, Yugoslavia, Greece. That is a vision of horror which cannot be dissipated by wishful thinking." President Seymour of Yale University attacks those who avoid the facts in the present crisis.

## TO A THIEF...

Whoever and wherever you are reading this now—you don't know it, but you're slated for stardom shortly. Soon, you must slip. Some student, perhaps one of the ones that will see this editorial, will come upon you as you are quietly "acquiring" that attractive coat, wristwatch or book. You see, unfortunately, the law of averages is against you.

And you don't know it, but you're slated for stardom. The Daily Tar Heel staff promises you full cooperation: a big picture on the front page, more than one news story relating how much cleverer than us you think you are... and an editorial asking you be sent to jail with a maximum sentence. Also, free of charge, this copy will be sent to your newspaper and parents at home. We promise it.

You see, you will be made quite (in)famous. For your case will be the first of infractions broken that will be aired out on the campus. You see,

there's a rule in the Student Honor Council that prevents them from divulging infractions—but there's nothing preventing us (if we ever get wind of who you are) from making a case from you and so publicizing your face everywhere until it will be impossible honorably to remain in school.

So step softly now, you're slated for stardom. Soon.

## POSTSCRIPT TO STUDENTS...

Like you, we possess that tolerance toward our fellowmen that sometimes makes us lax when uncertain cases of stealing or cheating come up in our personal lives: when while taking a test, we see the student three aisles in front looks as if he might be cheating. In our fairness, we easily rationalize.

Right now there is some humorous talk about our "honor code," some hesitant criticism of Truman Hobbs and the Honor Council for not having "done something" or "stopped the wave of thefts" on the campus. This is not only unjust and an example of finding a scapegoat for our irresponsibility, but it is a clear case of our passing the buck. The code, contrary to popular rationalization, is not only relegated to the student body president, but is the responsibility of all of us. Our undisciplined tolerance and laxity is to blame. The responsibility rests on our doorstep. We don't expect a general with an inefficient army to succeed in a battle, yet we do not blame the loss of our own campus battle as due to our own inefficiency.

The Honor Code has become a farce. These thefts have made it so; the professors have made it so when its implications are denied and they separate students during exams; and basically, our own laxity has made it a farce.

Like the liberal who recognized fascism and did nothing to fight it, it seems that we too can reach the point of now being on the defensive to protect ourselves. We think of the sophomore who came to our office yesterday. He could only report it, but putting ourselves in his place, there was no way of fighting against shadows. We hold him impotent in his loss because of our own disinterest and tolerance. (Like the lightning, it may affect someone else, but it will never strike us.) However, we now know, that it may be you who are reading this (or your roommate) who might find your overcoat missing tomorrow. It's not at all so improbable. Our spurious lightning has turned into a thunderstorm.

In last year's elections, Curry Jones employed Aycock dormitory to provide "200 political managers" and he won a campus office. We now have the power to have 4,000 policemen on this campus, if each of us takes it upon himself. It is our responsibility to our friends, to the fellows who are not freezing, but who would be more comfortable with their overcoats this winter.

We'll give you full cooperation and only ask this:

Please be more aware of this problem than we ourselves have been in the past. At most, there can't be more than six wolves who are responsible for these thefts. It's six against the moral indignation of 4,000.

So, if you see any slight hint of a theft, any slight slip or suspicious action on the part of one of these wolves, please either send a postcard to the Editor, the Student Council, or report it personally.

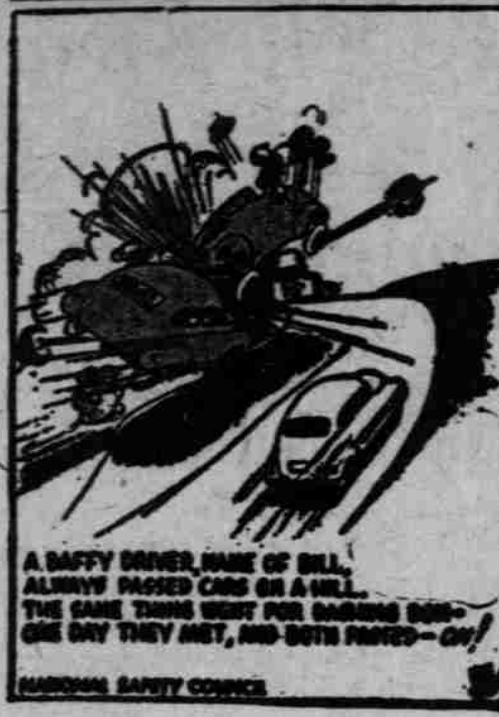
If you report it to the Student Council, they will deal with the matter efficiently and deal with the culprit suitably. And if you wish to make a public case of this nuisance, please send the postcard to us.

We promise you to give him more publicity than Hollywood gives one of its glamour girls.

# The Daily Tar Heel Editorial Page

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## TRAFFIC TIPS AND QUIPS



## carolina ferris wheel

By Billy Pearson

In the column called the Carolina Merry-Go-Round last Sunday, co-authored by one student who hails from above the Mason-Dixon line, certain phrases such as "political stencils from Florida to Texas to Kentucky to North Carolina" sound like a left hand jab. The article had as its main point the slowness with which the Civilian Defense movement has got under way here in North Carolina, and it stated that certain shady political moves here in this county were characteristic of the whole South.

What we have to say is people who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

It is a well known fact that the great centers of Civilian Defense lag, as well as the centers of machine politics, are in New York City, Chicago, and Jersey City. A statement such as "The ways of democracy are slow" just after saying that the South is what is holding us back, is an obvious subterfuge.

Be it known here and now that certain Southern States in the spring of 1940 organized their own state organizations for civilian defense and that since then they have quietly and without publicity on several occasions been of active assistance to the FBI in uncovering fifth column work. This was long before the "Little Flower of New York" and the "Little Flower of Orange County" broke into print in the Carolina-Merry-Go-Round.

We all know that the majority of the draftees come from above the line of demarcation, and we wonder why. But few Chapel Hill writers know that Tennessee is called the Volunteer State and for a reason. Or that Jackson, Mississippi, is the volunteer capitol of the nation. Perhaps the people of the South think the best defense is a good offense. Anyway, they do not as a rule waste print in calling the North names when there is work to be done. Who has been holding up Civilian Defense lately but Fiorello himself?

## cabbages and kings...

By Bob Hoke

A person becomes hardened to surprises in Chapel Hill—partly because anything goes in this little hamlet. So many things go, in fact, that it takes something very far from the ordinary to jolt us. December 7th qualified in its proportions to shake us out of our indifference and make us look twice. A lady Godiva suddenly appearing at Chapel period astride a beautiful white horse would hardly rate a raised eyebrow.

Yet a few of us got rattled the other day seeing a milkman delivering-milk in the mid-afternoon. The cheerful fellow put all doubts as to his mental balance at ease with the explanation that it was all for defense—the perennial excuse for anything strange. It seems as if an afternoon delivery saves tires, or at least keeps folks from calling for special deliveries. The milk situation in Chapel Hill is well in hand.

The Southern Conference Athletic Association, in its meeting during the latter part of the Christmas holidays heard a proposal that has cropped up many times in conference history. The plan, if accepted, would allow freshmen to play intercollegiate varsity athletics in the schools under the Conference—a four year participation in varsity athletics for college men, extremely timely and necessary because of the drain of the armed forces on colleges. It was learned yesterday that the proposal was sent to the executive committee of the conference to be tabled until the drain becomes a deluge. Local athletic mentors believe that it will be considered seriously this summer.

## unearthed...

By Stud Gleicher

Things I never knew until now about the Grail... that it is the only organization on the campus that can put on its own script dances... that it holds no personal functions such as banquets for its members, all such expenditures come as a result of assessments... that it maintains a student loan fund... that it meets once a week to discuss campus problems... that it was organized in 1920 by a group of interested students... that it has thirteen representatives on the campus, seven from the fraternities and six from the dormitories alternating the odd man every year... that its original purpose was to reduce the snobbery that threatened to create an insurmountable barrier between non-frat and frat men... that Kay Kyser was once a member... that Doctors Hedgepeth and Berryhill were members... that Burgess Whitehead, star baseballer, was once an active figure... that Andy Bershak, Carolina's first All-American was once a member... that it derives its name from the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table in their search for the Holy Grail... that all the money it receives from dances goes back to the campus and no surplus is aimed at... that all organizations have to have its permission to put on a script dance... that it gives money to the IRC, CPU, Red Cross, and other deserving groups... that its biggest job at first was to provide an organization to give dances at which non-frat men would be admitted... that its president is called Delegata... that its purpose is to create unity among the various campus elements... that the present Delegata's name is Bill Shuford.

## it happens here...

7:30—Town Girls association to meet in Caldwell hall.

8:00—Badminton matches in Tin Can.

## keyboard...

Freedom of speech must be preserved! Not only is it being preserved, but it is being extended. In the new Tarzan picture, still in production; the "Ape Man" makes a court room plea for his son who has been carried off by wicked old circus men. Frankenstein's monster, who did not even get his little finger burnt when he fell in the sulfur pit, speaks in the forthcoming "Ghost of Frankenstein." If any of you girls happen to answer the phone some night and find out that it is Rameses II asking you for a date, don't be frightened he is only exercising his constitutional rights.

Ted Royal, who says he might be back at Carolina next quarter, used to start this column with "Comes now with the Campus Keyboard."

Went then with the Keyboard: H. M. says there are so many students admitted to the Infirmary who want to get out as soon as possible that they aren't Infirmary patients any longer, they're Infirmary impatient. Our Student legislature must be a hard-working organization. It's taken three months for them to get around to taking up the Debate council reform bill... Did you ever hear the story of the scores of Carolina students who work every afternoon and night and must pay athletic fees for events they never will be able to attend? It's a good one... Latest figures reveal that Daily Tar Heel crossword puzzles are completed on the average in one and one-half periods. But if you're taking journalism, archaeology, political science or geology you can get a puzzle done in one period.

If you see Sylvan Meyer staggering around the campus, really it is not old age which is causing it. According to Sylvan, he and a horse had a disagreement. The horse became angry and put his foot down—on Meyer!

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