

# The Tar Heel

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## Our Last Issue

It's been a fast first session. For The Tar Heel, today's issue is the last. We have enjoyed bringing you the summer news twice weekly and wish that we could continue publication. Unfortunately, financing a newspaper for the second session would be a formidable project and since we won't be here, nor will the business staff, it just doesn't seem feasible.

To the staff—the old reliables and the newcomers, goes our thanks. We hope that something has been accomplished, experience for the inexperienced, and added training for those already acquainted with journalism.

Probably the most important news stories this summer were the heating problem in the library, the allocation of Book Exchange profits to grants-in-aid fund, and the 25 per cent faculty salary cut. Oh—the heat wave a couple of weeks ago affecting the whole campus also deserved top space.

In presenting the news, we tried to consider the whole realm of students. If we've done a bad job, it was because of a few people doing too much of the work. We've enjoyed The Tar Heel and we hope you have too.

## Convention

THE TARHEEL wishes to extend hearty thanks to the Carolina Communications Center for its excellent work in bringing the Republican National Convention to the students at the University.

A large television set has been set up in Studio A to receive morning and night doings at the convention, and a smaller set upstairs in one of the classrooms is

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Wadded paper on the floor  
Facts and figures by the score  
Telephones, there's three or four  
Mad confusion, nothing more  
Current items, ancient lore  
News-hounds in and out the door  
Constant chatter, typists roar  
Photos of a staff of yore  
This is what we love it for  
Quoth the raven "nevermore."

Tom Parramore

### TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for University of North Carolina home football games, including Texas, Duke, Virginia, Wake Forest and N. C. State, are on sale at Woollen Gymnasium now.

### NO DANCE FRIDAY

The Activities Council has announced that its regular square dance on the "Y" Court will not be held tomorrow night.

## Moonshine Massacre

By Tom Parramore and Ellen Downs

It was the pleasure of your writer during July 4th to attend one of North Carolina's most unusual and exciting sports events—Gates county's own 'Coon on the Log' contest. 1,200 bloodthirsty fans gathered at Merchants mill pond, three miles from Gatesville last Friday and witnessed one of the most weird and hollow contests since the days of cock and pit fights.

Owners of some 40 dogs risked their pedigreed pets against the savage onslaughts of a series of hot, chained, exhausted and half-drowned raccons who smacked away gamely until dragged from their logs between the jaws of beautiful blue-ticks, tan-ticks, terriers, etc.—truly fine dogs.

Eager sportsmen shouted and hooted from the banks of the pond while their favorites went forth into the fracas. The only thing that detracted from the gaiety was the intense heat (many fans were stewed before the contest was half over.) It began at 10 a.m. and lasted well into the afternoon.

Some little difficulty was experienced because of a shortage of coons but this was remedied by allowing mangled coons a period of grace in which to dry off and then taking them back to the log. The dogs became curi-

ously more effective as the afternoon wore on.

Highlight of the event was the breath-taking charge of a tantic named Queen who brought a coon under control in 15 seconds, which included a 15 yard swim from shore. A wild racoon (generally slightly larger than a squirrel) is a vicious animal when trapped. We are told that there is as much danger to the dog as to coon. This seems to make everything all right.

The coons were not kept long on the log. Six dogs in succession were the most any coon had to grapple with and even that one put up an admirable fight. But between the huge red sixth foe and the chain which constantly interfered with the coon's attempts to defend himself, he too gave way to a successor.

It might not have been hardly so much fun but for a guide line passed over a wire above the log and worked from shore, by which the coon could be hauled back to the log or twisted into all manner of laugh-provoking

positions. Particularly the coon seemed to enjoy being jerked up and down by the collar around his neck. Then too it was necessary to jostle the coon around sometimes in order to get the dogs adequately incensed.

Oddly enough there was a faction in the area that was opposed to having the contest staged at all. Even the Humane Societies have protested such events. It is hard to understand why these people should make themselves so objectionable since the crowd seemed quite pleased by the fight and there were no fatalities among the participating animals. It was all good, clean sport. Of course, both coons and dogs were bitten, scratched, and kicked around, but after all they are only dumb animals.

Not all the dogs were so eager to pounce on bre'r coon. Many hounds swam to within a few feet of the log only to change their minds and go back to shore. A fine looking red pup was held to disgrace when he mounted the log and struck up a friendship with the coon. One owner, apparently distressed by the failure of dog, led him away to a quiet spot and proceeded to thrash bravely into the whimpering animal.

in operation while Studio A is used in recording in the afternoon. Thus any student who wishes to look in on the convention has an around-the-clock coverage.

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