

To The Gov.

An Open Letter To Governor Scott:

Honorable Kerr Scott, Governor
Executive Offices
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir,

In 1913, the state of North Carolina passed a law forbidding the hazing of students by organizations, other students, or unorganized groups. This law provided for the dissemination of information on the law by the university and college administrations of the state. It also provided for enforcement of the law by classifying such offenses as criminal acts, and accessory offenses as misdemeanors.

The law has been on the books for 39 years, and we know of not a single court action brought to bear on the subject in that time.

Yet hazing has continued, without cessation or apparent moderation on the campuses of this state. A student at the University of North Carolina was killed as a direct result of hazing once. A death has never since been recorded, but several lives have been effectively shortened by such action.

And organized groups come dangerously close to fatalities year after year in hazing. Not too many months ago, a boy on this campus forced to drink a noxious mixture nearly died, and was saved only by the miracles of modern medicine. In our college generation, students have been beaten bloodily, forced to drink nauseating and harmful mixtures, exposed to the dangers of weather in deserted places, humiliated and embarrassed and harrassed in the most ingenious ways.

At the same time, the universities and colleges consistently fail in their prescribed duty to make the legal dangers of such action clear.

The administrations of the various institutions fail also in what would seem a moral responsibility to protect the health of students.

On this campus, that responsibility is specifically reserved to the administration under a nearly autonomous student government. That government, which in commendatory action has charged itself with enforcement of anti-hazing regulations, has miserably failed.

During the past year, only one case of hazing has been brought before a student court, and that a relatively harmless although vile and crude case, in a year which witnessed cases of actual physical torture.

The accused organization, a fraternity (as is usually true), was acquitted of the charge, on the grounds that the offense did not technically fall under the definition of hazing on which the court operates. It is significant to note, however, that the offense clearly was a case of hazing under the definition supplied by the 1913 statute.

Subsequently to this case, a bill written for the student legislature which would have placed jurisdiction over hazing offenses in a less biased student court never even reached the floor of the legislature.

Self-enforcement seems impossible. Sir, the problem is out of hand.

Therefore, it occurs to us that you, as chief executor of the laws of North Carolina, would take an especial interest in a law which has been consistently violated and consistently ignored by all agencies of many responsible educational institutions.

Could not law enforcement agencies of the state be called upon to enforce this law?

We respectfully request your careful consideration of the problem.

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By Their Deeds

Yielding to tradition, this column takes cognizance today of a few of the major accomplishments of Carolina students during the past year.

A year ago The Daily Tar Heel was a four-day-a-week affair, dedicated to the personal journalism of its editor and a small circle of his friends. With most of the staff academically ineligible to run for the editorship, the time seemed ripe for a new regime.

From the five-candidate race that ensued, a coed with a program emerged like a fresh breath of spring. While the Old Guard shouted that her plan for a six-day daily was financially impossible, she went calmly ahead to produce it.

Since her election, we have not only had a six-day daily, but for the first time in memory The Daily Tar Heel has made rather than lost money. Such is the phenomenal record of achievement of Glenn Herden this past year.

No single year in University history has accomplished more for Dormitory social rooms began to reach fruition as "B" Dormitory held its grand opening.

Within the year, social rooms, inadequate though they are, have been achieved for nearly all dormitories and the groundwork laid for the completion of such accommodations in other dormitories and better equipment for all.

This program, supplemented by the successful competition of a long standing attempt to obtain better telephone service, has made the past year a most significant one in the lives of dormitory residents. Bouquets accordingly to the IDC and the Student Party.

A bill to recognize the judiciary (supplemented by separate bills reorganizing the Dental and Medical School Councils) was submitted to referendum after long and careful study. This is probably the most significant constitutional amendment since the present Constitution was adopted. It would be interesting to know how many students read it before they voted!

It seems eminently appropriate that October 12, anniversary of the landing of Columbus and

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equal rights for all students in Kenan Stadium seating passed a critical point with the administration yielding to the protests of fourteen major student organizations and virtually every responsible student leader.

anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Old East Building, should have been selected as the date for the biggest news story of the year.

On that day the struggle for

So much for the accomplishments of the past year. A later column will relate a few of the conspicuous fizzles.

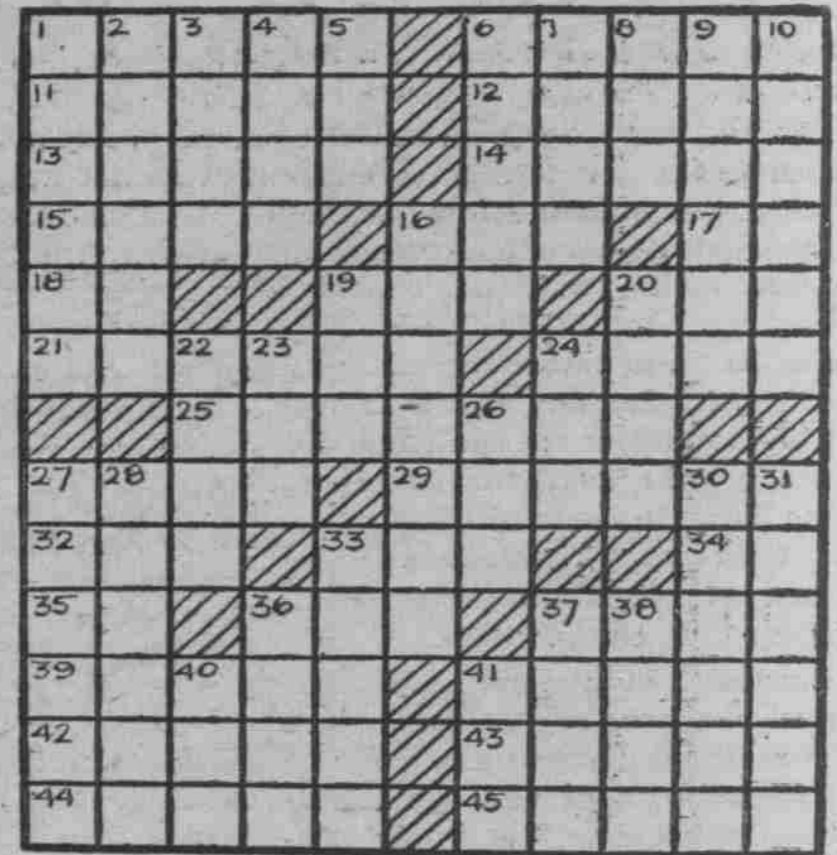
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- ACROSS**
- Top of milk
 - Novices (Ind.)
 - To cast again
 - Old measures of length
 - Expression of sorrow
 - Deck officers
 - Belonging to us
 - Room in a harem
 - An enigma (shortened)
 - Like steel
 - Bound by a promise
 - A wire stitch
 - American novelist
 - Tea boxes
 - Feathered creature
 - Wreaths
 - One-spot card
 - A size of coal
 - Neuter pronoun
 - Tantalum (sym.)
 - Middle
 - River (Eur.)
 - Characteristic
 - White linen vestment
 - Walk unevenly
 - Morning reception
 - Literary composition
- DOWN**
- Seaport (Fr.)
 - Scottish-Gaelic
 - Measure of land
 - Cushion
 - Expression of amazement
 - Man's name of conflict
 - Son of Daedalus (myth.)
 - Female relatives
 - Thoroughfare
 - Terse
 - Transparent mineral



Yesterday's Answer

- Hebrew measure
- Plunge into water
- Land-measures
- White linen vestment (Ecl.)



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