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## Letters To The Editor

### Humility

Of all the examples of humility which Jesus Christ taught during his three-year ministry, perhaps none was so dramatic and meaningful as His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem, the Holy City, one week before His Crucifixion. Riding on the back of an ass, fulfilling the Old Testament prophesy, "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy king cometh, unto the meek, and sitting upon an ass," Christ was acclaimed as the Divine Son of God, even by the children in the temple.

On this Palm Sunday, especially the lesson of this humility of our Blessed Lord should be considered against the background of the attempt of "modernism" and materialistic philosophies to undermine the true Divinity of Christ in a world which is sick and floundering for the eternal answer found in the message and life and work of Christ. Humility, so often lost through the acquisition of scientific knowledge, power, and material wealth, is considered to be the foundation virtue and the rock upon which the superstructure of true wisdom is built.

Christ's popularity among the common people of His day was so great, that He could have made His influence felt at once in far greater circles had He submitted to the acclaims of men. But with His complete submission to the Divine Will of His Father, he ushered in a kingdom not fashioned in Parliamentary Halls, but in the eternal realm of the human heart and soul. All other kingdoms would be subordinated to this kingdom in the merarchy of values of His followers, and not until this kingdom claimed allegiance of the masses of men, would peace on earth be more than a dream of the remote future.

Even as the children proclaimed Jesus the long awaited Messiah, the Prince of Peace, Eternal Son of God, so must we join them in their child-like simplicity and embrace him as our hope for the world. That we shall eventually achieve this humility has been prophesied. But suffering, and hardship will be our lot until we accept and live out the Divine injunction of Christ Himself when He said, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."  
—Duncan Brackin

### Less Money: More Paper?

The student legislature has "postponed" a proposal to cut \$3000 from The Daily Tar Heel budget. Should this proposal be accepted next Thursday evening, The Daily Tar Heel budget will be at its lowest point since the depression.

This is a time of rising prices, post-war prosperity, and a higher enrollment than any pre-war year.

The legislature has steadily cut financial ground from under the feet of this publication. Each post-war year has witnessed a smaller appropriation, and a smaller percentage of the total funds allocated to student activities.

Adding insult to injury, the legislature has frequently declaimed against the poor caliber of the newspaper. Particularly in our minds just now is last Fall's legislative battle over cutting the years allocation by \$4,000 unless the paper instituted a move which would have led to bankruptcy or drastic cut-backs this Spring.

The legislature's major criticism of the newspaper at that time seemed to be that it was overcrowded with advertising. We heartily agreed at that time, but argued that the answer was a larger appropriation, not a smaller one, in order to reduce the percentage of income from advertising—hence the percentage of column inches used for advertising.

An argument likely to be used next Thursday night for cutting the appropriation again is the nearly \$5,000 surplus in the current operating budget. Sound financial management on the part of the business manager, the financial coordinator and the publications board has resulted in this "cushion" which will be needed to pay the huge Spring quarter debts.

These last minute expenditures have thrown the paper into the red too often in the past for them to be ignored at the present time. This operating "surplus" therefore, should not be hastily spent, leaving unsatisfied creditors to be paid out of next year's funds, as has been the situation in the past.

If this reasoning is too complicated for the legislators to follow, perhaps a simpler argument will suffice. You can only do a certain amount with a certain sum of money. What we mean is: a dollar will stretch to cover only \$1.15 worth of goods, straining it at the seams.

That being the case, legislators who think (as we do) that the paper is under par, should take care to add a sufficient sum to the budget to bring the newspaper to standards it should be meeting.

One further point: every student has a representative in the student legislature. Students should make their views known to those who represent them.

Madam Editor:

Although an alumnus, I am not so far removed from the Carolina scene that I feel unqualified to opine on the current hazing amendment-IFC scandal-Bowers mess. I would like to point out three facts.

As long as an amendment to remove fraternity hazing cases from the jurisdiction of the Interfraternity Council is being talked up, it should also include a section which recognizes the fact that pledges as well as actives in fraternities can haze. And in this case there is no redress for the offended parties.

The active fraternity has no legal means of protecting itself from pledges who take advantage of the situation to steal silverware, take actives on rides, molasses 'n feather 'em, etc. (the three specific instances have occurred since the November IFC ruling). It has no means of retaliation other than by using the same methods, although they certainly are neither desirable or justifiable.

The amendment, if voted in, should make pledges as well as the active fraternity liable for hazing practices. If the cause of the unwanted effect is removed, there will be no call for the unwanted effect.

The second point is that the IFC is perhaps not as lax in enforcing its own rules as has been presented. For the sake of its very self-respect and existence it hardly seems feasible that they would. And if the evidence before it did not seem to warrant a guilty verdict for Phi Gamma Delta under

the IFC's own ruling, that was as far as they could go.

To suggest that it use the State statute on hazing because it could not see fit to find the party guilty under its own is ridiculous. Since when has the IFC, the Men's Council, the Student Council or any other student organ been given jurisdiction under the State judiciary setup. The suggestion of such pompousness and self-delegated authority is no doubt raising a few chuckles in Raleigh.

Third point. Henry Bowers' statement that Phi Gamma Delta's guilt "of crude and vile hazing is beyond question" is merely his own opinion and is not acceptable as fact regardless of the eminence of its origination. To say so after the fraternity has been found to be of the opposite status is libelous and "character assassination."

In conclusion. Hazing is by no means justifiable, called for, or humanitarian and is an insult to the maturity of the student body. It is not my intention to defend it, but to suggest that the means presently being used to stamp it out are not the best ones and simpler ones would suffice more efficiently.

The desire to get others "in dutch" because they are not corresponding to your wishes is no different than hazing. The answer to hazing is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Use this rule and a little less malice in getting rid of the problem and the results will be much better.

—O. Mac White

by Wyman Richardson

### CPU Roundtable

The Carolina Political Union's roundtable discussion of "Student Elections" tonight (8:00 at the Grail Room, Graham Memorial) will wind up a colorful campaign. There have been the usual promises of "good government" and of increased expenditures with no raise in fees. Aspiring politicians have tried to prove how unpolitical they are.

But in a more constructive search for votes, both parties have polished platforms.

The first three planks of the UP platform summarize its philosophy of student government. No. 1 enjoins student leaders to "make darn sure" to represent "the opinion of the majority and not the idealistic hog-wash of a clique." No. 2 pledges "to return government to the students." No. 3 favors "cooperation rather than coercion in dealing with South Building."

Making sure of the opinion of the majority poses an interesting statistical problem. A referendum on every issue would be costly and inefficient. Presumably, a scientific sampling scheme, similar to the Gallup Poll, is recommended. It might make a mistake now and then, like the Gallup Poll did in 1948, but otherwise it would certainly return government to the students. The exception might be in cases where

the opinion of the students conflicted with the policies of South Building. Then we might find cooperation with the latter preventing the exertion of any pressure on behalf of the former.

The SP's version of the problem is contained in planks 12 and 13. No. 12 proposes "the establishment of a committee on appointments—a Student Government civil service committee to stimulate interest, to seek out interested persons, to interview interested students, to recommend appointments to the president." No. 13 supports discussions like the YMCA "State of the Campus" conference to "stimulate more interest in Student Government and campus activities, . . . to derive new ideas on campus problems and needs."

The SP's philosophy seems to be that a student leader's responsibility does not begin and end with acting as a political weathervane. It instead involves the hard labor of seeking and developing new ideas about how to benefit student life, and carrying them out in a constructive program.

But no analysis of party propaganda is likely to be as revealing as meeting the candidates and hearing them discuss their plans. This we will have an opportunity to do at the C.P.U. meeting tonight.

Madame Editor:

Upon reading Friday's Daily Tar Heel I was impressed with the degree to which the UP has endorsed the platform and record of the Student Party. The new UP platform, consisting of fourteen points suggested by students during the past two weeks since the UP suddenly became interested in knowing what the students want, includes no less than nine items borrowed from the Student Party platform and record of service to the campus . . . a program not merely promised but already being put into effect by the SP.

The other five planks include a couple of good ideas . . . which they could have carried out just as effectively through their majority in the Legislature if they had really been interested in doing anything about them.

I am particularly interested in one plank: "Continued effort at Social Room establishment." That one is copied out of the SP platform so accurately they even left in the word "continued." For the SP it is continued, since the Student Party has been working on this problem for three years . . . first against the administration argument there was no room due to high enrollment, and now against the administration argument there is no money due to low enrollment . . . but how can the UP continue something they never got interested in till just before the present election.

Mr. Horton's commentary on the SP platform is also interesting. He denounces six planks as "outside the sphere of student government" (carefully neglecting to say which ones of course), and criticizes the brevity of the others. Unfortunately he seems to be acquainted only with the leaflet recently distributed which summarizes the Student Party platform. If he would read the original three page statement of the SP platform he would find the answers to his questions spelled out for him.

Mr. Horton closes his statement with an eulogy of "being sincere in planning to do your damndest to see that the platform is accomplished." This sounds a trifle unimpressive, coming from the nominee of a party that has held a majority in the legislature for six and a half years without once making a serious effort to carry out one of its platforms.

During the administration of SP presidents the Executive Branch has made tremendous progress in solving these problems. One week before an election seems suspiciously late for the UP to get so interested in such matters.

Leta Muller

### Off Campus

Initiating a "Be Kind to Professors Week," the Dynamo, Mount Union College (Ohio), suggests a few "don'ts" to students:

Don't take off your shoes in class unless your mother has darned your socks recently.

Don't take notes on a typewriter. This is terribly distracting to the students trying to sleep.

And above all, remember Professors are just like people.